

MPT SOUTH JOINS GLOBAL EFFORT FOR INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY 2024



Santa Rosa City, Laguna - On September 21, 2024, Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. (MPTC), actively participated in this year's International Coastal Cleanup held at the lakeside of Barangay Caingin, Santa Rosa City, Laguna. Teaming up with the Santa Rosa City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), 42 dedicated volunteers from various divisions of

MPT South contributed to a successful day of environmental stewardship. The event brought together over a thousand volunteers from various companies and organizations to address the growing issue of plastic pollution and waste along the country's waterways. They aimed to remove waste from the coastlines and raise awareness about the importance of protecting our oceans, rivers, seas, and lakes.

MPT South volunteers helped collect 2,016.5 kg of waste by the lakeside. In total, the efforts of all participants across the cleanup site resulted in 591 filled trash bags, including 126.5 kg of PET bottles, 611 kg of plastic laminates, 2,938 kg of residuals, and 314.3 kg of special waste—culminating in 3,989.8 kg of waste removed from the waterway. The coastal cleanup is part of MPT South's broader sustainability efforts, emphasizing the need

to protect and preserve the natural environment in the areas it serves. Through this initiative, the company demonstrated its dedication not only to improve mobility with its expressways but also to safeguard the ecosystems that surround these communities. Arlette Capistrano, MPT South's Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management, stated, "As a company deeply connected with communities across South Luzon, we

take our environmental responsibilities seriously. We look forward to always being a part of the International Coastal Cleanup. MPT South is dedicated to being a strong advocate for environmental protection and sustainability." MPT South continues to help foster environmental responsibility and sustainable practices, ensuring to contribute positively to both community welfare and environmental protection efforts across the region.

MPT South is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), the infrastructure arm of Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIIC). Aside from the CALAX and CAVITEX networks of toll roads, MPTC's domestic portfolio includes concessions for the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), the NLEX Connector Road, the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), and the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu. PR

DICT REMINDS PUBLIC DO NOT OVER-SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) has reminded the public about the risks of sharing personal information on social media, aiming to prevent online scams, phishing attacks, and other forms of cyber fraud. During the Philippine Information Agency Calabarzon's Usapang PIA radio program, DICT Laguna Provincial Office Cybersecurity Focal Ruth Antonette Mores emphasized the importance of protecting sensitive personal details, such as birthdates, addresses, contact numbers, and financial information, which may be exploited for unscrupulous activities. "The common

online threats that netizens face include hacking of their social media accounts and online identity theft. This is why we urge the public not to share excessive information on social media; over-sharing provides hackers with enough details to commit identity theft," Mores said. Mores added that, as social media becomes an integral part of daily life, many users unknowingly expose themselves to cyber threats by oversharing personal data. She noted that hackers and cybercriminals exploit this information for identity theft, account hacking, and fraudulent transactions. Mores highlighted that cybercriminals often employ tactics such as

phishing, where attackers disguise themselves as legitimate entities to deceive individuals into revealing personal information. "These attacks usually come in the form of fake emails, direct messages, or links that appear to originate from trusted sources. Once this information is obtained, it can be used to access social media profiles, email accounts, or even banking information," Mores explained. In response to this cybersecurity concern, the DICT is launching a public awareness campaign featuring webinars, infographics, and advisories aimed at educating the public about cybersecurity. These initiatives are part of the government's effort to

create a safer online environment for all Filipinos in celebration of the National Cybersecurity Awareness Month this October. Mores elaborated: "We are continuously conducting seminars and training sessions for various sectors of our community, including schools, local governments, and private companies. These programs aim to provide accurate knowledge about cybersecurity threats and how to avoid them. We also train local government units (LGUs) and other organizations on using the Philippine National Public Key Infrastructure (PNPKI) to enhance the security of their digital transactions." The DICT Laguna Provincial Office encour-

ages individuals to report any suspected cybercrime activity to the Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC) through its hotline number 1-3-2-6 or their online platforms. This will aid the government in tracking down cybercriminals and ensuring the safety of online users. (AM/PIA-4A)



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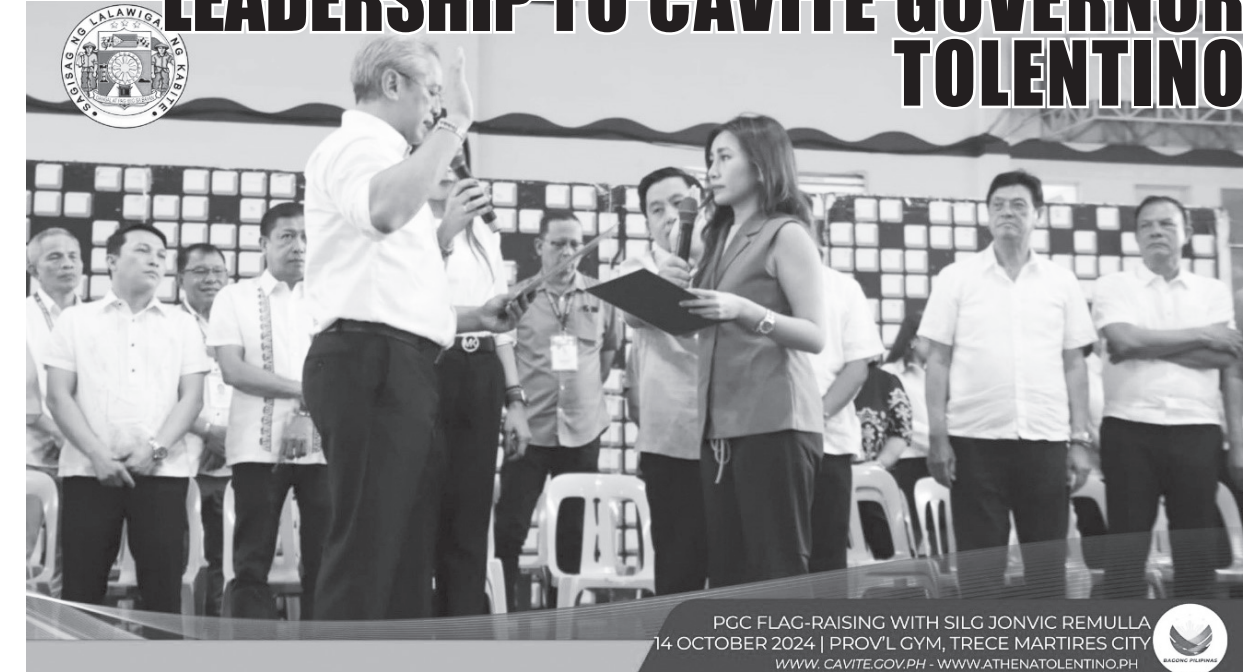
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SILG REMULLA HANDS OVER PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP TO CAVITE GOVERNOR TOLENTINO



DILG Secretary and former Governor Jonvic Remulla joined the flag-raising ceremony of Cavite provincial government where he officiated the oath taking of Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino and formally handed over the flag of the province symbolizing the transition of authority

SENATOR ALAN CAYETANO BRINGS MEDICAL RELIEF TO LAGUNA RESIDENTS IN MAGDALENA CARVAN

On Friday, October 11, 2024, the town of Magdalena, Laguna, became a center of health-care support as 700 residents from across the province gathered for a medical outreach program spearheaded by Senator Alan Peter Cayetano. The event, held at the Barangay Poblacion Municipal Covered Court, provided a wide range of essential medical services to residents from Magdalena, Pagsanjan, Santa Cruz, and Santa Maria.

The outreach featured free medical consultations, X-ray and laboratory services, diabetes testing, and the distribution of much-needed medications. Families lined up to avail themselves of these vital services, aimed at improving their health and well-being. The turnout highlighted the ongoing need for accessible healthcare in the region. In addition to the basic medical services, the program offered specialized procedures such as pap

smears, ultrasounds, dental tooth extractions, and pneumococcal vaccines. These services addressed critical health concerns that residents may not otherwise have access to in their local communities. The success of the event was a result of collaboration between Senator Cayetano and Santa Rosa, Laguna Lone District Representative Dan Fernandez. The partnership strengthened the outreach's reach, ensuring that a broader range

of residents could receive the care they needed. This medical caravan is part of Senator Cayetano's continuous efforts to promote healthcare accessibility and brighter futures for communities across the nation. His initiatives demonstrate a commitment to ensuring that even remote areas receive the medical attention they deserve. (E D J U N M A R I P O S Q U E)

Calamba City Honored with National Award for Financial Growth

Top 3 for FY 2023 and Top 7 FY 2022 on Year-on-Year Growth in Local Source Revenues



Mainam na tinanggap ni Mayor Arman Dimaguila at Vice Mayor GEL Alonte ang pagkilala sa Lungsod ng Biñan bilang Top 3 for FY 2023 at Top 7 for FY 2022 on Year-on-Year Growth in Local Source Revenues (component city) sa buong of Local Government Finance (BLGF). Ang parangal na

ito ng BLGF ay kumukilala sa mahusay na financial management, sustainable growth initiatives, at effective revenue generation and resource mobilization efforts ng isang LGU. Pinangunahan ito ni Department of Finance Sec. Ralph Recto ang pagbibigay ng parangal Kahapon, ika-9 ng Oktobre sa Seda Manila Bay, Parañaque City (Kevin Pamatmat)

Most Wanted Person City Level, Arestado ng Biñan Pulis

Editorial ANO NGA BA ANG HALALAN O ELEKSYON?

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Panahon na naman ng halalan o eleksyon, lahat ng tao ay nakakaalam nito . Ngunit ang iba sa atin ay hindi yata alam ang tunay na kahulugan at kahalagahan nito.

Ano nga ba ang halalan o eleksyon?

Ang halalan o eleksyon ay nangyayari sa mga demokrasyang bansa. Ito ay dumadaan sa isang pormal na proseso ng pagpapasiya kung saan ang isang populasyon ay pumipili ng mga indibidwal na kandidato sa eleksiyon na siyang hahawak ng posisyon kung siya ay naitalaga na.

Ito ay ang malayang pagpili ng mga kandidato na may plata porma o pangako para sa ikauunlad ng bansa, bayan, city o barangay. Ang mga rehistradong mamamayan lamang ang puwedeng bumota sa halalan. Ang maaring bumoto ay ang may edad na 18 pataas. May demokratikong pagpili ng mga tao kung sino ang gusto nilang mamuno at mamahala sa kanila.

SINO ANG NAMAMAHALA NG ELEKSYON?

Ang Commission on elections, COMELEC o komisyon sa halalan ang naatasang mamahala ng isang halalan o eleksyon. Sila ang naatasan na magpanatili na magpanatili, magpatupad at mamahala ng isang malinis, tahimik at maayos na halalan.

Nasa COMELEC ang kapag-yarihan na magpatupad at magharap sa pangulo ng lahat ng batas at regulasyon sa halalan plebisito, initiatibo, referendum at recall;

Sila ang nag-aayos ng mga hidwaan ng mga kandidato patungkol sa mga halalan, mga kinalabasan, at katangian ng lahat ng halal na mga pinunong pangrehiyon, panlalawigan, at panglungsod; May control kung sino ang hinirang na pinuno, kinalabasan sa botohan, inspector sa halalan at pag rehistro ng mga botante.

Tagapagpatupad din ng batas ng pamahalaan kasama ng iba pang pangulo, iba pang sangay , kasundaluhan na naglalayong matiyak ang malaya, maayos, malinis, mapayapa at kapani-paniwalang halalan. Sila ang nagreheristron ng mga Partido, koalisyon. Sa kanila hinaharap ang mga plata porma o programa ng pamahalaan, at kilalanin ang mga lingkod-bayan ng Komisyon sa Halalan;

May karapatan ding sumiyasat ang COMELEC kung sino-sino ba ang mga kwalipikadong botante at kung may mga sumbong o sa pagkukusa nito, magharap ng mga petisyon sa hukuman ukol sa pagdarakip o pagwawaksi ng mga botante sa rehistro ng mga kwalipikadong botante.

Pati budget ng eleksyon, kung saan gaganapin ang halalan, saan dapat ilagay ang mga propaganda ay kontrolado din nila. May karapatan na pigilin ang mga pandaraya at magkaroon ng kaparusahan ang ng mga ito ayun sa batas kabilang na din ang mga pagkakasala at mga masasamang gawain sa halalan. Hindi lamang yan may karapatan na mag-alis ng isang pinuno o kawani na isinugo nito o pagpapataw ng anumang iba pang aksiyong disiplinaryo dahil sa paglabag sa batas.

Ngayong napapanahon na naman ang halalan o eleksyon, gamitin natin ang karapatan nating bumoto o pumili ng tama at karapat- dapat na pinuno o mamumuno sa ating lungsod, lalawigan at bayan

PBBM pinuri ng AGAP Party-list sa Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act

Ikinagalak ni Agricultural Sector Alliance of the Philippines (AGAP) Partylist Congressman Niccanor 'Nikki' Briones ang paglagda ni Pangulong Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos, Jr. sa Republic Act 12022, o ang Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act.

Pinasalamatan ni Briones ang pangulo sabay sabi na isa lamang ito sa marami pang hakbang ng Marcos administration upang maseguro ang seguridad sa pagkain ng mga Pilipino at masuportahan ang sektor ng agrikultura.

Ayon sa kongresista mula sa AGAP Party-list, nilalayan ng batas na puksain ang mga krimen at anumang uri ng pananamantala na siyang makakaapekto sa mga magsasaka gayundin sa buong industriya ng agrikultura. Ipinaliwanag din ni Briones na ang mga itinuturing na economic sabotage ay ang smuggling, hoarding, profiteering at cartel sa mga produktong agrikultural pati na ginagamit ng mga pangpapakalat ng mga maling impormasyon tungkol sa lokal na produkto.

Sinabi pa niya na ang sinumang lalabag sa batas na ito ay posibleng maharap sa pagkakakulong o multa ng higit pa sa halaga ng produktong ginamit sa krimen. Sa ilalim ng batas na iniakda at inisponsor ng AGAP Party-list representative, nakatakdang bumuo ng Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Council na siyang pangunahang pangulo katuwang ang mga kalihim ng agriculture, finance, transportation, trade and industry, interior and local government, justice at iba pang opisyal

ng concerned agencies. Binigyang-diin ng mambabatas na magkakaroon ng special team of prosecutors sa buong bansa para mapabilis ang resolusyon ng mga kasong may kaugnayan sa agricultural sabotage. Dagdag pa niya na hindi lang puntirya ng nasabing batas ang mga mastermind kung hindi lahat ng kasabwat, kabilang ang mga broker, empleyado ng gobyerno may ari ng warehouse, cold storage at truckers ay mananagot at kakasuhan din. *(Nelson Dimapilis)*

VICE MAYOR ERICSON SULIBIT TATAKBONG MULI BILANG ALKALDE SA BAYAN NG LILIW

L A G U N A - Gagawin ng may pagmamahal na mula sa puso. Ito ang ilan sa binitiwang mensahe ni Hon.Ericson Sulibit ng liliw Laguna. Matapos magsumute ito ng kanyang Certificate of Candidacy bilang Alkalde sa tanggapan ng

Commission on Election sa kanilang bayan. Ayon Kay Sulibit hindi siya bulag upang hindi makita ang maganda at hindi magandang nangyayari sa bayan. At lalong hndi siya bingi upang hindi marinig ang hinaing at iyak ng kanyang mga kababayan.

Kaya sa pagkataktaon ito ang commitment ni Sulibit ay hindi lamang sa isang pulitiko. Bagkus ang kanyang commitment ay para sa kanyang kababayan .Na nagnanais ibalik ang sigla, saya at tunay na pagmamahal na may kasamang pagkalinaga na tunay na mararamdaman ng mga liliweño Dagdag pa ni

Sulibit wala sa kanyang nagpa-atras o pumigil na tumakbong bilang Mayor . Mayroon lamang sa kanila ni incumbent Mayor Ide Monleon ang namagitan upang magsama sa iisang hangarin at magsama sa isang partido. Pero inulit nito na ang kanyang hangarin ay para lamang sa kanyang minamahal na bayan .(Kevin Pamatmat)

Biñan Pulis...

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Camp BGen Paciano Rizal – Arestado ang Most Wanted Person City Level na may kasong Lascivious Conduct under Section 5(B) of R.A.7610 sa isinagawang manhunt operation ng Biñan Pulis. Kinilala ni Laguna Police Provincial Director PCOL GAUVIN MEL Y UNOS ang akusado na si alyas Rannel na residente ng Biñan City, Laguna.

Ayon sa ulat ni PLTCOL JONATHAN ROBERT C RONGAVILLA, hepe ng Biñan City Component Police Station nagkasa ang kanilang warrant personnel ng manhunt operation kahapon Ika-3:30 ng hapon sa taong kasalukuyan sa Brgy. Timbao, Biñan City, Laguna.

Ikinasa ang manhunt operation sa bisa ng warrant of arrest na inilabas ng Family Court, Branch 8, Calamba City, Laguna na nilagdaan naman ni Hon. Alvin Bugayong Tan-

guanco, Presiding Judge. Ang nasabing operasyon ay nagsailap sa pagka-kaaresto ni alyas Rannel sa paglabag sa kasong Lascivious Conduct under Section 5(B) of R.A.7610 na may nirekomendang pyansa na nagkakahalaga ng PhP200,000.00.

Kasalukuyang nasa kustodiya ng Biñan CCPS ang nasabing akusado habang ang Korte na pinagmulan ng warrant ay iimpormahan sa pagkaaresto ng nito.

Sa mensahe ni Acting Provincial Director ng Laguna PPO na si PCOL UNOS, "Sa mas pinaiingting na police operation ng Laguna PNP sa tulong kasalukuyan ay mas naging matagumpay ang nasabing police operation na nagsailap sa pagka-kaaresto ng nasabing akusado, mabibigyan din ng hustisya ang mga nagiging biktima ng pang-aabuso". *(Nelson Dimapilis)*

From Roots to Triumphs



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Virginia A. Orollo, a 50-year-old mother of 13 from Lourdes, Pastrana, Leyte, shows how hard work and dedication can turn dreams into reality. Her life is a true example of perseverance and determination. Growing up in a simple family, Virginia learned the importance of hard work early on. Her family's primary source of income came from selling local vegetables, root crops like cassava, and homemade Filipino delicacies. These humble beginnings taught her the values of perseverance and dedication, which she carried into her own family life and business ventures. Virginia inherited the skills to make binagol, a popular delicacy from Leyte made from root crops like cassava and taro. Since the 1980s, she has mastered this craft, which has become her main way of supporting her family. "Making binagol requires patience, effort, and time, just like achieving our dreams," Virginia shared.

Virginia and her family faced numerous challenges, including a lack of raw materials, shortages in business capital, difficulties in product distribution, and building a business trademark in the community. Despite these obstacles, she overcame them all with confidence and perseverance.

As the business grew, so did the capital needs. In 2016, she met CARD, Inc., (A Microfinance NGO), and took out her first small loan of PHP 3,000, which later increased to PHP 15,000. She invested this money in her business. "My journey as an entrepreneur has been like a roller coaster. Many ups and downs tested my patience and determination. But, with the support of my family and help from CARD, I kept going and never gave up," Virginia reflected.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Virginia, her husband, and her two children continued producing binagol, ensuring a steady income despite the crisis. "No matter how many storms like Yolanda and pandemics come into our lives, we will remain resilient and faithful to God," she said.

Their determination and patience paid off. Their product, now officially named "Virginia", is registered and approved by the Department of Trade and Industry. From struggling to find suppliers, Virginia now has loyal suppliers of raw materials, and her binagol is showcased in one of the pasalubong centers in Carigara, Leyte, significantly increasing their customer reach. The price of Virginia Binagol is PHP50.00 per piece and is delivered in bulk to customers three to four times a week.

"To those who want to start a business, it's crucial to focus on maintaining the quality of your products and services. This is how you stay present in the business world," Virginia concluded. Looking to the future, Virginia hopes to pass her skills on to her grandchildren and future generations. She believes that instilling these values and skills in the younger generation will keep their family legacy alive and empower them to face life's challenges with patience and determination. Virginia's journey shows the importance of perseverance, dedication, and the unwavering support of family and community in achieving one's dreams. Her success story of turning root crop products into a thriving business will inspire others to pursue their passions and positively impact their lives. PR

PhilHealth increases dialysis coverage to P1 million per year

INJUSTAS PAN OF THREE MONTHS this year, state health insurer PhilHealth has implemented two successive increases in its benefit package for hemodialysis from P4,000 in July to P6,350/session this October, making the total financial package to almost a million pesos per patient per year.

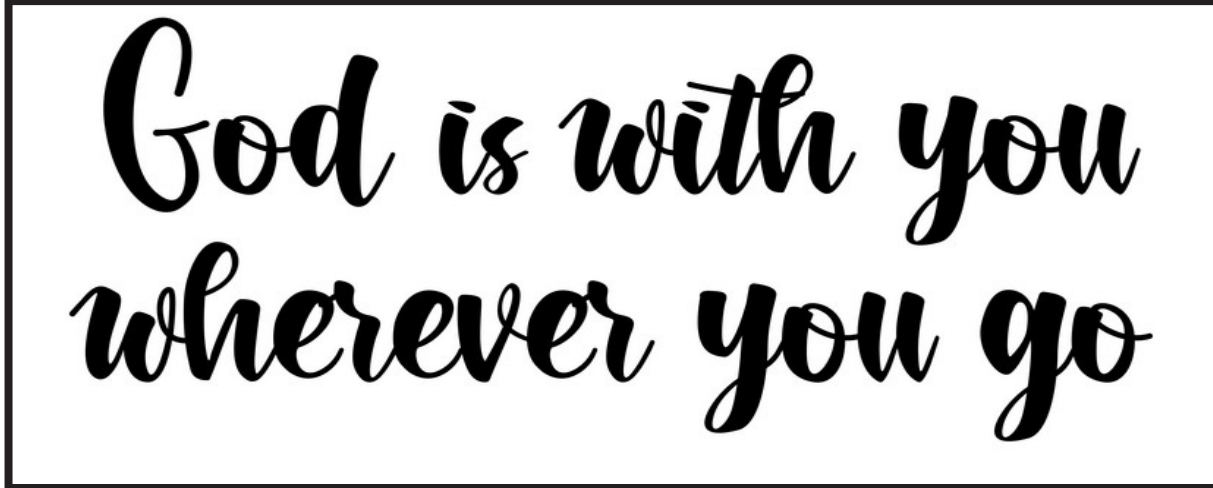
Through PhilHealth Circular No. 2024-0023 which immediately took effect on October 7, members and their qualified dependents with chronic kidney disease stage 5 (CKD5) can now avail of the adjusted package for hemodialysis from any of the accredited dialysis facilities near them.

"This is clear proof that PhilHealth is not only listening to our members. We make good on our promise to take concrete steps to ensure that our benefit packages respond adequately to the needs of patients which is a core objective of the Universal Health Care Law", said Emmanuel R. Ledesma, Jr., PhilHealth's President and CEO. The PhilHealth chief pointed out that despite the increase in PhilHealth reimbursement rate of P4,000 per session last July 1, they have received reports of patients still paying significant amounts for their dialysis sessions.

"Our aim is to ensure that patients will no longer have co-payment when availing of the minimum set of services for dialysis. Ito ay para lubos na maramdaman ng mga kababayan natin ang kanilang PhilHealth benefit", explained Ledesma, duly recognizing the PhilHealth Board's swift action on their proposal: "Sa pamumuno ni Health Sec. Ted Herbosa, mabilis naaprubahan ang pagtaas sa P6,350 per session na walang dagdag-bayad sa mga pasyente."

The Chief also cited the cooperation of nephrologists and participating dialysis centers in making the no co-payment arrangement possible. With the increase to P6,350 per session, a CKD5 patient is now entitled to a maximum of P990,600 in financial protection per year, from the previous P624,000/year at P4,000/session. The said Circular also clearly specified the essential services required and should be provided to CKD5 patients. This includes anti-coagulation medications and drugs and medicines for the management of anemia, various laboratory tests, supplies such as dialyzers, hemodialysis solutions, and a dialysis kit per session. It also includes administrative fees for the use of dialysis machines, facility

fee, utilities, and staff time. All these services should be accessible at all times in all accredited public and private hemodialysis facilities. Meanwhile, patients who will require additional and premium services beyond the minimum standard of care specified in the said Circular shall be subject to co-payment. A cap of P450 for professional fees is also set should patients require additional services such as telemedicine and/or immediate interventions to manage complications arising during session. The state health insurer has made it a requirement for the dialysis facility to fully explain such co-payment, if any. This life-saving service has given new hope to dialysis patients like Roseanne Lappay of Tabacalera, Pateros who welcomed this recent development at PhilHealth. "Magandang balita para sa aming mga dialysis patient ang pagtaas ng dialysis package na handog ng PhilHealth." For his part, Ledesma assures all PhilHealth members here and even those overseas, "Kapag ipinangako namin, ginagawa po namin sa PhilHealth. Kaya ang panawagan ko sa lahat ng Pilipino, huwag na pokayong matakot sa pagpapagamot dahil sagot kayo ng PhilHealth!" PR





The Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) Rizal Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO-Rizal) distributed 90 liters of Carraegeenan Plant Growth Promoter (PGP) to two (2) farmers' association in the province. The beneficiaries are the Baliksaka Farmers Association Inc. (BFAI) in Baras and the Salang Wawa Farmers Association (SWFA) in Tanay. The distribution took place on May 30th for BFAI and June 21st for SWFA.

Jointly developed by the DOST agencies, Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARD) and Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI), and the University of the Philippines-Los Baños (UPLB), Carraegeenan PGP is a bioavailable fertilizer made from red edible seaweed and it utilizes nanotechnology to enhance several aspects of plant growth (i.e. increased yields, improved resiliences, enhanced photosynthesis, and improved climate change adaptation). Farmers can expect to produce higher crop yields; crops become more resistant to pests and diseases; plants can convert sunlight to usable energy more efficiently; and PGP helps crops better withstand harsh weather conditions.

Officials and representatives from the local government units (LGUs) of Baras and Tanay, along with BFAI and SWFA members, witnessed the Carraegeenan PGP distribution and deployment through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing event: Hon. Rafael A. Tanjuatco, Municipal Mayor of LGU Tanay; Dir. Fernando E. Ablaza, Provincial S&T Director of PSTO-Rizal; Dr. Hermie Estrabo, Municipal Consultant of LGU Baras; Jonathan Argueza, Municipal Agriculture Officer of LGU Baras; Niña Sherylle Giron, Supervising SRS of PSTO Rizal; Eldivino Viray, President of SWFA; and Romeo Castillo, Bookkeeper of BFAI. On behalf of the

DOST-CALABARZON, Provincial S&T Director Fernando Ablaza delivered the rationale of the Carraegeenan PGP technology, "patuloy ang magiging suporta ng DOST through the combined power of science and nature, upang makitaan ng sustainability para sa ating mga magsasaka at sa sektor ng agrikultura." The farmers then expressed that they look forward for a positive turnout by the utilization of this innovative fertilizer. To ensure successful implementation following the distribution, farmers received

a virtual orientation training on the proper application of Carraegeenan PGP conducted by the developer, Vitalgro. BFAI received 36 liters, while SWFA received 54 liters of the fertilizer. This initiative highlights DOST's commitment to supporting the agricultural sector through innovation. By providing farmers with advanced technologies like Carraegeenan PGP, DOST aims to empower them to overcome challenges and achieve greater agricultural sustainability. PR

50 Batch Two CALABARZON mentees graduate from DTI 4-A's KMME-MME Program



50 CALABARZON mentees graduated from the 2024 KAPATID Mentor ME-Money and Market Encounter (KMME-MME) Online Multi-Sectoral Batch Two on October 15, 2024 via Zoom through the Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A, in partnership with the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (PCE)-Go Negosyo. The KMME-MME Online is designed to integrate the Money Market Encounter (MME) into the regular KMME Program. This aims to provide 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 wait-listed MSMEs across the regions and enhance their resiliency through a crisis.

This is the fourth year of the KMME-MME Online in the CALABARZON Region. Last June 11, 2024, the Multi-Sectoral Batch One produced 48 graduates-mentees. Overall, there are 898 graduates from 2016-2024.



MAY EGOVPH MOBILE APPS KA NA BA?

Inilulunsad ng Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) katuwang ang iReport at eReport ng Philippine National Police (PNP) sa bawat bayan at lalawigan.

Ang iReport at eReport ay isang joint project ng DICT at PNP sa ilalim ng eGovPH superapp na isang single operating platform ng gobyerno na nagbibigay ng daan sa mga subscribers na magamit ang mga pangunahing serbisyo ng pamahalaan gamit lang ang mobile device.

Ito ay maaari din na makapagsumbong ang publiko sa mga awtoridad gamit ang nabanggit na proyekto. Sa pamamagitan nito ay mapapabilis ang pagresponde ng mga awtoridad at mapapadali ang paglutas ng mga krimen.

Napakahalaga nitong eGov app dahil meron itong capability to report crime kaya napapabilis ang response time.

Para kay Philippine National Police (PNP) sa pamamagitan ng nasabing mobile application ay magkakaroon sila ng real time na monitoring sa mga pangyayari at magresulta aniya ito ng mas epektibong tugon sa mga isyu at krimen.

Samantala, hindi na rin daw magkakaroon ng prank calls ang application na Sumbangan ng Bayan dahil tanging lehitimong indibidwal lamang ang makakagamit nito at dadaan muna sa proseso bago ma-access ng isang inbidwal ang nasabing app.

Walang prank calls dahil kung idadownload ang eGov. app meron itong EKYC 'yan, kaya meron verification process in fact naka-link na rin 'yan sa national ID natin so mga legit lang ang makakagamit ng app, ibig sabihin puro legit users ang gagamit at legit users lang din ang magrereport.

Ang tanong meron na ba kayong eGovPH apps? Sa mga nais magkaroon, karagdagang detalye mabilis lang ang mag access sa ilang mga programa ng pamahalaan gamit lang cellphone na may download ng apps na ito.

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ULAT SA BRGY NI PAPA P.PIO DIMAPILIS

Isang maka dios at maka Rizal po sa ating lahat, Nais ko muna batiin Ang aking mga kasamahan sa 54 Bangay Ng Calamba bilang po Ako Ang ABC President at City Councilor Ng Calamba hayaan nyo po na aking ibahagi sa Inyo Ang aking mga ginagawa sa Araw Araw katuwang Ang ating butihing Mayor Ross Rizal.

Bilang Pangulo Ng mga Brgy narito po Ang Isang lingo ko na Serbisyo publiko para sa ating Lungsod Ng Calamba.

Nag sagawa po Tayo Ng Brgy assembly sa Brgy Looc, dito ipinakita ni Papa P. ang kanya g suport sa bawat ka Brgy sa Calamba sa kanyang pag punta sa Brgy Assembly. Nag punta rin sya sa Brgy Pansol para alam in Ang mga bagay na maitutulong nya dito.

Binisita din nya ang Brgy Bagong Kalsada, Brgy 4, at Brgy Lamesa, Brgy San Juan, Brgy Puting Lupa. Bukod sa mga pag bisita sa Brgy ay Kasama rin sya sa regular session ng Sangguniang Pang Lungsod kung saan binalangkas nya at tinalakay Ang mga batas at ordinansa na iniimplement sa buong Lungsod.

Labis na pina hahalagahan ni Papa P Ang ating mga Senior Citizens dahil para sa kanya matagal na nag lingkod Ang mga ito para sa bayan, Bilang Isa na din Senior si Papa P. ay dumalo sya sa Calamba City Federation of Senior Citizens at Unified Senior Citizens sa Brgy Banlic. Hanggad kase Ng samahang ito na Lalo pa palakasin Ang hanay Ng mga Senior Citizens sa Lungsod Ng Calamba, hanggad po Ng munting lingkod Ang ma subaybayan din at pangalagaan Ang kalusugan Ng ating mga Senior Citizens.

Pag suporta sa ating mga Indigenous people ng Calamba nais nya Lalo bigyan ng pag papahalaga Ang mga kababayan nating katutubo na nasa laylayan, Ang mabigyan Sila Ng halaga maramdaman na may gobyerno na kumakalinga sa kanila, sa Makiling minsaha ni Papa P. ipinahayag nya ang kanyang suporta at mga adhikain Ng mga Indigenous people.

HANGGANG NGAYON WALA PANG LINAW ANG KASONG ISINAMPA NI TFK FOUNDER PRESIDENT CHIONG,

Pasig City- Muling nagpatawag ng mga mamamahayag si Task Force Kasanag International (TFK) Founder-President Dr. John J. Chiong D Hum., sa pamamagitan ng press conference na ginanap sa Shakey's Pizza Parlor, Quezon Avenue, West Avenue, Quezon City, Martes, Oktubre 8, 2024, upang ipaalam sa taumbayan lalung-lalo na sa mga mamamayan ng Pasig City ang halos isang taon na mula ng magsampa ng kaso sa Office of the Ombudsman ang grupo ng TFK sa pangunguna ni Dr. Chiong sa mga opisyal Lokal na pamahalaan ng Pasig.

Ang mga kasong isinama ng tinaguriang "Berbugo Laban sa Corrupt" ay ang mga sumusunod: conduct unbecoming of a public officer, gross misconduct, gross neglect of duty, and violation of

ANG CALAMBAGONG BUHAYANI FESTIVAL AY ITINANGHAL BILANG 1ST PLACE BEST CULTURAL FESTIVAL SA LUZON AT TOP 3 SA BUONG PILIPINAS SA PEARL ATOP AWARDS!

Personal na tinanggap ni Ms. Karla Boholano, ang ating Cultural Affairs Sports and Tourism Department Head, ang prestihiyosong national award na ito.

Isang patunay ng pagmamalaki at pagmamahal sa ating kultura, tagumpay ito ng bawat Calambeño na nagtataguyod ng ating kasaysayan at pamana. Ipinapakita ng tagumpay na ito kung ano ang kaya nating makamit sa ilalim ng Ramdam na Reporma. Sa bawat hakbang na ginagawa natin, pinapatunayan natin na ang Calamba ay hindi lamang mayaman sa kasaysayan, kundi handang magtaguyod ng ating makulay na kultura sa buong bansa!

Mabuhay ang Calambagong Buhayani Festival! Mabuhay ang diwa at aral ni Rizal!

(Nelson Dimapilis/COG)

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and responsibilities to the new chief executive. In his message, he reflected on the twenty-nine years of service [he] rendered for the province from the time when he was a young newbie board member up to his recent position as Governor. He said that he has made a lot of realizations over the years and he accepted the call to serve not only the province but the entire county in support of the President's development agenda, bringing with him the same energy that he gave when he led the province. In a poignant statement, he said "Cavite is my home, you are my people", and assured the current and future administration of his full support. Governor Tolentino humbly accepted the turnover of responsibilities and guaranteed that she will continue to uphold the high standard of governance and the development programs started by SILG Remulla, together with the new Vice Governor Sherman Jarro. She asked for the PGC employees and heads confidence, trust and full cooperation in her leadership.

The flag-raising ceremony was attended by members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, PGC administrator, department heads and employees, and DILG-Cavite headed by Engr. Danilo Nobleza.



Marcos, Rodrigo...

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Thursday met with former Vice President Leni Robredo in Sorsogon province. Marcos briefly shook the hands of Robredo and former Senator Bam Aquino at the venue's holding area. According to Senate President Francis "Chiz" Escudero, he invited Robredo to welcome Marcos on behalf of the Bicol Region. Escudero served as Sorsogon governor from 2019 to 2022 and initiated the construction of the new arena. Communications Secretary Cesar Chavez, who was also in the event with Marcos, said Robredo welcomed the President at the entrance of the venue. "She welcomed the President at the entrance of the sports arena. Katabi ni former VP Leni

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Despite their brief interaction, Escudero said he believes that it could be the start of "healing" for Marcos and Robredo. "Tingin ko ito ay unang hakbang tungo nga sa, ika nga, paghilom ng mga sugat, ano mang hindi pagkakaunawaan dahil alalahanin nyo – anumang debate o pagkakaiba natin ng pananaw ay pulitikal, hindi personal (I think this is the start of the healing of wounds, whatever misunderstanding, because remember, whatever debate or political differences we may have, nothing is personal)," he said. "So mas madaling maghilom yun. Mas madaling maayos siguro yun kesa personal (That is easier to mend than a personal one)." (P N A)

VICE GOVERNOR KAREN AGAPAY HIGHLIGHTS THE EMPOWERING IMPACT OF GIRL SCOUTS' NEW PROGRAM AT THE COOKIE PROMISE LAUNCH



At the Pilot Launch of "The Cookie Promise," Vice Governor Atty. Karen Agapay emphasized the importance of empowering young girls through entrepreneurship and leadership development. The event, held at the Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) Laguna Council HQ at Camp Maria Makiling, Los Baños, brought together scouts, mentors, and supporters, showcasing the transformative goals of the new initiative. Vice Governor

Agapay praised the Cookie Promise program as "a wonderful opportunity for young girls to cultivate skills that extend beyond the classroom." She highlighted the program's potential to instill confidence and entrepreneurial spirit among the scouts, encouraging them to "dream big and work towards making those dreams a reality." She also commended the program's mission of shaping young leaders who can contribute meaningfully to society. The launch was graced by GSP Nation-

al President Dr. Cristina Lim-Yuson and representatives from Lemon Square, the makers of the cookies. The Cookie Promise offers thin, crispy, light butter cookies aimed at supporting the Girl Scouts' programs and initiatives. In her closing remarks, Vice Governor Agapay urged the public to support the Girl Scouts' programs by purchasing the cookies, thereby contributing to a cause that empowers future leaders and entrepreneurs. (Edjun Mariposque)

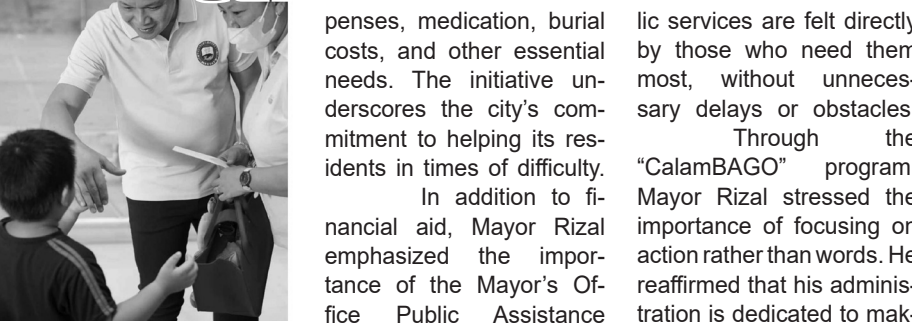
CHIONG...

Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service para kina Pasig City Mayor Victor Ma. Regis "Vico" N. Sotto, Priscella Mejilano, officer-in-charge of the Pasig City Planning and Development Office; City Engr. Mamerto Mesina and Artaxerxes V. Geronimo, from the City Electrical Office; Marita A. Calaje, from the City Treasurer's Office; Atty. Jeronimo Manzanero, from the Office of the City Administrator, Robert Mina, from the City Assessor's Office; and Engr. Noel Agustin, from the Office of the Building Official of Pasig City. Sinabi ni Dr. Chiong na noong 2021, ay sumulat na sila sa Department of the Interior and Local Government sa pamumuno ni dating DILG

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secretary Eduardo Año, at nagkaroon lamang ng pagsisiyasat sa mga idinulog na kaso. (Pau Dela Cruz)

Mayor Rizal Distributes Financial Assistance to Over 850 Calambeños in need



Calamba City Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal led the distribution of financial aid today, benefit-

ing over 850 Calambeños. The assistance was provided to those requiring support for hospital ex-

penses, medication, burial costs, and other essential needs. The initiative underscores the city's commitment to helping its residents in times of difficulty. In addition to financial aid, Mayor Rizal emphasized the importance of the Mayor's Office Public Assistance Center (MOPAC), which provides guarantee letters for medical needs. This service ensures that more Calambeños have access to necessary healthcare without worrying about the immediate costs. Mayor Rizal highlighted that these efforts are part of his ongoing reforms aimed at improving the lives of Calamba's citizens. He noted that the goal is to ensure that pub-

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CDA'S CREDIT SURETY FUND PROGRAM TO BOOST LOAN ACCESS FOR MSMEs, COOPERATIVES



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) continues to support and enhance the creditworthiness of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and local cooperatives by providing them access to the Credit Surety Fund (CSF) loan program. In a recent ep-

isode of Philippine Information Agency Calabarzon's Usapang PIA radio program, John Immanuel Garcia, CDA IV-A's cooperative development specialist, explained that the CSF Program, launched in collaboration with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), offers financial solutions to MSMEs and cooperatives struggling to

obtain loans from banks due to lack of acceptable collaterals, credit knowledge, or credit records. "The Credit Surety Fund Program is a credit enhancement scheme developed by the BSP that aims to improve the creditworthiness of MSMEs and cooperatives. Creditworthiness means that you are deemed eligible for financial assistance because lenders believe you can repay on time

and in full," Garcia said. Under the program, government financial institutions, such as the Land Bank of the Philippines and the Development Bank of the Philippines, are mandated to pool contributions to form the CSF Cooperative. Cooperatives and local government units (LGUs) are also encouraged to contribute, as local communities will benefit from the program. "When MSMEs apply for loans from banks

or financial institutions, they typically require collateral—such as property or other assets. However, under the CSF Program, the contributions made by members of the CSF Cooperative serve as soft collateral or a guarantee for the loans of its borrowers. This makes it easier for MSMEs to access financial services without hard collateral," Garcia explained. To maintain a high level of trust and security, contributions from CSF members are managed with diligence and oversight. Each member's investment is held in trustee banks, and the program ensures transparency while minimizing the risk of misuse, according to Garcia. He added, "Regarding scams, the CSF Cooperative is not just an ordinary group of individuals; it has juridical personality and holds a Certificate of Registration from the CDA, ensuring legal compliance. Membership requires the submission of documents, such as audited financial statements, to verify the cooperative's fi-

nancial health. These funds cannot be easily withdrawn or accessed without extensive documentation and authorization." In addition to providing loans, the CSF Program offers free training to MSMEs through the CDA and BSP to help them manage their businesses and finances effectively. "We actively promote the program by partnering with LGUs and Cooperative Development Officers (CDOs) and participating in events such as the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair Caravan in Batangas and Cavite. This helps alleviate poverty by empowering MSMEs and fostering local economic growth," Garcia said. Garcia also encouraged the public to take advantage of the program and assured them that the agency continues to strengthen cooperatives and support MSMEs in achieving sustainable growth, ensuring that financial opportunities are within reach for all communities in Calabarzon. (JL, CH/PIA-Laguna)



SMC Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang, Ayala Corp. Chairman Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, Ayala Greenfield Development Chairman Joselito Campos Jr., and Calamba City Mayor Ross Rizal, lead the groundbreaking ceremony for the upcoming Ayala Greenfield Interchange at the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX), today.

This new 3x3-lane interchange will improve access to SLEX and the STAR Tollway, and help decongest traffic in Calamba by serving as a vital bypass road. Beyond smoother travel, the project is set to boost and sustain economic activity and attract investments, further enhancing the growth prospects of the CALABARZON region.

CALAMBA CITY HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD FOR FINANCIAL GROWTH



Calamba City has once again been recognized on the national stage, receiving a prestigious award from the Department of Finance for achieving one of the Highest Year-on-Year Growth in Local Source Income for FY2022. The city's financial growth placed it in the top five across the nation,

a significant milestone that reflects Calamba's ongoing development. Mayor Ross Rizal, in his message to the people, expressed his pride in the award and dedicated the achievement to all Calambeños. He emphasized the responsible and efficient use of the tax-

es entrusted by the citizens, ensuring that these funds are used to develop programs that benefit the entire community. "The taxes of the people are being wisely managed to grow our city through programs that directly impact and are felt by the people," Mayor Rizal said. "This honor

is dedicated to all of you, my beloved Calambeños!" The award reflects Calamba's commitment to fiscal responsibility and the effective implementation of reforms aimed at improving the quality of life in the city. With initiatives like #RamdanNaReporma and #CalamBAGO, the local government continues to work towards creating a more progressive and inclusive city for all. This recognition is a testament to the collective efforts of the city government and its citizens, ensuring that Calamba remains a model of growth and innovation in the region. #CalambaCityUpdates #CalambaRising #MayorRossRizal #Top5NationalAward (Edjun Mariposque)

