CARD MRI holds Media Lakbay Aral in Laguna

During the PANAGHIUSA: CARD MRI Exposure Tour Program for media in San Pablo City, Laguna, 15 media practitioners from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao actively participated in the tour program and explored the history of San Pablo—the home court of CARD MRI, where most of its pioneering branches and communities are located.

The CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI) gathered media practitioners from various organizations for a three-day Lakbay-Aral in San Pablo City, Laguna, from October 23 to 25, 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness of microfinance's significant impact on poverty eradication in the Philippines.

As part of CARD MRI Publishing House's sustainability efforts, participants joined in a coin bank painting session, creating colorful designs to inspire young savers. These unique, hand-painted coin banks will be given to the children of CARD MRI clients, encouraging them to develop good saving habits early on.

Additionally, participants experienced a product demonstration of Ube Halaya, a dessert made from purple yam, butter, and condensed milk, as well as Pancit Kalabuko, a well-known farm-to-table dish prepared by Chef Joel Frago of Ilaya at Sta. Elena in San Pablo City, Laguna.

During the event, participants were introduced to CARD MRI's various programs in microfinance and heritage tourism. The group visited several client-facing institutions of CARD MRI, including the CARD Clinics, CARD Indogrosir Shopping Mart, Mga Likha Ni Inay Coffee Shop, and the CARD-MRI Development Institute (CMDI) Main Campus.

One of the highlights was the Lagos and Bayong Tour facilitated by CARD MRI Hijos Tours, a community-based tour company of CARD MRI. The tours showcased the rich history of San Pablo City through storytelling, site visits, and interactions with local enterprises, further emphasizing CARD MRI's commitment to empowering communities.

"One of CARD MRI's key missions is to collaborate with like-minded individuals and organizations in promoting our advocacy for poverty eradication. We recognize the essential role of the media in amplifying CARD MRI's message of hope and empowerment through our financial and community development programs," said Ms. Marilyn Manila, President of CARD MRI Publishing House.

The event concluded with the soft launch of the Gintong Tambuli Awards, which will be held in 2025. This award aims to recognize the unwavering commitment and dedication of media partners in supporting CARD MRI's mission and advocacy focused on poverty eradication.

"Through this award, we honor the media's vital role in helping us spread awareness about our mission. Their dedication to telling stories of transformation is crucial for inspiring action and change," Ms. Manila added.

The Lakbay-Aral was attended by 15 media practitioners, including Ms. Ivy Tejano of Mindanao Journal from Davao City; Ms. Mariela Angella Oladives of Daily Guardian from Iloilo; Mr. Emmanuel Lumanao of People's Guardian from Butuan City; Mr. Dexter Perez of Mindanet News from Davao de Oro; Mr. Jun Aguirre of Boracay Island News from Aklan; and Ms. Irene Gonzales of Pilipino Mirror from Tuguegarao City. Also present were some active media partners of CARD MRI in South Luzon, including Ms. Khayla Anne J. Carabio and Ms. Ma. Donna Aranguren of Laguna Courier; Mr. Dante Abrera of Isyu Balita; Mr. Adan Petilla of Tribune Post; Mr. Webster Ace Paginag of Press n' Picks News; Ms. Madeliene Marasigan of Rapids Journal; Mr. Christian Coliat of Ang Dyaryo Natin Ngayon; Mr. Andres Macatangay of The Wednesday Herald; and Mr. Alejandro Villagorda, Jr. of Southern Tagalog Herald News.

CARD Clinics and Allied Services, Mga Likha Ni Inay, CMDI, CARD Indogrosir, CARD MRI Publishing House, and Hijos Tours are members of CARD MRI that share a common goal—eliminating poverty. Established in 1986, CARD MRI continues to work toward this vision, making strides in transforming the lives of Filipinos across the nation. PR

DTI CALABARZON to hold its 1st regional arts and creative festival

In line with the Philippine Creative Industries Development Plan to develop the creative industries and elevate Filipino creativity, the Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A, in partnership with the DTI-Competitiveness and Innovation Group and the City Government of General Trias, will embark on strengthening its region's creative industry by conducting its very first regional arts and creative festival entitled, "Fiesta Haraya 2024: Likha at Husay ng CALABARZON," on November 27 to December 1, 2024 at the Robinsons General Trias, General Trias City, Cavite.

Fiesta Haraya is a portmanteau of two words representing Filipino tradition. Fiesta is a Spanish word for party or festivity. Haraya is an old Filipino word, which means imagination or vision. For the event's official tagline, "Likha" means create while "Husay" means skilled. The tagline basically signifies the services and crafts made from the expertise and brilliance of the creative people in the CALABARZON region.

The festival will showcase an array of creative goods through a trade fair, performances from artists and artisans, demonstrations and workshops from creative experts, and information campaigns from partner government agencies and private sector in the region. Through this activity, the DTI 4-A aims to help promote local arts and culture, encourage collaboration and networking, support existing and emerging entrepreneurs from different creative clusters, and foster creative entrepreneurship, competitiveness, and innovation.

Each province in the region will have several performances each day to showcase its arts, culture, and creativity. Some of the most anticipated activities in the festival are: a fashion show featuring handcrafted clothes, accessories, and footwear from Laguna designers and the province's fruit carving, word, and embroidery demonstration; Cavite's marching band, spoken word poetry, and painting exhibition; Batangas' calado style of embroidery demonstration, folk dance performance, and theater arts performance; Rizal's Higantes parade and bonsai workshop; and Quezon's kiping making demonstration and cultural dance performances highlighting the Tagayan Ritual and Kiping-making demonstration. Information kiosks and services from the DTI and other partner agencies will also be available for the public such as business name registration, consumer welfare desk, business loan assistance, among others.

"We invite everyone, especially our micro, small, and medium enterprises, people from the creative industry sector, students, consumers, and creative communities, to visit our festival and celebrate with us as we build a robust creative ecosystem and develop vibrant and sustainable creative industries in our region," said DTI 4-A Regional Director Marissa C. Argente. PR

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Cayetano urges Senate to ensure no Filipino is left behind in 2025 budget deliberations

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano on Tuesday emphasized the need for a national budget that reflects a shared commitment to uplift even the most marginalized communities to ensure an inclusive and equitable allocation of resources.

This call comes as the Senate prepares to discuss the proposed 2025 national budget this week, a crucial step that will determine the government's financial priorities and how it addresses the country's most pressing needs.

"Kung ano ang ating itatanim, iyan din ang ating aanihin," Cayetano said, underscoring the long-term impact of government spending on Filipinos' daily lives.

"We need a national budget that leaves no Filipino behind. Walang iwanan dapat," he added.

Cayetano said the budget should reflect the government's role as a "second parent," stepping in to equalize opportunities for all, particularly for those at the margins of society.

"All of us live in a country where your last name and where you were born matters. This is why the government is here as second parents to try to equalize opportunities," he said.

For Cayetano, the Senate's duty is to ensure that public funds go to the people and sectors most in need, from education and healthcare to job creation.

During the Senate session on November 5, 2024, Senator Joel Villanueva, former Secretary of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), expressed his gratitude to Cayetano, chair of the Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education Committee, for his support in advancing technical education and assessing the competencies of senior high school (K-12) graduates.

"Sa TESDA po, tayo po ay nagsulong ng

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2nd Laguna MSME Summit 2024

The DTI-Laguna, in partnership with the Provincial Government of Laguna through the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Office, awarded the first 50 Likhang Laguna Product Seals to Laguna MSMEs during the Second Laguna MSME Summit held at Enchanted Kingdom, Santa Rosa City, Laguna recently.

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MULING PAGPAPAALALA NG BIR SA MGA ONLINE MARKETPLACES, E-MARKETPLACES, AND ONLINE SELLERS

Kasabay ng mga kaliwa't kanang holiday sale, promos, at mga shopping spree dulot ng kapaskuhan, ay pinaapaalala pa rin ng BIR na mananagot ang mga online businesses na hindi sumusunod sa tax laws. Kahit holiday season, kung ang inyong online business ay hindi tax compliant, maari itong i-block ng BIR katulad ng Oplan Kandado ng mga piskal na tindahan.

Ayon sa Section 15 ng National Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Republic Act No. 12023, kasama sa kakayahan ng Commissioner of Internal Revenue ang pagsuspinde o pag-block ng mga digital service ng mga digital service providers sa Pilipinas.

"If retail/physical stores are registered and paying their taxes, online stores should do the same. In the coming months, we are expecting an increase in revenue of online businesses due to the holiday spending spree. To all consumers, ask online sellers/businesses for an official receipt. If you are spending your hard-earned income after paying taxes on their products, then online sellers/ businesses should also pay their taxes" pahayag ni Commissioner Romeo D. Lumagui Jr.

Taong 2021pa sinimulan ng BIR ang paghahabol sa 250 social media influencer na kumikita ng milyong-milyong piso sa kanilang mga vlog at social media post.

At sa mga nakakaraang interview ni CommisionerLumagui Jr. palagi niyang sinasabi na may mga tao na sadyang intensyon na hindi magbayad ng buwis kaya nagiging sakit ng ulo ito ng BIR.

"'Yong intensiyon nila na mandaya sa pagbabayad ng buwis, marami po iyan. Pinapahirapan po tayo niyan kasi hindi natin nakokolekta ang mga buwis na dapat napupunta sa kaban ng bayan," ani Lumagui sa isang radio interview.

Patuloy rin ang pakikipag-ugnayan nila sa mga online selling platform, influencer at mga asosasyon na kailangan nilang magrehistro sa BIR at magbayad ng kaukulang buwis nila sa kinikita nila sa online na negosyo.

Kung hindi daw nila gagawin ito ay mae-expose sila sa penalties at saka bukod pa diyan ay puwede rin silang masampahan ng tax evasion dahil kinakailangan din silang magbayad ng buwis.

"Ang general rule kasi kapag nagnenegosyo ka, kumikita ka, generally ay kailangan mong magbayad ng buwis. So gusto natin pantay-pantay iyan," dagdag pa ng BIR chief.

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mga dagdag pondo sa iba't iabng programa.

Ilan po dito y'ung pagtitibay natin sa close to 500 million na assessment sa atin pong mga senior high school o K-12 graduates.

Ito po ang naging resulta ng diskusyon natin sa EDCOM II (Second Congressional Commission on Education).

Salamat kay Commissioner Alan Peter Cayetano na kasama natin sa EDCOM II," he said.

Earlier this year, Cayetano also made an appeal to the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) to ensure the efficient allocation of the 2025 national budget, particularly around the potential risks of online gambling, the country's foreign loan strategy, and the need for increased housing aid.

Cayetano stressed that investing in the 2025 budget is essential to enhancing the welfare of every Filipino and ensuring a brighter future for all.

"We owe it to every Filipino to invest in their welfare and secure a future that everyone can look forward to," he said.

Calamba...

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Calamba City, Laguna – This is a proud and momentous event as Calamba City was awarded the 2024 Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), marking another milestone in the city's commitment to quality and equitable public service. Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal delivered a message to celebrate this remarkable recognition, emphasizing the collective efforts that led to this achievement.

The SGLG award, regarded as one of the highest distinctions in local governance, is given to cities that demonstrate excellence in good governance, transparency, and service delivery.

Mayor Rizal highlighted how this award reflects the dedication of Calamba's local government to providing fair and efficient services to its citizens. "Sa pagkamit ng Seal of Good Local Governance Awardee 2024 mula sa DILG, napatunayang muli ang kahusayan at dedikasyon ng pamahalaang lokal sa pagsusulong ng makatarungan at masigasig na serbisyo," he shared.

Mayor Rizal extended his gratitude to his dedicated team and to the people of Calamba, who continuously support the city's initiatives and projects.

Under his leadership, Calamba has established programs that benefit every sector, from education and health to economic development and environmental sustainability.

These efforts aim to uplift the quality of life for all Calambeños.

He further explained that this recognition is not just a badge of success but a testament to the city's collective progress toward building a prosperous community. "Ang pagkilalang ito ay hindi lamang simbolo ng tagumpay, kundi patunay din ng mga hakbang patungo sa mas maunlad at mas progresibong pamayanan," he stated, expressing pride in the strides Calamba has made.

Mayor Rizal believes that this achievement is shared with every citizen of Calamba.

He emphasized that through the continuous support and cooperation of each resident, the city can reach even greater heights.

His vision for Calamba involves a sustained push for development projects that benefit everyone, ensuring that every resident feels the impact of these advancements

With a deep sense of gratitude and humility, Mayor Rizal dedicated the award to the people he serves. "Alay ko po ang pagkilalang ito sa inyo, Calambeños," he declared, expressing his commitment to remain steadfast in driving positive change.

His message served as a reminder of the shared responsibility in building a better Calamba.

The SGLG award stands as both a milestone and a motivator for Calamba City.

Mayor Rizal's message reaffirmed his administration's promise to continue pursuing transformative reforms, uniting the community under the shared goal of a brighter future.

Congratulations to Calamba City – may this be the first of many milestones to come.

(Edjun Mariposque)
(Nelson Dimapilis)

SENATOR LITO LAPID NAMAHAGI NG AYUDA SA LA UNION NASA 800 NAG BENEPISYO

NAMAHAGI si Senador Lito Lapid ng ayuda sa may 800 benepisyaryo sa bayan ng Bauang at Bacnotan, La Union ngayong Huwebes ng umaga.

Sa inisyatiba ng tanggapan ni Lapid, naglaan sya ng P2 milyon piso sa dalawang bayan at nabiyayaan ang mga benepisyaryo ng kaukulang halaga mula sa DSWD.

Kabilang sa mga nabigyan ng tulong pinansyal ng Senador mula sa Assistance to Individual Situation program ay mga senior citizen, persons with disabilities(PWDs), single parents at mga estudyante.

Sa maiksing talumpati ni Sen. Lapid, inaasahan nyang makatutulong ang ayuda sa kanilang pangangailangan sa panahon ngayon ng krisis. **(Nelson Dimapilis)**

R.A. 10591 Violator Arrested in Surigao del Sur

Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur – On November 15, 2024, personnel from the 14SAC of 1st Special Action Battalion, SAF provided tactical support to the elements of 1301st Maneuver Company, Regional Mobile Force Battalion 13, as lead unit, along with other PNP units during the successful arrest of Alias Jondi in a joint law enforcement operation conducted in Purok 4, Little Baguio, Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur.

The suspect was apprehended during the implementation of Search Warrant No. 2024-81, for violation of R.A. 10591 (Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act), dated November 13, 2024, issued by Regional Trial Court, Branch 41, Cantillan, Surigao del Sur. Seized during the operation were one improvised shotgun, one caliber .22 revolver, two rounds of ammunition for caliber .38, and three rounds of ammunition for 12-gauge shotgun.

Hinatuan Municipal Police Station took custody of the arrested person and seized items for documentation and proper disposition.

This successful operation highlights the unwavering commitment of the PNP-SAF and other law enforcement units in enforcing the law and ensuring the safety and security of the community.

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LAGUNA PPO LEADERS PCOL UNOS AND PLTCOL SABENIANO NAMED OUTSTANDING UNIFORMED PERSONNEL AT GAWAD PILIPINO AWARDS 2024

The Philippine National Police (PNP) PRO4A, proudly celebrating the exemplary service of two of its distinguished officers, PCOL Gauvin Mel Y. Unos, Acting Provincial Director of Laguna Police Provincial Office (PPO), and PLTCOL Jojo I. Sabeniano, Chief of Public Information Office, Laguna PPO.

Both officers will be recognized as Outstanding Uniformed Personnel of the Year in the prestigious Gawad Pilipino Awards 2024 on November19 – "Lingkod Bayan Awards", set to take place at the AFP Commissioned Officers Club House, Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo.

The awards honor the dedication and outstanding contributions of PCOL Unos and PLTCOL Sabeniano in maintaining peace and order, fostering community relations, and advancing the ideals of public service within Laguna Province.

This recognition highlights their commitment to upholding the PNP's mission of ensuring safety and security for all. The Laguna PPO leadership has expressed its pride, calling this achievement a testament to their officers' integrity and professionalism.

PCOL Unos and PLTCOL Sabeniano are role models for public service, inspiring their colleagues to strive for excellence in serving the Filipino people.

(EdjunMariposque)

4.7M WORTH OF SHABU SEIZED DURING DRUG BUY-BUST IN BACOOR CAVITE, THREE SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Joint operatives of PDEA Regional Office IV-A Special Enforcement Team 1 and PNP Regional Drug Enforcement Unit IV-A arrested three high-value drug personalities during a buy-bust operation on November 14, 2024 at 1:40 in the afternoon at a parking lot of a mall in Barangay Habay 2, City of Bacoor, Cavite

Arrested suspects were identified as Faisal Amil y Salim, 31, married, Security Guard, resident of Brgy Bacao, Gen Trias, Cavite; Gringgo Guiamalon y Bulod, 33, married, jobless resident of Baseco Compound, Tondo, Manila and Esmael Abas y Majid, 42, married, driver, resident of Bacao General Trias, Cavite.

Authorities were able to confiscate five (5) pieces of knot tied transparent plastic bag containing MOL 500 grams of brownish crystalline substance suspected to be shabu and two (2) pieces of knot tied transparent bag containing MOL 200g white crystalline substance suspected to be shabu worth of Php4,760,000.00 buy-bust money, two (2) units of cellular phones and one (1) unit of Toyota Corolla Altis

Appropriate charges for violation of Republic Act No 9165 or The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 will be filed against the suspects. **#EdjunMariposque**

STRENGTHENING PEACE: 74TH INFANTRY BATTALION AND PALAPAG LGU SIGN MOU FOR INSURGENCY-FREE BARANGAYS

Palapag, Northern Samar I October 31, 2024 – The 74th Infantry (Unbeatable) Battalion led by LTC JOSEPH ABRENICA PA, together with the Municipal Local Government of Palapag spearheaded by Mayor Florence "Fawa" Batula, and the Palapag Municipal Police Station led by PCPT LIBORIO LUCES JR PNP facilitated the Stable Internal Peace and Security (SIPS) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signing for the seven (7) barangays of Palapag at SB Hall Palapag. The seven (7) barangays vying for insurgency-free status are Simora, Cabariwan, Asum, Tambangan, Nipa, Sumuroy, and Manajao.

The MOU establishes the preliminary framework for understanding and cooperation between the 74th Infantry Battalion, the Palapag Municipal Police Station, and the seven (7) barangays represented by their respective barangay chief executive. It covers the responsibilities and accountabilities of the parties declaring the barangays as insurgency-free. It also signifies acknowledgement and acceptance of the LGU, through the local PNP, that continuous conduct of robust law enforcement is necessary to maintain the status of the barangays as insurgency-free further preventing the resurgence of the Communist Group in the area.

In his message of support, LTC ABRENICA reaffirmed the battalion's continued commitment to community safety. He stated "Our commitment to peace and security is unwavering. We will continue to work closely with the LGU, the barangay officials, and the local police to sustain what we have toiled, aspired, and prayed for." He further thanked Mayor Batula for the firm support of this endeavor.

In response, Mayor Batula remarked, "This MOU signifies our dedication to safeguarding peace and security in our communities, and we are honored to work hand-in-hand with the 74th Infantry Battalion and our local leaders to achieve this goal." Mayor Batula further reminded the barangay leaders of their responsibilities and accountabilities as stipulated in the MOU.

The event was graced by the presence of Hon. Melvic Chy, the Municipal Vice Mayor; Hon. Mark Balagat, DILG-MLGOO; Hon. Ricardo Batula, Sangguniang Bayan member; along with representatives from the Sangguniang Kabataan, People's Organizations, and barangay council members from all seven barangays.

This significant event was made possible through a series of localized peace engagements between the 74th Infantry Battalion and the LGUs of Palapag that started on 10 October 2024. This event further marks a significant step forward in attaining socio-economic development in the municipality. ***(Danny Mojar)***

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INTER-BRGY YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ISINAGAWA SA BAYAN NG RAGAY, CAMARINES SUR

Sa pagtutulungan ng mga kasundaluhan ng 81st Infantry (SPARTAN) Battalion, LGU Ragay, at Youth For Peace (YFP) Movement Ragay Chapter, matagumpay na isinagawa ang dalawang-araw na Inter-Brgy Youth Leadership Summit 2024 sa Salvacion Elementary School, Brgy. Salvacion, Ragay, Camarines Sur noong ika-8 at ika-9 ng Nobyembre, taong 2024.

Tatlumpu't pitong (37) kabataan mula sa mga barangay ng Salvacion, Patalunan, Baya, Agao-ao, at Laguio, kabilang ang mga anak ng Underground Mass Organization (UGMO), mga estudyante, at out-of-school youth, ang dumalo sa nasabing YLS.

Ang summit ay binubuo ng iba't ibang pag-aaral tungkol sa Health Issues Concerning Youth Welfare, Insulating the Youth from CTG Infiltration, First Aid Response (Basic Life Support), Knowing Your Inner Self, Drug Addiction Awareness and Prevention, Violence Against Women and their Children (VAWC), at Environmental Protection. Dagdag pa rito, upang mapahusay ang tiwala, pagkakaisa, at samahan ng mga kabataan, nagkaroon ng amazing race at search for Mr. & Ms. Inter-Brgy YLS 2024.

Dumalo sa programa ang Ama ng Bayan ng Ragay, si Mayor Thaddeus A. Ramos, mga kinatawan mula sa Municipal Health Office (MHO), Municipal Environment & Natural Resources Office (MENRO), Bureau of Fire & Protection (BFP), SAKM Cluster 5, at Ragay MPS.

Patuloy na makikipag-ugnayan ang SPARTAN Battalion sa mga lokal na pamahalaan sa pagsasagawa ng mga aktibidad para sa kabataan.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

80IB NAKIISA SA CUCPD PROGRAM, SERBISYO CARAVAN SA TAYTAY RIZAL

BARAS, RIZAL - Ika - 8 ng Nobyembre 2024, Sa ilalim ng programang Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development (CUCPD), isang matagumpay na Serbisyo Caravan ang idinaos sa Brgy. Dolores, Taytay, Rizal noong Nobyembre 7, 2024.

Layunin ng programa na maipaabot sa komunidad ang mga serbisyong nakakatulong sa pangangailangan ng residente at nakapagtataguyod ng kapayapaan, kaayusan, at kaunlaran sa urban areas. Ang aktibidad ay isinagawa sa Taytay San Juan Gymnasium, kung saan maraming residente ng Taytay ang lumahok upang makibahagi at makinabang sa iba't ibang serbisyo.

Isa sa mga mahalagang bahagi ng Serbisyo Caravan ang aktibong pakikilahok ng mga kasundaluhan ng 80IB sa kanilang pamamahagi ng mga leaflets o taryok na naglalaman ng mahahalagang impormasyon para sa kaalaman ng mga mamamayan. Ang mga leaflets ay may mga impormasyong makakatulong sa mga residente na makaiwas sa mga iligal na aktibidad at makibahagi sa kapayapaan at pag-unlad ng kanilang komunidad.

Ayon kay Lieutenant Colonel Mark Antony U Ruby pinuno ng 80IB " Ang tunay na kapayapaan at kaunlaran ay nagmumula sa pagkakaisa ng pamahalaan at mamamayan. Sa bawat Serbisyo Caravan, sama-sama nating inaabot ang pangarap na mas maayos at mas ligtas na komunidad para sa lahat."

Bukod sa pamamahagi ng impormasyon, ang caravan ay nagbigay rin ng iba't ibang serbisyo tulad ng libreng konsultasyon, impormasyon ukol sa iba't ibang proyekto ng lokal na pamahalaan, at iba pang serbisyong nakatuon sa kagalingan ng mga mamamayan".

Ang programang CUCPD ay nagpapakita ng dedikasyon ng lokal na pamahalaan at mga ahensya tulad ng DILG at Philippine Army na maghatid ng positibong pagbabago sa mga urban communities. Ang kanilang pagtutulungan ay nagpapatibay ng layunin ng Serbisyo Caravan ang gawing abot-kamay ang kapayapaan at kaunlaran para sa lahat.

AFP INSTALLS NEW CHIEF ENGINEER FOR CONTINUED ENGINEERING PROGRESS

CAMP AGUINALDO, Quezon City— The Armed Forces of the Philippines welcomed BGen Ulpiano Olarte as new AFP Chief Engineer in a Change of Chief of Office ceremony held today, here. The event was presided over by the AFP's The Inspector General LtGen Augustine Malinit.

Prior assumption as AFP Chief Engineer, BGen Olarte served as the Commander of the Philippine Army's 55th Engineer Brigade. Under his leadership, the brigade successfully transitioned into the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment, where he also served as its inaugural commander. BGen Olarte was commissioned from the Officer Candidate School “Tanikala” Class of 1994.

Meanwhile, Colonel Ricnon Carolasan, who previously held the role of AFP Chief Engineer in an acting capacity, is a graduate of the Officer Preparatory Course "Makatao" Class 38 of 1996. He served as the Commanding Officer of the 546th Engineer Construction Battalion, and later on became the Chief of Staff of the 53rd Engineer Brigade. Colonel Carolasan will now assume his new post as the AFP's Deputy Chief Engineer.

In his remarks, LtGen Malinit praised BGen Olarte for his contributions, noting his exemplary service and leadership. He also expressed full confidence that both BGen Olarte and Colonel Carolasan will continue to be the pillars in promoting innovation and readiness throughout AFP's facilities and projects.

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MGA MAMIMILI, NAGHAHANDA NA PARA SA KAPASKUHAN, DTI TINIYAK ANG PRESYO AT SUPLAY

Nalalapit na naman ang kapaskuhan at marami na rin namimili bilang paghahanda sa taunang pagdriwang ng Kapaskuhan.

Samantala, nakikipag-ugnayan ang DTI sa mga negosyante upang bantayan ang galaw ng presyo at suplay ng mga produktong pang-noche buena, ang panahon kung kailan naitatala ang pagtaas ng demand sa mga produkto.

Kinumpirma rin ng DTI na susubaybayan nila ang mga presyo ng mga produktong pang-noche buena tulad ng pasta, sauces, cheese, ham at canned tuna hanggang Disyembre ng kasalukuyang taon.

Bagamat may mga ulat na nagkaroon ng paggalaw sa presyo ang ilang produktong pang-noche buena, siniguro ng Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) na magiging matatag ang presyo at suplay ng pasta, pasta sauce, tinapay, at hamon.

“Mayroong sapat na suplay at matatag ang presyo ng mga bilihin sa merkado dahil na rin sa kompetisyon ng ibat ibang brands na mapagpipilian ng mga mamimili,” paglalahad ni DTI Secretary Ramon Lopez.

Ayon kay Sec. Lopez, ang kompetisyon sa merkado ay humihimok sa mga negosyo na maging competitive pagdating sa pagbibigay ng mga promo kabilang ang mga diskwento at pagba-bundle ng mga produkto na mabibili sa mas murang halaga katulad ng sa spaghetti sauce at pasta.

“Dito natin nakikita kung paano naglalaro ang kompetisyon sa presyo ng mga produkto sa merkado. Halimbawa, ang pagbaba ng presyo ng hamon ay dahil sa pagkakaroon ng mas maraming kakumpitensiya ng produktong ito sa merkado,” dagdag pa niya.

Kung kaya't hinihikayat din ng ahensya na gamitin ng mga konsyumer ang “e-Presyo”, isang online-based price monitoring system na maaaring maging gabay ng mga mamimili sa pagbili ng mga produkto, kabilang na ang mga pang-noche buena.

Ang mga naturang suggested retail prices ay epektibo sa lahat ng supermarkets at palengke sa buong Pilipinas, maliban na lang kung naka-specify.

Todo naman ang pagbabantay ng DTI especially now na itong Christmas season... Although siyempre nag-advise din naman ang mga manufacturers sa DTI na magtataas na sila for this year.

May mga pagkakataon din na meron standing appeals mula sa manufactuers... naiintindihan natin na mataas talaga ang cost of production nitong panahon na ito, pero ‘yung pakiusap natin sa kanila... kung pwede, ‘yung increases nila nasa absolute minimum lang. ‘Yung hindi lang sila malugi

Upang makatipid ang publiko mangyaring tignan na lang ang mga pinakamura o mamili na lamang sa mga brands para sa mga produktong nasa kaparehong bigat o laki , lasa at sulit sa halaga.

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SM MALL MAG PAPASKO NA NAMAN NA PILI NA NAMAN NG MEDIA NA MA INVITE AT BIBIGYAN NG PAPASKO WAG GANON KC!

Na aalala ko na naman Ang SM MALL pag ganitong pa pasko tila baga walang na eh ambag ang iba nating mga kasamahan sa media dahil sa kasalukuyan kung sino lang ka close nila na media Ang lagi na invite at na bibigyan Ng PAPASKO pero Ang iba naman ay ligit na nag lalabas sa kanilang news paper,Ang iba naman ay radio,

Nag simula Ako noon mag labas sa SM MALL na yan ng nasa Makiling Journal,News key, Dateline News, Sparkle News pero kahit Minsan d nila Ako na recognize hang sa mag ka roon na ako ng sarili kung news paper.

Alam ko d lang ako ang nag ka ganito ok lang Naman sa akin small things lang pero sana wala kayo tinitingnan at tinitirigan kc ka close nyo yung tao eh nag effort din naman yung iba, noon mga na una na mga PR.Manager ok sila pero ngayong kasalukuyan bakit na bago anong meron bakit nag ka ganon Sabi nga sa Amin sa Batangas ka gulang nyo naman masyado, ano point ko dito alisin nyo Ang ganyang asal di ok yan .

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anak, hindi hihigit sa 18 taong gulang at hindi hihigit sa tatlo (3) ang bilang, ay naka-enroll sa primary, elementarya, at high school levels.

Kabilang sa mga economic indicators na isinaalang-alang sa pag-aayos ng mga allowance para sa FSP ng gobyerno ay ang global inflation rates, ang buying/purchasing power ng US Dollar sa paglipas ng panahon, at ang Retail Price Indices (RPI) ng United Nations International Civil Service Commission (UN ICSC), habang isinaalang-alang din ang fiscal limitations.

Para sa unang taon ng implementasyon, ang halagang kailangan upang tustusan ang authorized adjustments sa mga allowance ng kwalipikadong FSP ay kukunin mula sa savings ng ahensya at/o sa Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund (MPBF) sa ilalim ng 2024 General Appropriations Act (GAA), alinsunod sa mga kaukulang patakaran sa pagbudget, accounting, at auditing. Pagkatapos nito, ang pondo para sa mga susunod na taon ay ilalaan sa taunang GAA, ayon sa karaniwang proseso ng paghahanda ng budget.

Sa FY 2025 National Expenditure Program, nasa kabuuang P974.98 milyon ang inilaan para sa layuning ito sa ilalim ng MPBF.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

BIÑAN MAYOR, IBA PA PINASASAGOT NG OMBUDSMAN

BINIGYAN lamang ng Ombudsman ng 10-araw si Biñan City, Laguna, mayor, Walfredo ‘Arman’ Dimaguila, kasama ang mga kasalukuyan at mga dating konsehal ng lungsod, upang sagutin ang reklamo ng katiwalian na isinampa ng mga residente hinggil sa kontrobersiyal na ‘land reclamation ‘project’ na sinimulan noong 2019.

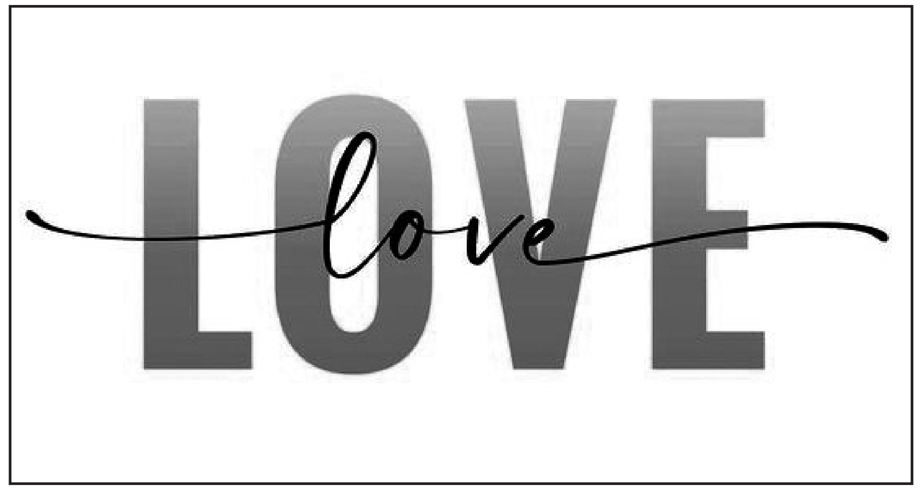
Sa utos ng Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon, pinasasagot din sa reklamong paglabag sa RA 3019 (Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act) at RA 8450, batas na lumikha sa Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) sina: Vice Mayor Angelo Alonte at mga Konsehales na sina: Jonalina ‘Dada’ Reyes; Jason Sousa; Alvin ‘Mangkok’ Garcia, Flaviano ‘Jigcy’ Pecaña; Libunero ‘Jedi’ Alatiit; Elmario ‘Elmer’ Dimaranan; Christopher ‘Toppe’ Alba; Victor ‘Bing’ Cariño; Rafael, ‘Raffy’ Cardeño Jr.; Elvis Bedia; Rommel Dicdican; and, Geeminiano Catalon.

Inutusan ding magsumite ng kanilang sagot sina ex-councilors, Liza Cardeño; Bong Bejasa; Gener Romantigue; Jaime Salandanan; Echit Desuasido; and, Rodolfo Montañez Jr. Sa reklamong natanggap ng Ombudsman nitong Hunyo 11, 2024, sinabi nina Ferdinand Oberos Tabsing, residente ng San Isidro Village, Bgy. Dela Paz at, Resurrecion Benite Buarao, residente ng Wawa Street, Bgy. Malaban, matinding perwisyo sa kanilang kabuhayan at kalusugan ang idinulot ng proyekto.

Ang reklamo ay suportado ng sinumpaang salaysay ng 42 nilang mga kababayan. Sapul anila na masimulan ang reklamasyon dakong Abril 2019, nawalan na sila ng pagkakataon na makapagtanim at makapag-ani ng kangkong mula sa lawa na ibinebenta nila sa mga palengke. Tinatayang umabot sa 15-ektarya ng Laguna De Bay ang sinakop ng proyekto. Bukod sa alikabok dahil sa araw-araw na pagdaan ng mga ‘dump trucks’ na may lamang panambak na lupa, tumatagal rin anila ng higit 6-buwan ang paghupa ng tubig-baha sa Malaban at Delapaz, dahilan upang dapuan sila ng mga karamdaman, partikular ang kanilang mga anak.

Nalaman din nila na walang permiso sa LLDA at environmental clearance certificate (ECC) mula sa DENR ang proyekto. Ayon pa sa reklamo, “inamin” na rin ito mismo ni Dimaguila sa isa niyang mga pahayag na lumabas sa social media. Samantala, wala pa ring paliwanag ang Biñan Police Office na naatasang ng Ombudsman na magsilbi ng utos sa kampo ni Dimaguila kung kailan talaga ito natanggap ng alkalde. Pormal umanong natanggap ni Dimaguila ang utos noong Nobyembre 8, subalit “Nobyembre 14” umano ang isinulat nitong petsa. Bunga nito, sa halip na Nobyembre 18 ang ‘deadline,’ aabot pa ng Nobyembre 24 ang pagsusumite nina Dimaguila ng kanilang sagot sa Ombudsman

(Sol Luzano)



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25 seed growers, coordinators, inspectors ng rehiyon tinipon ng DA-4A; 111,220 bags ng binhi ng palay, maipo-prodyus

Pinagsama-sama ng Department of Agriculture Region IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) ang 25 Seed Growers, Coordinators, at Inspectors ng rehiyon sa isinagawang Training cum Workshop on CALABARZON Rice Seed Industry noong ika-3 hanggang ika-4 ng Oktubre sa Sta. Rosa City, Laguna.

Layon nito na palakasin ang ugnayan ng mga kalahok at makamit ang kani-kaniyang komitment na binhing certified seeds para sa 2025 dry at wet season cropping.

Ayon kay DA-4A OIC-Regional Technical Director for Operations Engr. Redelliza Gruezo, mahalaga ang tungkuling ginagampanan ng mga seed growers sapagka't ang binhing naipo-prodyus ay ang pangunahing pangangailangan sa produksyon. Aniya, napapanahong pag-usapan ang mga suliranin at nang sa gayon ay mailatag ang mga tulong na maaring maipaabot ng ahensya.

Bahagi ng aktibidad ang presentasyon ng Seed Certification Process at Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) at DA Civil Society Accreditation. Dito ay ibinahagi ni Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) Los Baños Branch RCEF Coordinator Jacqueline Lee Canilao na nangangailangan ng 106, 593 at 92, 937 bags ng binhi ang rehiyon para sa nasabing mga panahon ng pagtatanim, ayon sa pagkakabanggit.

Ayon sa isinagawang pagtatakda ng mga dumalo, tinatayang 111,220 bags ng binhi ang naipangakong maipo-prodyus ng Agriculture Cooperative of Progressive Laguna, Samahan ng mga Magbibinhi sa Laguna, Inc., at Quezon Palay Inc. para sa sususnod na produksyon ng palay sa rehiyon.

Malaki ang pasasalamat ni G. Ronelo Garcia, seed grower mula sa San Juan, Batangas, sa suportang ipinagkakaloob ng DA sa kanilang sektor. Ibinahagi niya na sa kabila ng mga suliranin ay hindi kailanman siya titigil sa produksyon ng binhi na na kinakailangan sa industriya.

Inaasahan na patuloy na makikipag-ugnayan ang DA-4A Rice Program sa mga kalaok at katuwang na ahensya kagaya ng PhilRice at Bureau of Plant Industry-National Seed Quality Control Services Los Baños upang masiguro ang patuloy na produksyon ng palay sa rehiyon. PR

11th Cavite Cooperative Leaders' Conference

In fostering effective leadership in the cooperative community, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO), in partnership with the Provincial Cooperative Development Council (PCDC), hosted the 11th Cavite Cooperative Leaders' Conference held on November 07, 2024 at SM City Rosario, with the theme, "Building Trust and Respect: A Cooperative Leader's Action Plan towards a Brighter Tomorrow."

The event assembled various stakeholders and cooperative leaders across Cavite province, who embarked on a journey towards stronger and more resilient cooperatives.

In her opening remark, OPCDO-OIC Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero welcomed guests, resource speakers, and participants, expressing their appreciation for lending their time to attend the event.

Consequently, Dr. Jose Domingo Jr., PCDC Cavite Chairperson, emphasized the value of trust and respect in the cooperative movement, sharing the famous quote "kung ano ang itinanim, siya ring aanihin". Likewise, Provincial Director Lilibeth Chavez of DTI-Cavite, reminded the participants to take note of the acronym COOP – Commitment, Openminded, Observant, Participate, as necessary concepts in strengthening cooperatives.

Ms. Bernadette Hornilla, Assistant Regional Director of Cooperative Development Authority – Region IV-A, shared that fostering the values of trust and respect in an organization contributes to its success, hence should always be embodied by coop leaders for a brighter future of cooperatives.

During the conference proper, Atty. Mickel Borigas, Soro-soro Ibaba Development Coop Board of Director, gave a lecture on "Leadership Trust in Times of Change", while Dr. Mariano Thomas Ramirez, DLSU College of Education Graduate Studies Director, tackled the subject "Building Respect in the Workplace and Coop Community." In his words, Atty. Borigas stated that "trust is reinforced when leaders demonstrate consistent actions", highlighting the value of leadership trust for the growth and development of cooperative sector.

The event's highlight was the sharing of success stories of various coop leaders. - J. Reyes

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PBBM, nag-isyu ng EO No. 73 na nagtatalaga ng mga bagong rate, indices para sa iba't ibang allowance ng mga Foreign Service Personnel

Naglabas si Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ng Executive Order (EO) No. 73 noong ika-30 ng Oktubre 2024 upang i-update ang mga rate, indices, patakaran, at regulasyon na namamahala sa pagbayad ng iba't ibang allowance na naaangkop para sa lahat ng mga empleyado ng national government na naka-assign sa ibang bansa.

Saklaw ng EO No. 73 ang mga sumusunod na allowance: Overseas Allowance (OA), Living Quarters Allowance (LQA), Representation Allowance (RA), Family Allowance (FA), at Education Allowance (EA).

Ang mga nasabing allowance ay bahagi ng System of Allowances para sa Foreign Service Personnel (FSP), alinsunod sa Republic Act (RA) No. 7157, na kilala rin bilang Philippine Foreign Service Act of 1991.

"We welcome and support President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s decision to adjust the allowances of our foreign service personnel. For too long, the financial support provided to our diplomats has not reflected the complexities and challenges associated with their assignments, not to mention the reality of facing higher cost of living abroad and being away from their families," ani Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah "Mina" F. Pangandaman.

"It is imperative that we continue to support those who serve on the front lines of our diplomatic efforts. This development will surely help boost their morale and enable our foreign service personnel to carry out their duties with greater focus and dedication, especially that it has been a decade since their allowances have been adjusted," dagdag pa niya.

Ang mga na-update na rate at indices ay bunga ng komprehensibong pag-aaral na isinagawa ng Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) at ng DBM sa mga allowance sa ilalim ng EO No. 156, s. 2013, na inilabas mahigit 10 taon na ang nakalipas.

Sa ilalim ng bagong EO, ang kabuuang porsyento ng pagtaas sa mga base rate para sa OA at LQA ay mula 35% hanggang 40%, na ipatutupad sa apat (4) na yugto.

Samantala, ang FA ng mga kwalipikadong dependents ay tataasan ng hindi bababa sa US$50 kada buwan.

Inaprubahan din ng Order ang isang beses na pantay na pagtaas ng 15% sa RA para sa mga karapat-dapat na makatatanggap ng naturang allowance upang makasabay sa pagtaas ng presyo ng mga produkto at serbisyo na kinakailangan para sa entertainment, kontribusyon, bulaklak, at wreaths, at iba pa.

Nakasaad din sa EO No. 73 na maaaring igawad ang EA sa mga personnel na naka-assign sa ibang bansa, na ang mga lehitimong dependent na

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PAPA P. ON-THE-GO!

Ngayong araw ay bumisita si Papa P sa anim na Barangay upang kaniyang makadaupang-palad ang mga mamamayan sa kani-kanilang mga kaganapan:

Brgy. Sucol - Barangay Assembly

Brgy. Masili - Barangay Assembly

Brgy. Sirang Lupa - Bayaning Kababaihan 1st Anniversary

Brgy. Mayapa - Brgy. Assembly

Brgy. Palo Alto - Brgy. Assembly

Brgy. Parian - Brgy. Assembly

Nakasama ni Papa P ang kanyang mga kapwa konsehal, pati na din si Gobernadora Ruth Mariano Hernandez.

Pasasalamat sa bawat Kapitan, mga Barangay Kagawad, Secretaries, at Treasurers na sumalubong sa amin at nakipagkwentuhan.

Bagama't maraming Barangay ang kailangang mapuntahan ngayong araw, sinikap ni Papa P na mapuntahan lahat dahil isa ito sa kanyang mandato bilang ABC President

(Nelson Dimapilis)

"Compassion and Nutrition: Mayor Ross Rizal Visits Bedridden Senior Citizens in Calamba"

Calamba City, Laguna — Demonstrating his unwavering commitment to the welfare of senior citizens, Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal personally visited the homes of bedridden elderly residents in the city. The visit aimed to check on their condition and provide them with Adult Nutritional Supplement Powder, specifically Ensure, to help improve their health and well-being.

In collaboration with the Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), this initiative is part of an ongoing program to ensure that every bedridden senior citizen across Calamba receives the care and nutritional support they need. Mayor Rizal emphasized the importance of leaving no one behind, saying, "This is the true essence of #RamdamNaReporma — ensuring that everyone, especially our most vulnerable citizens, feels cared for."

The program underscores the local government's commitment to uplifting the quality of life for senior citizens. By providing essential nutritional supplements, the initiative aims to address the specific health challenges faced by bedridden elderly individuals, demonstrating genuine compassion and proactive governance.

Mayor Rizal's visit also serves as a reminder that the welfare of Calamba's elderly population remains a top priority. Through programs like these, the city government continues to bridge the gap between public service and the needs of its constituents, fostering trust and confidence among residents.

As this initiative progresses, Calamba's senior citizens can look forward to consistent support from the local government. The city aims to ensure that every resident, regardless of their circumstances, experiences the compassion and care embodied by **#RamdamNaReporma.**

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