

PhilHealth Releases NEW and EXPANDED Benefits

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) announced the latest set of its newly-introduced and enhanced benefit packages, the guidelines of which have been released and published in December 2024.

“Last year, we committed to expanding further our coverage for the top 10 most burdensome diseases to help ease the financial hardship that these conditions bring to members and their families. We have successfully delivered on this promise,” said PhilHealth President and CEO Emmanuel R. Ledesma, Jr.

The new and enhanced benefit packages are as follows:

1. Ischemic Heart Disease–Acute Myocardial Infarction consisting of four different packages:

(1) Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) or coronary angioplasty at P524,000 from P30,300, increased by over 1,600%;

(2) Fibrinolysis at P133,500 from P30,290 or 900% increase;

(3) Emergency Medical Services with Coordinated Referral and Interfacility Transfer at P21,900; and

(4) Cardiac Rehabilitation after PCI at P66,140.

This took effect on December 21, 2024.

2. Z Package for Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) which now covers Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD) for adults while CAPD and Automated Peritoneal Dialysis for pediatric patients.

For adults, PD Z Benefits have been set at P389,640 and P510,140 depending on the required PD solutions a patient requires per day. The packages increased by up to 89% from the previous P270,000/year. Meanwhile, PD Z Benefits for pediatric patients under the CAPD are set at P510,000 and P765,210 while coverage for APD ranges from 763,000 to P1.2 million. PhilHealth also pays for exit site infection and peritonitis prevention care. These can be availed at any of the 51 accredited PD providers nationwide. This took effect on January 1, 2025.

3. Z Package for Kidney Transplantation which covers Living Organ Donor Transplantation, increasing the previous coverage of P600, 000 to over Php1 million, or

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maayos na espasyo para sa sports at iba pang community gatherings,” ani Amante sa kanyang talumpati.

Lubos ang pasasalamat ng mga residente sa pamumuno ni Kapitan Felix Barba sa pagkakaroon ng bagong pasilidad, na ayon sa kanila ay magpapalakas sa samahan ng komunidad at magbibigay ng mas maraming oportunidad para sa kanilang mga aktibidad.

Dinaluhan ng mga barangay officials, mga mamamayan ng Kanluran Lazaan, karatig barangay Silangan Lazaan sa pamumuno ni Kapitan Benny Condino, at DPWH Asst. Engr. Muere ang seremonya bilang pagpupugay sa bagong imprastrakturang inaasahang magbibigay ng malaking benepisyo sa komunidad.

Ang bagong multipurpose building at covered court ay inaasahang magsisilbing sentro ng iba’t ibang programa at aktibidad sa Barangay Kanluran Lazaan, mula sa mga pampublikong pagpupulong hanggang sa mga pangkabataang palaro, iba pang mga programa at aktibidad. (SHEKINAH PAMATMAT)

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE MONTH SPECIAL FEATURE			
Handog ng PhilHealth sa bawat Pilipino, PINALAWAK AT MGA BAGONG BENEPISYO!			
BAGO		PINAGBUTI	
Emergency care package (ER)		Hemorrhagic stroke	P80K <i>during P30,000</i>
Malubhang malnutrisyon sa mga bata		Ischemic stroke	P76K <i>during P28K</i>
Outpatient mental health services		High-risk pneumonia	P90,100 <i>during P32,000</i>
Preventive oral services		Hika	P22,488 <i>during P9K</i>
Salamin sa mata (ibatang 0-15 taon)		Neonatal sepsis	P25,793 <i>during P11,700</i>
Physical medicine, rehabilitation and assistive mobility devices		Malubhang dengue	P47K <i>during P15K</i>
PINALAWAK		Atake sa puso (angioplasty)	P524K <i>during P21,900</i>
95% increase sa 9,000 case rates packages		Operasyon sa katarata	P20,200 - P187,100 <i>during P156mata</i>
Confinement sa mga sakit na pabalik-balik		Hemodialysis sessions	P6,350 <i>during P2,600</i>
Hemodialysis sessions	156 sessions		
Breast cancer	Hanggang P1.4 million <i>during P300K</i>		
Kidney transplant	Hanggang P2.1 million <i>during P600K</i>		
Peritoneal dialysis	Hanggang P1.2 million <i>during P270K</i>		



"Pagsilbihan sa amin ang sobrang ibigay ng PhilHealth. Panatilihin, palataganin, palataganin ang pagpapalaking sa insurance claims. I would like to assure everybody, tuwing ninyong inalala na mababawasan ang serbisyo kahit na kanto. Para sa senior, para sa mga matatagap, para sa middle class, walang mababawasan kahit isang tasing."

His Excellency FERDINAND "Bongbong" R. MARCOS, JR.
President of the Philippines



Mapúa MCL strengthens south Luzon's status as a research and innovation hub



Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (Mapúa MCL) is helping reinvigorate South Luzon's standing as a research and innovation hub through the various research authored by its faculty and students. One of its most awarded professors, Dr. Ramachandra C. Torres, director of Mapúa MCL's Learning Environments and Innovations Office, received numerous awards from international research bodies throughout the year.

Dr. Torres was recognized as "Best Presenter" for his work on "AI Chatbots in E-Commerce Platforms:

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Carmona Advances Transportation with Signing of South-Integrated Terminal Exchange (SLITX) Partnership



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C A R M O N A , CAVITE – A pivotal moment in the future of transportation for Carmona and South Luzon was celebrated today with the signing of successful negotiations and the granting of Original Proponent Status (OPS) for the South-Luzon Integrated Terminal Exchange (SLITX) project.

The event, held alongside a press conference, was graced by Hon. Congressman Atty. Roy

Loyola, Hon. Mayor Dahlia Loyola, officials from Megawide OneMobility Corporation, distinguished public officials, and members of the Carmona community. This strategic partnership is set to transform regional transportation and enhance mobility for commuters traveling between Carmona, Metro Manila, and nearby provinces.

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Cavite PNPLaunches ‘Patrulyang Magilas

Vice Gov. Karen Agapay Supports Health and Aid Initiatives in San Pedro City

San Pedro City – Vice Governor Atty. Karen Agapay highlighted two key initiatives benefiting San Pedro City residents: a health awareness campaign on prostate cancer, family planning, and a healthy lifestyle, as well as an assistance program for individuals



in crisis situations.

The San Pedro Sto. Sepulchro 101 Lions Club spearheaded the health awareness project, emphasizing the importance of disease prevention and family planning. "Prevention is still better than cure. Iba ang may

alam. Para healthy ang buong pamilya," Agapay shared, stressing that both fathers and mothers benefit from proper health and family planning education.

Meanwhile, the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) Pre-Payout pro-

vided much-needed financial relief to residents in need. Vice Gov. Agapay expressed gratitude to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the national government, particularly recognizing the support facilitated through Con-

gresswoman Ann Matibag's office.

These initiatives reflect the ongoing efforts of local leaders to improve public health and provide social assistance to Laguna residents. (Edjun Mariposque)

Retaking of Corregidor Island in line with the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Philippines



The Provincial Government of Cavite, in coordination with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), the City Government of Cavite, and the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA), commemorated the historic Retaking of Corregidor Island, under the theme, "Liberation's Legacy: Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future" on February 16, 2025.

The solemn ceremony, held at the Pacific War Memorial, Corregidor Island, Cavite City, marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Philippines from Japanese forces and paid tribute to the heroes who fought for the nation's freedom.

The event began with the National Anthem, followed by a Wreath Laying Ceremony, where representatives from key institutions honored the memory of those who

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Editorial

REGIONAL TAX CAMPAIGN KICKOFF “BUWIS NA TAPAT, TAGUMPAY NATING LAHAT”— REGION 9B-LAQUE-MAR (Laguna, Quezon, Marinduque)

Nagsagawa nang Regional Tax Campaign Kick-off ng Revenue Region-9B na pinamumunuan ni Regional Director Dante E. Tan.

Inilunsad na ng Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) ang 2025 National Tax Campaign Kick-off ng tanggapan, na mayroong temang 'Buwis na Tapat, Tagumpay Nating Lahat,' kung saan binibigyang diin ang mahalagang papel na ginagampanan ng taxpayers sa pagpopondo ng bansa, at sa economic recovery and development.

Ayon kay BIR Commissioner Romeo Lumagui, paigtingin pa ng BIR ang kanilang tax services, paghabol sa tax evaders, at pagsisiguro ng patas at bukas na tax system.

Pagbibigay diin ng opisyal, bawat piso na nakukolekta ng BIR, makakatulong sa nation-building at sa pagpopondo ng mahahalagang public services, tulad ng edukasyon, healthcare, at infrastructure development.

Kasabay ng kick-off campaign ngayong araw (February 4), inilunsad na rin ng tanggapan ang 2025 BIR Tax Campaign Jingle at Music Video, na layong iangat ang kamalayan ng publiko at gawing mas accessible ang pagbabayad ng buwis.

Layon rin nitong kunin ang suporta ng tax payers, para sa paglikom pa ng pondo na kailangan sa economic recovery at development, sa pamamagitan ng napapanahong pagbabayad ng buwis.

Kaugnay nito, nagpaabot rin ng pasasalamat si Commissioner Lumagui sa mga law-abiding taxpayer, kasabay ng pagsisiguro ng dedikasyon ng ahensya, para sa improvement pa ng tax services.

Carmona ...

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Mayor Loyola underscored the significance of SLITX: “This initiative is more than just an infrastructure development; it is a commitment to efficient, safe, and modern mobility for commuters. This project exemplifies our vision of Carmona as a progressive and connected city.”

SLITX aims to revolutionize transportation in the region, integrating a world-class terminal with commercial spaces, office buildings, and logistics facilities. Beyond enhancing travel efficiency, the project is expected to generate economic opportunities, create jobs, and drive local business growth.

Mayor Loyola extended her gratitude to all

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a substantial increase of 74%. On the other hand, Deceased Organ Donor Transplantation is set at Php2,14 million. This took effect on January 1, 2025.

4. Preventive Oral Health Services as part of primary care services – a historic first to be included in the country's national health insurance under its Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama or Konsulta package. This includes mandatory services such as mouth examination or oral screenings, dental prophylaxis (cleaning), and fluoride varnish application. Coverage also extends to pit and fissure sealants and Class V restoration procedures (limited to two teeth per year) and emergency tooth extractions, when necessary and performed in accredited health facilities. This took on December 28, 2024.

5. Outpatient Emergency Care Benefit (OECB) which provides comprehensive coverage for emergency services, focusing on two main components: Facility-Based Emergency and Pre-hospital Emergency benefits. These cover essential care in accredited hospital Emergency Departments (EDs) and emergency transport services for cases that do not result in hospital admission and may be availed of in OECB accredited facilities. The PhilHealth Circular takes effect on January 11, 2025, the implementing timelines of which will be issued through a separate PhilHealth advisory.

6. 50% Adjustment in Case Rates Packages – applies to almost 9,000 benefit packages for all admissions starting January 1, 2025. This second wave of increase (the first was made on February 14, 2024) effectively doubled the old rates which did not move since these were introduced in 2014.

Ledesma stressed that these enhanced benefits will not entail an increase in contributions rate for CY 2025 and beyond.

To make the benefits truly felt by the patients, the PhilHealth Chief issued an appeal to

Cavite PNP...

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MUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The Philippine National Police (PNP) in Cavite has intensified its law enforcement presence through its new initiative, “Patrulyang Magilas,” aimed at enhancing police visibility and ensuring swift crime response in strategic areas of the province.

According to the Cavite Provincial Police Office (PPO), the program that was launched on February 14, combines increased police presence with quick and effective intervention in criminal incidents.

“Patrulyang Magilas” is derived from the Filipino words “Patrol-ya,” meaning patrol—a core duty of police officers—and “Magilas,” which means quick, active, and ready to act.

Under the program, police patrols will be stationed in crime-prone and high-traffic areas to ensure greater visibility and faster response times.

The initiative was made possible with the support of Interior and Local Government Secretary Jonvic Remulla, who donated 200 motorcycles to

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12,600-strong partner health facilities nationwide to strictly adhere to the no co-payment policy as mandated in Section 9 of the Universal Health Care Act and in relevant PhilHealth Circulars.

“To ensure that every member truly experiences the benefits of PhilHealth, I call on our partner healthcare providers: Let us strictly implement the “No Co-Payment” policy. Our members should not be charged additional fees beyond what PhilHealth covers for the standards of care and services included in our benefit packages”, the PhilHealth Chief emphasized.

To ensure the cooperation and support of partner hospitals and healthcare professionals, Ledesma led a brief meeting on January 8 with leaders of various national associations of hospitals and healthcare professionals and citizens’ groups to renew and strengthen ties and mutual cooperation, particularly in the faithful observance of no co-payment policy for patients admitted in hospital wards.

Ledesma also urged members stay informed about their PhilHealth benefits, utilize them as needed, cast away their insecurities and not to delay decision when it comes to seeking needed medical treatments. “I encourage each of you to take full advantage of these benefits, stay informed, and trust that PhilHealth is here to serve you at every step”, he said.

The PhilHealth Chief added that PhilHealth is set to release new packages for prescription glasses designed for children 0-15 years old; outpatient rehabilitation services and assistive mobility devices that will include access to wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and canes; and expanded rates for cataract extraction.

For questions and further details on these enhanced benefit packages, members can call the following 24/7 touch points: (02) 866-225-88 or at mobile numbers 0998-857-2957, 0968-865-4670, 0917-1275987 or 0917-1109812. PR

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SSS bares 2025 plans: Better service for pensioners, reduction of interest rate on salary/calamity loans, pursue coverage of self-employed

The Social Security System (SSS) announced that it is working to improve services for pensioners, to reduce the interest rate on its salary/calamity loan programs, and to pursue self-employed coverage.

Better service for pensioners

“We are reviewing our guidelines on the Annual Confirmation of Pensioners (ACOP) Program to simplify requirements and other verification processes for the convenience of our pensioners,” SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. De Claro said.

De Claro has ordered the review to address the sentiments of Philippine-based retirement pensioners who are above 80 years old to ensure their continuous receipt of pension benefits. By the end of 2024, there are 157,493 such pensioners of SSS.

“Our review of the current guidelines include the analysis of age and geographical distribution of pensioners, authorizing additional means for ACOP compliance and using available SSS resources to facilitate compliance such as by conducting home visits to pensioners through our branch or office personnel,” De Claro also said.

Lower interest rate for salary and calamity loans

In the pipeline also for 2025 is the reduction of interest rate on the salary loan and calamity loan programs of SSS. Currently, the interest rate for such loan programs is at 10% per annum.

“Given the consistent, solid performance of SSS’ investment portfolio, it is now timely to revisit the interest rate of our salary and calamity loan programs toward reducing it to increase the cash proceeds from loan applications by qualified SSS members,” De Claro also said.

SSS’ annualized Return on Investment (ROI) from 2021 to 2024 ranged between 5.8% to 6.6%, performing well



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Imus, Tagaytay, and Noveleta Recognized for 1st Class Income Classification Upgrade

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Sangguniang Panlalawigan recognized the Cities of Imus and Tagaytay, along with the Municipality of Noveleta, for their remarkable achievement of being upgraded to 1st Class Income Classification. The appreciation and commendation were officially given during a simple ceremony on February 17, 2025 at the OPG Receiving Area, New Government Center, Trece Martires City.

Noveleta Mayor or Dino Chua and Imus City Mayor Alex Advincula personally received the recognition, while Cavite Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino accepted the award on behalf of Tagaytay City Mayor Bambol Tolentino.

Fifth District Board Member Aidel Paul G. Belamide and 1st District Board Member Davey Christian R. Chua sponsored a resolution to formally commend the three local government units for their economic growth and outstanding financial performance. The upgrade reflects their effective governance, improved revenue generation, and strengthened local development initiatives.

Provincial officials headed by Governor Tolentino and Vice Governor Shernan Jaro lauded the leadership and dedication of the local executives and their respective teams in ensuring sustainable progress.

The recognition highlights Cavite's commitment to fostering economic prosperity and acknowledges the continuous efforts of its cities and municipalities in driving development and progress. – OPIO

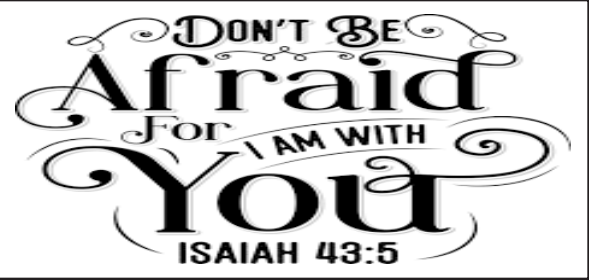


Concepcion thanked the hundreds of active and aspiring entrepreneurs from this town south of the National Capital Region who flocked to the Event Center of SM Center San Pedro. Laguna Gov. Ramil Hernandez and Laguna 2nd District Rep. Ruth Hernandez sent their messages of support, and were represented by Capt. Ernesto Doncillo. PCCI—

Go Negosyo Goes to San Pedro Laguna

Calamba City Charter President Sherill Quintana of the Philippine Franchise Association welcomed the participants while the DTI was represented by Laguna Office Provincial Director Christian Ted Tungohan.

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A Statistical Model of Customer Adoption” and appointed session chair, technical committee member, and paper reviewer at the 8th International Conference on Business and Information Management (ICBIM), held in Pattaya, Thailand, last August 2024.

He was given the “Best Paper” and “Best Presenter” Awards during the 8th International Conference on E-Commerce, E-Business, and E-Government (ICEEG) at Ajman, United Arab Emirates, for his paper on “Customers’ Behavioral Intention and Actual Use of Mobile Shopping Platforms: Understanding Predictors Through Mathematical Modelling.”

He was named “Best Reviewer” at the 15th International Conference on E-Education, E-Business, E-Management, and E-Learning (IC4E 2024) in Fukuoka, Japan. His paper on “Mathematical Modeling of the Post-Covid 19 Pandemic Perception of Students on the Use of E-Learning for Educational Sustainability” was also short-listed as the best overall paper. His expertise and contributions in the research field also led to his appointment as session chair, technical committee member, and paper reviewer during the 15th International Conference on E-business, Management, and Economics (ICEME) in Beijing, China.

A doctorate degree holder in Mathematics who specializes in teaching highly technical fields like mathematics, business, social sciences, statistics, and research methodologies, Dr. Ram Torres also focuses on enhancing educational practices and introducing innovative tools that enrich the learning experience and outcomes of students and maximize the teaching potential of faculty.

After graduate school, Dr. Torres planned to be deeply involved in research. However, his aspirations came to a halt during the COVID-19 pandemic when he had to shift priorities. Fortunately,

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Quezon City - Ang Pambansang Pulisya ng Pilipinas ay buong puso ng tinatanggap ang 106 retiring personnel mula sa Police Regional Office 4A (PRO 4A). Ito ay ginanap sa National Headquarters, Camp BGen Rafael T. Crame, Quezon City, para sa isang espesyal na Gratitude Visit bilang pagkilala sa kanilang tapat na serbisyo sa bayan. Sa bilang na ito, 30 ang compulsory retirees, habang 76 naman ang nagdesisyong magretiro nang maaga.

Ang aktibidad ay isang pagkakataon para personal na pasalamatang ng Chief PNP at ng Command Group ang mga retiradong kasamahan sa kanilang sakripisyo at dedikasyon sa pagseserbisyo bilang lingkod-bayan. Kasabay nito, nagpahayag din ng kanilang pasasalamatang mga retirees sa PNP, ang organisasyong humubog sa kanilang propesyonal na paglalakbay.

Kasama sa programa ang courtesy visit sa Chief PNP at Command Group, pagsasagawa ng orientation sa proseso ng pagkuha ng retirement benefits, pagbisita sa PNP Museum and Park,

ly, in 2023, a Mapúa MCL colleague invited him to collaborate on a research project, which rekindled his passion for research. In under a month, he and his colleague completed the project, which was accepted for publication and presented at a prestigious forum in Japan.

He then pursued other research projects, which were also published in various Scopus-indexed journals or international publications that publish research based on high-quality standards, credibility, and academic rigor.

Despite his passion for inquiry, innovation, and prolific work, Dr. Torres’s life of conducting scientific inquiry was not a walk in the park. He had to be prudent with time management since he had to juggle his scientific work while effectively fulfilling his role as Director of the Learning Environments and Innovations Office and professor. He also collaborated with his thesis advisees for faculty-driven research projects, who helped co-author some of the published work.

Conducting studies, publishing them, and presenting them at academic conferences also involve a substantial financial investment, which is a problem most researchers encounter. However, through Mapúa MCL’s financial support and other grants, Dr. Torres and his team can submit their work to distinguished conferences, journals, and research societies without the financial burden and stress.

To date, he has focused his research on exploring artificial intelligence’s impact on the education and business sectors. In fact, he is awaiting feedback on two academic papers he submitted for consideration at a journal and an upcoming conference. He also developed a math game that reinforces fundamental mathematical concepts, and it now has a mobile application prototype. These projects are targeted for publication in the second half of 2025.



at isang maikling lecture mula sa PRBS, FS, HS, at CSG. Ang layunin nito ay hindi lang bigyang-pugay ang kanilang serbisyo kundi tiyakin din’g handa sila sa kanilang paglipat sa panibagong yugto ng kanilang buhay.

Dumalo sa makabuluhang pagtitipon na ito si Chief PNP, Police General Rommel Francisco D. Marbil, kasama si Police Lieutenant General Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr., Deputy Chief PNP for Administration. Naroon din ang mga opisyal mula sa Police Regional Office 4A (PRO 4A), kabilang si Regional Director, Police

Colonel Melvin G. Napiloy, pati na rin sina Police Colonel Mariano C. Rodriguez, Deputy Regional Director for Administration, Police Colonel Julius C. Suriben, Chief Regional Staff, at iba pang pangunahing opisyal.

Ang kanilang presensya ay patunay ng pagpapahalaga ng PNP sa dedikasyon ng mga retiradong personnel, bilang pagkilala sa kanilang matagal na paglilingkod para sa kapayapaan at seguridad ng ating bansa. (FB Page PNP/Shekinah Pamatmat)



Pointer

Pau Dela Cruz

741B Troops Take Part in Cabatuan National High School's Career Guidance Program

Cabatuan National High School. The goal of the exercise was to give students insightful information and motivation as they make decisions about their future careers.

Teachers, nurses, businesspeople, and men in uniform from various services were among the delegates from a variety of professional backgrounds who attended the event. By sharing their experiences, obstacles, and driving forces in their teachers, nurses, business people, and men in uniform from various services were among the delegates from a variety of professional backgrounds who attended the event. ices at their disposal. Students were able to make well-informed

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made the ultimate sacrifice: Ms. Catherine E. Sta. Clara, Corregidor FTEZ Administrator, representing Mr. Mark T. Lapid, Chief Operating Officer of TIEZA, Councilor Jesus Jet Barrera II, representing Cavite City Mayor Denver Christopher Chua, Capt. Jason Letho, US Coast Guard Attaché, and Mr. Chad Kinnear, Deputy Director of Public Engagement, Public Affairs Section, representing the US Embassy, Asec. Domingo Carbonel Jr., representing Undersecretary Reynaldo Mapagu of PVAO, Asec. Christine Joy Cari, representing Secretary Christina Frasco of the Department of Tourism, Mr. Regalado Trota Jose Jr., Chairman of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, Atty. Rodolfo D. Uy III, Provincial Administrator of Cavite, representing Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino, accompanied by Col.

judgments about their futures by gaining knowledge from the conversations on how to match their interests and abilities with possible careers. The various representatives inspired students to follow their passion with zeal and persistence through personal stories and engaging conversations.

Students were able to learn useful skills and get motivation from individuals who have achieved success in their industries through the Career Guidance Program. In addition to highlighting the value of early career planning and education in attaining success, the event reiterated 741B’s dedication to community interactions that influence young people’s futures.

oration to provide a deeper appreciation of its historical legacy.

The Provincial Government of Cavite expressed gratitude to all participants and attendees for

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SA DAGAT NG WEST PHILIPPINE



- Ang Dagat ng Pilipinas sa West ay tumutukoy sa aming mga zone ng maritime sa ilalim ng United Nations Convention sa Batas ng Dagat (UNCLO), na matatagpuan sa kanlurang bahagi ng Archipelago ng Pilipinas.
 - Ang salitang West Philippine Sea (WPS) ay hindi isang label na pampulitika; Ito ang opisyal na pagtatalaga para sa Maritime Zones ng Pilipinas, sa ilalim ng United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLO), na matatagpuan sa kanlurang bahagi ng Philippine Archipelago.
 - Ang termino ay opisyal na pinagtibay at ipinag-uutos para sa buong sangay ng ehekutibo sa pamamagitan ng Administrative Order No. 29, serye ng 2012.
 - Sa pagpasa ng Republic Act No. 12064, na ibinigay para sa kahulugan ng WPS, ang term ay opisyal na bahagi ng ligal na sistema ng Pilipinas.
 - Tulad ng tinukoy sa Republic Act No. 12064, ang WPS ay tumutukoy sa “Maritime Zones of the Philippines sa kanlurang bahagi ng Philippine Archipelago, kasama na ang Luzon Sea at ang Territorial Seas ng Bajo de Masinloc at ang Maritime Features ng Kalayaan Island Pangkat.”
 - Sinabi ni Pangulong Marcos sa kanyang 2024 Sona na, “Ang West Philippine Sea Ay Hindi Kathang-Isip NATIN Lamang. Ito ay atin. Sa Ito ay Mananatiling atin, ang Hungga ay hindi-aalab ang diwa ng sa pag-ating minamahal na banang pilipinas.”
 - Makasaysayang at ligal na mga nauna ay nagpapatunay sa aming soberanya sa mataas na tampok ng pagtaas ng tubig sa West Philippine Sea
 - Ang Pilipinas ay nagsagawa ng soberanya, hurisdiksyon, at kontrol sa mga tampok na high-tide sa West Philippine Sea na matagal bago ang a

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BICOL'S TOP REGIONAL MOST WANTED ARRESTED IN EASTERN SAMAR

Camp BGen Simeon A Ola, Legazpi City—After years in hiding, Bicol’s No. 1 regional most wanted person was finally arrested in Eastern Samar on February 18, 2025.

The operation was carried out by personnel from the Provincial Intelligence Unit (PIU) and Labo Municipal Police Station (MPS) of Camarines Norte PPO, in coordination with Borongan City Police Station (CPS). The team served the warrant of arrest to the suspect, identified by the alias “Dan”, Roldan Roldan.

Dan, 34 years old, single, and employed as a poultry worker, is a resident of Sitio Cainta, Barangay Balacdas, Borongan City, Eastern Samar, and a native of Purok 7, Barangay Tigbinan, Labo, Camarines Norte. He is facing eight counts of statutory rape by sexual assault in relation to Republic Act 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Abuse, Exploitation, and Discrimination Act), with no bail recommended for each charge.

The arrested suspect is currently under the custody of Borongan City Police Station for proper documentation and disposition, pending his turnover to the court of origin.

Through intelligence-sharing, surveillance, and joint operations, PRO5 remains steadfast in its mission to ensure that criminals are held accountable and brought to justice. (Edjun Mariposque)

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Serbisyong Medikal, Handog ni Congressman Amante sa 3,200 San Pablëño

San Pablo City, Laguna — Libu-libong residen- te ng San Pablo City ang nakinabang sa libreng medi- cal mission na inorganisa ng tanggapan ni Laguna 3rd District Representative Congressman Loreto “Amben” Amante noong Pebrero 15, 2024, sa San Pablo City Central Elementary School sa Brgy. 6-A. Tinatayang 3,200 San Pablëños mula sa 80 barangay ang nabigyan ng iba’t ibang serbisyong medikal, kabilang ang check- up, X-ray, bunot ng ngipin, fluoride treatment, flu vac- cine, non-fasting laboratory tests, at libreng gamot.

Sa kanyang talumpati, pinasalamatan ng Kong- resista ang mga katuwang sa programa, kabilang sina Pangulong Bongbong Marcos, House Speaker Martin Romualdez, Senator Bong Revilla Jr., Mayor Vic Aman- te, at ang pamahalaang lungsod ng San Pablo. Aniya, ang matagumpay na medical mission ay patunay ng sama-samang pagtutulongan ng pambansa at lokal na pamahalaan.

“Ito na ang ika-walong medical mission na isinagawa sa ikatlong distrito ng Laguna simula noong nakaraang taon. Patuloy nating ihahatid ang ganitong serbisyo upang masiguro ang kalusugan ng ating mga kadistrito,” ani Amante.

Nagpaabot din siya ng pasasalamat sa 130 doktor at nurse na naglingkod sa medical mission at sa mga guro ng San Pablo City Central Elementary School na tumulong upang maisakatuparan ang programa.

Bukod sa Kongresista, nakiisa rin sa programa ang kanyang maybahay na si Kapitana Madette Amante ng Brgy. San Gabriel, San Pablo, Laguna, na patuloy na sumusuporta sa mga proyekto ng kanyang asawa. Dumalo rin upang magpakita ng suporta sina Vice Mayor Justin Colago, Konsehala Carmela Acebedo, Konsehala



Syra Medina, Konsehal Ambo Amante, Konsehal Tibor Christiandior Amante, Konsehal Francis Calatraba, Konsehal Chad Pavico, at Konsehal Gel Adriano.

Ang libreng medical mission ay bahagi ng patuloy na adbokasiya ni Congressman Amante na maghatid ng de-kalidad na serbisyong pangkalusugan sa mga residente ng ikatlong distrito ng Laguna. | Shekinah Pamatmat

Calamba Students Shine in National Wellness Dance Competition



Calamba City, Laguna – Mayor Ross Rizal proudly expressed his support for the talented students of Eduardo Barretto Sr. Integrated School in Barangay Pansol as they represent Calamba in the prestigious Nestlé Wellness Campus Na- tional Level Hataw Sayaw Competition.

The competition, which promotes health and fitness among students through dance, highlights not only the exceptional talent of Calambëño youth but also their dedication to an active and healthy life- style.

“This is a great opportunity to showcase not just their dancing skills but also their commitment to wellness and disci- pline,” Mayor Rizal said in a statement.

Reaching the national level is already a remarkable achievement, and the entire city stands behind these young danc- ers as they compete for the top spot.

Advance con- gratulations to the team for making Calamba proud. (EdjunMariposque)



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FEB-IBIG SA KALUSUGAN NG SM FOUNDATION



Sa pagdiriwang ng buwan ng mga Puso, pinangunahan ng SM Foundation ang Medical mission na ginanap sa SM City San Pablo, Mall Atrium noong Pebrero 19. Ang Feb-ibig sa kalusugan ay nakapagserbisyo sa higit kumulang 1, 000 San Pablëños at mga mamamayan ng karatig bayan.

Ang mga pasyente ay nakatanggap ng libreng pagsusuri, tamang konsul- tasyon, at libreng mga gamot na tumugon sa mga pangangailangan ng mga mama- mayan.

Naging matagumpay ang medical mission sa pagsusumikap ng SM Founda- tion, SM San Pablo (OIC) Mall Manager Edessa P. Sibug at Public Relations Manager Niña Wong, pati na rin sa pakikipagtulungan ng iba’t ibang grupo; mga miyembro ng San Pablo City Medical Society, nursing students mula sa Pamantasan ng Lungsod



ng San Pablo (PLSP), clinical staff mula sa San Pablo City Red Cross Chapter, at San Pablo City Infinity 104 Lions Club.

Sa kabuuan, ang medical mission na ito ay hindi lamang isang pagkakataon para sa mga residente ng San Pablo na magkaroon ng access sa mga health services, kundi isang magandang halimbawa ng kooperasyon at malasakit ng mga iba’t ibang sektor para sa kapakanan ng komunidad. (Shekinah Pamatmat)

TIMBANGAN NG BAYAN, INILUNSD NG DTI- LAGUNA SA PAMAHALAANG BAYAN NG PAKIL

Laguna - Opisyal na inilunsad ng Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna, katuwang ang Rizal Com- mercial Banking Corporation, sa bayan ng Pakil ang Timbangan ng Bayan na ginanap sa New Government Cen- ter noong Pebrero 18. Ang layunin ng proyektong ay masiguro na ang mga binibiling karne, bigas, gulay, at iba pang mga bilingin ay may tamang timbang at presyo, at protektahan ang mga mamim- ili laban sa mga hindi tamang timbang o pandaraya sa pamilihan.

Ang hakbang rin na ito ay ba- hagi ng patuloy na pagsusumikap ng lokal na pamahalaan na magbigay ng makatarungan at tamang serbisyo sa mga mamamayan, pati na rin ang pag- papalakas ng tiwala sa ating mga lokal na merkado. Inaasahan din na maki- kinabang ang mga tindera at nego- syante sa proyekto dahil mabibigyan sila ng pagkakataong mapalakas ang kanil- ang negosyo sa pamamagitan ng trans- parent na sistema ng pagsukat ng mga produkto.

Nakasama sa programa sina Pakil Mayor Vince Soriano, DTI Laguna Provincial Director Christian Ted O. Tun- gohan, Consumer Protection Division

Chief Maria Clara B. Conopio, Trade and Industry Development Specialist Marites V. Pantua, at Negosyo Center Senior Business Counselor Andrea Mae I. Macuha, Municipal Treasurer Cecilia R. Garcia, at Supply Officer II/Designated na License na si Donde Kelly II/Designated.

Binibigyang-diin ng sama-samang pagsisikap na ito ang ibinahaging pangako sa patas na kalakalan at pagbibigay-kapang- yarihan sa mga mamimili sa mga lokal na komunidad. (Shekinah Pamatmat)

