

PINAHUSAY NA LEGAL NA REPRESENTASYON PARA SA INDIGENT FILIPINOS PANGANDAMAN, INAPRUBAHAN ANG PAGLIKHA NG 178 PUBLIC ATTORNEY POSITIONS

Inaprubahan ni Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah “Mina” F. Pangandaman ang paglikha ng 178 bagong Public Attorney positions (PA) upang tugunan ang kakulangan ng mga ito sa mga korte sa buong bansa.

Partikula na nilikha ang mga posisyon na 56 PA II at 122 PA I sa Public Attorney’s Office (PAO) sa ilalim ng Department of Justice (DOJ), na mangangailangan ng P336 milyon taun-taon.

“These additional Public Attorney positions will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the PAO in delivering legal services to the public, ensuring that every Filipino,

regardless of their economic status, has access to justice and representation they deserve,” pahayag ni Secretary Mina.

“We are not only improving our legal system but also touching the lives of countless individuals who rely on these services for hope and fairness,” dagdag ni Sec. Mina.

Ang inisyatibang ito na layong palakasin ang manpower ng PAO ay naaayon sa adhikain ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. para sa “Bagong Pilipinas,” na tinitiyak na walang Pilipino ang maiiwan.

Nag-aatas ang Section 3 ng Republic Act No. 9406 na magbigay ng libreng legal na represen-

tasyon, tulong, at payo sa mga kababayan natin higit na nangangailangan, sa mga kasong kriminal, sibil, paggawa, administratibo, at iba pang quasi-judicial na kaso. Sa pangangailangan ng serbisyo, maaaring tawagan ang PAO ng proper government authorities upang magbigay ng ganitong serbisyo sa iba pang tao, alinsunod sa umiiral na mga batas, patakaran, at regulasyon.

Ang pagbibigay ng mga karagdagang posisyon para sa mga abogado ay magpapahintulot sa PAO na mas mahusay na pamahalaan ang tumataas na pangangailangan para sa legal na representasyon at serbisyo sa bansa. Batay sa



datos mula sa PAO, ang ahensya ay humawak ng 787,124 kaso at tumulong sa 849,914 kliyente noong 2021. Noong 2022, ang mga bilang na ito ay tumaaas sa 850,753 kaso at 900,079 kliyente.

Ilalagay ang mga posisyon ng PA sa ilalim ng District Offices ng PAO sa mga rehiyon, ayon sa mungkahi ng PAO, upang magbigay ng kakayahang umangkop sa pinuno ng ahensya sa kanilang pag-deploy sa iba’t ibang

lungsod at munisipalidad, isinasaalang-alang ang workload at dami ng mga kasong hinahawakan ng mga kinauukulang opisina. Kabilang sa iba pang mga tungkulin, ang mga Public Attorney ay kumakatawan sa mga indigent litigants sa iba’t ibang legal na kaso, nagsasagawa ng pananaliksik, naghahanda ng mga legal na dokumento, dumadalo sa mga paglilitis at pagdinig, at nakikilahok sa mga legal outreach activities tulad ng

inquests, jail visitations, at Barangay Legal Outreach initiatives.

Ang inisyatibang ito ay naglalayong tiyakin na ang PAO ay ganap na makasusunod sa itinakdang ratio ng Public Attorneys sa mga organized court salas, sa gayon ay pinapalakas ang kakayahang nitong maglingkod sa mga legal na pangangailangan ng mga mahihirap na Pilipino. (Nelson Dimapilis)

PARIS OLYMPICS OPENS WITH HISTORIC CEREMONY ON RIVER SEINE

PARIS — After a century-long wait, Paris welcomed back the Olympic Games with a rainy yet historic ceremony held on the River Seine.

French President Emmanuel Macron declared the Games open before the waterborne ceremony reached its climax when Teddy Riner and Marie-Jose Perec lit the cauldron with the Olympic flame.

Han Zheng, Chinese vice president and President Xi Jinping’s Special Representative, was among a host of international dignitaries in attendance at the opening ceremony.

International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach expressed his gratitude towards the organizers and the French people.

“You are bringing our Olympic Agenda reforms to life by making these Games wide open. All of us will experience Olympic Games that are more inclusive, more urban, younger, and more sustainable — the first Olympic Games with full gender parity on the field of play,” Bach said.

For the first time in Olympics history, the opening ceremony took place outside the host city’s main Olympic stadium.

From the Austerlitz Bridge to the Trocadero, about 6,800 athletes, assembled behind their flagbearers, cruised down a 6-km. stretch of the Seine on 85 boats.

Despite the rainy conditions, the parade allowed athletes to bask in the beauty of Paris’ most famed monuments, including the Louvre, Place de la Concorde, the Grand Palais, and the Eiffel Tower, with some playing host to the opening ceremony’s musical performances.

The 2024 Olympics marks the third time

Paris has hosted the Summer Games. The first was in 1900, and the last was a century ago in 1924.

Hours before the opening ceremony, arson attacks on French railways caused widespread delays and cancellations to rail services across Europe, casting a shadow over the sporting extravaganza.

The attacks, however, did not dampen the mood surrounding the ceremony, as crowds crammed the Seine’s banks and bridges to watch.

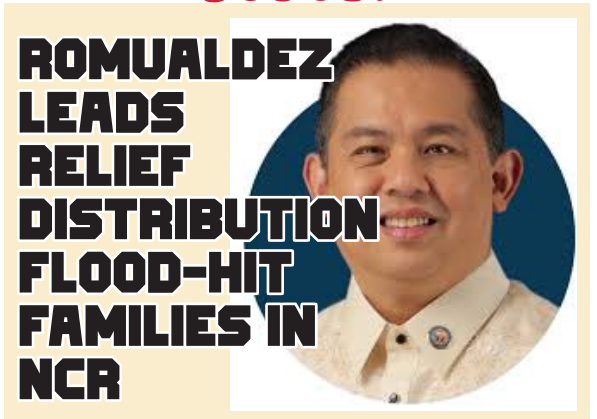
China has dispatched a delegation of 405 athletes, including 42 Olympic champions, who will compete in 236 events across 30 sports at the Games. (Xinhua)



SSS reiterates: ‘Social security is a basic human right’



HOUSE TO PRIORITIZE JOBS, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE IN 2025 BUDGET

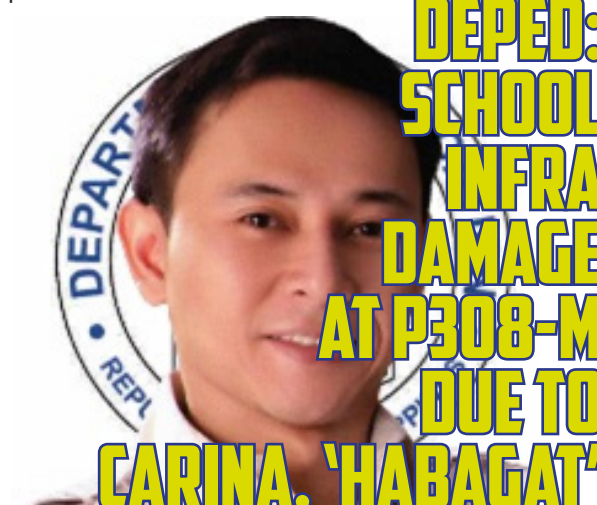


ANGARA: LESS THAN 2% OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS POSTPONED OPENING OF CLASSES

BAGONG MUNICIPAL HALL BUILDING NG PILA, PINASINAYAAN NA



Masaya nating ipinagdiriwang ang 1st Bamboo Day 2024 kapiling ang butihing ama ng lungsod na si Mayor Ross Rizal ang Official Fiesta celebration ng Bamboo Grove Subdivision. Isang araw ng kasiyahan at pagkakaisa ng mga Calambenios mula sa Brgy. Bañadero at Brgy. Looc. Salamat sa inyong suportang pakikiisa sa ating adbokasiya na ramdam na reponorma.



DEPED: SCHOOL INFRA DAMAGE AT P308-M DUE TO CARINA, 'HABAGAT'



Personal na ibinigay ni Senator Bong Go ang symbolic Key ng bagong tayong Munisipyo ng Pila Laguna kay Mayor Edgar “Egay” Ramos. Kabilang sa larawan sina Vice Governor Karen Agapay, Former Congressman Benjie Agarao, at actor na si Philip Salvador. (Kevin Pamatmat)



Gumamit ng S70i Black Hawk Helicopter at U1-H1 Helicopter ang mga kasundaluhan sa tulong ng 2nd Infantry (Jungle Fighter) Division ng Philippine Army at ng Philippine Air Force, na nagpa-bilis sa paghahatid ng daan-daang kahon ng family food packs na ipamamahagi sa mga bayan ng Tanay, San Mateo, at Rodriguez sa probinsya ng Rizal na bigay mula sa Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region 4A.

REACTION OF SENATOR LITO LAPID ON PBBM'S SONA

Ang SONA ni Pangulong BBM ay nagpapakita ng napakaraming pansin na kailangang tugunan ng ating pamahalaan para sa ating mga kababayan. Ang pag-usad ng iba’t ibang programang iniulat ni PBBM ay nagbibigay sa atin ng pag-asa para sa mas mabuting kinabukasan at hamon na gawin natin ang ating bahagi upang tiyaking makakamtin ang mithiin ng mga programang ito. Kami pong nasa Senado ay handang humarap sa hamong ito na isabatas ang mga kinakailangan polisiya upang magtagumpay ang ating gobyerno sa paglilingkod sa ating mga bansa. Binibigyan natin ng 99.9% ang rating ni PBBM sa SONA. Magaganda ang kanyang achievements na ilang beses na standing ovation ang mga mamabatas at mga guest. First time ito na ilang beses tumayo ang mga tao sa SONA. (Nelson Dimapilis)



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Sa mga nangyayari sa panahon natin ngayon hindi kaya ito na tinatawag na ganti ng inabusong kalikasan?

Ang Inang Kalikasan ay saksi sa lahat ng galaw ng mga tao. Ang ibang mga tao'y tapon dito, tapon doon. Kahit saan ang mga basura ay nagkalakat. Mga talong walang pakialam basta matapon nila ang kanilang mga basura at hindi iniisip ang masamang dulot nito sa ating kalikasan.

Sa ngayong panahon, maging mga kabataan ay wala na ring pakialam. Pati narin ang karagatan ay hindi na sinanto, ang mga taong masasayang namamasyal lamang ay nagtatapon din ng mga basura kahit saan.

Ang isa sa pinakapangunahing isyu sa ating bansa ngayon ay tungkol sa ating kapaligiran. Ang ating kapaligiran ay patuloy na nasisira kaya ang nagiging sanhi nito ay hindi magandang pagbabago. Ito ay hindi lamang nararanasan ng ating bansa kundi maging ang buong mundo.

Sa pag-unlad ng ating sibilisasyon at teknolohiya, ang ating kapaligiran ang siyang naapektuhan ng husto. Ang mga tao'y nawawalan na ng disiplina at nagdululot ng problema sa ating inang Kalikasan. Kaya tay

HINDI KAYA GUMAGANTI NA ANG ATING INANG KALIKASAN?

nakakaranas ng kalamidad ay dahil narin sa ating pagpapabaya sa ating kapaligiran.

Sa isyung ito, inaasahan na magkaisa ang bawat mamamayan, na dapat lahat tayo ay alam kung ano ang mga nangyayari sa ating paligid. Tao rin ang may gawa kaya dapat tao rin ang nakakaalam kung ano ang dapat gawin upang maisaayos ang isyung ito.

Ayon sa pag-aaral ng mga eksperto isa sa nakakatakot na pangyayari ngayon ay ang pagkasira ng ozone layer na ang dahilan nito ay ang pagsusunog ng mga fossil fuels ng mga tao. Ito ay napakamapanganib sapagkat sa unti-unting pagkabutas ng ozone layer, ang matinding init na galing sa araw ay direktang makakapasok sa atin. Ito ay unti-unti nating nararanasan sa kasalukuyan.

Ang bansang Pilipinas ay mayroong malawak na napagkukunan ng likas na yaman. Ito ang pinakapangunahing pangkabuhayan ng mga mamamayang Pilipino ngunit sa paglipas ng panahon ito ay unti-unting nababawasan dahil sa mga negatibong pangyayari.

Ang ating bansa ay pinupuntahan ng maraming turista sapagkat tayo ay maraming maipagmamalaking magandang tanawin. Sa ngayon, maraming mga pasyalan parin na nadidiskubre sa iba't ibang lugar dito sa ating

bansa. Tayo ay mayaman sa kalikasan, ngunit kung patuloy parin nating pababayaan ang ating kapaligiran, ano kaya ang mangyayari?

Siguradong tayong mga tao ang mawawalan at magsisisi sa bandang huli. Ang bawat isa sa atin ay mayroong responsibilidad na dapat nating gampanan. Ang likas na yaman ay dapat lamang na atin itong pangalagaan sapagkat dito tayo kumukuha ng ating mga pangangailangan, ang ating pamumuhay at dito rin nakasalalay ang ating kaligtasan.

Ito ang nagsisilbi nating tahanan kaya huwag natin itong pababayaan. Hangga't hindi pa tuluyang nasisira ang ating inang Kalikasan, dapat ay aksiyon na natin. Huwag na nating hintayin na magkaroon pa ng hindi magandang pangyayari. Tayo na at pahalagahan at alagaan ang ating Inang Kalikasan upang sa susunod na henerasyon ay hindi sila makaranas ng kahirapan at matinding pananalasa katulad ng pagbaha at iba pa.

Kung gusto natin ng pagbabago dapat ito ay nagsisimula sa ating sarili dahil ang pinaimportanteng aspeto ng ating buhay ay ang pagkakaroon ng disiplina sa sa ating sarili dahil ang magiging sanhi nito ay mabuting hangarin at maayos napakikitungo sa ating inang Kalikasan.

HIGHWAY PATROL GROUP CALABARZON ARRESTED TOP 5 REGIONAL MWP (REGION 4A) AND TOP 4 PROVINCIAL MWP (BATANGAS)

Regional Highway Patrol Unit 4A under the supervision of Regional Chief RHPU4A, PCOL ROMMEL C ESTOLANO, successfully carried out manhunt operations that resulted in the arrest of Arvin Bautista y Sainz, 28 yrs old, born on July 13, 1995, married, former Security Guard with given address at Bagong Lipunan ng Crame, Quezon City

On May 1, 2024 at about 5:00 PM, at 4050 Bernardino St, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City PHPT Batangas led by PMAJ JASON C STO DOMINGO Provincial Officer PHPT Batangas (Lead Unit) together with personnel from Sub-Station 6, Makati CPS led by PMAJ CHRISTIAN CARLO P APUD, Lipa CPS, Batangas PIU and MPD DID-DPIOU led by PMAJ JERVIES C SORIANO arrested the accused by virtue of WOA for the crime of Murder (RPC Art. 248) under Criminal Case No. 03-0245-2034 issued by Hon. Pamela Torres Chavez-Izon, Presiding Judge, RTC Branch 13

Lipa City, Batangas dated March 25, 2024 with no recommended bail.

During the operation, the personnel mentioned above properly used an Alternative Recording Device (Cellular Phones) and informed the person of the nature of his arrest, his constitutional rights (Miranda Doctrine), as well as his rights under RA 9745 (Anti-Torture Act of 2009).

The accused is currently under the custody of CIDG Batangas Custodial Facility. Subsequently, documents are being prepared prior to the return of the warrant to the court of origin.

The outstanding accomplishment of RHPU4A is the result of intensified Anti-Carnapping Operations of the Highway Patrol Group under the Leadership of PBGEN ALAN M NAZARRO, in line with the CPNP's Aggressive and Honest Law Enforcement operations against carnapping, highway robbery, and other forms of criminality along the highway.(PR)

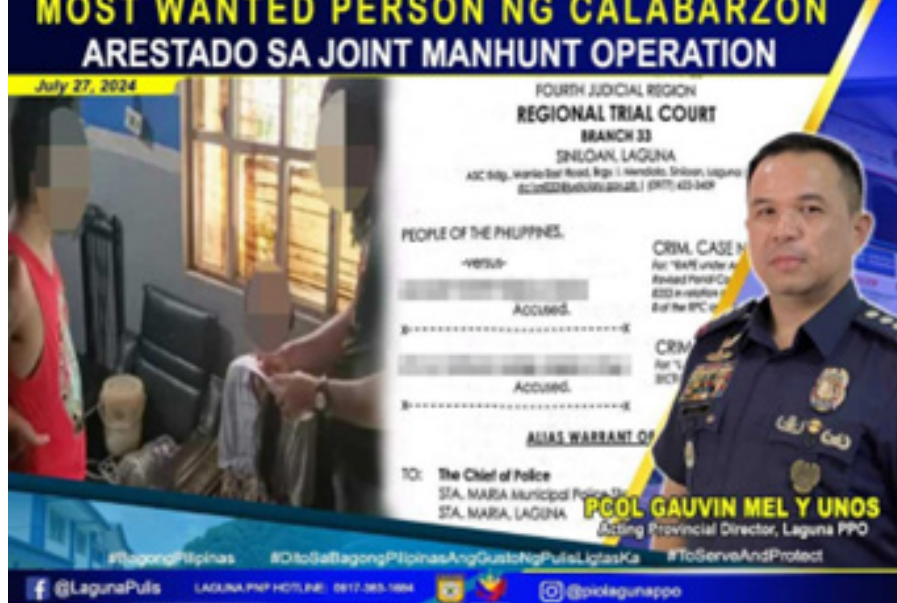
MOST WANTED PERSON SA CALABARZON TIMBOG SA JOINT MANHUNT OPERATION

Camp BGen Paciano Rizal – Timbog ang Most Wanted Person sa Calabarzon sa pinagsanib na elemento ng Regional Special Operation Unit (RSOU 4A) at ng Sta Maria PNP sa ikinasa nilang manhunt operation kahapon Hulyo 26, 2024.

Kinilala ni PCol. Gauvin Mel Y Unos, Acting Provincial Director, Laguna Police Provincial Office, ang natimbog na si alyas Cecilio residente ng Marikina City.

Base sa ulat ni PMaj. Evienor A Boiser, hepe ng Sta Maria Municipal Police nagsagawa sila ng manhunt operation kabilang ang mga kagawad ng Regional Special Operation Unit (RSOU 4A) kahapon Hulyo 26, 2024 sa ganap na 5:20 ng hapon sa bahagi ng Brgy. Tumana, Marikina City.

Samantalang ikinasa ang manhunt operation sa bisa ng warrant of arrest na ipinalabas ng Regional Trial Court, Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 33, Siniloan, Laguna na nags resulta sa pagkakaaresto kay alyas



Cecilio sa kasong Rape na walang nirerekomendang pyansa at Lascivious Conduct na may kaukulang pyansa naman na aabot sa halagang Php200,000.00.

Sa pahayag ni Acting Provincial Director Laguna PPO na si PCol. Unos "Patuloy ang mga operasyon ng Laguna PNP laban sa mga nagtatago sa batas, dahil layunin ng Pulis Laguna na makamit ng mga biktima ang hustisyang para sa kanila". (gtgtarcita/Kevin Pamatmat)



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ROMUALDEZ...

MANILA – Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez, in coordination with Tingog Party-list, on Thursday led the distribution of relief packs and financial aid to thousands of evacuees in several parts of Metro Manila affected by floods brought about by Super Typhoon Carina and the southwest monsoon.

said they hit the ground running in distributing relief goods to evacuees, citing their experience during Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) that destroyed almost everything in its path over 10 years ago.

"Personal naming karanasan matapos ang Bagyong Yolanda sa Leyte, mas maraming kailangang gawin ang gobyerno sa pagbalik ng mga evacuees sa kanilang mga bahay. Hindi lamang mga imprastruktura ang kailangan nating itayong muli. Kailangang maibalik ang tiwala ng ating mga kababayan sa kakayahan nilang makabangon muli (Typhoon Yolanda was a personal experience, the government must do a lot to bring evacuees back to their homes. It's not only the infrastructure that we needed to reconstruct. We also need to bring back people's trust in their own capability to rise again)," Romualdez said.

For Thursday, Romualdez visited 3,000 affected families at the San Juan City Gym and led the distribution of relief packs to each family. Each beneficiary will also be given a PHP5,000 in financial aid under the Ayuda sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as facilitated by the Office of the Speaker.

Then Romualdez proceeded to Quezon City, where he led the distribution of 2,000 relief packs to flood

victims at the Bagong Silangan New Evacuation Center; and relief packs to 2,000 evacuees at the Diosdado Macapagal Elementary School in Barangay Tatalon.

Wednesday, the Office of the Speaker and Tingog Party-list has already distributed relief packs, consisting of three kilos of rice, canned goods, coffee and other items, to 7,000 families, or nearly 30,000 individuals, along with PHP5,000 in AKAP aid

Romualdez said a collective effort is important to ensure that affected citizens receive the essential supplies they need during this challenging time.

"Mahalaga ang tulong ng bawat isa sa atin. Ngayon kailangan ang bayanihan. Bawat kamay na tutulong, malaking kontribusyon sa pagbangon. Ang aming pagsisikap ay bahagi ng mas malaking relief operations na isinasagawa ng administrasyon ni Pangulong Ferdinand 'Bongbong' R. Marcos Jr. (The help of each one of us is important. We need community spirit. Each helping hand contributes a lot in the recovery. Our effort is part of the larger relief operations conducted by the administration of President Marcos)," he said.

Romualdez said the President has been actively monitoring the situation, ensuring relief operations are conducted efficiently and effectively in times of calamity, as well as members of the House of Representatives.

"Nasa ground ang ating mga congressmen para sa disaster response. Regular silang nagpapadala ng report sa akin kung ano ang kailangang tulong ng kanilang mga constituents. Handa ang House of Representatives na tumulong hindi lamang sa disaster response kundi maging sa pagbangon ng mga komunidad

(Our congressmen are on the ground for disaster response. They regularly send reports to me on the kind of help that constituents need. The House is ready to help not only in disaster response, but also in the recovery of the communities)," he said.

AGRI Party-list HQ shelters evacuees

Meanwhile, AGRI Party-list Representative Wilbert Lee opened their party headquarters at Araneta Avenue corner Quezon Avenue in Quezon City on Wednesday to provide shelter, food and medicines for stranded families.

of writing, the headquarters situated at Araneta Avenue corner Quezon Avenue, is still housing more than 170 families who were displaced due to heavy floods sweeping their areas, Lee said in a news release. Aside from the temporary shelter, the AGRI Party-list team also distributed food and medicines to residents of Barangays Little Baguio and Salapan in San Juan City and families and volunteers in evacuation centers in Manila and Quezon City.

thanked all the rescuers, volunteers and the media for their constant and steadfast service to the public amid the typhoon.

He emphasized the importance of cooperation between public and private sectors to improve the country's disaster risk reduction and management and boost relief efforts in times of calamities.

Due to the effects of Super Typhoon Carina and the enhanced southwest monsoon, Metro Manila was placed under a state of calamity on July 24. (PNA)

EAST-WEST SEED LAUNCHES SUPREMA GOLD THAT PROVIDE INTERMEDIATE RESISTANCE TO SQUASH LEAF CURL PHILIPPINE VIRUS

Farmers across several pumpkin producing areas in the Philippines are struggling with increasing Squash Leaf Curl Philippines Virus (SLCPV) that significantly reduces yield and profitability in planting pumpkins. East-West Seed Suprema Gold hybrid pumpkin variety, which has intermediate resistance to SLCPV, addresses those challenges and helps vegetable farmers to improve their livelihoods by increasing their production output.

Suprema Gold seeds undergo a meticulous selection process and are equipped with Headstart Technology ensuring a 90% germination rate, 99+% physical purity, and has seed value addition.

"Vegetable farmers in areas such as Nueva Ecija, Nueva Vizcaya and Bukidnon are providing nutritious pumpkins for the whole country," says Jay

Lopez, General Manager of East-West Seed Philippines. "We are aware of the challenges these farmers are facing, especially with the rise of SLCPV. We address the needs of these farmers with the launch of Suprema Gold under the East-West Seed Gold line. These are ultra-selected seeds which bring higher confidence in germination, ensure a better head start in cultivation and come with a seed coating that gives better fighting chance (nutrition and protection) on the first 21 days of the seedling."

Jaime Serame, who has been a vegetable farmer for the past 25 years, was able to plant the new Suprema Gold. He pointed out the premium quality of this new premium variety: "Suprema Gold is remarkable for its abundant harvest of dark green and uniform-sized fruits, each weighing up to

6 kilograms, which are particularly favored by traders. I have personally observed that my Suprema Gold plants show no signs of SLCPV disease, and I have also noted an earlier onset of fruiting. This early fruiting not only enhances productivity but also allows for an earlier harvest, contributing to more efficient farming practices." With the launch of East-West Seed Gold line, East-West Seed Philippines is committed to providing better seeds of premium quality to improve the lives of Filipino farmers.

About East-West Seed

East-West Seed, founded in 1982 by Simon Groot, Dutch seedsman and recipient of the 2019 World Food Prize, along with Filipino seed trader Benito Domingo, is one of the world's leading vegetable seed companies in Asia and expanding rapid-



ly in Africa and Latin America. The privately-owned company has played an important role in the development and improvement of tropical vegetable varieties that are adapted to tropical markets and growing conditions. Its mission is to provide innovative products and services that help to improve the livelihood of vegetable farmers. In addition, East-West Seed trains vegetable farmers in order to help maximize their yield and income through better knowledge of vegetable production and farming skills.

In 2016, East-West Seed was ranked #1 in the "Global Index for Vegetable Seed Companies" and "Regional Index for Eastern Africa" by Access to Seeds Index (ATSI), a part of the World Benchmarking Alliance. The company maintained its #1 ranking in the 2019 Global and South and Southeast Asia Indices. ATSI measures the efforts of global seed companies in enhancing smallholder farmers' productivity.

In 2020, it ranked number 28 in Fortune's Change the World list of

companies that are doing well by doing good.

East-West Seed, headquartered in Thailand, is a fast-growing, multicultural organization with around 3,500 employees worldwide. It has 20 R&D establishments in nine countries and exports to over 75 countries. In the Philippines, East-West Seed has three R&D establishments in Batangas and Bukidnon, and its main office is located in San Rafael, Bulacan.

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ANGARA...

MANILA – The schools that postponed the opening of classes for school year (SY) 2024-2025 are only around two percent of the total number of basic education schools in the country, Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Sonny Angara said Monday.

According to the data presented by DepEd, a total of 842 schools were unable to open classes after being affected by Typhoon Carina and the enhanced southwest monsoon, which affected 803,824 learners.

“Maliti lang kasi wala pang 2 percent of the whole country. So ibig sabihin 98 percent of schools nagbukas (It’s quite small because it’s just almost 2 percent of the whole country. So, it means that 98 percent of schools opened),” Angara said in an ambush interview at Carmona National High School in Cavite.

Angara said he was visiting schools to personally assess the opening of classes.

“Gusto kong tingnan kamusta yung pagturo, yung mga kagamitan, at syempre yung psychological well-being ng ating community, yung mga teachers given na binagyo tayo nang malakas (I want to check the teaching, facilities, and of course the psychological well-being of our community, the teachers given that we recently experienced a typhoon),” he said.

The DepEd reported that the region with the highest number of affected schools is Region III with a total of 452, followed by the National Capital Region (NCR) with 225, Region I (Ilocos) with 95, Region IV-A (Calabarzon) with 66, and Region XII (Soccsksargen) with only 4.

However, the region with the highest number of affected learners recorded is NCR with a total number of 450,644, followed by Region III (Central Luzon) with 231,353, Region IV-A with 88,745, Region I with 32,363, and Region XII with 719.

As of 7:30 a.m. Monday, a total of 19,870,531 learners were already enrolled – 10,874,947 in elementary; 5,992,777 in junior high school; 2,793,336 in senior high school; and 209,471 in the Alternative Learning System (ALS).

The number is still expected to increase in the next few days.

Securing learners

The Police Regional Office (PRO)-3 (Central Luzon), meanwhile, said it is keeping a close watch on the opening of the new school year while conducting relief operations in areas still reeling from the effects of bad weather.

In a statement Monday, PRO-3 chief Brig. Gen. Jose Hidalgo said guidelines were already established in accordance with the “Oplan Ligtas Balik- Eskwela 2024”.

Hidalgo said around 1,000 personnel are deployed in the different provinces to heighten police visibility in schools, colleges, universities, and nearby areas, which are most likely to be targets of criminals.

He added that Police Assistance Desks were established at schools and other learning institutions to respond to various incidents.

He also directed all field officers to visit schools and coordinate with school officials to prevent students from falling prey to crimes and engaging in illegal activities.

Hidalgo also said they were working with traffic management personnel from local government units in anticipation of increased vehicular traffic due to students traveling to and from schools.

“Once again, I am calling for the cooperation of the public to prevent any crime in the community, especially in our learning institutions by providing the authorities relevant and timely information through PRO3 hotline 0998-5985330/ 0917- 5562597 and through its social media,” Hidalgo said.

The Philippine National Police earlier said it would deploy a total of 33,286 personnel to various schools throughout the country to ensure an orderly start to the academic year. (with report from Lloyd Caliwari/ PNA)

PTFOMS BACKS POLICE
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CITY – The Presidential Task Force on Media Security (PTFoMS) assured media practitioners of access to important police blotters once an agreement is reached with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the National Police Commission (Napolcom).

Undersecretary Paul Gutierrez, PTFoMS executive director, disclosed in a whole-day media summit here on Friday that talks are ongoing with the PNP and Napolcom following complaints from journalists on the police’s non-disclosure of vital information that the media needs for news reporting.

“Let us just wait as the Napolcom will be releasing by next month some regulations on this. Just last Monday, we attended a final review of the final draft of the guidelines on the relationship

between the media and the PNP,” Gutierrez said.

“Part of this will be what we have been rallying with the National Privacy Commission regarding one of the exemptions of the Data Privacy Act which is that of the media’s access to the police blotter,” he added.

Media practitioners raised their complaints during the summit that incomplete details, such as the names of the suspect and the victim of a crime, affect their reporting.

Lt. Stephen Polinar, spokesperson of the Negros Oriental Police Provincial Office and also a summit resource speaker, highlighted during his presentation a PNP memorandum circular on the Data Privacy Act.

Polinar admitted that the spot reports that

he sends out to the media regularly are incomplete due to the Data Privacy Act and the PNP hierarchy’s directives.

“But we are not limiting you (the media) to getting the names of those involved in a crime or other police-related incidents from other sources,” he stressed.

The PTFoMS also said that every PNP chief has a different way of managing the organization’s affairs, noting that previously, the police allowed the publication or revelation of names in the blotter entry.

Gutierrez emphasized certain crimes, such as rape and child abuse, that warrant the anonymity of the involved persons.

Lawyer Hue Jyro Go, PTFoMS chief of staff, said media practitioners accessing the police blot-

ter do not need a legal basis to access the reports, with the exception of the “pink blotter” that contains sensitive information on special cases.

Go also said a memorandum of agreement with the Napolcom will establish “the media safety vanguards of all (PNP) public information officers of all regions” that the media can connect with as regards harassment and threats, among others.

This is different from the one that the PTFoMS and the Napolcom are working on regarding the Data Privacy Act, he clarified.

The PTFoMS, in cooperation with the Dumaguete City local government, spearheaded the 2024 Visayan Media Summit attended by some 100 media practitioners and government public information officers. (PNA)

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Social Welfare and Development.

He promised that the House would closely examine the budget proposal to ensure that taxpayers’ money will be spent on programs and projects that are truly beneficial to the people.

“As we receive this document today, we recognize the collective responsibility bestowed upon us as legislators to scrutinize, deliberate, and ensure that every peso is judiciously allocated and spent,” he said as he formally received the proposed budget from Budget Secretary Amenah Pangandaman during a simple ceremony held at Romualdez Hall in the House of Representatives

“I am confident that with the collaborative efforts of the executive and legislative branches, we will achieve a budget

that not only meets the immediate needs of our people but also sets the stage for a more prosperous and equitable Philippines.”

He thanked Pangandaman and the Department of Budget and Management “for their tireless efforts and dedication in crafting a budget that seeks to address the pressing needs of our people while laying the groundwork for long-term prosperity.”

President Marcos submitted his 2025 budget proposal exactly a week after the 19th Congress opened its third and last regular session, or three weeks ahead of his one-month constitutional deadline.

Romualdez earlier said the House intends to finish deliberations on the spending measure before the October recess. (PNA)



Pointer

ANG IKATLONG SONA

Sa ikatlong State of the Nation Address (SONA) ni President Bongbong Marcos Jr. unang tinalakay ang mga problema at isyu hinggil sa pagtaas ng halaga ng mga pangunahing bilihin, presyo ng bigas, importasyon nito, irigasyon pati na rin ang tulong sa mga magsasaka. Malaking sektor ang agrikultura sa bansa kaya ito ang unang tinalakay ng Presidente, climate change, soberanya ng teritoryo, at pagbabawal sa Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGO).

Hinihimok ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ang pagpapalakas ng pambansang kamalayan sa isyu ng West Philippine Sea at ipasa ito sa susunod na henerasyon. Nagtamo naman nang matagal na palakpakan at standing ovation ang pahayag ni Marcos Jr. na “Ang West Philippine Sea ay hindi kathang-isip natin lamang. Ito ay atin.”

Nakatuon din ang ilang mahahalagang bahagi tulad ng pagbabawas ng kahirapan, pinabuting serbisyo sa pangangalagang pangkalusugan, murang gamot, pagtaas ng PhilHealth benefits, pagsasaayos ng UP-PGH.

Sinundan nito ang isyu ng climate change kung saan suportado ng bansa. Pagkatapos ay pinag-usapan ang pagpapaganda ng internet sa buong bansa, pagpapahusay ng edukasyon at kasanayan, mga proyektong pang-agrikultura, imprastraktura partikular mga kalsada at tren, paliparan at daungan. Tinalakay rin ang mataas na kuryente at kakulangan nito.

Ibinahagi ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ang pag-sulong ng bloodless war laban sa mga mapanganib na droga, mga tagumpay sa kapayapaan at kaayusan, laban sa katiwalian at pag-unlad ng BARMM.

Pinarangalan ang mga kontribusyon ng mga OFW at ang bagong resolusyon ng UN sa kapatan ng mga marino

Kapuna-puna rin ang pahayag ng Presidente na hindi ekstermi-

nasyon ang sagot sa problema ng ilegal na droga. Nagtamo ito ng masigabong palakpakan na may konting sigaw pa. Pero naging mas malakas ang palakpakan at standing ovation at may sumigaw pa ng “BBM” ng ipahayag ni Marcos na simula ngayon, lahat nang POGO ay ipagbabawal na. Sabi ni Marcos, masyadong maraming kasamaan ang dinala na ng POGO sa bansa.

Hindi dumalo sina Vice President Sara Duterte, Senators Bong Go at Bato dela Rosa, mga kilalang tagasuporta ng dating President Duterte. Tila tapos na nga ang unity. Matatandaan na ang pagpatay ng mga sangkot sa ilegal na droga, paglapit nang husto sa China at pagpasok ng mga POGO sa bansa ay naganap sa ilalim ng Duterte administration.

Ayon sa DOLE, mga 25,000 Pilipino ang apketado kung mawawala na ang mga POGO. Kaya inatasan ni Marcos ang DOLE na tulungan ang mga apektado. Hindi rin daw agad-agad ang pagsara ng mga POGO, ayon kay Pagcor Chairman Alejandro Tengco. May proseso at dapat masabihan na ang mga apektado. Ayon sa Pagcor, 40,000 ang apektado at P40 bilyon na taunang kita ang mawawala. Ang Pagcor ang may gusto sanang manatili ang mga lugal na POGO dahil umano sa pondong nakukuha sa pamamagitan ng buwis. Kung nagbabayad? Suportado naman ng DOF, DBM, NEDA at marami pa ang pagbawal na sa lahat ng POGO.

Kung may mga humanga sa SONA ni Marcos, natural may mga hindi natuwa. Hindi naman mawawala iyan, lalo na sa mga kilalang oposisyon sa gobyerno. Pero ganun na nga, natapos ang kanyang ikatlong SONA. Nasa gobyerno na kung maipatutupad ang lahat ng kanyang ipinahayag. Sigurado nagbabantay ang mamamayan sa mga pangako niya, pati rin sa mga ipinahayag na kaunlaran sa lahat ng sektor. Tanging ang mamamayan ang magsasabi kung natupad nga ang mga pangako.

GUINAYANGAN QUEZON
MATAGUMPAY NA NAGSAGAWA
MG COMPREHENSIVE
ENHANCEMENT TRAINING

Matagagumpay na naisagawa ang tatlong (3) araw na Comprehensive Enhancement Training sa mahigit 632 na Barangay Tanod ng iba’t-ibang barangay ng Guinayangan, Quezon sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Hon Maria Marieden Isaac, Municipal Mayor. Ito ay ginanap sa Himpilan ng H201Bde na pinamumunuan ni Brigadier General Erwin Alea Philippine Army noong ika 09 – 11 ng Hulyo taong kasalukuyan.

Ang tatlong araw na pagsasanay ay nagbigay ng kumprehesibong pagtuturo patungkol sa iba’t ibang paksa na mahalaga para sa epektibong pamamahala at pagbabantay sa lugar, kabilang na ang kahan-daan sa kalamidad, kaligtasan ng publiko, pagpa-unlad ng komunidad, at

mga kasanayan sa mabuting pamamahala.

Pinangunahan ng mga ekspertong tagapagpauna mula sa iba’t ibang larangan ang mga sesyon, na nagbigay ng mahahalagang kaalaman at praktikal na estratehiya na maaaring ipatupad ng mga kalahok sa kani-kanilang barangay.

Bilang bahagi ng nasasabing pagsasanay nagsagawa ng Situational Awareness and Knowledge Management (SAKM) ang 201st Brigade. Layunin nito na makapagbigay kaalaman sa mga barangay tanod patungkol sa teroristang grupong CPP-NPA-NDF, sa kanilang proseso sa pagrerekut, mga batas laban dito at sa kung sinumang magbibigay ng suporta sa kanila.

Ang pagsasaga-

wa ng ganitong pagsasanay ay makakatulong sa misyon ng 201st Brigade upang magkaroon ng matatag na ugnayan sa mga lokal na lider upang lalong higit na mapanatili ang kapayaan sa hindi lang sa munisipalidad kundi sa buong lalawigan. (Pau Mojar)

Two new infrastructure subprojects are to be set in motion in Quezon and Laguna as the Department of Agriculture - Philippine Rural Development Project (DA-PRDP) Regional Project Advisory Board (RPAB) Calabarzon approved their funding and implementation under the DA-PRDP Scale-Up. The subprojects are a Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) in San Francisco, Quezon and a level II potable water system in Majayjay, Laguna. (Kevin Pamatmat)

BAGONG...

Laguna — Pinangunahan nina Senator Bong Go at Mayor Egay Ramos ang pormal na pagbubukas ng New Municipal Building na may dalawang palapag, sa bayan ng Pila, Laguna. Matatandaan na nagkaroon sa bayan ng groundbreaking ceremony noong May 21, 2021 na kung saan sa inisyalatibo ni Senador Bong Go at ng national government ay naisakatuparan na ngayong araw, July 29 ang naturang gusali.

Sa mensahe ni Go, “Masayang-masaya po ako dahil naging parte po ako sa pagpapatayo ng municipal hall. Ito ay dahil po sa sipag at dedikasyon ng ating mayor. Sa ating mga kawani ng bayan ng Pila, sa pamumuno ni Mayor Egay ay alagaan Niyo po ang ating building. Isa lang po pakiusap ko, huwag niyo pong pababayaan ang ating mga kababayang mahirap, welcome po dapat sila lahat dito. Im-

portante rin po na magkaroon kayo komportableng lugar kung saan makatrabaho po tayo ng maayos at makapagserbisyo sa ating mga kababayan. Tulungan po natin ang ating kababayang mahirap dahil tayong nasa gobyerno lamang ang kanilang malalapitan.”

Ayon sa mensahe ng punong lungsod, “Isang pangarap po ang natupad, sa ika-449 na Araw ng Pila, ay nabasbasan na po ang ating New Municipal Building.

Napakadami ng kwento ng building na ito, tuwing magkikita kami ni Senador, kinakamusta Niya kung kailan tayo mag-groundbreaking, halagang 70 million po ang naihandog ni Mr. Malasakit. Simbolo po ng bagong pila ang gusaling ito, wala pong ginastos ang pamahalaang bayan dahil galing po lahat sa inisyalatibo ni Senador Go. Maraming salamat po Senador.”

Nakasama rin sa programa si Vice Governor Atty. Karen Agapay na pinasalamatan rin ng Senador sa walang sawang pagbibigay suporta sa tuwing siya ay nabisit sa lalawigan. Sina Nagcarlan Mayor Elmor Vita, Majayjay Mayor Romeo Amorado, Lumban Mayor Rolando Ubatay, Paete Mayor Ronald Cosico, mga kapitan, mga empleyado ng munisipyo, at mga uniformed personnel mula sa PNP at BFP ay saksi rin sa pagpapasinaya.

Nabanggit rin ng Senador na kabilang ang bayan ng Pila sa 13 municipality ng Laguna na pagkakalooban ng Super Health Center na ikinatuwa ng mga mamamayan ng bayang pinagpala. Ang Pila ay mas kilala sa lalawigan bilang “Bayang Pinagpala” dahil ito lamang ang bayan sa Laguna na hindi nasira noong World War II. (Shekinah Joy Pamtmat)

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A-FLOW SIGNS P2.4-BILLION TRANCHE 1 LOAN OF A P10.8-BILLION 10-YEAR FACILITY WITH LANDBANK

In the photo from left are Ayala Land, Inc. (ALI) Vice President and Treasurer Jose Eduardo A. Quimpo II, ALI Senior Vice President, Chief Finance Officer and Chief Compliance Officer Augusto D. Bengzon, ALI President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and AyalaLand Logistics Holdings Corp. (ALLHC) Chairman Anna Ma. Margarita B. Dy, FLOW Digital Infrastructure CEO and A-FLOW Properties I Corp. (A-FLOW) President Amandine Wang, ALI Senior Vice President, ALLHC President and CEO and A-FLOW Chairman Robert S. Lao, Land Bank of the Philippines (LANDBANK) President and CEO Lynette V. Ortiz, LANDBANK Executive Vice President and National Development Lending Sector Head Ma. Celeste A. Burgos, LANDBANK Vice President Lucila E. Tesorero and LANDBANK Vice President and Corporate Banking Department 1 Head Jell B. Ong.



MAKATI CITY — A-FLOW Properties I Corp. (A-FLOW), a joint venture between Ayala Land, Inc. (ALI) subsidiary AyalaLand Logistics Holdings Corp. (ALLHC) and FLOW Digital Infrastructure, and Land Bank of the Philippines (LANDBANK) announced the signing of a P2.4 billion loan agreement representing Tranche 1 of a P10.8 billion 10-year loan. The signing of the loan facility agreement underscores the mutual commitment to advancing the nation's

digital infrastructure and supporting the Philippines' transition towards a more digitally integrated economy.

The loan facility is intended for the development of the initial phase of the first A-FLOW data center campus located in Biñan, Laguna. Currently under construction, the 6MW-IT capacity Phase 1A of the three-building data center campus project is targeted to be ready-for-service by the end of the year.

A-FLOW Pres-

ident Amandine Wang said, "This agreement marks a significant step forward in our shared commitment to develop the largest carrier-neutral data center campus in the Philippines. We are excited to build an ecosystem to attract a combination of international hyperscale customers and local enterprise customers."

LANDBANK President and CEO Lynette V. Ortiz emphasized the importance of collaborating with key stakeholders, "We recognize that

partnering with key players like A-FLOW is essential for advancing national development. And in this era of rapid digitalization, we are likewise ready to drive investments into the local data center market, along with other sectors contributing to our nation's technological progress," she said. Ortiz further commented, "This is the first data center project financed by LANDBANK, and with this new partnership, we are confident that this project will yield significant economic benefits."

For ALI President and CEO and ALLHC Chairman Anna Ma. Margarita B. Dy, digital transformation, cloud computing, and the rise of artificial intelligence are technologies that require robust and scalable data center solutions. "Ayala Land is proud to be participating in this new opportunity leveraging our land and our capabilities to contribute to the country's move towards a digital economy," Dy said. "Like any other infrastructure project, capital is key. So, we thank LANDBANK for the P10.8 billion loan facility to A-FLOW, a critical enabler for this project," she added.

A-FLOW's partnership with LANDBANK enables both companies to capitalize on each other's strengths, marking a shared vision of fostering innovation and sustainable growth. This milestone collaboration underscores the importance of public-private partnerships in serving the country and achieving the nation's development goals. (LANDBANK)

SSS...

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna (PIA) – The Social Security System (SSS) holds the simultaneous National Registration Day on July 15, as it aims to reiterate to its members, beneficiaries of SSS members, and non-members that being a member of the State insurance program is beneficial for their future.

During the program held at the University of the Philippines-Los Baños (UPLB), SSS Luzon Operations Group Senior Vice President Atty. Antonio Argabiosos urges employees and self-earning individuals not to deprive themselves of their right to access various services and benefits available to them.

"Claim our right. Social security is a basic human right. Let's not neglect our rights. Our motto at SSS is "No One should leave behind". So everyone is included. We will not allow those to be left without social security benefits. This is our right," he said.

Adding to their efforts to make everyone aware of the significance of social security as a fundamental human right, SSS has registered nearly 2,000 job order (JO) employees. Contract of Service (COS) workers, as well as some students of UPLB.

Vice President Edwin Igharas of the SSS South Luzon I Division highlighted the importance of government employees becoming members of the SSS as it provides them with access to social security benefits, which can shoulder financial woes in times of need such as sickness, maternity, disability, retirement, and death.

"The number one importance of why we did this is for the JOs to have social security benefits and begin

their contribution. Although the others are already aware of being SSS members, they are unable to contribute. One hindrance is because when this is the case, no one supervises their contribution. They pay individually per month, while others can only pay quarterly. Whereas if we have an agreement with officials, they can be the one will pay the contribution for all their employees. Better yet, they are guaranteed to be paid and have SSS," Igharas said.

He added: "We can also educate them on the importance of SSS through our seminar as we discussed recent updates to the SSS, such as improvements in online services and new policies aimed at enhancing member experience."

Jan Danica Asma, a newly-hired employee of UPLB who came from a private company, had the opportunity to update her SSS membership during the National Registration Day and allow her to ensure her membership records were up to date, reflecting her new employment status, and securing her continued access to the benefits provided by the SSS.

"Thankfully, I don't need to go to [an] SSS office physically because of this program. I already updated my dependents and other info here in university and hopefully, I will be able to contribute again in individual voluntary payment."

SSS affirms its continued improvement of systems and processes to provide more convenient and reliable social security protection, especially by spearheading on-ground activities that makes social security more accessible to more Filipinos. (AM/PIA-4A)

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DEPED...

The Department of Education (DepEd) on Wednesday reported an estimated damage of PHP308.5 million in school infrastructure due to the effects of Super Typhoon Carina and the enhanced southwest monsoon.

According to the DepEd's latest situation report, the amount is equivalent to the funds needed for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of 45 damaged schools.

In particular, infrastructure damage was reported in the Cordillera and Ilocos regions, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon), Mimaropa, Western Visayas, and Eastern Visayas.

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schools are reportedly being used as evacuation centers in Metro Manila and Calabarzon.

Education Secretary Sonny Angara earlier assured the proper assessment and deployment of personnel during the massive flooding in Romblon and Mindoro.

Angara expressed similar preparations for the looming La Niña, citing plans to identify vulnerable areas in the country and conduct a study on the construction of resilient classrooms, alongside the implementation of alternative delivery modes, such as blended learning, modular, and online classes for learners, when needed.

The DepEd is set to launch the start of School Year 2024-2025 on July 29. (PNA)

DTI 4-A LAUNCHES & ORIENTS 2ND BATCH OF CALABARZON KMME-MME MENTEES THIS 2024

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

51 CALABARZON mentees from different industry clusters and sectors such as food service, construction, processed food, gifts, decor, and houseware (GDH), wearables, homestyle, agriculture, health and wellness, high value coco products, trading and services, and processed fruits and nut were selected to participate in the program. After the selection phase, the mentees will undergo four more steps. The second phase is the module session and government forum, then coaching sessions, business improvement plan (BIP) presentation, and eventually graduate from the program.

The KMME-MME Online is designed to integrate the Money Market Encounter (MME) into the regular KMME Program. This aims to 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 waitlisted MSMEs across the regions and enhance their resiliency through a crisis.

The KMME-MME online program has ten modules: entrepreneurial mind-setting; marketing mindset; business model canvas; operations management; digitalization; supply and value chain; enterprise accounting/financial management; human resources/organization management; product development and marketing expansion and internationalization; and good governance & ethics. Webinars on the Digital Shift & The Great Reset will also be presented.

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

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

A breakout session was then created to group the mentees, select each Team Leader, and note taker for the entire duration of the 12-week program. To conclude, DTI Laguna Provincial Director Christian Ted O. Tungohan, DTI Rizal PD Cleotilde M. Duran, and DTI Batangas PD Leila M. Cabrereros delivered the closing messages.

The KMME-MME Online is a public-private partnership program between the DTI and the PCE-Go Negosyo to provide business coaching and mentorship for entrepreneurs across the country. If you want to be a mentee of the KMME-MME Online, visit your nearest DTI Regional and Provincial Office or Negosyo Center nationwide.



As a testament to EnchantedKingdom's commitment towards environmental awareness, sustainability and working with local communities, EldarTheWizad and EK Cast Members (CMs) joined hand in hand with the City Government of Santa Rosa, Save Silang-Santa Rosa River (S3R2) Foundation, and Nuvali during a tree planting activity at the Rain Garden, Nuvali, City of Santa Rosa last June 29.

15TH LMP MEETING

— Ginanap ngayong araw ang pulong ng League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) - Laguna Chapter sa lokal na pamahalaan ng Pakil, Laguna sa pangunguna ni Mayor Vince Soriano. Ito ay dinaluhan ng mga alkalde ng 16 na bayan; Nagcarlan, Liliw, Alaminos, Calauan, Pila, Pagsanjan, Lumban, Luisiana, Paete(Representative), Bay, Famy, Mabitac, Pangil, Rizal(Representative) at Sta. Maria.

Tinalakay sa pagpupulong ang iba't ibang isyu tungkol sa agrikultura, kalusugan, at imprastraktura.

Kumatawan naman kay Gov. Ramil L. Hernandez si Laguna Provincial Public Affair Officer Rommel Palacol. Sa hanay ng mga pulis ay nakasama rin sa programa si Laguna Police Provincial Office Provincial Director Mel Y Unos na nagpahayag ng mga accomplished report upang higit na mapanatili ang kaayusan at katahimikan sa lalawigan.

Ang LMP Meeting ay naglalayong bigyang-diin ang mahalagang papel ng mga munisipali-



dad sa pagkamit ng United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) sa 2030 deadline. Nagtampok ang kaganapan ng mga collaborative session na nakikipag-ugnayan sa mga national government agencies (NGAs), non-government organization (NGOs) at municipal mayors sa mga talakayan ang SDGs sa lokal, na nakatuon sa 'No Poverty,' 'Zero Hunger,' 'Good Health and Well - Being,' at 'Quality Education.'

Ang mga layuning ito ay nakaayon sa Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028, na nagpapatibay sa 8-Point Socioeconomic Agenda ni Pangulong Marcos Jr.

Alinsunod kay Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., ang League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) ay siyang pahalagahan ang tiwala at kumpiyansang ibinibigay sa kanila ng kanilang mga nasasakupan na naghalal sa kanila sa kani-kanilang posisyon, na nananawagan para sa isang nagkakaisang punong ehekutibo ng lokal na pamahalaan upang makamit ang "Bagong Pilipinas."

Ang ganitong pagpupulong ay nagbibigay ng natatanging pagkakataon para sa mga pinuno ng munisipyo na

matugunan ang mga lokal at pambansang isyu, na nagpapatibay sa pamamahala at pag-unlad ng kani-kanilang bayan.

Ang LMP, sa bisa ng Republic Act No. 7160, o ang Local Government Code of 1991 ay isang non-profit at non-government organization ng lahat ng munisipalidad sa Pilipinas. Ito ay inaatasan na mag-organisa para sa pangunahing layunin at pagpapahayag ng mga isyu na nakakaapekto sa pangangasiwa ng pamahalaang munisipal at pagbalangkas ng mga solusyon sa pamamagitan ng wasto at legal na paraan. (Shekinah Pamatmat)

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