

Safeguarding Journeys: MPT South launches Bayani ng Kalsada Book 2



Bayani Ka Launch_Nat Lib-2: MPTC Chief Corporate Governance and Risk Officer and Head of Sustainability, Atty. Cynthia Casino, Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South, Mr. Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, Director of the National Library of the Philippines, Dr. Angelito Umali, Health and Nutrition Officer and representative of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), and Mr. Eduardo B. Quiros, Assistant Director of the National Library of the Philippines, together with representatives from different local libraries from Metro Manila and Calabarzon.



Bayani Ka Launch_Nat Lib-1: Official Bayani ng Kalsada Book 2 launch at the National Library of the Philippines [From Left: MPTC Chief Corporate Governance and Risk Officer and Head of Sustainability, Atty. Cynthia Casino, Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South, Mr. Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, Director of the National Library of the Philippines, Dr. Angelito Umali, Health and Nutrition Officer and representative of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), and Mr. Eduardo B. Quiros, Assistant Director of the National Library of the Philippines.

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. (MPTC), launched "Bayani Ka: Bayani ng Kalsada Book 2" at the National Library of the Philippines, an activity book aimed at inspiring children to become road safety champions in their communities. Packed with engaging stories, vibrant illustrations, and interactive content, the book is designed to teach young readers the importance of road safety in a way that is both entertaining and empowering. With road safety being a vital topic for young learners, the book is an excellent resource

for schools to incorporate into their curriculum, helping students become more aware and responsible on the streets. Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South led the symbolic turnover of "Bayani Ka" activity books to the National Library of the Philippines. She was joined by MPTC Chief Corporate Governance and Risk Officer and Head of Sustainability, Atty. Cynthia Casino; as well as Dr. Angelito Umali, Health and Nutrition Officer and representative of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). The books were received by Mr. Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, Director of the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), Mr. Eduardo B. Quiros, Assistant Director of the National Library of the Philippines, and representatives from different local libraries. A total of 2,000 copies of Bayani Ka Book 2 will be donated by MPT South to different public libraries and partner institutions in Metro Manila and CALABARZON.

"MPT South conceptualized this campaign, "Bayani Ka: Bayani ng Kalsada Book 2," to empower children with the knowledge and confidence they need to navigate the streets safely. By distributing this book to schools, we hope to instill lifelong habits of safety and responsibility in our youngest citizens," said Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South. After receiving the "Bayani ng Kalsada" books from MPT South, Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano stated that "This book will serve as a learning tool for teaching children about road safety, providing them with the essential knowledge to navigate the world safely. It empowers the young minds about the importance of knowing traffic rules and pedestrian safety, protecting them from any harm they may encounter on the road."



Bayani Ka Launch_Nat Lib-3: Official Bayani ng Kalsada Activity Book

MPT South, in its mission to lead in providing a safe and convenient mobility experience for all travellers, is dedicated to ensuring that expressway drivers are conscious of road safety, as well as the children of today as they go through the process of being their own "Bayani ng Kalsada" of tomorrow.

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

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Taunang Ulat ni Mayor Roseller H. Rizal Kasabay ng Ika-282 Taong Anibersaryo ng Pagkatatag ng Calamba



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KABUHAYAN PARA SA BAWAT CALAMBEÑO.

Balik-trabaho, balik serbisyo para sa lahat ng Calambeño sa Kabuhayan ni Rizal Payout sa Jose Rizal Coliseum.

Kasama ni Papa P ang buong pwersa ng Liga ng mga Barangay ng Lungsod ng Calamba upang maghatid ng ayuda sa mga residente ng lungsod.

(Nelson Dimapilis)



Local Governance Summit 2024: Charting the Future of Smart, Resilient, and Driven LGUs in the Philippines



August 23, 2024 — The Local Governance Summit 2024, organized by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in partnership with the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP), concluded at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). Over two days, government officials, stakeholders, and experts gathered to discuss strategies for advancing local governance under the theme, "LGUs sa Bagong Pilipinas: Smart. Resilient. Driven." **cont. on page 2**

Unifier Brigade Participates in children's Advocacy Camp Training



importance of ending local communist armed conflict (ELCAC) through informative sessions and interactive discussions.

Participants engaged in various group dynamics and team-building exercises designed to foster camaraderie, leadership skills, and a sense of community. These activities provided valuable knowledge and encouraged the youth to become proactive members of their

Cavinti, Laguna – On August 26, 2024, the 202nd Infantry (Unifier) Brigade of the Philippine Army, led by Brigadier General Cerilo C. Balaoro Jr., took an active role in a one-day Children's Advocacy Camp Training at the Brigade's Kabataan Activity Center. The event, initiated by the Office of Municipal Social Welfare and Development (OMSWD) under the leadership of Ms. Judith Ruazol, brought together officers and members of Children's Associations from 11 barangays across Cavinti, Laguna, and saw the participation of 44 youth and children aged 10 to 17.

The camp aimed to empower and educate young leaders in the community, equipping



them with the necessary knowledge and skills to become advocates for peace and development. The activities included lectures on the Rights of the Child, Anti-Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children, and Leadership Orientation. Additionally, the camp addressed the

communities, advocating for their rights and the rights of others.

The event was part of the Brigade's ongoing efforts to engage with and support local communities in their pursuit of peace, security, and development. The 202nd Brigade remains committed



to fostering a secure environment enabling youth to thrive and contribute positively to nation-building.

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Philippine Army
Philippine Army
2nd Civil-Military Operations Battalion,
CMOR, PA
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Southern Luzon Command, AFP
80th Infantry
"Steadfast" Battalion
National Task Force to End Local Com-



munist Armed Conflict
Cavinti Mps
Si Arrantlee Arroyo ang MAYOR Ko
Sanggunian Kabataan Cavinti Federation
(Nelson Dimapilis)

Driver-Bodyguard Killed, Department Head Survives Assassination Attempt in Biñan City



Laguna – A driver-bodyguard was killed while a department head survived an assassination attempt on Wednesday evening in Biñan City, Laguna.

The incident occurred around 6:30 p.m. when two unidentified assailants riding a motorcycle opened fire at the service vehicle of the department chief, alias Ed, as it was driving through the city. The driver-bodyguard, alias Ron, 55, was shot multiple times and died instantly at the scene.

According to initial police investigations, Ron had just exited the vehicle to escort his boss

when the attackers, armed with a short firearm, fired a series of shots. Ed, the department head, was unharmed in the attack.

Witnesses described one of the attackers as wearing a black jacket and helmet, while the other, seated at the back, was wearing a red T-shirt, blue cap, and black pants. The gunmen fled the scene on a red Honda motorcycle, heading in an unknown direction.

The motive for the attack remains unclear, but authorities have launched an investigation to identify the suspects and determine whether the department head was

the intended target. Reports also indicate that the slain driver-bodyguard had a pending case related to a land dispute in Nueva Ecija, adding a layer of complexity to the ongoing investigation.

Police are currently conducting a manhunt for the assailants as they work to bring justice to the victim and ensure the safety of city officials. (Edjun Mariposque)



Pointer
Pau Dela Cruz
ANO NGA BA ANG VOG O SMOG?

Ang vog o smog ay isang uri ng polusyon sa hangin na sanhi ng mga bulkan. Binubuo ito ng mga pinong patak na naglalaman ng volcanic gas tulad ng Sulfur Dioxide(SO2) na acidic at nakakairita ng mata, lalamunan at respiratory tract depende sa konsentrasyon o tagal ng pagkalahap nito.

Ang mga taong sadyang mas maselan sa masamang epekto ng vog ay ang mga may karamdaman gaya ng hika, sakit sa baga at sakit sa puso, mga matatanda, mga buntis, at mga bata

Ano ang epekto nito?

Maaring magdulot ito ng iritasyon sa mga mata, lalamunan at respiratory tract na maaaring maging malubha depende sa kosentrasyon o tagal ng pagkalahap nito.

Ano ang dapat natin gawin sa panahon ng ganitong disaster?

Limitahan natin ang pagkakalantad o exposure sa vog. Iwasan ang mga aktibidad sa labas o manatili na lamang sa loob ng bahay at isara ang mga bintana at pintuan upang maiwasang makapasok ang vog sa loob ng bahay.

Protektahan ang ating mga sarili. Gumamit ng nararapat na N95 face masks o gas mask. Uminom ng maraming tubig upang maibsan ang iritasyon o paninikip ng daluyan ng paghinga. Kung kabilang sa mga sensitibong grupo, siguraduhing subaybayan ang inyong kalagayan at magpatingin agad sa doktor o sa barangay health unit kung kinakailangan. Sa oras navmakakaranas ng matinding epekto, magpatingin agad sa doktor o sa barangay health unit.

Pangandaman inaprubahan ang P3.681 bilyon para maipatuloy ang nationwide free Wi-Fi program

Pinahintulutan ni Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah "Mina" F. Pangandaman ang pagpapalabas ng karagdang P3.681 bilyong pondo sa Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) para mapanatili ang pagpapatupad ng Free Public Internet Access Program (FPIAP) sa buong bansa.

Ayon kay pangandaman tuloy na tuloy na ang free wifi program alinsunod sa kautusan ni pangulong Bongbong Marcos.

Naasahan ni Pangandaman na ang pagpapalabas ng pondo ay magbibigay ng benepisyo sa kabuuang 13,462 Access Point (AP) sites sa iba't ibang lokasyon sa buong bansa.

Ayon kay Pangandaman Bahagi ng FPIAP ay ang pagtatayo

at pagpapanatili ng mga ICT infrastructure tulad ng tower, data center, at internet connection. Nilalayan nito na mapanatili ang connectivity sa mga pampublikong lugar gaya ng mga eskwelahan, libraries, parks, at transportation hubs, upang magbigay ng maaasahang internet services para sa edukasyon, trabaho at pang-araw-araw na mga aktibidad sa buhay.

Ang karagdang pondo ay kukunin mula sa Special Account in the General Fund - Free Public Internet Access Fund (SAGF-FPIAF) para sa FY 2024. Ito ay bukod pa sa P2.5 bilyon na inilaan na para sa FPIAF sa kasalukuyang taon na inaasahang ganap nang na-obligate ngayong buwan.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

Pastor Quiboloy Under Fire- Raids, Legal Battles, and Supporter Protests Escalate

In a dramatic turn of events, Pastor Apollo Quiboloy, the leader of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ (KOJC), is facing mounting legal troubles both in the Philippines and abroad. The Philippine National Police (PNP) recently conducted a raid on the KOJC compound in Davao City as they attempted to serve multiple arrest warrants against Quiboloy. The charges include child abuse, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking, with some of these charges being non-bailable.

The raid, which is the second one to take place, has been met with strong opposition from Quiboloy's supporters and political allies, including former President Rodrigo Duterte and Vice President Sara Duterte. The Dutertes have condemned the police action, accusing the authorities of using excessive force and violating constitutionally protected rights.

In response, Quiboloy's followers have organized rallies outside the KOJC compound, protesting against the police pres-



ence and decrying what they perceive as an unjust attack on their leader. The situation escalated when a KOJC member died of a heart attack during the raid, further inflaming tensions.

The controversies surrounding Quiboloy

extend beyond the Philippines, as he is also facing serious charges in the United States, including sex trafficking of children, conspiracy, and bulk cash smuggling. As the legal battles continue, the situation remains tense, with both the PNP and Quiboloy's supporters stand-

ing firm in their positions.

This ongoing saga highlights the complex intersection of faith, politics, and law enforcement in the Philippines, drawing national and international attention to the powerful religious figure and his followers. (Edjun Mariposque)

PHILIPPINE ARMY AT MULTISECTORAL ADVISORY BOARD, TINALAKAY ANG PAGBUO NG STRATEGIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

Pinag-usapan ng pamunuan ng Philippine Army (PA) at ng mga miyembro ng PA Multisectoral Advisory Board (PA MSAB) ang transisyon ng board patungo sa PA Strategic Advisory Council, na inaasahang tutulong sa organisasyon na harapin ang mga nagbabagong banta sa seguridad, sa isang pagpupulong sa Headquarters Philippine Army, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City noong Agosto 23, 2024.

Tinalakay nina Army Commanding General Lt. Gen. Roy M. Galido at mga miyembro ng PA MSAB ang pagbuo ng SAC na magtutok sa mga pangunahing larangan ng reporma na mahalaga para sa kahandaan at pagiging epektibo ng PA sa pagtatanggol sa teritoryo. (Nelson Dimapilis)

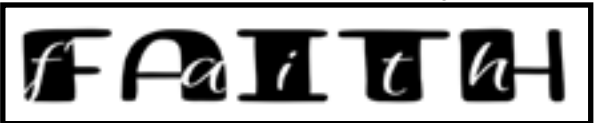
Lt. Gen. Galido, Pinarangalan ng Asia's Modern Hero Award para sa Natatanging Serbisyo sa Militar

Natanggap ng ika-66 na Commanding General ng Philippine Army (CGPA) na si Lt. Gen. Roy M. Galido ang Asia's Modern Hero Awards para sa kanyang natatanging serbisyo, pamumuno, at walang patid na dedikasyon sa serbisyong militar sa isang seremonya ng paggawad na ginanap sa Okada Manila sa Parañaque City noong Agosto 23, 2024.

Ang Modern He-

roes Awards ay nagbibigay parangal at pagkilala sa mga makabagong bayani at mga taong may bagong pananaw na sumasalin sa diwa ng "Makabagong Bayani." Ang award na ito ay nagbibigay pugay sa mga natatanging kontribusyon sa pampublikong serbisyo, mga institusyong pang-edukasyon, pagtulong sa panahon ng sakuna, pagpapaunlad ng tao, lipunang sibil, kalusugan at kapaligiran, negosyo at entrepreneurship, at sistema ng hustisya at legal.

(Nelson Dimapilis)



CARD SME OPENS ITS 40TH BRANCH IN ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY

CARD SME Bank, a thrift bank under the CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institution (CARD MRI), opens its 40th branch on June 10, 2024, in Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay to further expand the reach of the institution to fulfill its goal of growing the businesses of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise (MSMEs) clients.

CARD SME Bank offers a variety of products and services such as savings, remittances, and various types of loans, including business loans, to assist MSMEs in growing their businesses.

"This expansion is our way of fulfilling our part in nation-building by providing MSMEs much-needed support to sustain their businesses which will ultimately improve the economic landscape of our trading areas," CARD SME Bank President and CEO Cynthia Baldeo stated.

As a full-fledged thrift bank, the institution also provides value-added



With the end goal of strengthening financial inclusion nationwide, CARD MRI management members alongside staff, officers, and some clients of CARD SME Bank, came together to grace the branch opening. The Ipil Branch is now ready to serve the community of Zamboanga Sibugay with even higher quality financial and personalized products and services.

ed financial products and services to clients and non-clients alike, particularly to less fortunate individuals who want to help themselves gain financial freedom.

"At CARD MRI, we pride ourselves in putting our clients first in everything we do. The 40th

CARD SME Bank branch also strengthens financial accessibility and reaffirms our commitment to providing innovative financial products and personalized services to our clients nationwide," Baldeo said during the branch opening.

The opening

was also graced by CARD MRI Managing Director Mr. Aristeo Dequito, Senior Management Adviser Ms. Mary Jane Pererras, Security Consultant General Dickson Hermoso, staff, and clients. The ribbon-cutting event was further honored by the presence of Ipil Mayor

Honorable Mr. Anamel Olegario.

The new branch is located at Purok Everlasting, Don Andres, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay.

As of April 2024, CARD SME Bank has more than 6.6 billion outstanding loans and serves more than 1.2 million cli-

ents. The institution aims to become the best thrift bank in the country and be able to reach and serve more clients in the future.

For more information, visit CARD SME Bank's official website and Facebook page, @ **CARDSMEBankOfficial-Page**.

LAGUNA DECLARED STABLE INTERNAL PEACE SECURITY (SIPS) STATUS



Read | On August 27, 2024, Bay, Laguna celebrated a significant milestone by declaring Stable Internal Peace Security (SIPS) Status. This achievement was marked by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and attended by notable figures including

Deputy Commander of Task Force Ugnay, Maj. Michael Malacad, and Municipal Mayor Hon. Jose O. Madrid, with participation from various government agencies. Alongside Majayjay, Bay became the 10th municipality and city in Laguna to attain this status, showcasing

the community's collective commitment to peace and order.

2nd Infantry "Jungle Fighter" Division, Philippine Army
Philippine Army
2nd Civil-Military Operations Battalion, CMOR, PA

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Southern Luzon Command, AFP
80th Infantry "Steadfast" Battalion

National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict
12th CMO "Kapatiran" Battalion, CMOR, PA
DILG Laguna

Laguna Provincial Information Office
DOLE Laguna

Provincial Office
Laguna Police

Provincial Office
(Nelson Dimapilis)

PAGPAPATIBAY NG KAALAMAN: ROTC ORIENTATION ISINAGAWA NG 76IB



Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro - Sa ilalim ng programang "Ugnayan sa Paaralan," muling isinagawa ng 76th Infantry (VICTRIX) Battalion, sa pangunguna ni Lieutenant Colonel Randy P. Galiza, kasama sina Ms. Jesica M. Maligaya, (NSTP) Director, at Mr. Germilito Cuzon, ROTC Coordinator, ang isang orientasyon para sa mga estudyante

ng Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) ng Occidental Mindoro State College (OMSC) Mamburao Campus noong ika-25 ng Agosto taong kasalukuyan.

Ang programa ng ROTC ay naglalayong paunlarin ang mga estudyante upang maging mga mamamayang may

kanilang mga tungkulin at responsibilidad. Sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay ng edukasyon at pagsasanay sa pamumuno, ang ROTC ay naghahangad na makabuo ng mga indibidwal na may kakayahang maglingkod sa bayan at maging mga epektibong pinuno sa hinaharap.

Nagbigay din ng tamang kaalaman sa mga

estudyante tungkol sa illegal na pangrerekut ng teroristang grupong CPP-NPA-NDF sa mga mag-aaral na kung paano maiwasan ang marekruit at magamit ng mga makakaliwang grupong CPP-NPA-NDF. Ito ay dinaluhan ng 172 estudyanteng kumukuha ng Basic ROTC.

Layunin ng 76IB na bigyan ng kaalaman



ang mga ROTC students upang mapanatili silang ligtas mula sa banta ng komunismo na maaaring makasagabal sa kanilang pag-aaral. Pinayuhan din ang mga estudyante na

maging mapanuri sa mga organisasyong kanilang sasamahan at maging aktibong bahagi sa pagsulong ng kaayusan at kapayapaan sa komunidad. (Nelson Dimapilis)

PDEA and PNP Seize Over PHP 2 Million in Shabu and Ecstasy During Dasmariñas City Drug Operation



A joint operation conducted by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) led to the arrest of three high-value drug personalities and the confiscation of illegal drugs worth over PHP 2 million. The operation took place on August 29, 2024, along Molino-Paliparan Road, Barangay Paliparan 2, Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

The suspects, identified as Lenard Cañete y Cuenca, alias Marlon, 27, a tricycle driver; Abigail Arandia y Gomez, alias Bai, 21, and Claire Ann Adolfo y Rosel, 21, a customer care assistant, were apprehended during a buy-

bust operation executed by PDEA Regional Office IV-A Regional Special Enforcement Unit Team 1, PDEA Cavite Provincial Office, PNP Regional Drug Enforcement Unit IV-A, and PNP City Drug Enforcement Unit-Dasmariñas City Police Station. All three suspects are residents of Barangay Paliparan 2. Meanwhile, another suspect, identified as Jomel Martinez, remains at large.

During the operation, authorities seized approximately 100 grams of suspected shabu, valued at PHP 680,000, and 800 blue tablets believed to be ecstasy, worth PHP 1,360,000. The operatives also recovered the buy-

bust money used in the operation.

The suspects are currently detained at PDEA Regional Office IV-A in Barangay Sinalhan, Santa Rosa City, Laguna. Charges for violating Republic Act No. 9165, also known as The Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, will be filed against them.

This operation underscores the ongoing efforts of the PDEA and PNP in combating the illegal drug trade in the region. Authorities continue to hunt for the remaining suspect, Martinez, as they intensify their campaign against drug-related activities. By: Edjun Mariposque