MPT South's "ALERTO KADA KILOMETRO" Drayberks Road Safety Seminar conducted at PITX

Drayberks Road Safety Seminar Leg 3_PITX-1: Attendees of "ALERTO KADA KILOMETRO" Drayberks Road Safety Seminar together with (Front row from left) Ms. Kolyn Calbasa, Senior Corporate Affairs Officer of PITX; two public transport drivers; Mr. Carlo Hipol, Manager of the Traffic Operations Department of MPT South; Mr. Rechillo Baladjay, Technical Staff of the Toll Regulatory Board.

The "ALERTO KADA KILOMETRO" Drayberks Road Safety Seminar Speaker Mr. Carlo Hipol attending to the questions of public transport drivers.

From left: Mr. Rechillo Baladjay, Technical Staff of the Toll Regulatory Board; Mr. Carlo Hipol, Manager of the Traffic Operations Department of MPT South; Ms. Kolyn Calbasa, Senior Corporate Affairs Officer of PITX, who received the Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Mr. Arnold Yuson; and two MPT South Representatives.

CMDI holds the 6th Commencement Exercises 2 vehicles. The event was also graced by the presence of Mr. Arnold Yuson, Terminal Operations Manager of PITX, and Mr. Rechillo Baladjay, Technical Staff from Toll Regulatory Board (TRB).

The event featured presentations by Carlo Hipol, Head of Traffic Operations at MPT South, who covered topics such as road safety practices, traffic awareness, and toll operations. The seminar included an interactive Q&A session with Rechillo Baladjay, Technical Staff from the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), who addressed attendees' concerns.

Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communications and Stakeholder Management of MPT South, emphasized the seminar's importance in promoting a culture of safety on the expressways, helping to reduce accidents, and fostering a more safety-conscious community of drivers. "Our goal in this seminar is to help reduce accidents in the expressway by imparting the importance for drivers to be concerned for their well-being and the well-being of other road users and equipping them with vital information on proper driving along the expressways, vehicle roadworthiness and opening their consciousness to the responsibility of the role they play in being part of a mobile society."

The Drayberks Road Safety Seminar is part of a broader initiative by MPT South to enhance the knowledge and skills of drivers, ensuring safer roads and a more efficient transportation system. Through this seminar, drivers were equipped with practical tips on how to plan their routes, navigate tollways, and prioritize safety in their daily operations.

As part of MPT South's mission to foster a safer and more efficient transportation system, the "ALERTO KADA KILOMETRO" Drayberks Road Safety Seminar is a vital platform for our commitment to road safety and driver education. Initiatives like this build a more responsible and safety-conscious community of drivers, ultimately leading to safer roads for everyone.

The Drayberks "ALERTO KADA KILOMETRO" will be a year-long program with the aim of reaching drivers of all vehicle and private classes from the public and private sector.

MPT South is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), which operates several toll road networks in the Philippines, including CALAX, CAVITEX, NLEX, SCTEX, and CCLEX. PR

CMDI holds the 6th Commencement Exercises

Evangelene Pallen, the valedictorian of the class 2023-2024 from the Accountancy, Business, and Management strand, motivates her co-graduates to dream big and follow the road where their hearts desire.

CARD-MRI Development Institute, Inc. (CMDI) holds its 6th Senior High School Commencement Exercises with the theme "Kabataang Pilipino para sa Matatag na Kinabukasan ng Bagong Pilipinas." The CMDI Bay Campus held its SHS graduation at CMDI Bay 2 Gymnasium, Brgy. Tranca, Bay, Laguna, on June 1, 2024. Meanwhile, the Tagum Campus SHS graduation happened at CMDI Tagum Gymnasium, Brgy. Mankilam, Tagum City on June 4, 2024.

A total of 415 students from both campuses have completed their senior high school education.

"As you start a new chapter in life, carry the learning and experiences you have gathered from CMDI, including the friendships and social networks you have built. These learnings will also shape your future and the next chapters of your life," Founder and Chairman Dr. Jaime Aristotle Alip reminded the graduates.

He also encourages students to continue their studies and obtain their degrees. However, if they need to work, the door of CARD MRI is wide open, and fresh graduates are welcome to join in the mission of eradicating poverty in the country.

Dr. Alip added, "I wish that you will pursue your passion, whatever you want to do with your life, but still, I hope you continue to help us with our mission of empowering Filipinos."

CARD MRI Managing Director Aristeo Dequito also expressed his gratitude and congratulations to the graduates. "The awards and recognitions received by the graduates not only showcase their excellence but also serve as evidence of the competence of our instructors at CMDI," he stated.

CMDI also offers college courses such as Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship, specializing in Microfinance, Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, Bachelor of Science in Information Systems, Bachelor of Science in Accounting Information Systems, and Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management.

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Inauguration of the Game-Changing Septage Treatment Plant ng Calamba Water District!

Pormal nang binuksan ang bagong Septage Treatment Plant ng Calamba Water District na matatagpuan sa Brgy. Palo Alto! Isang major move ito tungo sa mas malinis at mas maayos na serbisyo para sa ating mga kababayan. Patuloy nating isinusulong ang kalinisan at kaunlaran sa ilalim ng Ramdam na Reporma. (Nelson Dimapilis/COG))

Vice Governor Karen Agapay Secures P17 Million Aid for Laguna Farmers, Fisherfolk, and Marginalized Families

Vice Governor Atty. Karen Agapay played a pivotal role in the recent approval of Resolution No. 908 s. 2024 by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Laguna, during their Regular Session on August 16, 2024. This resolution authorizes Governor Ramil Hernandez to sign a Deed of Donation from the Office of the President, paving the way for the distribution of over

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Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Calamba Namahagi ng Libreng Gamit, Bag, at Uniporme sa mga Day Care Students

Calamba, Laguna – Sa pangunguna ni Mayor Ross Rizal, matagumpay na naipamahagi ang libreng gamit sa mahigit 6,000 day care students mula sa 81 day care centers sa buong lungsod noong Setyembre 5, 2024.

Ang inisyatibong ito ay bahagi ng programang "Ramdam na Reporma" ng Team Calambago, na layong matulungan ang mga mag-aaral mula Day Care hanggang Senior High School, pati na rin ang Alternative Learning System. Sa kabuuan, ang nasabing programa ay umaabot sa 120,000 estudyante mula sa iba't ibang antas ng edukasyon.

Ayon kay Mayor Rizal, bukod sa pamamahagi ng mga gamit, patuloy din ang pagpapabuti ng mga pasilidad sa mga day care centers. Ang mga proyektong ito ay bahagi ng hangaring maging child-friendly ang mga silid-aralan upang makapagbigay ng komportableng kapaligiran sa mga kabataang mag-aaral.

Kasama sa mga pagbabago ay ang pagpapalit ng mga lumang kagamitan sa mga silid-aralan. Ito ay ginagawa upang matiyak na ang mga bata ay magiging mas komportable at makakagamit ng mga makabagong kagamitan habang sila ay nasa loob ng mga day care centers.

Sa kanyang talumpati, pinasalamatan ni Mayor Rizal ang mga barangay officials, day care teachers, at mga magulang na dumalo sa programa. Ayon sa kanya, ang suporta at kooperasyon ng mga ito ay mahalaga sa tagumpay ng mga programang pang-edukasyon ng pamahalaang lokal.

Nagpasalamat din si Mayor Rizal kina Vice Mayor Atty. Angelito Lazado Jr., buong Sangguniang Panlunsod at Congwoman Cha Hernandez-Alcantara para sa kanilang patuloy na suporta sa mga inisyatibang pang-edukasyon. Ang kanilang mga kontribusyon ay mahalaga sa pagpapatupad ng mga proyektong naglalayong itaas ang kalidad ng edukasyon sa Calamba.

Sa pangalawang araw ng pamamahagi, umabot sa 17-day care centers mula sa Brgy. Lecheria, at iba pang mga barangay tulad ng San Juan, Looc, Uwisan, at Bañadero ang nabigyan ng mga gamit.

Nauna nang namahagi ng mga gamit ang pamahalaang lungsod sa mga estudyante mula Canlubang at Batino noong nakaraang araw, na nagpapakita ng patuloy na pagsisikap ng pamahalaan upang matulungan ang mga mag-aaral sa buong Calamba. ***(Edjun Mariposque / Nelson Dimapilis)***

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BUDGET NG TANGGAPAN NI VP SARA NAMUMURONG TAPYASAN NG P1 BILYON

Pagkatapos dumalo ni Vice President Sara Duterte sa makontrobersyal na budget hearing sa Kamara, namumurong mabawasan ang hinihinging pondo ng kanyang tanggapan ng halos P1 bilyon.

Inamin naman ng mga mambabatas na mahirap idepensa ang mahigit dalawang bilyong pisong budget ng Office of the Vice President (OVP) pagdating sa plenaryo ng Kamara dahil sa naging asal ni Duterte at pagtangging sumagot sa tanong ng mga kongresista.

"As vice chairman (ng House committee on appropriations) and as sponsor of course it's going to be a lot difficult if I bring this to plenary," pahayag ni Lanao del Sur Rep. Zia Alonto Adiong sa ambush interview sa Kamara.

Ayon sa mambabatas, umasa ang mga kasamahan niya na masasagot ni Duterte ang kanilang mga tanong subalit hindi ito nangyari dahil sa tuwing tinatanong ito ay "I would like to forgo the opportunity to defend the budget in a question-and-answer format. I will leave it up to the House to decide on the budget submitted" ang kanyang sagot.

Pahayag naman ni ACT Teacher party-list Rep. France Castro, ayaw niyang mabokya sa pondo ang OVP tulad ng hirit ng mga netizen subalit kailangang bawasan aniya ito ng P700 million hanggang P1 billion. Ang mababawas ay ilipat na lang sa Department of Social Welfare Development (DSWD) at iba pang ahensya ng pamahalaan.

Magugunita na naging mainit ang deliberasyon sa P2.034 bilyong budget proposal ng OVP nang dahil sa pagtanggi ni Duterte na sagutin ang mga katanungan ng mga mambabatas partikular sa P122 million confidential funds na ginastos umano nito sa loob ng 11 araw noong 2022.

"Aminin ko sa inyo na maraming congressmen, mga miyembro ng Kamara ang nadismaya dahil nakitaan ng kawalan ng respeto, kawalan ng transparency at kawalan ng paggalang lalong lalo na sa mga miyembro ng Kamara," ayon naman kay Zambales Rep. Jefferson Khonghun.

Umaasa ito na sa muling pagharap ni Duterte sa Kamara sa September 10, para ituloy ang pagdinig sa kanyang budget ay maging mahinahon na ito at sagutin nang tama ang mga tanong ng mga mambabatas

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Evangelene Pallen was recognized as the valedictorian of the CMDI Bay Campus, while Renzyle Jade Zafra was the valedictorian of the CMDI Tagum Campus.

Dr. Gerlie Ilagan, the School Division Superintendent of the DepEd-Division of San Pablo City, was the guest speaker for the program. "You have to take action to reach your goals and aspirations in life. It is just the beginning of becoming a resilient and successful citizen," she shared.

To learn more about CMDI, you can visit the website: ***https://cmdi.edu.ph/.***

Vice Governor....

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P17 million in financial assistance to farmers, fisherfolk, and marginalized households in Laguna.

The aid, which will be distributed through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Agriculture (DA), will provide each beneficiary with up to P10,000 in cash assistance. This initiative underscores the commitment of the provincial government, led by Vice Governor Agapay, to support the livelihood and well-being of Laguna's most vulnerable sectors.

Vice Governor Agapay expressed her gratitude for the swift approval of the resolution and emphasized the importance of ensuring that the aid reaches those who need it most. "This assistance will greatly help our farmers, fisherfolk, and marginalized families in Laguna, especially during these challenging times," she said.

The financial aid is expected to bring much-needed relief to thousands of families across the province, as the provincial government continues its efforts to uplift the lives of its constituents. ***(Edjun Mariposque/ Nelson Dimapilis)***

Rank no. 6 Most Wanted Person ng CALABARZON arestado sa Joint Manhunt Operation

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Camp BGen Paciano Rizal – Arestado ang Rank no. 6 Most Wanted Person ng CALABARZON sa joint manhunt operation ng Cavinti MPS, Capalonga MPS at Maritime Unit 4A kahapon September 5, 2024.

Kinilala ni PCOL GAUVIN MEL Y UNOS, Acting Provincial Director, Laguna Police Provincial Office, ang akusado na si alyas Jhoni na residente ng Cavinti, Laguna.

Ayon sa ulat ni PMAJ CELSO JHUNE D TALAMPAS, hepe ng Cavinti Municipal Police Station nagkasa ang kanilang mga operatiba ng manhunt operation kasama ang kapulisan ng Capalonga MPS at Maritime Unit 4A kahapon September 5, 2024 sa oras na 2:20 ng hapon sa Brgy. Duhat, Cavinti, Laguna.

Ikinasa ang operasyon sa bisa ng warrant of arrest na inilabas ng Regional Trial Court Branch 64, Labo Camarines Norte na nilagdaan naman ni Hon. Leo Lumabad Intia, Acting Presiding Judge, na nagresulta sa pagkakaresto ng nasabing akusado sa paglabag sa kasong Murder na walang nirerekomendang pyansa.

Kasalukuyang nasa kustodiya ng Cavinti MPS ang arestadong akusado. Agad namang inimpormahan ang korteng pinagmulan ng Warrant of Arrest sa pagkakaaresto nito.

Sa mensahe ni Acting Provincial Director ng Laguna PPO na si PCOL UNOS, "Hangad ng inyong kapulisan na maipagkaloob ang hustisyang nararapat para sa mga biktima ng kriminalidad." ***(Nelson Dimapilis)***

RETIRADONG SUNDALO NG ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES, NAGPAKAMATAY

Tinitingnan pa ng mga tauhan ng Biñan Component City Police Station, kung ano ang motibo sa pagpapakamatay ng retiradong sundalo ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) na natagpuan ng kanyang anak na may tama ng bala sa likod na bahagi ng kanyang ulo, bandang ika-2:40 ng hapon, sa Block 5, Lot 16, Juana 3-A, Barangay San Francisco, Biñan City, Laguna.

Kinilala ang nasawing biktima na si: Leonardo T. Comia, Retired Army (AFP), Filipino, lalaki, 73 anyos, residente ng lugar na nabanggit.

isang tawag mula sa Binan Tactical Operation Center ng Biñan City, Laguna ang naghatid ng impormasyon sa imbestigador tungkol sa nabanggit na insidente ng pagpapakamatay. Kaagad pagkatapos na matanggap ang impormasyon, rumesponde ang imbestigador sa lugar ng insidente at nagsagawa ng inisyal na imbestigasyon.

Batay sa salaysay ng anak ng biktima na kinilalang si: Sheryll Lorenzo Comia, 48 taong gulang, residente ng nasabing address, Habang nasa loob siya katabi lang ng kwarto ng kanyang ama, nakarinig siya ng putok ng baril sa loob ng kwarto ng kanyang ama, at laking gulat niya, nakita niya ang kanyang ama na nakahandusay sa lupa at nakaharap ang ulo sa kisame, may dugo sa lupa, at isang revolver ang nakita sa loob ng silid.

Sa imbestigasyon lumalabas, na nagtamo ang biktima ng tama ng bala sa likod na bahagi ng kanyang ulo.

Agad na hiniling ng Biñan Component City Police Station sa Regional Forensic Unit 4A para sa pagpoproseso ng crime scene, at isasailalim sa autopsy examination ang namatay. ***(EFREN CHAVEZ)***

Pamahalaang...

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AGARANG AKSYON PARA SA MGA NAAPEKTUHAN NG BAGYONG ENTENG SA BRGY. PANSOL AT SAMPIRUHAN

Tuloy-tuloy ang mabilisang pagtugon ng Ramdam na Reporma para sa mga kababayan nating naapektuhan ng Bagyong Enteng sa Brgy. Pansol at Brgy. Sampiruhan. Agarang aksyon ang ating isinagawa upang masigurong ligtas ang lahat at matulungan ang mga pamilyang nangangailangan. Kasama ng mga barangay officials at rescue teams, siniguro nating walang maiiwan at lahat ay mabibigyan ng kaukulang tulong. (Nelson Dimapilis/COG)

4 NA INTSIK, NARESCUE NG GUWARDIYA NG TOYOTA BATANGAS

Narescue ng isang Security Guard ng Toyota Batangas ang apat na Chinese National na sinasabing dinukot sa isang lugar sa Pasay, Metro Manila, ng mga hindi pa nakikilalang Chinese national at isinakay sa hindi kilalang sasakyan na may mga piring sa mata, may tape sa kanilang mga bibig, at nakagapos ang kanilang mga kamay, bandang ika-3:45 ng umaga at Dinala sa Batangas Component City Police Station, na nakita ng guwardiya sa Bypass road ng Barangay Balagtas, Batangas City.

Kinilala ang mga biktima na sina: Wang Lan Lai, 32 taong gulang; Wang Qing Feng, 23 taong gulang; Nang Ze Cheng, 31 taong gulang; at Chen Wei Wei, lahat Chinese national.

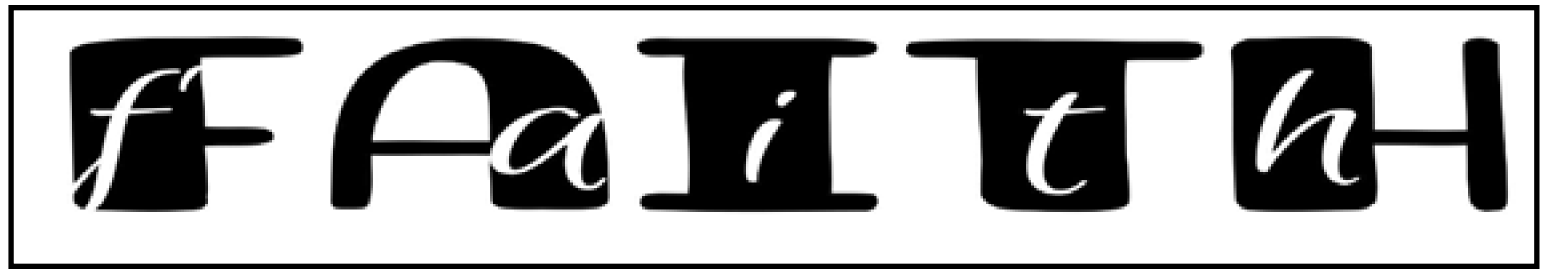
Dinala nina PSMS Abelardo Berania at Pat Natanauan, mga patrol members sa Batangas CCPS ang mga nabanggit na Chinese national na natagpuan sa Bypass Road ng Barangay Balagtas, Batangas City ni Jorson Daquipa Cabañeros, 31 anyos, Toyota security guard at residente ng Merville, Parañaque City.

Alinsunod dito, ang nasabing mga Chinese national ay dinukot sa isang lugar sa Pasay, Metro Manila, ng mga hindi pa nakikilalang Chinese national at isinakay sa hindi kilalang sasakyan na may mga blindfold, duct tape sa kanilang mga bibig, at naka-zip sa kanilang mga kamay.

Ng malingat ang mga dumukot, lahat ng mga biktima ay nakatakas umano sa kanilang dumukot at humingi ng tulong sa nasabing mga duty security guard ng Toyota Batangas. ***(EFREN CHAVEZ)***

CONG. CHA'S BIRTHDAY PAYOUT.

Muling umusad ang AKAP Payout na handog ng Pamahalaan sa inisyatibo ni Cong. CHA Hernandez. Kasama si Cong. Cha si Vice Mayor Angelito "Totie" Lazaro Jr., Atty. Pursino "Pursing" C. Oruga, at ang ating Papa P nanagpahayag ng kanyang suporta at pasasalamat sa programa ni Cong. Cha para sa lungsod ng Calamba, at ang kanyang pagbati sa nalalapit na kaarawan ng ating minamahal na kinatawan ng Lone District ng Calamba. ***(Nelson Dimapilis)***



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Ligtas Tayo, Solid Calambeño: Edukasyon Kontra Bastos

Matagumpay na isinagawa ang Training on Strengthening the Capacities of Barangays in Handling Violence Against Women (VAW) & Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Cases na pinangunahan ni Executive Judge Glenda Ramos.
Dinaluhan ito ng 15 barangays na nagpakita ng dedikasyon para masigurong handa at may sapat na kaalaman ang ating mga barangay sa pagtugon at pagresolba sa mga kaso ng VAW at GBV.
Patuloy ang pagsulong ng Ramdam na Reporma tungo sa ligtas at protektadong komunidad para sa lahat ng Calambeño.
(Nelson Dimapilis/COG)

Cavite Police Provincial Office Hosts Kick-off Ceremony for the 30th National Crime Prevention Week

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, City of Imus, Cavite — September 2, 2024: The Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO) took the lead in hosting the Kick-off Ceremony for the 30th National Crime Prevention Week, themed "Kabataan Tara Na, Sa Crime Prevention, Kaisa Ka!" The event was held at the Tagaytay International Convention Center. This ceremony marks the beginning of a week-long celebration aimed at raising awareness about crime prevention and emphasizing the crucial role of the youth and the entire community in crime prevention efforts across the nation.

The National Crime Prevention Week is an annual observance that seeks to promote community awareness and highlight the importance of crime prevention in our society. It aims to foster a culture of vigilance, responsibility, and proactive engagement among citizens in safeguarding their communities. By focusing on education and collaboration, the event underscores the collective effort needed to create safer environments for all.

The event was graced by the Guest of Honor and Speaker, Hon. Juanito Victor "Jonvic" C. Remulla, Governor of the Province of Cavite, who was ably represented by Mr. Alvin Mojica, the Provincial Administrator. Mr. Mojica delivered an inspiring message on the Governor's behalf, conveying the Governor's commitment to supporting crime prevention initiatives and highlighting the importance of a united front in combating crime in the community.

"The safety and security of our community is a shared responsibility," Mr. Mojica emphasized. "It begins with awareness, education, and active participation. We must all work together to prevent crime and promote peace in our province. By involving our youth, we are investing in the future leaders who will continue to uphold the principles of peace, security, and community welfare."

Among the attendees were representatives from the Police Regional Office 4A (PRO4A), the Cavite Police Provincial Office Command Group and Staff, Provincial Directors from other Police Provincial Offices (PPOs), officials and selected personnel of the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) CALABARZON, Chiefs of Police, advocacy support groups, and youth representatives from Cavite. Their presence underscores the collective effort and cooperation among different sectors in promoting crime prevention.

The event featured various activities, including presentations on crime prevention strategies, discussions on community safety, and recognition of outstanding contributions to crime prevention by individuals and groups. These initiatives aim to inspire continued engagement and encourage more citizens to take an active role in crime prevention efforts.

The Cavite PPO is honored to host this significant event and reaffirms its dedication to working closely with all stakeholders in promoting a culture of safety, security, and shared responsibility. Together, let us build a safer, more resilient community for all.
(Nelson Dimapilis)

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REP. DAN FERNANDEZ: QUAD COMMITTEE HINDI NADIDIKTAHAN

Ayon kay House committee on public order and safety chairman at Santa Rosa City Rep. Dan Fernandez na hindi kayang madiktahan ang quad committee ng Kamara de Representantes kaugnay ng imbestigasyon nito sa iligal na operasyon ng mga Philippine offshore gaming operator (POGO), bentahan ng iligal na droga at mga kaso ng extrajudicial killings sa war on drugs ng administrasyong Duterte.

Sinabi ni Fernandez na hindi rin si Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez ang bumuo ng quad committee.

"So if they accuse the Speaker that we created this, or that happened because of the Speaker's directive, that is so unfair," ani Fernandez. "And I myself, I would not allow myself to be used for a political agenda. After all, I'm not running for any higher position. I mean for a national (post), and this would not affect us," sinabi ng mambabatas.

Si Senador Ronaldo Dela Rosa ang hepe ng Philippine National Police (PNP) nang ipatupad ang war on drugs campaign ni dating Pangulong Rodrigo Duterte. Sa kanyang panunungkulan ay mayroong mataas na opisyal na diumano'y nagdidikta sa quad committee bilang bahagi umano ng plano na sirain ang anti-drug campaign ng nakaraang administrasyon.

Ipinahayag ni Fernandez na mahigit 300 ang mga kongresista sa Kamara at mahirap umano na diktahan ang lahat ng ito. At isa rin umanong kalokohan na suhulan ang mga tumetestigo sa pagdinig dahil maaaring lumabas ang mga ito sa telebisyon para sabihin na sila ay pinipilit na tumestigo.

"Especially if the evidence will be cooked by us just to cater to certain personalities like the Speaker, that's hard. What if the people we talked to suddenly talk about that during the hearing? That will put us in a precarious position," wika pa ng mambabatas.

Mahirap umano na diktahan ang isang resource person dahil maaaring bumaliktad ang mga ito.

Kuwento ni Fernandez, nabuo ang quad committee dahil napansin nila nina Committee on dangerous drugs chair Robert Ace Barbers, Committee on public accounts chair Joseph Stephen Paduano at Human rights committee chair Bienvenido Abante na pare-pareho ang mga resource person na sangkot sa iniimbestigahan ng kani-kanilang komite.

Kinausap umano ng apat na chairperson si Senior Deputy Speaker Aurelio "Dong" Gonzales Jr. kaugnay nito kaya siya ay nag-privilege speech at naghain ng resolusyon para ilatag at pagbotohan sa plenaryo ang panukala na buuin ang quad committee.

DBM PRESS STATEMENT

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On the malicious, misleading, and misguided information peddled by Medical Action Group on social media

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) wishes to correct the false, misleading, and malicious statement issued by a certain Medical Action Group.

We strongly condemn the move of the said group to instill fear and cause unnecessary alarm to PhilHealth contributors by posting unverified information through its social media platform.

In light of this, allow us to clarify and answer its false claims point by point:

1. It is not true that the DBM "unilaterally removed" Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) coverage for 30 million 4Ps members, seniors, and PWDs and their dependents this year.

The DBM can neither unilaterally remove PHIC coverage, nor reduce the number of its members, as it only follows what was provided in the approved FY 2024 General Appropriations Act (GAA).

It may be noted that in the FY 2024 National Expenditure Program (NEP), which the Executive (through the DBM) submitted to Congress, the PHIC has an allocation of P101.5 billion, of which P80.283 billion is for the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP), covering the annual premiums of 21,161,308 indirect contributors (exclusive of PAMANA beneficiaries).

We would like to emphasize that the DBM recommended the coverage of 21.1 million beneficiaries and it was Congress, in the exercise of its power of the purse, that deemed it necessary to reduce the recommended budget of PHIC in the FY 2024 GAA to P61.5 billion, of which P40.283 billion is for the NHIP.

Hence, the revised number of target beneficiaries of 10,626,874 (exclusive of PAMANA) came from the PHIC itself, not from DBM, given their reduced budget level in the FY 2024 GAA.

Therefore, the group's claim that the DBM unilaterally reduced the number of PHIC beneficiaries is completely false, baseless and misleading. Such unfounded claims not only undermine the integrity of public discourse but also pose a significant threat to informed decision-making among citizens.

2. In the same post, the Medical Action Group inaccurately said, "DBM has no power to reduce membership in PHIC. RA 10606 in Sec 29 authorized the payment of these premiums through the GAA. In 2022 alone 5.9 million claims were made by indirect members or 15% of 39 million indirect members and beneficiaries. That will leave 30 million Filipinos without health insurance."

This allegation is without merit since the Universal Health Care Act mandates the health insurance coverage of ALL FILIPINOS. Thus, the PhilHealth is likewise mandated to cover all Filipinos in its health insurance program, whether they are direct or indirect contributors.

The national government not only provides premium subsidy for indirect contributors but it also provides subsidy for those that are financially incapable to pay for health insurance premiums through the provision of subsidy for Point-of-Service patients.

To reiterate, the DBM is not reducing membership, it merely follows and executes the FY 2024 GAA. Further, Republic Act No. 10606 does not identify the specific number of beneficiaries which is subject to two conditions: 1) those identified by DSWD and 2) those included in the appropriations under the annual GAA.

To note further, the said statement is plainly illogical. If only 5.9 million claims were made from the 39 million indirect members, then it does not mean 30 million Filipinos will be left without health insurance.

3. "Public health statistics show that up to 20 percent of the population need health services in a year and five percent need hospitalization. This means that 6 million of the 30 million deprived of health coverage will have to turn to local health services and pay for the services out of pocket. Since LGUs only cover 10% of health care, that leaves the poor, elderly and PWDs with 90% out of pocket costs," the group continued.

This is another inaccurate claim. As the existing PHIC policy stands, Philhealth coverage does not mean 100% coverage of expenses and there are cases where there are out-of-pocket expenses. Even without a premium, indirect contributors may still be covered through the Point of Service allocation which is provided in the FY 2024 GAA.

4. "This means that PHIC will be not able to pay the benefit claims of up to 30 million members and dependents this year, based on projected membership," it added.

This has no basis in fact. The Philhealth can very well pay the benefit claims of its members as it is the corporation's obligation to do so as it has over P500 billion in investible funds that PHIC can utilize to support universal health care.

In fact, in its recent budget hearing held on 4 September 2024, PhilHealth President and CEO Emmanuel Ledesma committed to increase the benefits by up to 50% within the year. This just goes to show that PhilHealth can still very well afford to improve the benefits of its members.

Remember that what the government provides is the subsidy for the insurance premiums of indirect contributors and since they are already covered by this health insurance, it is now incumbent upon the Philhealth as the insurer to pay the valid claims of its members.

It must be emphasized that insurance premiums and benefit claims are two different things. One is a payment for the coverage of an event that is to happen in the future while the other is the payment for when the event occurs. Having said that, the national government's role is to provide the subsidy for the insurance premium, while the Philhealth's obligation is to pay the benefit claims of its members.

Please note that the DBM is now consulting with its legal team for possible filing of legal actions against this group for purveying malicious and misleading information to the public. This kind of dissemination of fake news exploits fears and anxieties, fostering mistrust between the government and the Filipino people.

We are also calling upon all individuals, including social media users to critically evaluate the sources of information they encounter and to reject irresponsible reporting that characterizes these false narratives.
(Nelson Dimapilis)

BAÑAMOS HOTSPRING BATHS FESTIVAL 2024

Laguna - Ibinida ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Los Baños, Laguna ang kapanapanabik na ika-23 Bañamos Hotspring Baths Festival na may siksik na mga programa at aktibidad. Sa naganap na press conference na pinangunahan ni Los Baños Mayor Anthony "Ton" Genuino at ng mga organizer ay naihayag ang mga detalye tungkol sa nalalapit na festival at ang pagdiriwang ng ika-409 Founding Anniversary ng bayan na may temang "Patuloy ang progreso sa matatag na bayan ng Bagong Los Baños".

Ayon sa punong bayan, "Mas lalong nag-aapoy ang sigla ng Bagong Los Baños sa pagdiriwang ng ika-23 Bañamos Festival na mas makulay, mas masaya, mas nakakaaliw at makalikasan na Bañamos 2024 mula Setyembre 17 hanggang Setyembre 22."

Tampok sa selebrasyon ang Thanksgiving Mass, Carnival Fair, at LB Awards na nagbibigay parangal sa Iconic Businesses, Top 10 Tax Payer at Distinguished Citizen, Barangay Night, Miracles of Makiling Cultural Show, Zumbaños, Bañamos Aquagames, Mister and Miss Bagong Los Baños 2024, Color Clun, Hot Air Balloon Fiesta, Balyesa Kalye, Grand Revelry "Colors of Bañamos", Bañamos Market Bazaar, at Civic Shower Parade.

Samantala, ang Makiling Photography Contest, Flower and Garden Show, Murals of Makiling, Padyak LB Kiddie Edition at ang Drone Light Show ay kaabang-abang sapagkat ito ay mga bagong programa at aktibidad ng festival.

Nagpasalamat ang LGU Los Baños sa tulong ng University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) sa pangunguna ni Chancellor Jose V. Camacho Jr., PHSA sa pamumuno ni Dir. Greg Zuniega, TRACE College sa pamumuno ni Angeli G. Siytiap-Vice President at Centtro Mall sa pamumuno ni Chairman Efraim Genuino at sa suportang nailaan nila sa pagdiriwang ng ika-23 Bañamos Festival.

May mga ilang hotspring at non-hotspring hotel resorts sa bayan ang magbibigay ng diskwento sa lokal sa loob ng 6 na araw ng pagdiriwang ng "hotspring baths" festival.

Ang 23rd Bañamos Festival ay patunay na ang bayan ay patungo sa patuloy na matatag at progresibong Bagong Los Baños. Ito ang selebrasyon ng makulay na kasaysayan, kultura at mga ipinagmamalaking mamamayan na tubong Los Baños sa pamamagitan ng mga parade, pagsasayaw, exhibit, talent search at mga pagtatanghal.

MIYEMBRO NG NPA SUMUKO SA HANAY NG 81IB

Bunga ng tunay na paglilinkod sa bayan, pagtugon ng gobyerno sa mga problema at pangangailangan ng mga tao sa kanayunan, at pagsisikap ng Mobile Community Security and Sustainment Team ng mga kasundaluhan ng 81st Infantry (SPARTAN) Battalion na ipaabot ang mga programa ng gobyerno tulad ng Amnestiya at benepisyo sa mga nagnanais magbalik-loob sa gobyerno, ito ay nagresulta sa pagtanto ng ilang myembro ng Kilusang Larangang Gerilya 2, SRC1, BRPC na magbalik-loob sa gobyerno.

Tulad ni @NONG na nagsurrender sa 81IB, residente ng Brgy Agaoao, Ragay, Camarines Sur, ang naging daan at nagbigay sa kanya ng linaw upang tumiwalag sa armadong grupo ay ang programa ng pamahalaan na Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program o E-CLIP dahil nakatanggap ang ilan nilang dating kasamahan na nagpapatunay na totoo ang E-CLIP. Dagdag pa nya, dahil sa maling ideyolohiyang itinuro ng mga armadong grupo sa kanya, gutom at hindi makatarungang gawain ng armadong grupo, napagtanto nya na mali ang kayang napasukan kaya't boluntaryo siyang sumuko sa mga kasundaluhan.

Ayon kay Lieutenant Col. Julio D. Binuhi, Commanding Officer ng 81IB, ang pagsuko ni @NONG ay magandang indikasyon na unti-unting naliliwanagan ang mga nalinlang ng makakaliwang grupo na bumalik sa pamahalaan at mamuhay ng normal, payapa at masaya sa piling ng kanilang pamilya. Nanawagan din sya sa mga natitira pang kasamahan ni @NONG sa bundok na laging bukas ang pintuan ng 81IB para sa mga nagnanais magbalik-loob at ang gobyerno ay laging handang tumulong sa kanila para sa pagabot ng pangmatagalang kapayapaan sa kabikolan. ***(Nelson Dimapilis)***

ENCHANTED KINGDOM CELEBRATES FILIPINO TALENT AND MODERN-DAY HEROISM AT THE 2024 AGILAKAS GUMALAW DANCE COMPETITION

Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, paid a magical tribute to our modern-day heroes through the 2024 Agilakas Gumalaw Dance Competition at the Spaceport Grounds on August 24.

The Agilakas Gumalaw Dance Competition is an annual event in EK that gathers talented dance performers in the country to show off world-class Filipino talent. This year, ten (10) spectacular dance groups took their synchronized moves to the stage to show the world that "Pinoy, Magaling Ka!"

The NU Dance Company from Sampaloc, Manila highlighted the rich, dynamic Filipino culture through their winning performance. The group clinched the grand winner title and bagged Php 20,000, twenty (20) return passes to EK, and a chance to perform in one of EK's upcoming events.

NEW BREEDZ from Muntinlupa City and League of Monsters-Brothass from Calamba City, Laguna also took home cash prizes and tickets along with the runner-up titles.

Rising P-Pop boy group sensation BILIB spiced up the night with a mesmerizing performance of their newest music along with their rendition of popular P-Pop hits. The show also featured its judges, G-Force member Myka Espina Gonzaga and internet personality Xai Smith, as they turned up the heat by showing off their amazing dance moves on the EK stage.

This magical celebration was made even more magical with the following sponsors: Surf, Dove Deo, Minute Maid, Pretzels Stick Snacks, Australia's Own, Hello! Chocolate, Nips, Krrrunch, C2 Cool and Clean, White Flower, and Selecta.

BAYANI: LAGING HANDA

Taking part in the celebration of Buwan ng Wika this August, EK brings back BAYANI, its original musical production featuring OPM songs with their very own Cast Members performing. This year's installment of the musical follows the story of Joana Makabayan in her journey of self-discovery as she joins the Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

The musical show will run until September 15 from Fridays to Sundays, 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Eldar's Theater.

MIDWAY MIRROR MAZE

Create more magical memories with your loved ones with EK's newly launched attraction, the Midway Mirror Maze. Drop by the Midway Boardwalk, and help Eldar the Wizard and Princess Madeline in finding Princess Victoria by threading your way towards the center of this thrilling labyrinth.

For only Php 150, guests will be able to have special access to this EKciting and immersive adventure filled with captivating lights and visuals waiting at every turn. Special ticket rate is also available for students at Php 120, and senior citizens and PWDs at Php 107.14 only.

For more information and updates regarding these and EK's other upcoming events and offers, visit ***https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph*** and EK's official social media accounts ***@enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and Tiktok, and @ek_philippines for Twitter and Instagram.***