

DENR RE-GREENING MARKS ARBOR DAY 2024



More than 90,000 tree seedlings were planted in 200 hectares of land during a simultaneous tree-growing activity held in 205 sites nationwide led by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in celebration of Arbor Day.

DENR Undersecretaries Atty. Jonas Leones and Marilou Erni, and DENR CALABARZON Regional Executive Director Nilo B. Tamera led the tree-planting ceremony in Tanay, Rizal, joined by participants from LGUs, private corporations, non-government organizations, youth groups, and DENR offices. This Project TRANSFORM initiative spanned across the five towns of Rizal namely Tanay, Antipolo, Baras, San Mateo, and Rodriguez with a total of over 1,543 volunteers joining the activity.

The activity is part of the Philippines' contribution to global efforts to reverse global warming caused by the increase in greenhouse gases due to deforestation, transportation, and agriculture, burning of fossil fuels, and the manufacturing industry. It is also a major step toward re-greening the environment and promoting a healthy ecosystem.

Some 6,600 native tree seedlings including narra, apitong, and molave and fruit-bearing trees like guyabano (soursop or graviola) were planted during the activity.

Planting sites in the province of Rizal covered a total of 13 hectares of protected areas in the Kaliwa River Forest Reserve, Upper Marikina River Basin, and Marikina River Watershed.

Watersheds and forest reserves in Rizal act as natural protection against soil erosion and flood while ensuring a steady stream of water supply for the greater Metro Manila area and nearby provinces. The trees can grow and multiply by natural means through seed dispersal by wind and animals.

The partner LGUs' tree-growing sites were in Barangay Cuyambay, Tanay; Sitio San Ysiro, Brgy. San Jose, Antipolo City; Sitio San Roque, Baras; Brgy. Pintong Bukawe, San Mateo; and, Sitio Paruwagan in Brgy. San Rafael, Rodriguez.

Partner companies that participated in the event were A. Brown Co, Alternergy Tanay Wind Corp, Manila Water Company, and Eastern Rizal Miners' Association, alongside local stakeholders, youth organizations, and non-government organizations.

Philippine Arbor Day is observed on June 25 every year throughout the country pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 396, s. 2003 which directs the DENR to provide technical assistance to participants in the celebration, and Republic Act No. 10176, s. 2012 which requires all able-bodied citizens of the Philippines who are at least twelve years old to plant one tree every year. /PR

DENR URGES MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU TO PREPARE FOR IMPACTS OF LA NIÑA

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has directed the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) and field offices to gear up for La Niña and to prepare all mitigation measures for its potential impacts.

In a recently-issued memorandum, DENR Undersecretaries for Field Operations Juan Miguel Cuna and Joselin Marcus Fragada directed MGB regional directors to activate their Operation Centers (OPCENs) and to assist in the conduct of Pre-Disaster Risk Assessments (PDRAs) in close collaboration with their respective Office of Civil Defense (OCD) regional office counterparts.

The MGB was also advised to equip concerned local government units (LGUs) with updated geohazard maps and conduct information, education, and communication (IEC) activities in anticipation of La Niña.

The DENR has long set strict safety rules and regulations on large-scale mining operations. DENR Administrative Order No. 2000-98 or the Mine Safety and Health Standard specifically provides for the mine safety and health standards in mining operations. It provides for the creation of a multi-partite monitoring team composed of representatives from the MGB, concerned local government units, the operating mining company, Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) and other concerned agencies and entities, tasked to regularly conduct inspection to check on environment and safety measures in the mines site.

Mining projects are likewise mandated to employ at least one full time safety engineer and safety inspector to oversee the implementation of safety measures in the mines site.

On June 4, the Department of Science and Technology Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has announced the end of El Niño in the tropical Pacific Ocean and said La Niña generally tends to follow strong El Niño events. It added that there is 69 percent chance of La Niña developing in the months of July, August and September.

According to PAGASA, La Niña increases the likelihood of having above-normal rainfall conditions in some areas of the country. Its adverse impacts such as floods and landslides are likely to occur over vulnerable areas and communities. PAGASA also recently advised government agencies and the public to stay vigilant and undertake necessary precautions to address the potential impacts of La Niña. ###



DENR PUSHES 'GREEN TRANSITION' FOR SUSTAINABLE MINING



Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga called on the mining industry to rethink, invent, and innovate the ways it develops the country's natural resources, and must evolve to align with the principles of sustainability, stewardship and resilience.

"Our nation is at a pivotal juncture where the need to balance economic growth with environmental protection has never been more pressing. And while climate change has increased the complexity of risk across different scales and sectors, it also now represents opportunities for reform in this particular sector and industry," the DENR chief said during a mining forum held in Makati City on June 18, 2024.

With the theme "Pioneering the Green Transition: Advancing Sustainable Mining," the forum was organized by the Embassy of Sweden and Business Sweden, with the Chamber of Mines in the Philippines as co-organizer. Dignitaries who attended the forum included Ambassador of Sweden to the Philippines Annika Thunborg, Business Sweden Vice President Emil Akander, Swedish Government Ambassador for Sustainable Business Cecilia Ekholm, and Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (COMP) and Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC) Public Affairs Director Michael Toledo.

Sweden acknowledged that the Philippines is endowed with rich mineral resources with a combined value of between \$4 to 1 trillion. Critical minerals that are vital to the manufacture of chip-driven gadgets and electric vehicle batteries such as gold, copper and nickel are among the Philippines' leading mineral exports providing the country with a unique opportunity to become a global leader in sustainable mining.

Secretary Loyzaga said the Philippines must leverage its natural wealth responsibly and equitably while ensuring that the socio-economic benefits of mining extend to all Filipinos, especially to the communities that host mining operations and those beyond.

The DENR Secretary said the forum is an important platform for collaboration that is crucial to advancing Philippine Development Goals and international commitments made to the Paris Agreement, Convention on Biodiversity, Sustainable Development Goals, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, among others. "This all involves investing in science and technology and in integrating social and ecological considerations into our mining operations, promoting biodiversity, as well, reducing carbon footprints, and implementing effective waste management practices. These must not just be part of our regulatory requirements but must now become essential elements of a progressive and responsible mining sector," said Secretary Loyzaga.

The Secretary also highlighted that biodiversity protection, low carbon development, and the implementation of the Philippine Ecosystem and Natural Capital Accounting System (PENCAS) are critical areas for the green transition of the mining industry.

To protect biodiversity, DENR Administrative Order No. 2022-04 mandates comprehensive guidelines to protect and conserve biodiversity in mining operations by emphasizing the integration of biodiversity management

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CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA – The "calm and peaceful disposition" of the Philippines should not be mistaken as a sign of submission as it remains firm in its commitment to defend its territory, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said Sunday.

Marcos made the pronouncement during his visit to Camp General Artemio Ricarte, the headquarters of the military's Western Command (Wescom) in this city. Known as the "Defenders and Patriots of the Last Frontier," the Wescom has jurisdiction over the country's maritime territory, particularly the West

Philippine Sea (WPS).

The President's visit came after the June 17 incident in Ayungin Shoal where the China Coast Guard (CCG) rammed a Philippine government ship, brandished bladed weapons, and seized disassembled rifles during the country's rotation and resupply (RORE) mission. In his message to the troops, Marcos called on the Wescom to continue to fulfill its duty of defending the nation with integrity and respect as it has done so far.

The President reiterated that the Philippines is "not in the business to instigate wars," noting that its "great

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Celebrating Father's Day in the Philippines

Father's Day in the Philippines is more than just a commercial holiday; it is a heartfelt tribute to the men who play a pivotal role in shaping the family and society. This special day, observed every third Sunday of June, is an opportunity for Filipinos to honor and appreciate the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who provide love, guidance, and support throughout their lives. A Day of Gratitude and Celebration In Filipino culture, family is the cornerstone of society. Fathers are often viewed as the pillars of strength and providers who work tirelessly to ensure their family's well-being. On Father's Day, children and spouses express their gratitude through various gestures—ranging from heartfelt messages and handmade cards to family gatherings and special meals. The day is marked by a blend of modern celebrations and traditional Filipino values, emphasizing respect, love, and unity within the family. The Role of Fathers in Filipino Society The role of fathers in the Philippines extends beyond the household. They are seen as community leaders, mentors, and role models who influence not only their own children but also the larger community. This responsibility is ingrained in the cultural fabric of the Philippines, where paternal authority and guidance are highly valued.

In many Filipino households, fathers are expected to be disciplinarians while also being nurturing and supportive. This dual role reflects the evolving expectations of fatherhood in contemporary society, where emotional intelligence and active participation in child-rearing are increasingly recognized as essential components of effective parenting. Challenges and Triumphs Father's Day also serves as a reminder of the challenges many Filipino fathers face. Economic hardships, long working hours, and overseas employment are common issues that can strain familial bonds. Many Filipino fathers work abroad as Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), enduring long separations from their families to provide better opportunities for their loved ones. These sacrifices highlight the enduring strength and commitment of Filipino fathers, who often face significant personal hardships to fulfill their roles. Honoring All Father Figures While Father's Day primarily celebrates biological fathers, it also acknowledges the contributions of other father figures, including stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and mentors. These individuals often step in to provide support and guidance, playing crucial roles in the lives of children and young adults. By honoring all forms of fatherhood, the celebration becomes inclusive, recognizing the diverse ways in which men contribute to nurturing and shaping the next generation.

The Future of Fatherhood As the Philippines continues to modernize, the concept of fatherhood is evolving. There is a growing recognition of the importance of work-life balance, emotional involvement, and shared parenting responsibilities. Modern Filipino fathers are increasingly embracing their roles as active caregivers, breaking away from traditional stereotypes that confined them to the role of sole breadwinners. This shift reflects broader societal changes and contributes to more equitable and supportive family dynamics. Father's Day in the Philippines is a celebration of love, sacrifice, and dedication. It is a day to honor the men who, through their unwavering commitment and support, play an essential role in the lives of their families and communities. As we celebrate this special day, let us recognize and appreciate the evolving roles of fathers and father figures, acknowledging their profound impact on shaping a better future for all.

This Father's Day, let us extend our gratitude not just through words but through actions that reinforce the values of respect, love, and unity that define the Filipino family. Whether near or far, let every father feel the appreciation and love they deserve.

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ambition is to provide a peaceful and prosperous life for every Filipino.” “We refuse to play by the rules that force us to choose sides in a great power competition. No government that truly exists in the service of the people will invite danger or harm to lives and livelihood,” Marcos said. “And that is why, in defending the nation, we stay true to our Filipino nature that we would like to settle all these issues peacefully. And in the performance of our duties, we will not resort to the use of force or intimidation, or deliberately inflict injury or harm to anyone,” he added. “But at the same time, we stand firm. Our calm and peaceful disposition should not be mistaken for acquiescence,” the President went on. Citing the Philippines' history of never yielding to any foreign power, he said Filipinos owe it to their forefathers to “keep the freedoms that they fought, bled and died for, and that we presently enjoy.” “Kailanman ay hindi tayo

magpapa-supil at magpapa-api kahit na kanino man (We will never be subjugated and oppressed by anyone),” he said. “The Philippines is a responsible state. We will continue to exercise our freedoms and rights in support of our national interest, in accordance with international law,” he added. “Never been prouder of AFP” The Commander-in-Chief also commended Filipino soldiers for showing “greatest restraint amid intense provocation,” saying he has “never been prouder of the brave women, men, and not just the Western Command but the entire Armed Forces.” “You demonstrated to the world that the Filipino spirit is one that is brave, determined, and yet compassionate,” he said. The President also led the awarding of the Order of Lapu-Lapu with the Rank of Kamagi to the 79 Filipino soldiers involved in the incident while the Order of Lapu-Lapu Rank of Kampilan was given to the

injured Navy seaman. The Order of Lapu-Lapu is conferred on officials and personnel of the government and private individuals in recognition of invaluable or extraordinary service in relation to a campaign or advocacy of the President. Marcos assured them that the government would continue to provide all the military's needs and look after their welfare, as well as their families. “Kayo ang halimbawa ng isang Bagong Pilipinas. Kayo ay isa sa aming inspirasyon para lalo pang pagbutihin ang aming sinumpaang tungkulin (You are examples of a New Philippines. You are our inspiration to continue doing our best in carrying out our duty),” he said. “Let us continue to chart the destiny of our nation as that is what we are doing now. We are charting the destiny of the Philippines, one that is strengthened by diversity but united in our quest for peace,” he added. /(PNA)

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DANGER AT SEA. Philippine Coast Guard Commodore Jay Tarriela, National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea spokesperson, grants an ambush interview at Malacañan Palace in Manila on Friday (June 21, 2024). He narrated that injured Filipino soldiers going to Ayungin Shoal were rescued only after 12 hours as China Coast Guard vessels would not allow the PCG during the June 17 confrontation. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc) MANILA – Due to “dangerous maneuvers and harassment” by the China Coast Guard (CCG), it took the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) about 12 hours to rescue Filipino troops during the June 17 ramming incident in Ayungin Shoal, an official said on Friday. National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS) spokesperson, Commodore Jay Tarriela, said the PCG deployed its multi-role response vessels BRP Cabra and BRP Bagacay to recover the rigid hull inflatable boats (RHIBs) towed by the

CCG and to perform medical evacuation for the injured military personnel aboard the BRP Sierra Madre. “It's because we learned about the injured AFP (Armed Forces of the Philippines) personnel as early as 10 a.m. We were able to retrieve the damage RHIB around 12 noon. So it took us two hours for us to really safekeep our damaged RHIB,” Tarriela said in an interview at Malacañan Palace in Manila. “And then for the AFP personnel who were injured, it's only around 10:30 (p.m.) na nakuha natin ‘yung injured nating (that we reached our injured) AFP personnel,” he added. Tarriela noted that despite the PCG's efforts to coordinate with the CCG to retrieve the injured Filipino soldier, they were still subjected to dangerous maneuvers and harassment. “We were also coordinating with CCG informing them that there are injured AFP personnel onboard BRP Sierra Madre, and that we intend to carry out a medical evacuation, but still despite that

advisory and radio call on the part of Philippine Coast Guard vessels, we were still subjected to those harassment from the PLA (People's Liberation Army) Navy and Chinese Coast Guard,” he said. The June 17 resupply mission to the BRP Sierra Madre in the West Philippine Sea (WPS) was disrupted by the CCG officers who boarded, looted and damaged the Philippine military's RHIBs; destroyed the communications and navigation equipment of one of the crafts, along with some personal items of its crew members; and threatening Filipinos with pointed and bladed weapons. AFP chief Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr. earlier said China's increasingly aggressive actions will not prevent the Philippines from carrying out rotation and resupply (RORE) missions to its troops in the WPS. “That is our obligation and that is our right. We will not leave Ayungin Shoal,” Brawner said in a message to reporters. /(PNA)

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PGC Extends Operation Tuli Program to Young Males in Amaya, Tanza



On June 22, 2024, the provincial government of Cavite conducted a highly successful Operation Tuli at Amaya Elementary School in Tanza, where 198 young boys underwent free circumcision, marking an important transition to manhood. They were also given free pain relievers and antibiotics to help them recuperate faster. This initiative was a collaborative effort involving the Tanza Rural Health Unit (RHU), Emergency Rescue Association & Quick Response Team, and the Office of the Provincial Governor medical mission team. The event highlighted the professionalism and skill of the medical teams, ensuring a smooth and efficient process for all participants. Local government officials, along with the SK Federation officer, staff, and volunteers, were present to offer their support, further contributing to the program's success. /PR

Medical and Dental Mission brings Vital Services to Brgy. San Juan, Dasmariñas City



A highly successful medical and dental mission was held in Brgy. San Juan, Dasmariñas City, benefiting 409 residents. The event featured comprehensive medical check-ups, dental extractions, ECGs, and X-rays, as well as the distribution of prescription medicines, supplements, and mosquito repellent lotion.

The GEAMH medical team, composed of Dr. Merry Louise Bautista, Dr. Divine T. Caballon, Dr. Darieane B. Pelicano, and midwives, alongside the Carsigma District Hospital team led by Dr. Maria Imelda C. Simon, showcased their unwavering service and professionalism, ensuring that each resident received thorough and compassionate care. The collaboration between local officials, medical practitioners, and staff was instrumental in the event's success. Of the 409 beneficiaries, 354 received medical check-ups, 55 underwent dental extractions, 26 had X-rays, and 28 received ECGs. Residents expressed their gratitude for the much-needed healthcare services, highlighting the positive impact on the community's overall well-being. Barangay Chairperson Atanacio Cantimbulan Jr., the council, and Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) played a significant role in the mission's success through their dedicated collaboration and support.

Medical and Dental Mission in Alfonso



The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) conducted a comprehensive medical and dental mission on June 20, 2024 at Bukas Palad, Tagaytay City, under the theme “Malusog na Mamamayan, Yaman ng Pamayanan,” providing essential healthcare services to local residents. Medical practitioners from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH), including Dr. Ruth Coleen P. Gonzales and Dr. Marc Milan M. Cortez, along with their staff, offered their expertise. Hundreds of residents benefited from free medicines, supplements, medical check-ups, dental extractions, ECGs, and X-ray examinations. The collaborative effort between the provincial government and local volunteers ensured the success of the outreach program. Ma. Erly P. Grasmio, agency head of Bukas Palad Foundation, expressed gratitude to the medical and dental team and participants, emphasizing the importance of such initiatives in improving public health. Residents appreciated the services, noting their positive impact on health and well-being. The event concluded with a commitment to continue similar programs to enhance healthcare accessibility across Cavite.

Orientation on the Special Protection of Children in the Situation of Armed Conflict

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO), successfully conducted an orientation aimed at enhancing knowledge and skills regarding the special protection of children in situations of armed conflict on June 19, 2024, at The Bayleaf Hotel in the City of General Trias. More than 50 participants, comprised of members of the Sangguniang Bayan and Sangguniang Panlungsod who are in charge of the Committee of Social Services, Family, Women, Children and Elderly, social workers from various local government units in Cavite, representatives from national government agencies (NGAs), and uniformed personnel, joined the activity. The orientation sought to deepen participants' understanding of the legal framework governing the protection of children during armed conflict, encompassing both national and international laws and policies. Key topics included Republic Act 11188 or the “Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict Act” and its implementing rules and regulations, crucial for safeguarding children from violence, exploitation, abuse, neglect, and displacement in times of armed conflict and the salient points of DSWD's Pag-Abot Program.

The event commenced with a warm welcome from Ms. Precyl T. Ramos, Officer-in-Charge of OPSWDO, followed by an inspirational message delivered by Ms. Marife V. Bautista, representing Board Member Romel R. Enriquez, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Services, Family, Women, Children, and Elderly. Ms. Elena Mae C. Romano, Social Welfare Officer from DSWD IV-A, served as the resource speaker, providing in-depth insights into the legal protections and practical approaches in identifying and assisting children at risk. A highlight of the orientation was the commitment setting by all participants, underscoring their dedication to upholding the rights and well-being of children affected by armed conflict. The session concluded with closing remarks from Ms. Maria Aura D. Fuentes, a registered social worker from OPSWDO. The Provincial Government of Cavite remains steadfast in its commitment to fortify the protection mechanisms for children amidst challenging circumstances, ensuring their safety and fostering a nurturing environment conducive to their growth and development.



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[center from left to right] SM by the BAY Assistant Mall Manager, Faye Preolco; SM Supermalls Senior Sustainability Manager, Belinda Bartolome-Gonzales; DENR Undersecretary for Strategic Communications Malu Erni; and SM Supermalls Senior Assistant Vice President for Mall Operations, Perkin Bentley So; together with the students and faculty of NU-Nazareth

SM Supermalls, through its Corporate Social Responsibility arm, SM Cares, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), continue to drive active participation in ocean conservation with the latest leg of SM's Coastal Clean-up drive, held on June 8, 2024, Saturday in celebration of World Oceans Day.



This year, SM was able to collect more than 15,000 kgs of trash with the help of 2,500 SM Employees and volunteers from 15 SM Supermalls nationwide.



SM City Sorsogon cleans the coastal area of Sitio Mahingan
SM City Legazpi does a clean-up by the coastal shorelines of Brgy. Dapdap and Brgy. Puro



SM Mindpro volunteers cleaned-up the trash along the stretch of mangrove areas
Purok Minanga get cleaned by volunteers from SM City General Santos



SM City Roxas volunteers are ready to clean the coast of Baybay Beach
SM City Puerto Princesa volunteer shows the trash they collected during the clean-up



SM City Olongapo Downtown and SM City Olongapo Central volunteers clear-up the shoreline of Parola in Brgy. Kalaklan



Shore-lines gets greener with a clean up by SM City Daet
SM City Bataan volunteers protecting our aweSM seas



The area of Centro 10-Tanza-Caggay get cleaned by volunteers from SM City Tuguegarao & SM Center Tuguegarao Downtown



SM by the BAY volunteers – including NU Nazareth students, BSP/GSP, SM employees and agency personnel's fight for a trash-free Manila Bay



SM City Cebu and SM Seaside City Cebu return to Cebu SRP for a clean-up



Since 2014, SM's coastal clean-up initiative has grown to include more coastal locations and volunteers, showing the true impact of SM's advocacy, as well as the power of community participation in environmental stewardship and marine conservation efforts.

SM Cares' Coastal Clean-up project is part of the organization's Programs on Environment. SM Cares also has supporting initiatives focused on children and the youth, women and breastfeeding mothers, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities.

SM Cares is the corporate social responsibility arm of SM Supermalls, the country's biggest chain of malls built by one of Southeast Asia's leading real estate and property developers, SM Prime Holdings. SM Prime remains committed to its role as a catalyst for economic growth as it pursues the next horizon on integrated property development, and onward to building sustainable cities of the future while enriching the quality of life of the communities it serves. /PR



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The fight against the harsh effects of climate change cannot and should not be shouldered by the government alone, which is why students from the National University in Laguna, in cooperation with the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP), have launched a program to support the country's goal of achieving net zero by 2030.

The partnership aims to engage students in various activities and educational programs that promote sustainability and environmental responsibility, leveraging the enthusiasm and innovative potential of students to drive significant positive impact.

The Philippine government, through its submitted resolution to the United Nations Nationally Determined Contributions for Climate Change in 2021, commits to a projected greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction and avoidance of 75 percent for the period 2020 to 2030 in the sectors of agriculture, waste, industry, transport, and energy.

National University -Laguna in cooperation with the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) launched a program to support the country's goal of achieving net zero by 2030.

Charles Adrian A. De Jesus, an AB Communication Arts student, highlighted the influence students can wield in the fight against rising carbon emissions and emphasized the pivotal role of the youth in raising awareness and driving change through effective communication strategies.

"I believe that as communication students, we have the ability to further expand knowledge through our voices. We can influence and educate people using various forms of communication, such as social media. By making simple posts and sharing educational content on social media, we can help others learn," he said.

He then expressed his gratitude for learning new ideas and the importance of being environment-friendly even in small ways. He emphasized that this initiative not only educates but also

empowers students to become proactive participants in the country's fight against climate change.

"As for me, since we are the ones who live here on our planet, it is important for us to be educated by something like this event because in the near future it will have a big impact, especially for us in our generation, so it is very important to protect and save this planet," he stated. ECCP campaign manager Dawn Marie Cabigon emphasized the importance of collaborating with academic institutions worldwide to make actions against climate change relatable and actionable for students.

She highlighted that these partnerships are crucial to inflicting behavioral change on an individual level.

Cabigon added: "We want to change your individual world for you to think that even before you buy something, even before you throw away a single-use plastic, or allow fast foods to give you this single-use plastic thing, you have to trace how it was made. The factories

made it, right. They churn it out by the millions every year, every day. So if you don't use it, do you think they will still go on manufacturing it? Little steps, tiny baby steps."

For NU Laguna academe director Josefina San Miguel, small actions in reducing carbon emissions, when combined, foster environmental benefits. The director highlighted the need to urgently integrate sustainable practices into daily routines and educational programs to meet the target of reduced emissions by 2030.

"I always warn our faculty that the 'D-day' is the year 2030, and that is how many years from now. Something will happen in 2030 because even if you look at that, 2030 is a big day even for education, and the teachers know this. I've explained it to them, why 2030 is important. It's sink or swim. It's survival. What have we done to help the planet survive for the year 2030? There is no planet B. This is our planet," San Miguel said. /PIA-4A)

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HEINOUS CRIMES. Alias "Muklo" (left) and "Aubrey" were separately arrested in Rizal province on Friday (June 21, 2024). The suspects are wanted for murder and rape, respectively. (Photo courtesy of RPPO) CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Rizal Provincial Police Office (RPPO) on Saturday announced the arrest of two individuals listed among Calabarzon's most wanted for the heinous crimes of murder and multiple rape. Col. Felipe Maragun, director of the RPPO, told reporters that a construction worker identified as "Muklo," who has been on the run for murder, was arrested in Taytay on Friday.

Later the same day in Tanay, authorities caught "Aubrey" who has been evading two counts of rape.

Both suspects were arrested based on warrants issued by the Regional Trial Courts in Antipolo City and Morong, respectively.

"The successful apprehension of these suspects reflects the unwavering commitment of the Rizal police to their sworn duty," Maragun said.

The suspects are currently locked up in detention facilities in Taytay and Tanay towns, pending further legal proceedings. The courts offered no bail. (PNA)

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LIPA CITY, BATANGAS (PIA) — The Department of Agriculture (DA) in CALABARZON is prepared to aid local farmers who will catch up on their production as the country braces for La Niña.

During the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas forum, DA CALABARZON Regional Executive Director and Officer-in-Charge Fidel Libao assured that the government is ready to continue its assistance to farmers that will be affected by the wet season, especially after the onset of the El Niño phenomenon.

"People were severely affected by the prolonged dry season we call El Niño. They are now eager to plant because the rainy season has started. Actually, the President has a program for those affected by El Niño," Anticipating shifts in productivity and farming practices, Libao assured that they are also prepared to

support farmers during La Niña.

"The Department of Agriculture is prepared to provide their needs, and we have already [started] providing information on the coming La Niña," the director proclaimed.

On June 7, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) released its final El Niño advisory and declared the country's transition to La Niña season which will likely develop between July to September 2024 and will last until the first quarter of 2025.

Aside from its regular interventions and programs, Libao stated that the agriculture department has prepared a buffer stock to support farmers.

"Besides regular programs and interventions, we have a buffer stock ready in our warehouses for times of calamity. So, once a report

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MANILA – The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) is working to convene a dialogue with China in the hopes of creating some "confidence-building measures" after the June 17 incident involving the Chinese Coast Guard disrupting a Philippine resupply mission to Ayungin Shoal that severely injured one Filipino soldier.

In a Senate hearing Tuesday, DFA Secretary Enrique Manalo said the agency, in consultation with the National Maritime Council, agreed on the "primacy of dialogue and diplomacy" even in the face of these serious incidents.

"Though, of course, I admit it's also a challenge. Nevertheless, we will pursue the peaceful resolution of disputes in accordance with international laws, specifically the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and the 2016 Arbitral Award," he said.

"We have been working hard to bring back China to the table to talk with us to resolve differences on these issues," he added. The Philippines and China have an existing mechanism for dialogue on issues surrounding the South China Sea called the bilateral consultation mechanism (BCM).

Last week, Manalo said a working group discussion was convened in preparation for what is being slated as the 9th BCM meeting.

The DFA is hoping to convene the meeting by early July, Manalo said. The regular meeting, should it proceed, would most likely cover the June 17 incident but Manalo also hopes to see whether the two states can arrive "at some kind of confidence-building measures". Manalo said these "confi-

dence-building measures" could hopefully create a basis for "more serious discussions" to see how the two states can address issues in the area.

On top of bilaterally engaging with China, Manalo said the Philippines is working closely with other international partners and on the multilateral front to promote a rules-based order in the region.

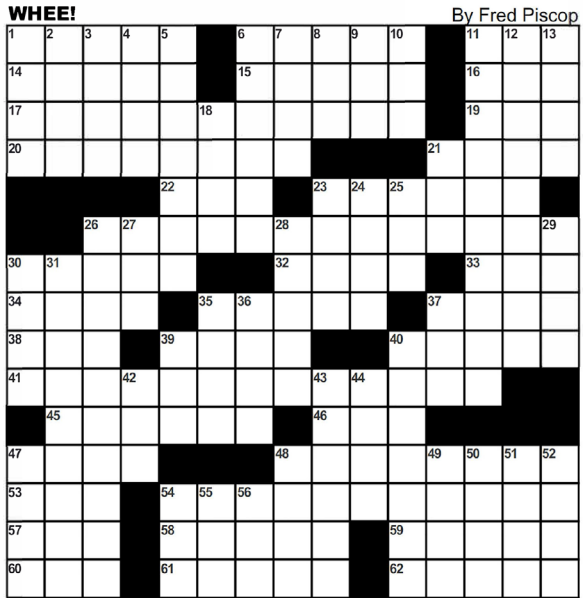
"So, we will continue to pursue these efforts, and also let me just assure the committee and the Filipino people that while we are seeking the approach for a peaceful resolution through international law and diplomacy, of course, we are not blind to the incidents which are happening," he said.

"We will ensure that whatever confidence-building measures we achieve, they will be not at the expense of the promotion of our sovereignty, sovereign rights as well as our rights and jurisdiction in the West Philippine Sea," he said.

On top of denouncing China's actions in a public statement, Manalo confirmed that the DFA has reached out to the Chinese Foreign Ministry and its embassy in the Philippines to "sternly communicate" Manila's position on the incident.

"We sternly communicated to our counterparts that it was really incomprehensible how the delivery of basic necessities to our troops on the [BRP] Sierra Madre could be considered a provocation that would justify an increased level of Chinese actions and so, therefore, we believe their actions only intensified and escalated tensions and certainly, something we should be concerned about," he said. (PNA)

CROSSWORD



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ACROSS

- 1) Rock band's hand-outs
- 6) Sultan's women
- 11) Cookware item
- 14) Lewis Carroll heroine
- 15) 2008 "Yes We Can" sloganer
- 16) _ Alicia of "Falcon Crest"
- 17) Hawaiian-born LPGA star
- 19) Thespians' org.
- 20) Makes absolutely certain
- 21) Rugged wheels, for short
- 22) "To each_ own"
- 23) High point in an orbit
- 26) Very early morning
- 30) Make improvements to
- 32) Good earth
- 33) Eminem's genre
- 34) Rolling stone's lack
- 35) Bill who led the Comets
- 37) Buster Brown's dog
- 38) "The Addams Family" cousin
- 39) Swoosh, to Nike
- 40) Initiated, frat-style
- 41) "Lost my train of thought"
- 45) Ides of March victim
- 46) _ double-take
- 47) Muffs it
- 48) Oscar presenters, e.g.
- 53) Like 1960s British fashion
- 54) Nintendo game-players
- 57) "Sorta" suffix
- 58) Craig Biggio, notably
- 59) Group mailing tool
- 60) General on Chinese menus
- 61) Gave pills to
- 62) Box score data

DOWN

- 1) Beavers' handiwork
- 2) Nobelist Wiesel
- 3) Computer plug-ins
- 4) Phil who sang "Draft Dodger Rag"
- 5) Did a slow burn
- 6) "Total patient" treatment
- 7) Drive the getaway car, say
- 8) U nedited, as text
- 9) British record label until 2012
- 10) West of "Sextette"
- 11) Remove bacteria from, as milk
- 12) As a rule
- 13) Makes "it" in a game
- 18) Lane of the Daily Planet
- 21) In days of yore
- 23) Natural emollient
- 24) Shakespeare work
- 25) Resistance unit
- 26) Wagon master's cry
- 27) New USN officer
- 28) Give the green light
- 29) Hotfooted it
- 30) Kingsley who wrote "Lucky Jim"
- 31) Grueling race for bikers
- 35) Bar mitzvah dance
- 36) Golden_ (senior)
- 37) Shooting marble
- 39) " Miz"
- 40) Typically black vehicles
- 42) " _ a Rebel" (Crystals hit)
- 43) Johnny Depp title role
- 44) Parti-colored horse
- 47) Give off
- 48) Plot size, perhaps
- 49) Numskull
- 50) Director Kazan
- 51) Take five
- 52) JFK landers, once
- 54) Glob of gum
- 55) Prefix with bar or metric
- 56) FWIW part

CITY OF BACOR NEWS

Tignan: "TARA, BASA!" Parents Assembly



Matagumpay na isinagawa ngayong araw, Hunyo 24, 2024, ang "Tara, Basa!" Parents Assembly na inorganisa ng City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), at Department of Education (DepEd) sa Salinas Elementary School.

Ang nasabing programa ay dinaluhan ni Ms. Khei Sanchez bilang kinatawan ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla, kasama ang mga panauhing pandangal na sina Mr. Feliciano P. Devera Jr., Principal II ng Salinas Elementary School; Ms. Marivic J. Dinglasan, Principal III ng Habay Elementary School; Mr. Adorando R. Darwin, Principal ng Maliksi Elementary School; Mr. Ace T. Evangelista, Principal ng Poblacion Elementary School; Ms. Richie Angeles, Principal ng Mabolo Elementary School; Ms. Rochelle L. Oriel, OIC ng Digman Elementary School; at Mr. Cenin Faderogao, DSWD PDO III – Field Office R4A, kasama ang iba pang mga kawani.

Dumalo ang mahigit 120 magulang ng mga estudyante mula Grade 1 hanggang Grade 4 sa iba't ibang pampublikong paaralan sa Bacoor. Ang layunin ng pagtitipon ay bigyang kaalaman ang mga magulang tungkol sa "Tara, Basa!" Program, isang inisyatibo ng DSWD at DepEd.

Bilang bahagi ng programa, namigay ang DSWD ng mga maikling kwento para sa mga bata upang bigyang-diin ang kahalagahan ng pagbabasa sa murang edad. Layunin ng programa na pataasin ang kakayahan sa pagbabasa at pag-unawa ng mga papasok na Grade 2 na estudyante upang maging mas produktibong miyembro ng komunidad.

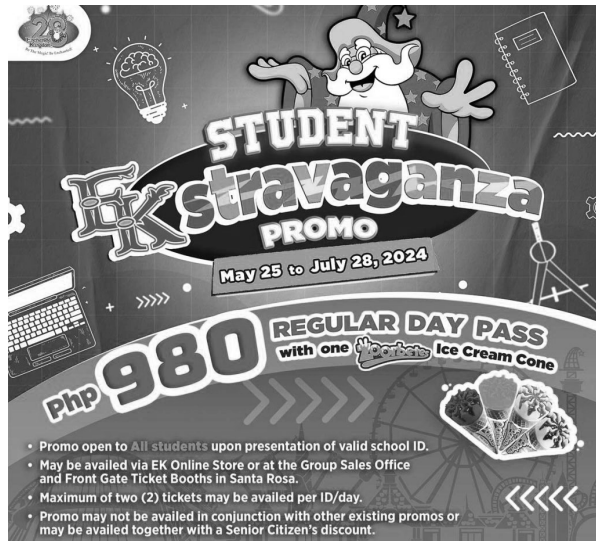
Kabilang din sa programa ang pagkuha ng mga estudyante mula sa Cavite State University (CAVSU) bilang mga tutor sa loob ng 20 araw sa pamamagitan ng isang government internship program. Layunin ng programa na lumikha ng kamalayan sa mga magulang tungkol sa mga epektibong pamamaraan ng pagtuturo sa kanilang mga anak sa bahay, habang binibigyan din sila ng pagkakataong kumita.

Day One of PSA LRA 2024



Philippine Statistics Authority – Cavite will conduct their First day Local Recruitment Activity and they are giving Opportunities for Job seekers like you!

June 25, Tuesday, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Bring two UPDATED PDS or Resumes and Ballpens at the Bacoor Public Employment Service Office Department, 2nd Floor, City Government of Bacoor, Bacoor Boulevard, Bacoor City, Cavite.



Last week's solution:



BATANGAS...

TANAUAN CITY, Batangas (PIA) – The inauguration of the 64-megawatt Tanauan Solar Power Plant, promises a brighter future for residents of Tanauan City in Batangas by offering clean climate job opportunities and bolstering the region's power supply. Councilor Francisco Pascua of Barangay Santol stated that the solar power plant will generate employment opportunities for residents and contribute to their development and livelihood funds, significantly benefiting their community.

"We were told that a part of their income would be shared with the barangay, which will be used as a development fund. They will also provide a livelihood fund, which will give income to our residents through the solar power plant," Pascua explained. Pascua added that the new facility will generate

additional job opportunities for their community, as the plant will require employees for its maintenance and operation. "They will need employees, and it would be better if they prioritize hiring from nearby areas like Malaking Pulo and Santol. Surely this will provide more jobs to our community," the councilor added. The switch to renewable energy is a welcome development for the city government, which aims to enhance sustainability and ultimately transform Tanauan into a 'green city'.

Mayor Nelson Collantes stated that the new power plant will help reduce the city's carbon footprint. "With its cutting-edge technology and impressive capacity, the Tanauan Solar Power Plant will generate clean, renewable energy for thousands of homes. This will significantly reduce our reliance

on fossil fuels, decrease greenhouse gas emissions, and contribute to the fight against climate change," Collantes said. Department of Energy Undersecretary Rowena Cristina Guevarra said the solar power plant marks a significant milestone in the country's transition towards clean energy. As part of the national renewable energy program, this initiative aims to achieve 35 percent renewable energy in the generation mix by 2030 and 50 percent by 2040.

"This project not only reduces our reliance on fossil fuels but also contributes to our efforts to combat climate change and mitigate its adverse effects on our environment," Guevarra noted. Guillaume Lucci, Prime Infra President and CEO, emphasized the significance of the Tanauan Solar Power Plant, especially in light of recurring red and yellow alerts in the coun-

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try's power grid. "At a time when we have recurring yellow and red alerts, we are delighted to add capacity to the grid. We broke ground on this project in the second quarter of last year, and here we are a year later, fulfilling our promise to continuously contribute to the Philippines' transition towards cleaner energy," Lucci said. Batangas Province plays a pivotal role in maintaining a stable power supply in the Luzon grid, particularly through the power plants in Calaca City. /(PB/PIA-4A)



DA...

comes in, we are prepared to support the farmers." The El Niño phenomenon has affected 3,601.01 hectares of agricultural lands, resulting in a production value of Php 407,817,700.73, affecting some 4,735 farmers and fisherfolks. Given the region's agriculture production challenges, the DA director emphasized the benefits of employing modern technology to aid farmers, as evidenced by their model farm areas and other special programs. "Aside from providing seeds, fertilizers, and training, the DA has new special programs for farmers, like [setting up] model farms areas to show that agriculture is a viable livelihood, if they have the right technology." Despite the challenges posed by the prolonged dry season, Libao said the region remains a top player in cattle production, supplying milk to international food companies. Mayor Antonio Barcelon of Nasugbu, Batangas, one of the guests during the Ka-

pihan, expressed optimism that the youth will be key to its survival.

"We recognize our shortcomings in engaging the youth in farming and integrating them into the agricultural system," Addressing the media, Barcelon added: "We hope that through your efforts, we can convey to the youth and make them realize that agriculture is the hope of our nation. If they cannot find jobs, there are government agencies where they can use their skills for the betterment of our country."

The Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas fourth episode in the Calabarzon region also highlighted the accomplishments and programs of some DA-attached agencies, including the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) IV-A, National Irrigation Administration (NIA) IV-A, and the National Food Authority (NFA) IV-A, and their contributions in meeting the sufficient food supply the region needs. /(PB/PIA-4A)

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Libreng Legal na Serbisyo mula sa Abogado ng Imuseño, Konsehal Atty. Wency Lara para sa mga residente ng Anabu 2nd!

Libreng Legal na Serbisyo mula sa Abogado ng Imuseño, Konsehal Atty. Wency Lara para sa mga residente ng Anabu 2nd!

Sa patuloy na paghahatid ng libreng legal advice, notaryo, at late birth registration ni Konsehal Atty. Wency Lara sa mga barangay sa Imus, ang mga residente naman ng barangay Anabu 2nd ang kaniyang bibisitahin sa darating na Huwebes, Hunyo 27, 2024, 8:00 AM, sa Anabu 2-C, Covered Court. Bukas ito sa mga residente ng mga barangay Anabu 2-A hanggang 2-G.

Para sa Libreng Notaryo, kinakailangan ang: * Appearance of Affiant (Personal na pagpunta ng kinaaukulang taong magpapanotaryo) * Photocopy of Valid Government ID with 3 signatures affixed on photocopied paper (Kopya ng Valid Government ID na may tatlong lagda sa papel). Para sa Libreng Legal Advice, dalhin ang: * Ano mang dokumento o legal papers na may kaugnayan sa nais ipakonsulta.

Para naman sa Late Birth Registration, ihanda ang mga sumusunod:

- * Affidavit of two witnesses
- * Maaaring magsama ng dalawang taong hindi kamag-anak dala-dala ang kanilang valid ID.
- * Barangay Indigency

- Kung ang aplikante ay menor de edad (0–17 taong gulang), ipangalan ito sa magulang.
- * Barangay Certification, kalakip ang mga sumusunod:

- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- Place of Birth
- Maiden Name of Mother
- Name of Father.

- * Proof of Birth, alin man sa mga sumusunod:
- Baptismal Certificate
- Medical Record (Immunization)
- Marriage Contract
- Lumang NBI Clearance, Police Clearance, o Passport

- Form 137 mula sa paaralan
- Voter's Registration Record mula sa COMELEC (2 pages)
- Member Data Record mula sa Pag-IBIG Fund, PhilHealth, o SSS
- Government-Issued ID (tulad ng National ID, Driver's License, Senior Citizens ID)
- CEDULA (Community Tax Certificate)
- * Marriage Contract ng mga Magulang, kung kasal. PAALALA: Kailangan ang personal na pagpunta ng Ama, Ina, at ng Bata kung ang edad nito ay pitong taong gulang pataas.

Para sa mga katanungan at iba pang impormasyon, makipag-ugnayan sa official Facebook page ni Konsehal Atty. Wency Lara.

Wala itong bayad, kaya't kunin na ang pagkakataong ito, Imuseño!

Office of Councilor Atty. Wency Lara

Mayor Alex DVINCULA WENCY LARA

ABOGADO NG IMUSEÑO

Coun. Atty. Wency Lara

Serbisyo para sa Imuseño

- Libreng Notaryo
- Libreng Legal Advice
- Libreng Late Birth Registration

June 27, 2024 | 08:00 AM

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