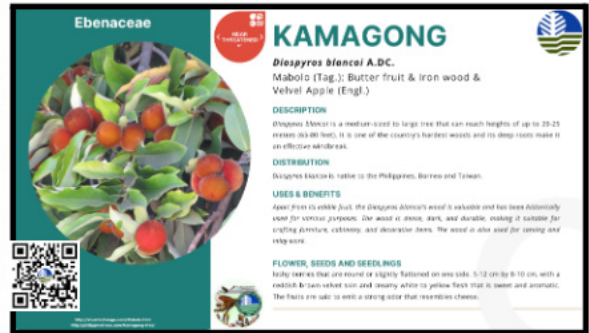


BRIDGING NATURE AND TECHNOLOGY: QR CODES HIGHLIGHT PRIORITY FLORA SPECIES AT MTS. BANAHAW-SAN CRISTOBAL PROTECTED LANDSCAPE



The DENR-CENRO Sta. Cruz, in collaboration with the Protected Area Management Office of Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal Protected Landscape (MBSCPL) Laguna, completed the installation of Quick Response (QR) codes on 36 tagged priority flora species within Taytay Falls in Majayjay, Laguna.

This initiative aims to enhance visitor awareness of diverse flora species that can be encountered along the trail going to Taytay Falls. QR codes have been strategically attached to tree-tagged priority flora species throughout the protected area, offering visitors an engaging and educational experience. With a simple scan, these QR codes provide detailed information about the species, including the Family Name, Scientific Name, Vernacular Name, Description, Distribution, Uses and Benefits, as well as information about the flowers, seeds, and seedlings of each identified priority flora species.

This innovative approach not only enhances visitor engagement but also underscores the importance of preserving the unique flora of MBSCPL. This pioneering effort helps improve the tree tagging system for flora species in the vicinity of Taytay Falls and exemplifies the fusion of environmental stewardship and digital innovation, inviting the public to become more informed and involved in protecting one of the Philippines' most treasured landscapes./PR

DENR, SM PRIME PARTNER FOR AIR QUALITY MONITORING



Present during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the launch of the Air Quality Monitoring Station donated by SMPHI for EMB-NCR's Adopt-a-CAMS Program were (left to right): Engr. Phil Kreisky V. Tobias, Maria Cecille Pangilinan, and Arvin B. Araojo Jr. from SMPHI; Ms. Gemma G. Cariño, Chief of the Finance and Administrative Division; Mr. Orliber D. Paule, Senior Assistant Vice President of SM Philippines – Estate Management; Engr. Maria Dorica Naz-Hipe, CEO V, EMB-NCR Regional Director; Engr. Divina C. Camarao, Chief of the Clearance and Permitting Division; Atty. Linel C. Manayang, OIC of the Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division; Ms. Jennilyn C. Vicente, Chief of the Ambient Monitoring and Technical Services Section; Mr. Jovel L. Rogando, Head of the Ambient Air Unit; Engr. Rhean Gelyn M. Ramos, Senior Environmental Management Specialist; and Ms. Mary Kris A. Amores, Environmental Management Specialist II.

QUEZON CITY, (December 5, 2024) – In support of the government's program to comprehensively manage air pollution in the country through air quality monitoring, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Environmental Management Bureau National Capital Region (DENR EMB-NCR) has partnered with SM Prime Holdings Inc. (SMPHI) for the establishment of a real-time Air Quality Monitoring Station (AQMS) in this city.

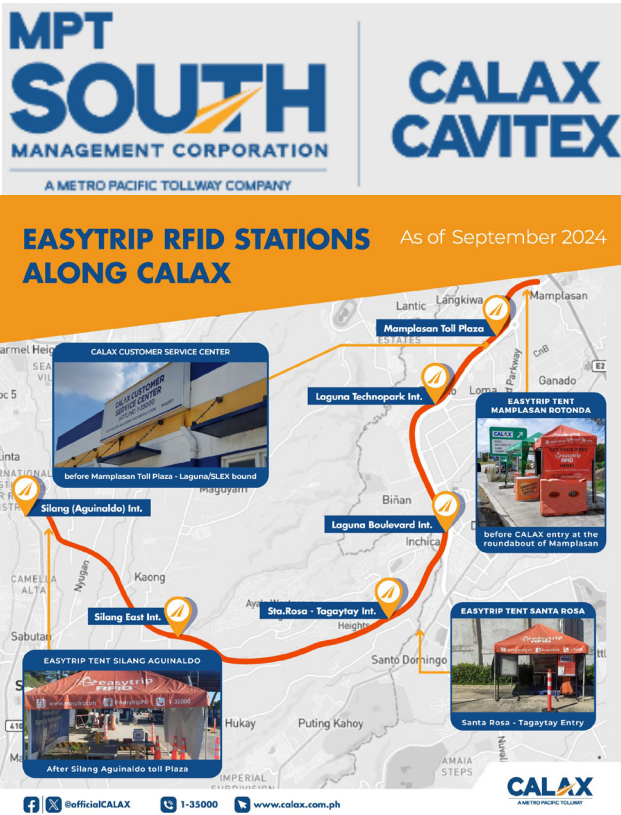
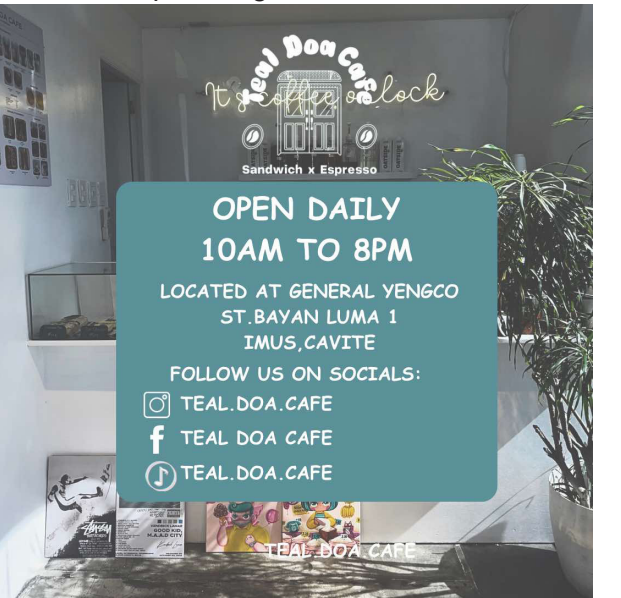
SMPHI, one of the largest integrated property developers in Asia, signed up for the Adopt-a-CAMS (Continuous Ambient Air Monitoring System) Program of the EMB to align with the Philippine Clean Air Act or Republic Act 8749, and advance the country's sustainable development goals.

"Land use and urban planning drive mobility-based and stationary emissions sources. These, in turn, have public health and climate change implications for people, ecosystems and environments. Everyone is stakeholder in the air we breathe and the quality of our living conditions. This donation reflects the importance of collective action to tackle air pollution and protect public health," DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga said.

"The AQMS serves as a vital tool for gathering data that will shape evidence-based policies, benefiting both the environment and the residents of Quezon City. By participating in the Adopt-a-CAMS program, the SMPHI not only assists in strengthening EMB-NCR's capacity to monitor and address air quality issues but also sets an example for other corporations to actively contribute to environmental protection and public welfare," said Secretary Loyzaga.

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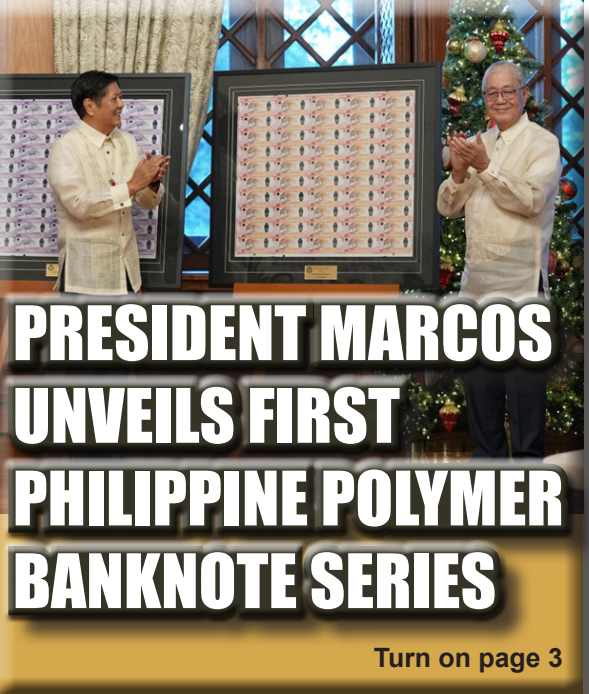
The AQMS is now operational and is located within the SMPHI property in Matandang Balara, Quezon City. The station can measure particulate matter 10 and 2.5 (PM10 and PM2.5) and is seamlessly integrated with the EMB-NCR's Data Acquisition and Handling System (DAHS). This connectivity allows for real-time transmission of air quality data to the bureau's central database, enabling policymakers and environmental agencies to respond effectively to air quality concerns in the National Capital Region. /PR



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In photo: Mayor Alex Advincula



An Overseas Filipino Worker's Christmas: A Season of Sacrifice and Hope

For millions of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) scattered across the globe, Christmas is a bittersweet time. The festive season, a time traditionally marked by family gatherings, Simbang Gabi, and noche buena, is often spent thousands of miles away from loved ones. While the rest of the world enjoys the holiday cheer, OFWs face the poignant reality of celebrating Christmas in a foreign land, far from the warmth of home.

OFWs are often heralded as modern-day heroes, not just for their significant contributions to the Philippine economy through remittances but for their remarkable resilience and sacrifices. Behind every remittance sent home is a story of hard work, homesickness, and a longing for family. Christmas, more than any other time of the year, magnifies this longing. The absence at family dinners, the missed laughter, and the inability to embrace loved ones on such a special occasion weigh heavily on

the hearts of many OFWs.

Yet, it is this same season that fuels their hope and determination. The sacrifices they endure are not without purpose. OFWs work tirelessly to provide a better future for their families, ensuring that their children can enjoy the opportunities they themselves may have been denied. For many, the thought of their children opening gifts sent from afar or enjoying a feast funded by months of labor sustains their spirits during the lonely holiday season.

Christmas for OFWs is often celebrated in unconventional ways. Virtual reunions via video calls bridge the distance, allowing families to share moments of joy even if only through screens. Communities of OFWs abroad often come together to celebrate, recreating the essence of a Filipino Christmas with shared meals, caroling, and even Simbang Gabi. These gatherings remind them that they are not alone in their struggles and that their sacrific-

es are shared by many.

As we celebrate Christmas in the Philippines, surrounded by loved ones and the familiar comforts of home, let us take a moment to remember and honor the sacrifices of our OFWs. Their unwavering dedication to their families and their country exemplifies the true spirit of Christmas—love, selflessness, and hope.

This holiday season, let us also extend our gratitude and support to our OFWs. Whether through a heartfelt message, a prayer, or a simple act of kindness to their families back home, we can show that their sacrifices are not forgotten. For OFWs, Christmas may often mean being apart from family, but their love and sacrifices continue to unite them with those they hold dear, proving that the essence of Christmas transcends distance.

-Ang Kabitenya

MALAGASANG...

IMUS CITY – The much-anticipated Malagasang Flyover, connecting Imus and General Trias, was officially opened to the public on Saturday, December 14.

The project, spearheaded by Congressman AJ Advincula in partnership with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), aims to alleviate traffic congestion, shorten travel times,

and provide a more convenient commuting experience for motorists.

Officials expressed optimism that the new flyover will significantly improve the connectivity of major thoroughfares in the region, benefiting residents and travelers alike.

“This infrastructure is a testament to our commitment to addressing the daily chal-

lenges faced by our constituents and enhancing mobility in our cities,” said Congressman Advincula during the inauguration.

The Malagasang Flyover is expected to play a vital role in boosting economic activity and ensuring smoother transportation across Cavite's busy road networks. /PR

STRIKE...

BACOOR CITY – Residents of Barangay Molino 3 came together on December 21, 2024, for “Strike Family Day,” a lively event hosted by the City Government of Bacoor under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla and Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola. The event, held at the Camella East 1 Covered Court, was organized in collaboration with the Local Youth Development Office (LYDO) and Team Revilla.

The celebration featured an array of activities designed to foster family bonding and community engagement. Participants enjoyed free food, a photo booth,

a sing-along contest, and an inflatable slide for children. A fire prevention training session, conducted by the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), educated attendees on safety measures, while the Strike Bacoor Rainbow Community (SBRC) offered free haircuts to residents in need.

The event's success was made possible through a collaborative effort involving the City Government, LYDO, Team Revilla, the Homeowners Association of Camella East 1 led by President Josephine Lagrata, Triskelion Tau Gamma, and the Barangay Homeowners and Operators As-

sociation of Camella East 1 (BHOACI).

Mayor Revilla highlighted the importance of building strong community ties, stating that events like Strike Family Day are part of the city's broader mission to create opportunities for residents to connect, celebrate, and support one another.

The Strike Family Day served as a testament to Bacoor City's commitment to fostering unity and creating meaningful experiences for its citizens, further strengthening the spirit of camaraderie in Molino 3. /PR



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Cavite Provincial Government Launches Women's Welfare Program



The Provincial Government of Cavite, led by Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino, rolled out its Women's Welfare Program in Ternate and Tagaytay City, distributing 2,000 cash assistance to 2,000 women in each location. This initiative aims to uplift and empower women across the province while fostering economic resilience and inclusivity.

In Ternate, Governor Tolentino personally attended the event held at Poblacion I, where she emphasized the critical role of women in strengthening communities and driving societal progress. “Empowering women is investing in the future,” she said, reaffirming her administration's dedication to providing Caviteñas with resources and opportunities for a better quality of life.

In Tagaytay City, the program was held at the Tagaytay International Convention Center, led by Mayor Bambol Tolentino and Vice Mayor Agnes Tolentino. Both officials echoed the Governor's sentiments, highlighting the importance of collective action to ensure sustainable development and gender equality.

The Women's Welfare Program underscores the provincial government's commitment to inclusivity and equity. By addressing the needs of women and recognizing their contributions, the initiative aims to create stronger, more united communities across Cavite.

The distribution of cash assistance is part of Governor Tolentino's broader mission to enhance the lives of Caviteños. This program serves as an inspiration for many to pursue personal and collective empowerment, paving the way for a brighter, more equitable future in the province.

The Women's Welfare Program is a testament to Cavite's vision of a society where women thrive as equal partners in progress and nation-building, reinforcing the administration's commitment to sustainable and inclusive growth. /CPIO



Cavite Government Distributes 20,000 Catfish Fingerlings to Farmers and Fisherfolks



Cavite, December 18, 2024 — The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through its Office of the Provincial Agriculturist Fisheries Extension Services Section, has taken another significant step in supporting local farmers and fisherfolks by distributing 20,000 Hito (catfish) fingerlings. The event, held at the OPA Administrative Lobby, aimed to boost the livelihoods of 18 beneficiaries and reinforce the government's commitment to agricultural and fisheries development.

The program kicked off with an educational lecture on Hito culture led by Aquaculturist II Sheryl P. Luna and Ms. Leni Pinsan, owner of MLEP Catfish Hatchery. The session provided attendees with essential knowledge and practical techniques for raising Hito, ensuring they are well-prepared to maximize their yields and grow their businesses.

Aquaculturist II Edrich H. Caparas and OPA Administrative Officer V Lourdes N. Janohan facilitated the distribution of the fingerlings. Beneficiaries expressed their gratitude for the program, recognizing it as a significant initiative to improve their income and livelihood opportunities.

This distribution program, launched in response to the increasing demand for Hito fingerlings, highlights the Provincial Government's dedication to sustainable agricultural and fisheries practices. By empowering local farmers and fisherfolks with resources and education, the government continues to drive economic resilience and promote food security within the province.

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MOA 360 LED: A NEW ERA OF DIGITAL DISPLAY IN THE PHILIPPINES

SM Mall of Asia (MOA) is once again setting a new benchmark for digital innovation in the Philippines with the launch of the MOA 360 LED. This state-of-the-art cylindrical display, towering over 15 meters in height and covering an impressive 170 square meters of LED screen, is destined to become an iconic landmark in the heart of MOA. With its futuristic design and immersive visuals, the MOA 360 LED represents a significant milestone in SM's ongoing expansion and commitment to shaping the future of retail.



The MOA 360 LED, a towering 15-meter cylindrical display, elevates SM Mall of Asia as a global leader in digital entertainment.

A visual spectacle like no other

The MOA 360 LED is more than just a digital screen; it's an extraordinary, pseudo-realistic visual experience that promises to revolutionize how people engage with advertising and entertainment. The display's innovative cylindrical design offers a unique 360-degree viewing angle, ensuring that no matter where you are in the atrium, you'll be fully immersed in the stunning visuals. From every corner, visitors will experience vibrant, high-definition content that captivates the imagination and elevates the overall shopping experience.



SM Supermalls' Executive Vice President for Marketing Jonjon San Agustin, SM Supermalls President Steven Tan, SM Engineering Design and Development Corporation President Hans Sy Jr., SM Mall of Asia Senior Assistant Vice President for Operations Perkin So, Prime Spots President Linda Panutat, and Inewvation International Corporation CEO and President Jayson So.

A new landmark for the Philippines

As the largest of its kind in the Philippines, the MOA 360 LED reaffirms the country's position as a regional hub for technological advancement and creative innovation. Its groundbreaking presence transforms MOA into an even more dynamic and captivating destination for locals and tourists alike.



Daloy Dance Company dancers perform with the MOA 360 LED - Wonders of the Sea in the background, creating a fusion of movement and digital art.

The launch of the MOA 360 LED underscores SM's vision of creating a cutting-edge, immersive retail environment. This next-generation display sets a new standard for mall entertainment and customer engagement, providing an innovative platform for brands to connect with consumers in ways never before possible.



A mallgoer interacts with an underwater installation at the unveiling of the MOA 360 LED - Wonders of the Sea.

The wonders of the sea

The MOA 360 LED features a breathtaking pseudo-realistic visual, Wonders of the Sea, celebrating the beauty and biodiversity of the sea. The spectacular visuals take viewers on an underwater journey through dynamic coral reefs, teeming marine life, and thriving underwater flora, transporting them to the diverse ecosystems of the region.



Broadcaster Bernadette Sembrano joins the excitement at the launch of the groundbreaking MOA 360 LED.



An event guest is awestruck with the immersive spectacle.



The story is set in the Kingdom of Kalayaan in the contemporary era in an alternate version of the Philippines where the islands were never colonized. It features the hierarchy of the Kaharian ng Kalayaan and Malayas.

PHILPOST...

ROSARIO, CAVITE – The Municipality of Rosario conveyed its heartfelt gratitude after being recognized as the Top 3 Most Outstanding and eLGU Implementer of the Year 2024 in the 1st to 2nd Class Municipalities Category in Calabarzon.

The prestigious award was presented on December 10, 2024, during the eLGU BPLS

Summit held at Solano Hotel in Lipa, Batangas.

The local government expressed appreciation to all individuals and organizations that contributed to achieving this milestone. Officials emphasized that the recognition reflects their commitment to delivering exemplary public service to the people of Rosario.

“This award is a tes-

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The accolade underscores Rosario's dedication to innovation and efficiency in local governance, setting a benchmark for other municipalities in the region./PR

PRESIDENT MARCOS...

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. officially received the “First Philippine Polymer Banknote Series” from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Eli M. Remolona, Jr. in a ceremony held at Malacañang on December 19, 2024.

The new polymer series includes the 1,000-piso denomination, first launched in April 2022, along with newly introduced 500-, 100-, and 50-piso polymer banknotes. Featuring designs that highlight the Philippines' rich biodiversity and cultural heritage, the polymer notes showcase unique native plants, animals, and traditional weaves.

“This marks a historic moment for our country,” said President Marcos. “Polymer banknotes are designed to last up to seven and a half years, significantly longer than paper bills, which means cost savings, reduced waste, and a contribution to environmental sustainability.”

The polymer notes also feature advanced anti-counterfeiting technology, making

them smarter, cleaner, and stronger. Viruses and bacteria dissipate more quickly on polymer than on paper, and the notes are more durable, with a smaller carbon footprint.

Governor Remolona emphasized that the polymer series not only raises awareness about endangered species but also symbolizes Filipino identity and fosters national pride.

Key Features of the Polymer Banknotes The polymer series highlights the country's biodiversity and cultural legacy:

1,000-piso: Philippine eagle, sampaguita flower, Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park, South Sea pearl, and T'nalak weave. 500-piso: Visayan spotted deer, Acanthephippium mantinianum, Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, blue-naped parrot, and southern Philippine weave. 100-piso: Palawan peacock-pheasant, Ceratopentodon fesseli, Mayon Volcano, whale shark, and Bicol Region weave. 50-piso: Visayan leopard cat, Vidal's lanu-

tan, Taal Lake, native maliputo fish, and Batangas embroidery. The polymer notes retain the dimensions and colors of their paper counterparts, with tactile dots added for accessibility. Both the New Generation Currency (NGC) paper notes and polymer banknotes will remain valid for financial transactions.

Circulation and Accessibility Limited polymer banknotes will be released starting December 23, 2024, in the Greater Manila Area, expanding nationwide in the future. Initially available at bank counters, the 500- and 100-piso denominations will later be accessible through ATMs.

Aligned with global best practices of updating currency designs every decade, the introduction of the polymer series ensures that Philippine currency stays ahead in security and sustainability, fulfilling the BSP's mandate to safeguard the integrity of the nation's money. / BSP.GOV.PH

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TICKET...

MANILA – A better from Cavite hit the Super Lotto 6/49 jackpot prize of PHP15,840,000.00 drawn on Sunday night. The ticket bearing the winning combination of 21-10-13-31-07-18 was bought from an outlet in Molino 4, Bacoor City, according to the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) on Monday. As specified in Republic Act 1169 or the law on PCSO lotteries, winners have one year from the date of the draw to claim the prize.

All jackpot prizes must be claimed at the PCSO main office in Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City. Lotto winnings of more than PHP10,000 are subject to a 20 percent tax under the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion law. Meanwhile, 52 others won PHP50,000 each for guessing five of the six winning digits; 2,136 will get PHP1,200 each for four correct digits; and 29,193 will settle for PHP50 each for three correct digits.

The Super Lotto 6/49 is drawn every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday. PCSO General Manager Melquiades Robles urged the public to support the agency's gaming products to raise additional revenue for health initiatives, medical services and other national charities. Through its mandatory contributions, the PCSO not only helps people in need of medical assistance but also provides funds to government institutions. (PNA)

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BARANGAY...

DASMARIÑAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) – The role of barangays in fostering lasting peace in the community is highlighted as a university in Cavite launched the Barangay Peace and Conflict Transformation (BPACT) Executive Course. Helmed by the ninth batch of Master in Sustainable Leadership and Governance students of De La Salle University in Dasmariñas, the BPACT Executive Course aims to provide barangay officials and Sangguniang Kabataan leaders with vital skills in conflict resolution, mediation, and peacebuilding.

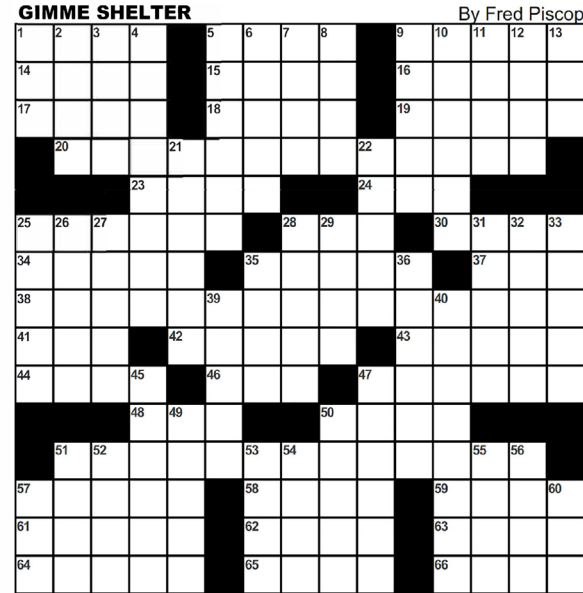
The program likewise seeks to empower grassroots leaders to foster inclusive, harmonious, and resilient communities. “Peace is essential in development. Progress cannot occur without peace.” Professor Rommel Mazo, Director of the university's School of Governance, underscored the link between long lasting peace and development. (PB/STT/PIA4A) Professor Rommel Mazo, Director of the university's School of Governance, stated that BPACT is a 13 to 15-week highly specialized course designed to support the barangay justice administration overseen by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). “Peace is essential in development. Progress cannot occur without peace.

The state exists fundamentally to promote peace and order. Without peace and order, there is no development, no culture, no civilization,” Mazo said. Engr. Danilo Nobleza, Provincial Director of DILG Cavite, recognized the importance of the academe in its mission to empower barangays in maintaining peace and promoting development within their communities. Engr. Danilo Nobleza, Provincial Director of DILG Cavite, recognized the importance of the academe in its mission to empower barangays in maintaining peace and promoting development within their communities. “This program is highly significant as we have seen how an academic institution was given the opportunity to offer a program that addresses the skills and knowledge needed for serving our communities,” Nobleza assured that the interior department will fully support the BPACT Executive Course by offering technical assistance and advocating for its adoption in other local governments. For barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials, the inaugural BPACT course is a valuable learning opportunity designed to enhance their conflict resolution skills and prevent disputes from esca-

lating to the courts. Ariane Agustin, a Sangguniang Kabataan member in Tanza, Cavite urged fellow SK officials to support this initiative as part of their responsibility to inspire other youth to be involved in local governance. “To my fellow SK officials, let's support the BPACT program. We need this because as youth leaders, we are expected to fulfill our duty and inspire the youth to participate in the community.” Matde Blancaflor from Barangay Biwas, Tanza stated the course will better equip them to resolve cases and disputes at the barangay level and prevent them from being elevated to higher authorities. “It provides guidelines on how cases are processed at the barangay level, helping reduce conflicts and prevent issues from escalating to the courts when they can be resolved within the barangay” Aligned with the principles of Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP) from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU), the BPACT Executive Course also supports the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal (SGD) 16, which focuses on promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions. (/ PIA4A)

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- 1) Sweet wine
- 5) Conrad's " _ Jim"
- 9) Hard tennis shot
- 14) Nest-egg funds, briefly
- 15) Fit to serve
- 16) J ai alai basket
- 17) Starry-eyed
- 18) Things to repent for
- 19) From another world
- 20) Have liberal views
- 23) Gain admission
- 24) Shakers founder Ann
- 25) Give the green light
- 28) Fuel-economy org.
- 30) Concrete ingredient
- 34) Replicate, in a way
- 35) Rotisserie League concern
- 37) Reptilian squeezer
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- 41) Rescue squad member
- 42) Sought intel
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- 44) An "X" may mark it
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- 25) Needs ibuprofen
- 26) Batter's dry spell
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- 29) Pal on the ranch
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- 32) "It'll never work"
- 3 3) Had the nerve
- 35) Tend to the batter
- 36) Capitol Hill group
- 39) Puccini offering
- 40) Abandoned
- 45) Many a Belieber
- 47) Like many store-bought olives
- 49) Singer with the album "25"
- 50) Credit card action
- 51) Fighting mad
- 52) Optimistic view
- 53) Dandy dressers
- 54) Disney's boy detective
- 55) Prefix meaning "mechanized"
- 56) Bathroom bar
- 57) Jr., to III
- 60) Drain unclogger ingredient

CITY OF BACORR NEWS

Batang Bacooreño Youth Night Shines at Strike Festival



December 21, 2024 – Mayor Strike B. Revilla's unwavering support and affection for the youth of Bacoor were celebrated in style during the Batang Bacooreño Youth Night, an event brimming with talent and excitement. Organized by the Local Youth Development Office and BAO/BMIS, the evening showcased the incredible skills and creativity of Bacoor's young residents.

A highlight of the night was the Thai-Inspired and Malaysian Culture Motor Show, where motorcycle enthusiasts proudly displayed their stylish and unique motor set-ups. The event featured the 17s Culture Zone Bacoor and Malaysian Culture Cavite, adding an international flair to the celebration.

Theatrical excellence took center stage as Cavite State University – Bacoor Campus claimed first place in the Kabataan People's Choice Award for their outstanding performance. Meanwhile, a vibrant Festival Dance from St. Dominic College of Asia and a harmonious performance by the Koro Perpetual of UPHSD – Molino Campus captivated the audience.

The SK Federation amped up the energy with lively dance and music numbers, culminating in a stunning fireworks display that lit up the Bacoor night sky. Adding to the festivities, members of the SBR-KKK joined the celebration in the traditional Baktian style, while the Zumba Ladies, led by BHOACI, brought zest and rhythm to the stage.

Special thanks were extended to Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola, SP Members, Councilor Catherine Sarino-Evaristo, and SK Palm Buncio for their generous support and contributions to the success of the event. Their efforts ensured a memorable evening for Bacoor's youth.

The Batang Bacooreño Youth Night was a vibrant testament to Bacoor's rich culture, community spirit, and the boundless potential of its youth./PR

Transport Forum in Bacoor Tackles Public Transport Modernization Program



Bacoor City, December 19, 2024 – The Office for the Development of the Cooperatives (COOP) and the Cavite Province Federation of Transport Cooperatives (CPFed-TraC) spearheaded a Transport Forum aimed at advancing discussions on the Public Transport Modernization Program (PTMP). Bringing together CPFedTraC officers and members, key stakeholders from the transport sector, and government representatives, the forum highlighted the program's implementation strategies in Bacoor. Mayor Strike B. Revilla delivered a video message during the event, underscoring the significance of modernizing Bacoor's public transportation system to enhance commuter experiences and stimulate the city's economic growth. Prominent speakers at the forum included Vicenta M. Lazaro, head of COOP; Hon. Loumer P. Bernabe, Regional Director of Region 4 (LTRFB); Hon. Reymundo De Guzman from the Office of the Transportation Cooperatives; Hon. Orlando Marquez, National President of LTOP; and Ms. Khai Javier Sanchez, LEDIPO Head and Spokesperson for Mayor Revilla. The forum provided an avenue for open dialogue on the PTMP, with discussions focusing on its benefits, challenges, and avenues for collaborative efforts. Participants shared valuable insights and firsthand experiences, emphasizing the need for an inclusive and unified strategy to ensure the program's success. As the forum concluded, attendees echoed a call for continued partnership among government agencies, transport cooperatives, and other stakeholders. The collective aim remains to establish a safe, efficient, and modern public transport system for Cavite's residents./PR

Last week's solution:



PGC'S MEDICAL MISSION PROVIDES FREE HEALTHCARE TO 452 RESIDENTS



December 18, 2024 – Brgy. Ramon Cruz, Cavite — The covered court of Barangay Ramon Cruz was transformed into a hub of healthcare activity as 452 residents benefited from a free medical mission. The initiative, aimed at enhancing public health and wellness, provided residents with free medical check-ups, medicines, and vitamins.

The program was graced by 5th District Board Member Aidel Belamide, who expressed steadfast support for the initiative and emphasized the importance of accessible healthcare for all.

The medical mission was made possible through the collaboration of healthcare teams from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH), Carsigma District Hospital, and the Office of the Provincial Governor. Assisted by Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), doctors, nurses, and healthcare volunteers worked tirelessly to address the medical needs of the community. The distribution of free medicines and vitamins further underlined the program's focus on preventive care and addressing immediate health concerns.

This effort exemplifies the strong partnership between local officials, healthcare professionals, and the Provincial Government of Cavite under the leadership of Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino. Through programs like this, the provincial government reaffirms its commitment to improving the quality of life and promoting wellness among Caviteños. /CPIO



KADIWA NG PANGULO LAUNCHES IN IMUS CITY, OFFERS AFFORDABLE LOCAL PRODUCTS



Imus City, Cavite – On Wednesday, December 18, 2024, Mayor Alex Advincula led the successful launch of the Kadiwa ng Pangulo program in Imus, an initiative aimed at providing affordable, high-quality products to the public. The event, organized by Agriculture/FITS Imus, featured 20 stalls offering a wide range of products, including rice, fresh fruits, vegetables, and other locally sourced goods.

The launch was attended by key local government officials, including Vice Governor Sher-nan Jaro, Councilors Totie Ropeta, Enzo Asistio, Darwin Remulla, Atty. Wency Lara, Mark Vilanueva, Sherwin Lares Comia, and City Local Government Operations Officer Joseph Ryan Geronimo. Also present were City Agriculturist Robert Marges and other department and unit heads.

The Kadiwa ng Pangulo, under the government's flagship program "Katuwang sa Diwa at Gawa para sa Masaganang Ani at Mataas na Kita," aims to provide Filipino citizens with access to affordable products while helping local farmers and vendors earn a better income. The initiative has been praised for its role in making essential goods accessible to the public while supporting the livelihoods of local producers.

"This event is part of our continued efforts to provide the Imuseño community with quality products at reasonable prices. We are proud to be part of this nationwide program that helps uplift both the consumers and the producers," said Mayor Advincula.

The launch of Kadiwa ng Pangulo in Imus marks a significant step toward the government's broader goal of supporting Filipino farmers and local businesses while ensuring that families have access to affordable and nutritious products./PR

LIBRENG KAKANIN SA SIMBANG GABI, HANDOG NINA CONG. AJ AT MAYOR AA



Imus City, Cavite – Muling naghandog ng libreng kakanin ang magka-alyadong lider ng Imus, Congressman AJ Advincula at City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula, sa mga Imusehanging Katoliko nitong Lunes, Disyembre 16, 2024, kasabay ng pagsimula ng Simbang Gabi. Ipinagkaloob ang mga libreng bibingka at puto bumbong araw-araw pagkatapos ng 04:30 a.m. na Misa de Aguinaldo sa Katedral ng Imus, Brgy. Poblacion 3-A at Saint Martha Parish Church, Brgy. Malagasang 2-A, habang makatatanggap naman ng kakanin ang mga dadalo sa 04:00 a.m. na misa sa St. James the Greater Parish, Brgy. Buhay na Tubig hanggang Martes, Disyembre 24, 2024.

Bukod dito, ang mga dumadalo sa 4:00 a.m. misa sa St. James the Greater Parish sa Brgy. Buhay na Tubig ay makakatanggap din ng libreng kakanin. Ang handog na ito ay magpapatuloy hanggang Martes, Disyembre 24, 2024.

Ayon sa mga lokal na opisyal, layunin ng programang ito na mas mapalalim ang diwa ng Pasko sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay saya at tulong sa mga deboto, habang patuloy na ipinagpapasalamat ang mga biyaya ng taon. Ang libreng kakanin ay nagiging simbolo ng pagmamalasakit at pagkakaisa ng mga Imuseño sa tuwing sumasapit ang Kapaskuhan.

"Ang handog na libreng kakanin ay isang maliit na paraan ng pagpapakita ng aming pasasalamat sa mga Imuseño. Nais naming mapaligaya ang mga pamilya habang ipinagdiriwang nila ang Simbang Gabi at ang darating na Pasko," ayon kay Congressman AJ Advincula./CPIO IMUS

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