

DENR OPTIMISTIC OVER EFFECTIVE ACCOUNTING OF NATURAL WEALTH WITH LAUNCH OF “SUKAT NG KALIKASAN”



Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga is optimistic over the effective implementation of the Philippine Ecosystem and Natural Capital Accounting System (PENCAS) Act with the launch of the “Sukat ng Kalikasan” (SnK) framework and toolkit during the International Day for Biological Diversity last May 22.

The PENCAS law will serve as a tool for determining the contributions of ecosystems to economic development and therefore contribute to a science-based approach in the management of natural resources and improving climate and disaster resilience.

The DENR, with the establishment of the Geospatial Database Office, is encouraging a science-informed and risk-based approach to address the complex, and interconnected challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, energy transition, and sustainable development.

The environment chief noted that SnK will strengthen PENCAS’ implementation as SnK will allow for “more effective natural resource management to reduce biodiversity loss, increase private sector engagement and investment, and make more resilient communities and a more resilient economy.”

Republic Act No. 11995, or the PENCAS Act, is the Philippines’ first law establishing a system to measure the country’s natural resources and stop unchecked development and resource exploitation.

Under this law, the DENR shall work together with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the Inter-agency Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Statistics (IACENRS), and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA).

Stressing that SnK will bridge the gap between economic planning and environmental conservation, Secretary Loyzaga pointed out that SnK is “customized for the Philippine context” and its adoption places the government “in a more resilient position to manage our natural resources sustainably while achieving our development goals.”

The SnK provides diverse applications in conservation areas, both in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, with its available assessment tools and mechanisms that will enable planners and policymakers to craft evidence- and science-based management plans and decision-making tools for biodiversity conservation areas and prioritize the use of limited resources, address climate mitigation, adaptation and good governance.

SnK is likewise designed to measure and assign monetary value of the country’s natural assets and

the services they contribute to the society and economy.

SnK is a joint undertaking of the DENR with the United States Agency for International Development’s Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscapes (SIBOL) Project, a five-year natural resource management and biodiversity conservation project launched in 2020.

Other national government agencies involved in the SnK initiatives include the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippine Statistics Authority, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples and National Commission for Culture and the Arts.###

IDBD 2024 SPOTLIGHTS 30×30 IMPLEMENTATION



The implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) in the Philippines that aims to protect at least 30 percent of the planet’s land and water ecosystems by 2030 takes centerstage as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB) celebrates the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDBD) on May 22 in Taguig City.

The KMGBF aims to address biodiversity loss, restore ecosystems and protect indigenous peoples and local communities. Also called “The Biodiversity Plan,” the Framework was adopted during the COP15 in Montreal, Canada in December 2022. With its adoption, it is urgent to accelerate action across sectors and society to achieve its goals and targets and address the key drivers of biodiversity loss including changes in land and sea use, direct exploitation of organisms, climate change, pollution and invasion of alien species.

In the country, the DENR takes the lead in advancing the implementation of the biodiversity framework. To achieve its targets, the Department will set up five new marine research stations in six biogeographic regions in the country located in the provinces of Cagayan, Aurora, Eastern Samar, Samarangani, Zamboanga and Palawan.

The DENR will also enhance protection measures for the Tubbataha Reef and implement a Species Conservation Action Plan for the Philippines’ endangered endemic species including the Philippine Eagle, Philippine Cockatoo, Tamaraw, Marine Turtle, and Dugong.

The Department is currently updating the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan to review the country’s roadmap in conserving and managing its biodiversity to make it climate and disaster risk sensitive.

With the theme “Be Part of the Plan,” the national celebration of IDBD will focus on accelerating the imple-

mentation of the Framework through a whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach. The Framework advocates and promotes a global outreach campaign to halt and reverse biodiversity loss through the active participation of various stakeholders including the government, private sector, indigenous peoples, and local communities.

This year’s celebration will emphasize the continuous realization of the KMGBF in the Philippines and within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and advance the understanding of biodiversity through immersive media.

Raising the platform for collaboration and partnerships, partners from the foreign-assisted and special projects, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations will take part in the celebration underscoring their significant roles and contributions.

On May 22, the DENR-BMB and the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity (ACB) will co-lead discussions on the progress of the KMGBF. The discussions will provide updates on the status of the implementation of KMGBF in the country, and how the Philippines is enhancing biodiversity conservation, addressing climate change and promoting sustainable development to achieve the targets of the Framework by 2030.

Among the highlights of the celebration is the launching of the “Sukat ng Kalikasan” an ecological guidebook for natural resource managers at the Mind Museum in Taguig City. Co-developed by United States Agency for International Development-Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans, and Landscapes (USAID-SIBOL), DENR, and other national government agencies, the guidebook features the local adaptation of the High Conservation Value Areas – Natural Capital Accounting (HCVA-NCA) frameworks that will be instrumental in determining the protection levels and management regimes of protected areas in the Philippines. The guidebook will help natural resource managers identify conservation values, set conservation targets, and measure conservation impacts.

This will be followed by the opening of the Biodiversity Crisis Escape Room (BCER), an immersive escape room experience developed by USAID-SIBOL and Bonifacio Arts Foundation, Inc. that teaches biodiversity conservation through the application of the Sukat ng Kalikasan framework. The escape room experience will come with a two-part television show, a sneak peek of which will also be shown on the same day.

A 10-day social media campaign from May 13 to 22 will hallmark the different roles of stakeholders along with the 23 KMGBF targets.

The United Nations Development Programme-Biodiversity Finance for Nature (UNDP-BIOFIN), along with open finance platform co-developers Unit 256 Ventures Inc. and UBX will lead a fund-raising activity called “Art for Nature: Non Fungible Tokens (NFTs) for Biodiversity” at the EDSA Shangri-La Hotel in Ortigas Center on May 20. The event will feature premium artworks for the protected areas (PAs) and endangered wildlife in the Philippines. It aims to raise awareness among emerging NFT enthusiasts in the country on biodiversity conservation.

The IDBD 2024 celebration aims to “increase the visibility momentum” before the sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 16), to be held in Colombia from October 21 to November 1, 2024. ###



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MANILA – Vice President Sara Z. Duterte-Carpio has formally asked the Supreme Court to dismiss three petitions questioning the propriety of PHP125 million in confidential funds in the Office of the Vice President (OVP) under the 2022 budget.

In a 16-page consolidated comment filed before the tribunal last May 10, Duterte, through her counsel, former Solicitor General Estelito Mendoza, sought the dismissal of the petitions separately filed by Christian Monsod, Howard Calleja and the ACT Teachers Party-list.

Mendoza, in his comment, said “none of the petitions present an actual case or controversy and none of the petitioners alleged a legal demandable and enforceable right which calls for the exercise of judicial power.”

The mandate of the High Court, he said, “does not include the duty to answer all of life’s questions,” adding that “the petitions are mere apprehension and speculation about contingent funds or confidential funds, which does not constitute a justiciable controversy.”

Mendoza argued that the Court’s power “is not unbridled authority to review just any claim of constitutional violation or grave abuse of discretion.” (PNA)

## Chiz Escudero's Ascendancy to Senate Presidency: A New Chapter for Legislative Leadership

In a significant political development, Senator Francis "Chiz" Escudero has been elected as the President of the Senate. This pivotal role places him at the helm of the upper chamber of the Philippine Congress, a position of immense influence and responsibility. As the nation looks to its leaders for direction and stability, Escudero's ascendancy marks a potential turning point in legislative governance.

A Proven Track Record  
Chiz Escudero's political career has been characterized by his consistency, competence, and charisma. With a background in law and a long tenure in public service, he has built a reputation for his eloquence and adeptness in navigating complex political landscapes. His experience as a former congressman and senator equips him with a deep understanding of the legislative process and the intricacies of governance. His advocacy for transparency, social justice, and equitable economic policies has resonated with many Filipinos, earning him a broad base of support.

Challenges Ahead  
The role of Senate President is not without its challenges. Escudero assumes office at a time

when the Philippines faces numerous pressing issues: economic recovery post-pandemic, addressing systemic corruption, enhancing social services, and navigating geopolitical tensions in the region. The legislative body under his leadership will need to address these concerns with urgency and diligence.

Moreover, the Senate must function as a check and balance on the executive branch, ensuring that laws and policies are crafted in the best interest of the people. This requires a Senate President who can foster collaboration across party lines, manage diverse viewpoints, and maintain the integrity of the institution. Escudero's ability to unify disparate factions and steer legislative priorities will be critical to his success.

A Vision for Progress  
Senator Escudero's vision for the Senate and the nation is rooted in progressive values and pragmatic solutions. His leadership style is expected to emphasize accountability, inclusivity, and innovation. By prioritizing legislative reforms that promote good governance, sustainable development, and social equity, he has the opportunity to galvanize the Senate into a proactive and responsive body.

Furthermore, Escudero's approach to leadership is likely to be characterized by his knack for clear communication and strategic thinking. These qualities will be essential in negotiating with other branches of government, stakeholders, and the public to achieve meaningful and lasting progress.

Conclusion  
As Chiz Escudero steps into the role of Senate President, there is a sense of cautious optimism. His proven track record, coupled with a forward-looking vision, positions him well to tackle the challenges that lie ahead. The success of his tenure will depend on his ability to harness the collective strengths of the Senate and to translate his legislative agenda into tangible benefits for the Filipino people. In these uncertain times, strong and principled leadership is more critical than ever, and Escudero's leadership will be put to the test as he navigates the complexities of the role. The nation watches with anticipation, hopeful that his stewardship will usher in a new era of legislative excellence and national progress.

-ANG KABITENYA

## VILLANUEVA ...

MANILA – Senator Joel Villanueva, one of the Senate's new "Solid 7" bloc led by Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri, on Tuesday disclosed that some of them are willing to join the minority under the new leadership led by Senate President Francis "Chiz" Escudero.

In an ambush interview, Villanueva said this is one of the options to their plan of "moving forward" as members of the Senate.

"Everything is in the open, option siya. Right now, tatlo or apat sa pito sa amin are more than willing to be part of the minority if that is the case na kailangan naming gawin para mas maging epektibo kami (it is an option. Right now, three or four of the seven of us are more than willing to be part of the minority if that is what we need to do to be more effective) in helping our institution," the former Senate majority floor leader said on the sidelines of the send-off ceremony for 16 Mobile Command Center

vehicles at the Department of Social Welfare and Development central office in Batasan, Quezon City. Besides Zubiri, he said those who have expressed their willingness to join the opposition are Senators JV Ejercito, Nancy Binay, and Sonny Angara.

The other members of the group are Villanueva and Senators Sherwin Gatchalian and Loren Legarda.

"We have spoken to (Senate Minority Leader Aquilino) Koko Pimentel III and very much welcome daw kami (we are very much welcome) according to him," Villanueva said.

On the other hand, Villanueva said they would also consult the new leadership on how they "can be of help" to the institution.

"At the end of the day, ang bottom line naming lahat dito ay kung saan kami mas magiging epektibo (the bottom line for all of us here is where we can be most effective) in helping the institu-

tion, our country, and the people," he said.

In an earlier interview with ANC, Escudero said he is ready to have a dialogue with Zubiri.

"Since we are not enemies, I see no reason why the relationship cannot be good, although we have different views on some things," he said.

Escudero also clarified that as of the moment, the "Solid 7" still belongs to the majority but each senator is free to manifest his/her decision to join either bloc. In a phone interview, Senate President Pro Tempore Jinggoy Estrada said he is also open to having a dialogue with Zubiri's group but also leaves them the option of joining the minority bloc.

"That is their option. No one can prevent them from joining the minority bloc. So be it," Estrada said, expressing hope that "they won't be a disruptive minority" and just be a constructive one. (PNA)

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## DPWH...

MANILA – Over 1,300 km. of roads have so far been built and underwent rehabilitation in Metro Manila under the Marcos administration, the Department of Public Works and Highways - National Capital Region (DPWH-NCR) reported on Tuesday.

Some 1,386.14 km. of roads have been constructed, widened and rehabilitated from July 2022 to May this year, DPWH-NCR director Loreta Malaluan said at the "Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas" forum in Manila. For bridges, she noted that 17,053.06 lineal meters have been constructed, widened and rehabilitated while 661 flood control drainage systems were built and rehabilitated.

She said 237 public buildings were built and retrofitted, 479 rainwater collector system projects have been constructed and 461 school buildings were erected. Some 32 roads and bridges were rehabilitated along the capital's major thoroughfare under EDSA Rehabilitation Projects and eight projects were retrofitted in preparation

for "The Big One" or a major earthquake. The DPWH-NCR also built 11 state universities and colleges (SUCs) buildings and seven projects under the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program, Malaluan said.

For this year, she said the budget allocation for NCR is PHP61.318 billion, higher than PHP55.700 billion in 2023.

"Sumasalamin ang mga ito sa hangarin ng Bagong Pilipinas na maghatid ng kaunlaran sa bawat sektor sa rehiyon (These reflect the aspiration of a new Philippines which is to bring progress to every sector in the region)," she said.

Meanwhile, six out of the 14 critical bridges in the region are now undergoing retrofitting -- M. Roxas Jr. Bridge; EDSA-Kamuning flyover (southbound); Libis Bridge (northbound); Libis Bridge (southbound) and EDSA/Quezon Avenue flyover (northbound) and EDSA/Quezon Avenue flyover (southbound). Only one bridge has been retrofitted in 2023 -- the Benigno Aquino Bridge in Quezon City.

The Lagarian Bridge 1

and the Delpan Bridge are proposed for retrofitting this year while the EDSA-Kamuning flyover (northbound) is proposed for retrofitting next year.

The EDSA/Santolan flyover is scheduled for retrofitting next year.

Malaluan said the San Juan bridge (northbound) is also scheduled for retrofitting while the Magallanes flyover (southbound) is scheduled for retrofitting this month.

"Ayon sa JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency), itong 14 na mga tulay ang kinakailangan ng isailalim sa rehabilitasyon o retrofitting o pagpapatibay ng mga ito para sa impact ng malakas na lindol (According to JICA, these 14 bridges need to undergo rehabilitation or retrofitting for these to withstand the impact of a strong earthquake)," she said.

The bridges were identified in consideration for their old age, the current condition of their structural integrity, and carrying capacity versus the increasing volume of vehicles. (PNA)

## Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas with DPWH IV-A



The Presidential Communications Office (PCO), through the Philippine Information Agency (PIA), successfully launched the first nationwide synchronized weekly forum dubbed "Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas," with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) as its maiden featured national government agency on Tuesday, May 28.

The Kapihan was graced by DPWH IV-A Regional Director Jovel G. Mendoza, CESO III, DPWH IV-A Assistant Regional Director Isidro O. Encarnacion, and PIA IV-A Deputy Regional Head Fredmoore S. Cavan.

In his presentation, Mendoza reported the highlights of the department's achievements, priority projects, and proposed plans under President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s Bagong Pilipinas governance and leadership agenda and the Build, Better, More infrastructure program.

The activity also served as an open forum between the DPWH and more than 20 local media practitioners to understand the direction of the department and clarify the latest issues and directives of the State's engineering and construction arm. | via AM/JNP; PIA 4A

## DEPT. OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CALABARZON JOINS TRECE MARTIRES MEGA JOB FAIR 2024



Over 1,000 job opportunities were up for grabs at the MEGA Job Fair held in Trece Martires City last Wednesday, May 22.

In partnership with the City Government of Trece Martires, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW), and the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the MEGA Job Fair attracted more than 1,000 local job seekers.

Mayor Gemma Buendia-Lubigan personally attended the job fair to lend the local government's support, wishing job seekers success in their interviews and encouraging them to aim for on-the-spot hiring.

Buendia-Lubigan also urged the participating companies to consider hiring job seekers aged 45 years and above. | via DOST Calabarzon Parcu

## GINTONG KWINTAS AT SINGSING, ISINAULI NG LABANDERA SA TUNAY NA MAY-ARI MATAPOS MAISAMA SA LABAHAN



"Nagtataka ako kung bakit may tumutunog sa loob ng washing machine. Nung una ay inakala kong barya lang yung tumutunog. Pero ng itigil ko ang washing machine upang usisain kung anong bagay yung tumutunog, nagulat ako sa aking nakita. Isang gintong kwintas at singsing pala", kwento ni Apple.

Si Apple o Julie Joy Ramirez sa tunay na buhay, 38 taong gulang, at 9 na buwan ng namamasukan bilang labandera sa Len's Laundry Hub. Residente ng Brgy. Poblacion, Rosario Cavite. Ang naturang laundry shop ay pag-aari ng mag-asawang Marlyn at Bryan de Leon.

Bago pa man nagtrabaho si Apple sa Len's Laundry Hub ay galing na rin ito sa kaparehong trabaho. Mahigit sampung taon na rin itong nagtrabaho sa ibang laundry shop.

Abala si Apple sa pagtitiklop ng mga damit ng araw na iyon habang nakikinig sa romantikong musika. Nang biglang napukaw ang kanyang atensyon sa isang washing machine na tila may umiikot na isang bagay sa loob nito.

Isang gintong kwintas at singsing ang bumulaga sa kanya.

At dahil may pangalan naman sa resibo ang damit ng kanyang nilabhan ay alam na niya kung kaninong pag-aari ito.

Kaya't itinabi muna niya ito at ibigay ng kukuhanin na ang damit na pinalaba.

Nakilala ang tunay na may-ari ng gintong kwintas at singsing na si Jeff Obviar ng Brgy. Bagbag-II.

Nang kinuha ni Jeff ang damit na kanyang pinalabhan ay hindi niya alam na naisama pala sa kanyang short ang naturang alahas. Kaya't ganun na lamang ang pasasalamat ni Jeff sa mabait na labandera dahil isinauli ito.

Ikinatuwa naman ng mag-asawang mayari ng laundry shop ang naging hakbang na ito ng kanilang laundry attendant na si Apple.

Tumitimbang na 2.2 grams ang kwintas at 1.4 grams naman ang singsing na parehong 18 karat.

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## Kauna-unahang Regional Buntis Summit ng DOH – CHD Calabarzon, idinaos sa Imus



TINGNAN: Inilunsad ng Department of Health (DOH) – Center for Health Development (CHD) Calabarzon ang First Regional Buntis Summit noong Biyernes, Mayo 24, 2024, sa City of Imus Sports Complex bilang pagdiriwang sa "Safe Motherhood Week."

Layon nitong matiyak ang ligtas na pagbubuntis ng mga kababaihan sa pamamagitan ng komprehensibong pagsusuri at edukasyon sa kalusugan.

Naging kaagapay rito ang Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Cavite, Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus, ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya, at Safe Motherhood Calabarzon.

Bukod sa libreng konsultasyon, laboratory screening, at ultrasound, sentro ng Buntis Summit ang maipaalam sa humigit-kumulang 200 buntis kung ano ang kanilang dapat gawin sa unang tatlong buwan ng pagbubuntis. Nakatanggap din ang mga ito ng maternity at newborn kits.

Nagbahagi naman ng kanilang kaalaman ang mga doktor mula sa DOH – CHD, Cavite Provincial Health Office, Imus City Health Office, at Ospital ng Imus.

Nakasama rin sa naturang buntis summit sina Chief of Local Health Support Division Dr. Ma. Elena G. Castillo-Gonzales ng DOH – CHD, Development Management Officer V Dr. Ronaldo Calingasan ng Provincial DOH Office – Cavite, Cavite Provincial Health Officer II Dr. Nonie John Dalisay, at Imus City Health Officer Dr. Ferdinand Mina.

Ipinaabot naman ni Special Assistant to the Mayor Jeff Purisima ang pagsuporta ni Imus City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula sa mga programang nagsusulong sa kaligtasan ng mga ina at kanilang anak.

Sa bisa ng Proklamasyon Blg. 200, taong 2002, ang ikalawang linggo ng Mayo kada taon ay kinikilala bilang "Safe Motherhood Week" na layong maiwasan ang pagtaas at maibaba ang bilang ng mga nanay at sanggol na namatay kaugnay ng pagbubuntis at panganganak. /IMUS CIO

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SM CITY CALOOCAN IS READY TO WELCOME ALL, INCLUDING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

SM City Caloocan is Ready to Welcome All, Including Persons with Disabilities



On May 14, SM City Caloocan and SM Cares held a sensitivity training for employees at SM Supermalls' newest mall, focusing on assisting persons with disabilities (PWDs). This initiative is part of SM's commitment to creating inclusive and welcoming environments in all its malls.



The training included front liners, security guards, and other personnel, educating them on how to better serve PWD customers.



(From L to R) Ms. Lita Evangelista, Chief Operating Officer Tahanang Walang Hagdanan ; Ms. Dang Uy Koe, Chair Emerita Autism Society Philippines; Ms. AgnesLapena, OperationsManagerDownSyndrome Association of the Philippines; Arch. Jimmy Silva, Chairman of the United Architects of the Philippines

Engr. Bien Mateo, Director of SM Cares' Program on PWDs, stressed the importance of such training. "It's vital that our staff are equipped to make our malls safe and inclusive for everyone," he said.

Foodies, rejoice! A Super Pinoy Food Trip is here to take your taste buds on an unforgettable adventure. SM Supermalls' participating tenants are whipping up special Filipino dishes and dining deals. Look out for the Super Pinoy emblem in stores and dive into a flavorful feast that celebrates our rich culinary heritage. From classic adobo to trendy twists on your favorite dishes, it's a food trip you won't want to miss!

Love local at the Super Pinoy Market (May 28 to June 12)



Shop local and support our amazing Pinoy entrepreneurs at the Super Pinoy Market. Discover a treasure trove of proudly Pinoy products, from artisanal crafts to homegrown snacks. It's the perfect place to find unique goodies and more importantly, support local businesses.

Groove to the rhythm of Pinoy beats at the Super Pinoy Music Festival (June 1 to June 12)



Get ready to dance and sing to the beat of Pinoy pride at the Super Pinoy Music Festival! Featuring performances by local artists and the hottest Pinoy pop music, select SM malls will be alive with the sound of celebration from June 1 to June 12. Whether you're into OPM classics or the latest hits, there's something for everyone. Mark your calendars and get ready to dance the night away! What are you waiting for? Bring your family and friends to SM Supermalls this June for a truly memorable Independence Day celebration. Whether you're here for the food, the music, or the vibrant decor, there's something for everyone. Let's come together and show the world what it means to be a Super Pinoy!



DA...

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) is closely monitoring the agriculture sector and has assured aid for farmers and fishers affected by Typhoon Agdon. Among the interventions are prepositioning of seeds for rice and corn, as well as drugs and biologics for livestock and poultry in safe storage facilities, according to the DA-Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Operations Center's Bulletin No. 3 issued Sunday. DA regional field offices have been activated to conduct field monitoring for possible incurred damage, alongside close collaboration with other national and regional DRRM-related offices and local government unit counterparts. In an earlier advisory, the DA advised farmers and fishers to minimize the effects of Agdon through early harvest. "Harvest mature crops and utilize post-harvest facilities (and) perform early harvest and mobilize post-harvest equipment and facilities (for fishers)," the DA-DRRM said in Bulletin No. 2. Likewise, farmers were urged to secure seed reserves, planting materials, and farm inputs; relocate animals with adequate feeds and water; transfer farm machinery, and equipment to higher ground; and clearing of drainage in irrigation and rice paddies to avoid flooding. Fishers were told to refrain from sea travel and move their fishing vessels to higher ground. As of 8 a.m. Monday, Agdon continued to intensify as it advanced northeastward over the coastal waters of Aurora province.

Initial infra damage tops P320-M The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) reported that the initial cost of damage from the typhoon on roads, bridges and flood control structures has exceeded PHP320 million. In its update as of Monday noon, the DPWH said Calabarzon recorded the highest cost of damage with PHP290.18 million, which includes PHP16 million worth of damage to flood control projects. Other regions that logged infrastructure damage are Central Luzon with PHP19.472 million -- representing PHP15 million on bridges and PHP4.472 million on roads; National Capital Region (NCR) with 8.698 million (roads) and Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), PHP2 million (roads). On the other hand, six road sections in Calabarzon have limited access due to flooding and damaged bridge deck. These are San Juan Laiya Road, Km 144 near BSU San Juan, Batangas; Calamba-Sta Cruz-Family Jct. Road; San Miguel Bridge along Lipa City - Alaminos Road; Calauan Nagcarlan Road; Calamba-Sta Cruz-Family Jct. Rd. and Maspang Highway, all in Laguna. The DPWH said all national roads and bridges in other affected regions are passable to all types of vehicles. The agency has already activated disaster and incident management teams in affected regions, prepositioned quick response assets, installed warning signs, disseminated alternate routes for motorists, and launched debris clearing operations. (/PNA)

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MARCOS...

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has named the former president of the Philippine Judges Association and retired Marikina Regional Trial Court (RTC) judge Felix Reyes as chairperson of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO), Malacañang said Tuesday. Reyes, who was appointed to the PCSO Board of Directors as member in November 2022, was sworn in by Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin, the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) said in a news release. As the new chairman of the PCSO Board of Directors, Reyes will serve as the head of the government's principal agency

CAVITE...

NO BAIL. A mugshot of murder suspect "Buboy" taken shortly after his arrest in Dasmariñas City on Friday (May 24, 2024). He was the latest fugitive to fall under the regional police's "Dahil Gusto ng Pulis Safe Ka" campaign. (Photo courtesy of Cavite Provincial Police Office) CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – Cavite police personnel have arrested a murder suspect who is listed among Calabarzon's "most wanted." Cavite Provincial Police Office Director, Col. Eleuterio Ricardo Jr., told reporters on Saturday that the suspect, identified only as "Buboy," was arrested by lawmen on the strength of a warrant issued by Regional Trial Court Branch 90 in Dasmariñas City. No details were given on the circumstances of his capture except that he

MARKET...

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Tuesday conducted trade checks in three supermarkets in Quezon City to ensure the availability of safe and affordable meat. In an ambush interview, DA Undersecretary for Livestock Deogracias Vic-

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supermarket iyang pinuntahan natin and available, affordable, tsaka accessible iyang ganito (We've seen it. We went to three supermarkets and there are available, affordable, and accessible [options])," he said, referring to the local and imported meat being sold at the Waltermart Muñoz branch, SM North hypermarket, and SM supermarket. Of the three supermarkets, the lowest price is at PHP345 per kg. of liempo, PHP263 per kg. of pork kasim, and PHP160 per kg. of chicken. In a separate interview, DA Assistant Secretary Arnel De Mesa confirmed an increase in the farmgate price of pork due to the persistent threat of African swine fever (ASF). "Tumaas iyang farmgate ng baboy. Supposed to be nasa mga PHP210 per kg. Nakaka-receive tayo ng (The farmgate price per kg. of pork increased. Supposedly it should be only at PHP210. But we are receiving [reports] of about) PHP215, PHP220, may (there's even) PHP225 per kg.," he said. He, however, noted that the retail price should not reach as high as PHP420 per kg. in the public markets. "Iyong kasim, dapat nasa PHP320, PHP340 and iyang liempo dapat nasa PHP380 ang presyo. So iyang nagbebenta ng PHP420 medyo mahal talaga iyon (The prices of kasim should only be PHP320 to PHP340, and liempo should only be at PHP380. So, PHP420 is quite expensive)," De Mesa said. Ryan Jacolo, 26, a regular buyer, said he prefers to shop in supermarkets, considering the "good quality of meat" and "comfort of buying" with minimal price difference. "Mas quality na iyang cuts niya, mas malinis iyang environment compared sa local market, kasi minsan dun exposed iyang mga produce (The quality of cuts are better, the environment is cleaner compared to local markets where sometimes their produce are exposed)," he said in a separate interview.

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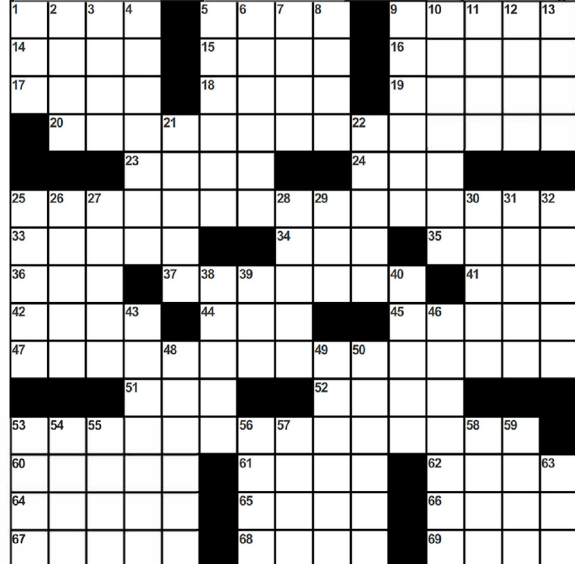
was arrested in Barangay Langkaan I in Dasmariñas City on Friday evening. The suspected killer was the latest to be caught under the Police Regional Office 4-A's (Calabarzon) "Dahil Gusto ng Pulis Safe Ka" (because the police want you to be safe) campaign against criminals on the loose. "The police in Cavite will continue our campaign to catch and hold accountable those who are hiding from the law so that we can give due justice to their victims," Ricardo said. Buboy was turned over to the Dasmariñas City Police Station custodial facility for processing pending his court date. No bail was recommended for his temporary liberty, Ricardo said. (PNA)

Meanwhile, supermarket meat supply concessionaire North Star Meat Merchants assured that it would continue to partner with the DA to sustain the availability of cheaper meat to the public. "Iyon yung gusto nating ibahin na perception na mahal po ang supermarket. Actually, iyang program po natin with the DA, ongoing since last year (That's the perception we want to change, that it's more expensive in the supermarket. Actually, our program with the DA has been going on since last year)," North Star Meat Merchants president Anthony Ng said in a separate interview. "We know when and how to order the stocks. Hindi po tayo sasabay sa price fluctuations ng ating local at imported na meat being in the retail-centric setting (We do not go with the flow of the price fluctuations in local and imported meat being in the retail-centric setting)." Ng said they are supplying meat to 1,500 Alfamart stores, as well as more than 200 SM supermarkets, and more than 50 Waltermart outlets Luzon-wide. Production cost Savellano, meanwhile, said the DA would explore other solutions and secure talks with the feeds section to reduce production costs in the livestock sector. "Iyon ang laging sinasabi nila, tumaas ang cost of production. So iyon yung challenge sa amin na pababain namin iyang cost of production (That's what they are claiming, the increased cost of production. So, that's our challenge, to reduce the cost of production)," he said. The DA will also look into increasing local production to reduce importation, as well as boosting the production of ingredients for feeds. Besides this, he said, the DA is also speeding up efforts and collaboration with the Food and Drug Administration to secure approval for an ASF vaccine, particularly for vaccines from Vietnam and the United States. (PNA)

CROSSWORD

DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE

By Frank Longo



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ACROSS

- 1) Criticism, informally
- 5) Sharp changes in direction
- 9) Talks like Daffy Duck
- 14) Solitary
- 15) Egg-shaped
- 16) Blase feeling
- 17) Himalayan humanoid
- 18) Terrible
- 19) Part of SUV
- 20) Fixture with six pockets
- 23) Truth twister
- 24) \_ chi
- 25) Noisy bike speed-way
- 33) Scarlett of Tara
- 34) Opposite of 'neath
- 35) "Star Trek" navigator
- 36) Space station until 2001
- 37) Secondary list of options
- 41) Meadow male
- 42) No longer worth debating
- 44) Used a pew
- 45) Regal headgear
- 4 7) 24-hour cash source
- 51) JFK Library architect
- 52) Viscount's superior
- 53) Declaration apropos to 20-, 25- or 47-Across
- 60) Big name in printers
- 61) Off-Broadway award
- 62) Greek Cupid
- 64) Tennis great Rafael
- 65) Wise adviser
- 66) Like 65-Across
- 67) Bluish-gray
- 68) "Knock it off!"
- 69) Winter drifter

DOWN

- 1) Go by jet
- 2) Pop singer Lisa
- 3) Voting "no"
- 4) Radio host Garrison
- 5) Aries is part of it
- 6) Bird collection
- 7) Teri of "Tootsie"
- 8) Inuit transport
- 9) Anne Rice vampire
- 10) Two by two, as yoked oxen
- 11) Hoity-toity type
- 12) Knit with a reverse stitch
- 13) Venue
- 21) Turkish coins
- 22) Far from lenient
- 25) "Throw From the Train" (1987 comedy)
- 26) Buckeye State sch.
- 27) Deck for diving
- 28) Dumas' "Le \_ de Monte-Cristo"
- 29) Spike of cinema
- 30) Ear-related
- 31) Writer\_ Boothe Luce
- 32) Harold's movie partner
- 38) Sprinter Bolt
- 39) Slugger's club
- 40) In\_ (unborn)
- 43) Outer paint layer
- 46) Malady
- 48) In a cruel way
- 49) "Raging Bull" star
- 50) Begin, as a hobby
- 53) Cravings
- 54) Milky gem
- 55) Meat-grading org.
- 56) Swampy areas
- 57) Be up against
- 58) Shiraz locale
- 59) For takeout
- 63) Fix a seam, say

CITY OF BACOR NEWS

LET'S STRIKE POLIO OUT!



Sa darating na MAY-JUNE 2024 mag-uumpisa na po ang CHIKITING LIGTAS na programa ng Department of Health (DOH) para sa dagdag BAKUNA KONTRA POLIO para sa mga batang edad 6 weeks hanggang 59 months.

Ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa pangunguna ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla ay suportado ang programa ng BAKUNA, kaya naman ang City Health Office (CHO) ay magsasagawa ng BAKUNA KONTRA POLIO sa lahat ng Barangay sa Lungsod ng Bacoor.

Kaya hinihikayat ang mga magulang na pabakunahan ang kanilang mga anak para sa ligtas at mapayapang buhay.

35 RIFLES-LONG FIRE ARM NATANGGAP NA NG BACOR PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE



Ngayon araw, May 27, 2024 pinangunahan nila Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena B. Mendiola, Sangguniang Panlungsod Members ang Turnover ng 35 Rifles-Long Fire Arm sa Bacoor Philippines National Police (PNP).

Naisip ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla na mas palakasin pa hanay ng mga ka-Pulisan sa Lungsod ng Bacoor para sa mas ligtas at mapayapang Lungsod. Naging saksi naman ang bagong talagang Chief Philippine National Police na si PGEN. Rommel Francisco Marbil, kasama sila PBGEN. Paul Kenneth T. Lucas - Regional Director of Police Regional Office (PRO) Region IV-A, PLTCOL. John Paulo Carracedo - Bacoor Pnp Chief.

Nagpasalamat naman ang buong hanay ng Philippine National Police (PNP) sa pangunguna ni PGEN. Rommel F. Marbil sa suportang ibinibigay ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa Bacoor Philippine National Police (PNP).

MAYOR STRIKE B. REVILLA JOINS CALYE CULINARYA 2024: CELEBRATING THE RICH FLAVORS OF HERITAGE CUISINE



BACOR CITY, MAY 25, 2024 - The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Molino Campus in collaboration with the City Livelihood and Development Center is proud to present CALYE CULINARYA 2024. This highly anticipated event aims to revive and promote traditional dishes that have been an integral part of the culinary heritage of the Philippines.

Distinguished guests and speakers, including Mayor Strike B. Revilla, renowned Chef Christopher Guado Carangian - founder of Culinary General Calye Culinary and Razo Chef PH, Atty.. Rentas and his wife, Dr. Jose Andres Diaz, President of the Bacoor Historical Socirty, Veronica Esquiedo Asinas - Secrrtary of BHS, and Dr. Godwyn Noriel Bernardo -Vice President of BHS, graced the occasion with their presence.

Participants from De La Salle University — Dasmariñas and Perpetual Molino will showcase their culinary skills and creativity during the event. The highlight of CALYE CULINARYA 2024 is the CIENTO QUINCE dish, a flavorful ensemble of Tahong, Shrimp, Crab, Langka, Coconut Milk and Sili.

CALYE CULINARYA 2024 started today May 25, 2024 at SM Molino and it will be continueno Monday (May 27, 2024) and Tuesday (May 28, 2024) at Perpetual Molino.

The event aims to promote the use of 115 varieties of Chili Peppers and highlight the historical dishes. The TRADE FAIR organized by the Livelihood and Development Center will run alongside the culinary festivities, offering a platform for local entrepreneurs to showcase their products and contribute to the growth of the community.

Last week's solution:



NOTICE

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF EMELINDA RAMOS CAJULIS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late EMELINDA RAMOS CAJULIS, That the decedent died intestate, without leaving any Last Will or Testament. The decedent left a parcel of land at Brgy. Salitran, Dasmariñas City, Cavite City with title No. T-379022, Block 6, Lot 7 with an area of One Thousand Seventy Three (1,073) Square Meters more or less-only half of it is her share as co-owner of HONESTO B. RAMOS JR., Has been Extra-judicial Settled with adjudicate by their legal heirs and notarized on May 11, 2024 at California Los Angeles Country before Notary Public, Atty. CATHERINE WYNN , Commis-ion #2354329 My Comm. Expires April 19, 2025.

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Cavite Career Caravan in SM City Rosario



The Cavite Career Caravan, held on May 23, 2024, at SM City Rosario, showcased a significant collaborative effort led by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM) under Ms. Rizalie P. Enero, in partnership with SM City Rosario's management and supported by the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) - Rosario. The event was designed to provide extensive support to job seekers in Cavite, with SK President Honorable Maric Solis attending to show solidarity with the participants. The event featured 55 employers offering a variety of job opportunities, drawing a total of 347 applicants, with 18 individuals being hired on the spot. Additionally, representatives from several national government agencies, including SSS, Pag-ibig, PhilHealth, TESDA, PSA, BIR, DMW, OWWA, and NBI, were present to provide crucial information and assis-

Leadership Training for Registered Disability Organizations / Parents Support Groups



The Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer partnered with the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer - Livelihood Division to successfully organize a Leadership Training for Registered Disability Organizations/ Parents Support Groups on May 16-17, 2024. The event which was held at the Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health Auditorium, GEAMH compound in Trece Martires City, Cavite brought together a total of 71 participants representing various organizations and parent support groups which were tapped as partners in bringing disability programs at the community level to empower PWDs. Among the organizations represented were the Persons with Disability Federation of Tanza, Federation - PWD Mendez, City of Imus Down Syndrome Society (CIDSS), Silangueños Persons with Disability Federation, Inc. (SPWDFI), Persons with Disability Organization Carmona, Cavite Inc. (PDOCCI), Social Enhancement Nurturing Program for Youth and Adult Deaf Society in Carmona, Inc. (SENYAS-CCI), Buhay Autismo, Inc., Kilusan Kabalikang ng may Kapansanan Para sa Kinabukasan, Inc. (4K), Down Syndrome Parents Support Group Carmona, Cavite, Inc. (DSYNPESO), and City Federation of Persons with Disability Inc. - Dasmariñas (CFPDI). Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs, Mr. Alvin S. Mojica graced the event and gave his welcome remarks assuring the provincial governments support to the PWD sector.

The training focused on two things, developing leadership skills and encouraging cooperation among disability organizations and parent support groups. They were involved in different exercises and talks that would give them power to improve their own communities through effective leadership and support.

Ms. Sheryl Loyola served as the keynote speaker providing an insightful discussion on Leadership and Project Management and facilitating workshops that underscored collaboration, which were actively joined by the participants. By the end of the activities, groups were able to share their outputs and insights gained from the two-day training./CPIO

tance on employment and social welfare programs. The success of the Cavite Career Caravan was a result of the steadfast support and collaboration of the participating companies and government agencies. The Provincial Government of Cavite expressed its gratitude to all contributors for their commitment to empowering job seekers and promoting economic growth and prosperity in the region. /CPIO

Medical and Dental Mission Brings Vital Services to Buro Main, Dasmariñas City



The bustling community of Barangay Buro Main in the City of Dasmariñas witnessed a remarkable day of health and wellness spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor's (OPG) medical and dental mission team, in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO) conducted on May 22, 2024 with more than 500 beneficiaries. The event was a significant step towards promoting accessible health care in the province.

Residents flocked to the event, where a range of essential medical and dental services were provided. These included comprehensive medical and dental check-ups, tooth extractions, random blood sugar testing, ECG and X-ray services. The mission also ensured that prescription medicines and vitamins were available to beneficiaries at no cost.

The event was further bolstered by the dedicated volunteers from the Kiwanis Club Hiyas ng Cavite and Parokya ng San Lorenzo Ruiz, whose commitment to community service played a crucial role in the day's success. /CPIO