DOH DETECTS ONE NEW MPOX CASE IN THE PHILIPPINES



Following heightened surveillance due to the recent declaration by the World Health Organization of mpox (formerly monkeypox) as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), the DOH has detected one new case of mpox in the Philippines. Prior to this, the last case was found in December 2023. All previous cases were isolated, cared for, and have since recovered.

The 10th laboratory-confirmed mpox case was reported to the DOH on August 18, 2024. The case is a 33-year-old male Filipino national with no travel history outside the Philippines but with close, intimate contact three weeks before symptom onset. Symptoms started more than a week ago with fever, which was followed four days later by findings of a distinct rash on the face, back, nape, trunk, groin, as well as palms and soles. The case was seen in a government hospital, where specimens were collected from the skin lesions and tested via real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. PCR test results are positive for Monkeypox viral DNA.

Common symptoms of mpox are a skin rash or mucosal lesions, which can last 2–4 weeks. The rashes are accompanied by fever, headache, muscle aches, back pain, low energy, and swollen lymph nodes. Anyone can get mpox. Mpox can be transmitted to humans through close, intimate contact with someone who is infectious, with contaminated materials like used clothes or utensils, or with infected animals. Soap and water can kill the virus. When washing contaminated materials, use gloves.

Laboratory confirmation of mpox is done by testing skin lesion material by PCR. Dermatologists and other physicians who are entertaining a high index of suspicion are reminded to record the name and contact information of their patients and guide them to the nearest major hospital. There, complete case data and specimens for confirmation shall be collected. The list of hospitals includes the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine, San Lazaro Hospital, East Avenue Medical Center, Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, Jose N. Rodriguez Memorial Hospital, Quirino Memorial Medical Center, and the UP-Philippine General Hospital, among others.

Mpox is treated with supportive care. Patients with no other illnesses may stay at home after testing, until all scabs fall off and a new layer of skin forms, typically after 2-4 weeks. The DOH is updating its mpox guidelines to allow for this convenient and dignified approach so that potential cases may be encouraged to seek consultation and testing.

"We can avoid mpox. Mpox is transmitted through close, intimate contact, and also the materials used by people who have mpox. Keeping our hands clean with soap and water, or with alcohol-based sanitizers will help. DOH will make the testing process as convenient as possible, so that suspect cases may be identified fast and allowed to stay at home," said Secretary Teodoro J. Herbosa. "Our health system is working. We can handle the situation, and will keep the public well-informed," assured the Health Chief. /PR



MORE DENGUE CASES RECORDED NATIONWIDE WITH LESS DEATHS TO DATE

The DOH continues to observe a trend of higher case detection with lower case fatality for dengue. This may indicate better health-seeking behavior, with more Filipinos seeking early consultation that leads to early testing, diagnosis, and better case management.

The most recent epidemiologic data from January 1 to August 10, 2024 (Morbidity Week 32) lists a total of 150,354 dengue cases nationwide. This is 39% higher compared to the 107,953 dengue cases reported in the same period in 2023. Three hundred and ninety-six (396) deaths have been reported from January 1 to August 10, 2024 nationwide, which is lower than the 421 deaths recorded during the same period in 2023.

A 24% increase in dengue cases was observed, from 18,784 cases during June 30 to July 13, 2024, to 23,290 cases during July 14 to July 27, 2024. While there was a lower number of cases logged from July 28 to August 10, 2024 (n=13,369), DOH epidemiologists caution that there may be late consultations and reports.

All regions except SOCCSKARGEN, Zamboanga Peninsula, and Bicol showed an increase in cases in the recent 3-4 weeks counting back from August 10, 2024.

The Department continues to advise the public of its 4S strategy against Dengue as cases are still on an uptrend. These are: Search and destroy mosquito breeding sites; Secure self-protection by wearing light colored clothing and applying insect repellents when able; Seek early consultation if symptoms of dengue appear; and Spraying and fogging hotspot areas for two consecutive weeks to prevent outbreaks.

"Dengue has a seasonal pattern. Case counts are expected to rise during the rainy months. It is good that more Filipinos are seeking early consultation that leads to less deaths. Keep cleaning our surroundings – search and destroy mosquito breeding grounds: anything with stagnant water," said Secretary Teodoro J. Herbosa. /PR

CARINA LEPTO CASES ADDING, HOSPITAL COMMAND COPING; DENGUE TREND CONTINUES WITH MORE CASES BUT LESS DEATHS

Even as the Department of Health (DOH) responds to the rise in Leptospirosis cases due to floods from Typhoon Carina and the enhanced Habagat last July 24, it also continues to monitor and support local governments as they respond to the seasonal rise in Dengue cases.

A little over two weeks after Typhoon Carina and an enhanced Southwest monsoon (Habagat) caused flooding in several areas nationwide, the DOH has been navigating Leptospirosis patients in Metro Manila to available beds via the DOH Lepto Referral Lines (02) 8531-0037 and (0920) 283-2758.

The most recent epidemiologic data recorded 255 new Leptospirosis cases from July 21 to August 3. This is 17% higher than the 217 cases recorded in the previous weeks before (July 7 to 20). Since the start of 2024 until August 3, the total number of recorded Leptospirosis cases nationwide is now 2,115. It may be lower by 23% compared to 2,757 casrs reported in the same period last year, but DOH epidemiologists continue to be cautious in interpreting trends as there may be late reports. Also, the incubation period of Leptospirosis ranges from 2 to 30 days, with a clinically observed average of 7-14 days. Two hundred and twenty four (224) deaths have also been recorded for the same time period this year.

"The surge in Leptospirosis cases is not a communication problem, it's a behavior problem. We need a change in behavior. I'd like to discuss with the Department of Education how to teach children early on that they should not swim in flood waters. I'd also like to discuss with the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority how to improve solid waste management, because rats live in garbage and rats are the reason for Leptospirosis," said Health Secretary Teodoro J. Herbosa.

The DOH continues to advise that antibiotic prophylaxis against Leptospirosis is widely available by prescription. The price freeze for Doxycycline stays until September 23, and there are free capsules nationwide at government health centers and hospitals. Those who had contact with flood waters should not wait for symptoms to appear. Consult a doctor or health center immediately.

Meanwhile, national data as of August 3, 2024 (Morbidity Week 31) listed a total of 136,161 Dengue cases, 33% higher compared to the 102,374 cases in the same period last year. Fewer Dengue deaths continue to be recorded this year (n=364) compared to last year (n=401) for the same time period. The DOH sees the lower number of deaths this year (despite the higher number of cases) as an indication of people seeking early consultation, and hospitals doing better case management.

The Department continues to advise the public of its 4S strategy against Dengue as cases are still on an uptrend. By law, the declaration of local disease outbreaks must come from provincial, city, or municipal authorities (see Sec. 7 of Republic Act No. 11332). DOH continues to discuss with local epidemiology and surveillance units (ESUs) to provide sufficient scientific evidence so that they may advise their local chief executives (Governors or Mayors) on the best available response.

"Lower deaths despite higher cases means our campaigns are working. Let us continue to seek early consultation for symptoms that may already be Dengue. Let us also keep cleaning our surroundings – search and destroy mosquito breeding grounds: anything with stagnant water," added the Health Chief.



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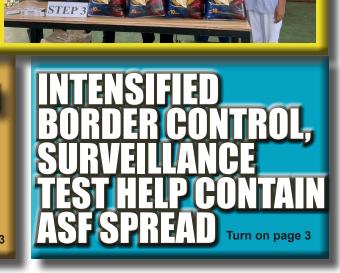
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The Evolving Landscape of the 4Ps in the Philippines

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exclusion errors have raised

questions about whether the

program is truly reaching the

poorest of the poor. Some

families who are in dire need

may be left out due to bureau-

others who do not qualify

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The Pantawid Pamilyang Despite its successes, the • Pilipino Program (4Ps) has been a cornerstone of the • Philippine government's poverty alleviation strategy for over a decade. Established under the Aquino administration and continued by successive governments, •the program has provided conditional cash transfers to millions of Filipino families, primarily aiming to on the cash transfers, and improve health, education, and nutrition among the poorest sectors of society. As the program evolves and faces new challenges, •it is crucial to reflect on its impact, the criticisms it has garnered, and the opporcess. Reports of inclusion and tunities for improvement. • The Impact of 4Ps The 4Ps program has been instrumental in lifting many Filipino families out of extreme poverty. By conditioning cash transfers on cratic inefficiencies, while school attendance and regular health check-ups, the program has encouraged investments in human capital—specifically, the education and health of children. According to government data, millions of children have stayed in school longer and are healthier as a result of this program. For many families, the financial support provided by the 4Ps has been a lifeline, helping them to meet basic needs and break the cycle of poverty. Furthermore, the World Bank and other interna-•tional organizations have es, several measures can be lauded the program as considered to enhance the one of the more successful effectiveness and sustainabilconditional cash transfer •programs globally. It has also served as a model for targeting and data manageother countries looking to ment. By leveraging technolimplement similar pov- ogy and regularly updating

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4Ps program has not been without criticism. One of the most significant concerns is the program's sustainability and long-term impact. Critics argue that while the program provides immediate relief, it does not necessarily lead to sustainable economic empowerment. Many beneficiaries remain dependent there is limited evidence to suggest that the program stimulate local economies. has led to significant longterm income generation. There are also concerns about the accuracy and fairness of

ency and accountability are essential. The government must ensure that • the program is insulated from political interference, and there should be clear mechanisms for • monitoring and evaluating : its impact. Engaging civ- • il society and local communities in the oversight process can help maintain • the integrity of the 4Ps.

Moreover, there is the issue Conclusion political manipulation. some areas, the program has been used as a political tool, with benefits allegedly being withheld from those who do not support certain political figures. This undermines the program's credibility and its intended purpose of serving as an impartial poverty alleviation tool. O p p o r t u n i t i e s Improvement To address these challengity of the 4Ps program. First, there is a need for improved erty alleviation strategies. the database of beneficiaries, *Criticisms and Challenges the government can ensure

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that assistance reaches those who need it most. Second, the program should be coupled with initiatives that promote livelihood development. Providing beneficiaries with skills training, access to microfinance, and opportunities for entrepreneurship can help them transition from dependency to self-sufficiency. This would not only alleviate poverty but also

Third, greater transpar-

The 4Ps program has been • a significant step forward : in the Philippines' fight against poverty. While it : has brought tangible benefits to millions of Filipinos. its implementation is not without flaws. As the country moves forward, there is a need for continuous assessment and adaptation of the program to ensure that it not only provides immediate relief but also • fosters long-term economic empowerment and social equity. The challenge lies in balancing immediate needs with sustainable development, ensuring that the 4Ps remains a powerful tool for poverty alleviation • in the years to come. - Ang



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Thursday expressed optimism about fostering closer and enhanced cooperation with Singapore in defense and security, trade and investment, as well as sustainability and energy fields.

"MOUs in the fields of health and maritime security are already in the pipeline and are anticipated [to be] finalized in the very near future," President Marcos said in his opening remarks during the bilateral meeting with Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam in

"There will also be the planned signing of MOUs by Philippine local government units and their Singapore private sector partners, a collaboration of a Philippine national government agency and the Singaporean private sector, and [a] business-to-business [agree-

Malacañang.

ment]," he added. President Marcos rectwo nations are deep and the MOU on Defense Co- President Marcos.

operation by the defense ministers of both countries last July.

According to the President, he was pleased that after months of negotiations, the MOU on the Recruitment of Healthcare Workers and the MOU on Collaboration on Carbon Credits Under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement were exchanged during President Shanmugaratnam's visit

"I note as well that our respective agencies are actively discussing proposed MOUs in the areas of Health and Maritime Security," he added.

For his part, President Shanmugaratnam said that following the MOU on Defense Cooperation, the two nations are now looking at areas such as healthcare, environment, carbon credits, infrastructure, and other fields.

"So, I think we are making fine progress and it's a phase of our relationship that shouldn't be business ognized that the bilater- as normal, incremental al relations between the change after each meeting. But we really want to multi-faceted. He was take it on a new trajectoelated over the signing of ry," Shanmugaratnam told PND

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Empowering Cavite Cooperative

Leaders

The Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development

Officer in partnership with Cooperative Development

Authority - Region IV-A, and the League of Cooperative

Development Officers of the Philippines - Cavite Chapter, successfully conducted an eight-day training which

run from July 24 to August 14, 2024 entitled, Capacity

Development Seminar for Cooperative Development

Officers: Training of Trainers Certification Course, held

at different venues within the Provincial Capitol Com-

Thirty (30) participating Cooperative Development Of-

ficers from the cities and municipalities of Cavite en-

gaged in workshops, interactive discussions, and hands-

on training sessions led by the trainers from the CDA

After eight days of in-depth lessons and demonstration,

they successfully completed the course and awarded

with their certificates during the graduation ceremo-

ny on August 14. The event was joined by CDA IV-A

Regional Director Salvador V. Valeroso, CRITS Senior

Cooperative Specialist Head, Ms. Ivyrene Rose Panagli-

ma, and LCDOP-Cavite Vice President, Mr. Generoso

Several outstanding participants were recognized for

their exceptional performances. The top achiever in

the Final Exam was Ms. Kristine Joy A. Nuestro from

CICLEDO-LGU Imus while the top performers in the

Return Demonstration were Ms. Dianne April V. Matel

and Ms. Janice T. Burgos-Diesta from OPCDO-Cavite,

and Ms. Rachel Beltran from LGU Bailen. The top over-

all performers were also recognized, with Ms. Kristine

Joy Nuestro earning the 1st honor, Ms. Jaquilyn V. Lara

securing 2nd honor, and Ms. Jennifer Gandia from

CICLEDO-LGU Imus bagging the 3rd honor. These

awardees distinguished themselves through their dedi-

cation, hard work, and excellence throughout the train-

CDA officials extended their gratitude to all participants

and awardees, who have demonstrated their commit-

ment to advancing cooperative development in their

The Training of Trainers seminar was part of the CDA's

Cooperative Development Officers Certification Pro-

gram, which aims to enhance the capabilities of CDOs

in delivering the Basic Cooperative Course. It is vital

in helping CDOs fulfill their role in contributing to the

growth and success of cooperatives in the province.

Concerned agencies taking

appropriate actions on Taal vog

MANILA - President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. will let con-

cerned government agencies and the local government units

(LGUs) take the precautionary measures against the effects of

volcanic smog (vog) emitted by Taal Volcano, Malacañang said

In an interview with Palace reporters, Communications Assis-

being briefed about Taal's increased degassing activity.

tant Secretary Joey Villarama said Marcos is monitoring and

"He (Marcos) is informed and kung meron pong kailangang

gawin (if something needs to be done) in terms of utos (or-

der) or directive from Malacañang, we will let you know about

that," Villarama said, when asked about Marcos' directive amid

"Ginagawa naman po ng gobyerno ang lahat para po hindi

pound in Trece Martires City.

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Tuesday.

Taal's emission of vog.

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"Under your leadership, I'm confident we'll be able to achieve that. I should say, by the way, that you know, these things do matter," he added.

Shanmugaratnam arrived in the Philippines for a three-day state visit, his second such visit to an ASEAN country. He visited Brunei earlier this year. The Philippines and Singapore established diplomatic relations on May 16,

Last year, the country's total trade with Singapore was at US\$10.62 billion, with US\$3.53 billion in exports and US\$7.09 billion in imports.

In the same year, Singapore ranked as the country's 8th largest trading partner, 6th export market (out of 205), and 7th import supplier (out of 221). Based on recent estimates, there are 200,000 Filipinos living and working in Sin-

President Marcos participated in the IISS Shangri-La Dialogue last May and attended the Milken Institute Asia Summit on September 13-17, 2023. /

ZERO...

MANILA - The head of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) on Tuesday said there were no volcanic quakes recorded in Taal Volcano for the past 12 days, indicating a "good"

earthquake was recorded since August 8. This is a good sign because the presence of volcanic quakes indicate that magma goes up," Phivolcs Director Teresito Bacolcol said in the Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon

"Not even one volcanic

aired over PTV-4. Volcanic earthquakes are among the signs that magma is moving upward since the rocks

are breaking as magma

"When magma rises, it

mit, which means an eruption may be imminent," he told the Philippine News Agency.

Degassing of the Taal Volcano temporarily stopped at around 11 a.m. Tuesday but noted that emission of sulfur dioxide (SO2) is continuous since 2020, Bacolcol said.

Volcanic smog (vog) may form for as long as Taal Volcano is fuming out SO2, he said, noting that several towns in Batangas reported a presence of vog on Tuesday.

These include Laurel, San Nicolas, Agoncillo, Talisay, Balete, Lemery, Cuenca, Malvar, Lipa City, Taal, Lian and Na-

Bacolcol said SO2 emission is just one of the parameters that Phivolcs is monitoring to gets closer to the sumsee whether an eruption

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is imminent.

"It is normal for volcanoes to release SO2. This gas comes from magma moving up through the volcano, so it's a common part of volcanic activity," he

The public should not be complacent even when there is no threat of an eruption, he said.



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po maging malaki ang impact nitong pag-alburoto ng Taal. So, mag-ingat po tayo (The government is doing everything to minimize the impact of Taal's vog emission. Let's all take precautions)," he added.

Taal Volcano is releasing about 3,355 tons of sulfur dioxide flux per day since Aug. 15, resulting in vog, according to the latest advisory from the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs).

Phivolcs also observed upwelling of hot volcanic fluids in the main crater lake.

Vog is composed of sulfur dioxide gas and other volcanic gases, and mixed with atmospheric oxygen, dust or ashes, and

Vog results in a foggy view of surroundings and causes irritations of the eyes, throat, and nose.

Villarama advised the wearing of face masks and other protective gears such as goggles.

He also urged the public, especially the vulnerable groups like the elderly and children, to stay indoors to reduce their exposure to vog.

'So, nananawagan po tayo sa ating mga kababayan na 'yung kaukulang pag-iingat lamang po (we are calling on our fellow countrymen to take the precautionary measures)," he said.

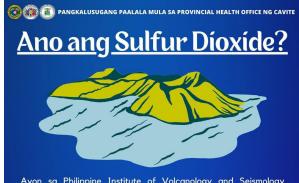
Entry into Taal Volcano Island, especially the main crater and Daang Kastilla fissures, as well as occupancy and boating on Taal Lake are not allowed.

Flying aircrafts close to the volcano are also not advisable. Phivolcs warned of possible stem-driven or phreatic or gas-driven explosions, volcanic earthquakes, minor ashfall, lethal accumulations or expulsions of volcanic gas. PNP deploys disaster response teams

Meanwhile, the Philippine National Police (PNP) has activated disaster response units to augment local groups in handling emergencies amid the vog from Taal.

We have activated disaster incident management task group in the province of Batangas and the PNP is ready to assist local government units (LGUs) in terms of security coverage, especially in case there is a need to bring residents to evacuation centers," PNP spokesperson Col. Jean Fajardo said in a press oriefing at Camp Crame, Quezon City Tuesday. She said there are no reports of evacuees so far due to the vol-

cano's activity and that only class suspensions were reported in areas affected by the vog from Taal./PNA



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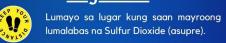
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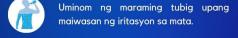
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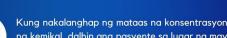


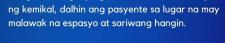


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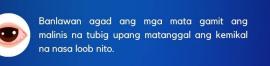




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SM PRIME JOINS GLOBAL CONVER-SATION ON BUILDING SUSTAIN-**ABLE CITIES FOR THE FUTURE**



SM Prime Holdings (SM Prime) played a pivotal role in advancing sustainable urban development by hosting the 7th annual Association of Pacific Rim Universities - Sustainable Cities and Landscapes (APRU-SCL) 2024 Conference and 3rd International Conference on Human Settlements Planning and Development (ICHSPD) at SMX Convention Center Aura. This prestigious event, organized by the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), brought together over 300 experts to discuss innovative solutions for building greener and more resilient cities. Focused on the theme "Advancing Sustainable Cities and Communities Through Science, Technology, and Innovation," the conference highlighted the importance of collaboration in addressing urban challenges.



(L-R): Moderator Efraim Roxas, Environmental, Land Use and Urban Planning and Development Bureau (ELUPDB) Director Mylene Rivera, SM Supermalls' President Steven Tan, and Tohoku University Professor Jeonasoo Yu

SM's commitment to sustainability was evident through the participation of its top executives. SM Supermalls' President Steven Tan showcased SM Supermalls' eco-friendly practices and community-focused programs.

"Our malls are more than just shopping centers; they are dynamic public spaces, woven into the daily lives of millions of Filipinos. Our comprehensive environmental sustainability programs are deeply inspired by the vision of our Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Hans Sy, a tireless advocate for environmental sustainability and disaster resilience," Mr. Tan said.

He added, "At SM Supermalls, we leverage science and technology to develop innovative solutions that are seamlessly integrated into the design and operation of our malls. We remain committed to leveraging innovation and collaboration to build a greener, more resilient, and more sustainable future for the Philippines."

SM Prime and SM Development Corporation (SMDC) Lead Executive for Design, Innovation, and Strategy Jessica Bianca Sy, shared the company's vision of creating sustainable integrated properties that foster lively communities.



L-R): University of the Philippines Los Baños' (UPLB) Dean Jennifer Marie Amparo, UPLB Chancellor Jose Camacho Jr. Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) Chief Executive Thomas Schneider, Makati Mayor Abigail Binay, SM Prime and SM Development Corporation (SMDC) Lead Executive for Design, Innovation, and Strategy Jessica Bianca Sy, International Conference on Human Settlements Planning and Development (ICHSPD) Conference Director Edgar Reyes Jr., and APRU-Sustainable Cities and Landscapes Director Yekang Ko

National Resilience Council (NRC) Executive Director Silvestre Barrameda Jr. highlighted SM's role in disaster preparedness. He presented "From Risk to Resilience: The Work of the National Resilience Council in Risk Governance" where he introduced the Resilience Local Government Unit Program (RLGUP), NRC's approaches and tools and how risk governance is supported by the sciences.



National Resilience Council (NRC) Executive Director Silvestre Barrameda Jr. showcases SM Supermalls' resilient infrastruc-

SM Prime's commitment to sustainability was further emphasized during a breakout session on creating connections and partnerships, hosted by Jonas Marie Dumdum, Senior Consultant and Sustainability Lead of Nomura Research Institute (NRI) Manila Branch. Katherine Custodio, Executive Director of World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF)-Philippines, underscored the significance of collaboration: "Any program that aims to build climate resilience requires strong partnerships and working together across all sectors.'

SM Prime remains committed to its role as a catalyst for economic growth, delivering innovative and sustainable lifestyle cities, thereby enriching the quality of life of millions of people. SM Prime is pursuing the next horizon on integrated property development and onward to building sustainable cities of the future. /PR





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MPT SOUTH CONDUCTS PHOTOWALK **TOUR SHOWCASING LAGUNA HERITAGE**

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), in collaboration with the Department of Interior and Local Government – Laguna (DILG Laguna), Laguna Tourism Culture Arts and Trade Office (LTCATO), Biñan City Culture, History, Arts, and Tourism Office (BCHATO), and Sta. Rosa Tourism Office (SRTO) successfully culminated its first Biyaheng South's "Discover Laguna: A Heritage Photo Walk Tour" in Biñan and Santa



'Biyaheng South' invited photo enthusiasts and selected media partners to take part in the Photo Walk Tour. It started in Biñan, with a quick tour of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) from Mamplasan to Silang-Aguinaldo exit to highlight its features as a green expressway which makes the segment self-sustaining. Afterward, participants, media partners, and colleagues from different government agencies enjoyed a heartwarming breakfast and the cozy vibe of one of Biñan's hidden gems, Kamp Lilim, just a few kilometers away from ČALAX. Shortly, they headed to Biñan Esplanade, the coastal area of Biñan, where they got the chance to see the Hispanic-inspired coastal architecture and breathtaking scenery of Laguna Lake, the country's largest freshwater basin.

Heading to the city's población, they got the chance to explore and capture one of Biñan's historical landmarks, the Alberto Mansion, Teodora Alonzo's ancestral abode, the mother of the country's national hero. Dr. Jose Rizal. They also seized the moment, learning the footprints of Dr. Rizal's maternal and paternal lineage sketched around the city center.

The photo enthusiasts who took part in the event shared their most exquisite captures of the day during their photo walk of the two cities, which was judged by MPT South and other partners in government. After their careful deliberation, the judges concluded that the winning photograph was from participant Sarah Lou Bernardino, who garnered the highest score for her photos captured in Biñan and Sta. Rosa.

As they head to the city of Sta. Rosa, the participants were also pleased with the homey Filipino food served for lunch at 'PansEAT,' one of Sta. Rosa's oldest restaurant. After the luncheon, they were briefed by the local tourism officers with the amazing historical evidence found in the city's museum, and city's century-old church, the Sta. Rosa de Lima Parish Church, which was built in 1792; the impressive Spanish and American ancestral houses along Zavalla Street adds to the historical significance of the city: and the infamous landmark and identity of Sta. Rosa, the Sta. Rosa Arch.

Participants captured different heritage sites and historical landmarks in the middle of the bustling metropolis of Biñan and Sta. Rosa; enjoyed the local delicacies such as Puto Biñan and fried okov. or shrimp fritters; and got to learn its historical significance which displays the tapestry of culture, arts, and heritage it embodies. /PRMPT







DOJ...

MANILA - The Department of Justice (DOJ) on Tuesday issued a stern warning against Bureau of Immigration (BI) officials who may have a hand in the escape of former Bamban, Tarlac Mayor Alice

In a statement, DOJ Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla said all government officials who backed or participated in the illegal exit of Guo will be held accountable.

"As civil servants, we have sworn to the counalso look into the possibiltry our unwavering in- ity that the camp or legal tegrity, transparency and accountability in all our actions and decisions. Hence, I am issuing this much as lawyers have an final warning against erring BI personnel who may have had a participation in the escape of Guo despite responsibility to uphold strict restrictions imposed by our government. It's either you come out and unveil the truth or wait until I personally get to the bottom of this where heads will roll and all hell will break loose," Remulla said. missed mayor. He also ordered BI Commissioner Norman Tans- monitoring her moveingco to come up with a ments out of the country

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report immediately

The BI earlier assured the public that the names "Alice Guo and Guo Hua Ping" were both included in the Immigration Lookout Bulletin Order (ILBO).

the BI confirmed on Monradio interview. day that Guo has managed to slip out of the country en route to Malaysia in July, then allegedly flew to Singapore with her siblings, Sheila and Wesley. Remulla said the DOJ will counsels of Guo abetted

"Let me reiterate that as obligation to protect the interests of their clients, they also have a broader the Rule of Law and safeguard public interest," he

her departure.

The BI, meanwhile, said it is working with its foreign counterparts in tracking the movements of the dis-

"We are continuously

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to see where she is travelling to. Thankfully, we have close coordination with our counterparts so if there are movements and activities of persons of interests, we get information about it," BI spokesperson Despite the existing ILBO, Dana Sandoval said in a

> Sandoval also said Guo's travel documents must be canceled for her to be declared an undesirable alien, which can result in her deportation to her country of origin by the arresting nation.

She said the BI is also checking Guo's departure point.

"Hindi pa malinaw saan actual na ginamit nya na informal port dito sa bansa. Yun ang backtracking natin (It is not yet clear what informal port did she use in leaving the country. This is the subject of our backtracking). Pero ang last sighting niya (But her last sighting) is somewhere up north of the Philippines," Sandoval added. (with Ferdinand Patinio/PNA)

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The police arrested two be used as a "love scam" Gaming Operation hub Nigerian nationals after hub, was raided on the in Bamban, Tarlac, berescuing four women afternoon of Tuesday, fore they left and started who were illegally de- August 13. Calabarzon their scam operations. tained in Tanza, Cavite. Police Director Brig. According to Lucas, not According to a report by Gen. Paul Kenneth Lucas only Filipinos but also the Calabarzon Police, stated that the suspects foreigners have fallen the suspects' residence, were former employees victim to the suspects. which was believed to of a Philippine Offshore /PR

bigas ang mabibili ng

Abot kayang presyo ng bigas ang hatid ng paglulunsad ng programang Murang Bigas @ P29/kg ng National Irrigation Administration Calabarzon sa Naic, Cavite ngay-

ong araw, Agosto 15. nina Pinangunahan Regional Manager Roberto Dela Cruz NIA Cavite-Batangas Irrigation Management Office (IMO) Manager Edwin Nazareno ang nasabing aktibidad kung saan nasa 1,000 sako ng 10 kilo na publiko.

Ayon sa NIA, bibigyang prayoridad sa bentahan ng murang bigas ang mga senior citizen, miyembro ng 4Ps, solo parent, at PWD. Naging posible ang abot-

kayang presyo ng bigas dahil sa programang Rice Contract Farming kung saan sinusuportahan ng ahensiya ang mga magsasaka na kasapi ng Irrigators Association (IA) mula sa pagtatanim hanggang sa pag-harvest ng mga palay.

Maliban sa bigas, ibi-

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nenta rin ng mga Irrigators Association (IA) sa murang halaga ang kani-kanilang produkto gaya ng mga gulay at ibang high-value crops./



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INTENSIFIED...

MANILA - The Deand EDSA Balintawak partment of Agriculture in Quezon City; Maru-DA) reported Tuesday las and Malanday in that intensified border Valenzuela City; animal control and surveillance quarantine checkpoint testing in the country has in Barangay Turbina, helped contain the fur-

swine fever (ASF). This came after the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) confirmed that 11 intercepted hogs from two trucks in livestock checkpoints in Quezon City and Valenzuela City on Aug. 17 were positive

Transporters from the said trucks were reportedly using recycled local shipping permits.
The BAI also seized hogs

for ASF.

ther spread of the African

from three trucks with 60, 87, and 14 hogs that tested positive for ASF in other checkpoints in Metro Manila.

"Una, effective iyong

of ASF in the country.

aktibo rin tayo dun sa

pagsusuri (Wé also have

ncreased what we call

surveillance testing for

ASF. So we are now more

"Maganda rin ito na na-

kikita natin na talagang

iyong mga areas na may

ÁSF. Kesa yung walang

testing, tapos, meron

palang ASF, patuloy lalo

na kakalat (This is good

because we can really

verify the areas with ASF.

Instead of no testing.

then there's actually ASF,

it will spread even more),"

To date, biosecurity and

surveillance checkpoints

are located in Com-

he added.

active in testing)," he said.

ating border control na in-establish para mahuli iyong mga nagpu-puslit ng mga fast break na baboy, iyong mga infected na baboy para mapigilan natin iyong pagkalat lalo from south to north or from north to south, exchange. ng ASF (The border control we established is effective in arresting those trying to smuggle infected hogs, and prevent the spread of ASF from south to north or from north to south)," DA Assistant Secretary Arnel De Mesa said in a phone interview. De Mesa also undereducation.

The delegation also made a courtesy call to Cavite Govscored the advantage of ernor Jonvic Remulla. During the meeting, both parties surveillance testing to discussed the significance of their ongoing partnership identify the actual spread and explored future opportunities for collaboration in education and technology. Governor Remulla expressed "Mas dumadami rin kasi ngayon yung tinatawag his gratitude for the continued support and reaffirmed Cavite's commitment to nurturing this valuable relationnatin na surveillance testing ng ASF. So, nagiging

and secondary public teachers held at Francisco P. Tolentino Integrated High School in Tagaytay City was facilitated. The training aimed to equip educators with the latest technological tools and methodologies to enhance

Cultural exchange was also a significant aspect of the visit, with the delegation touring the historic Aguinaldo Shrine, where they gained insights into Cavite's rich history. Likewise, the delegation also had the opportunity to meet with officials from the Department of Education's Main Office, discussing future collaborations and educational initiatives that could benefit both regions. To cap off their visit, the Provincial Government of Cavite hosted a farewell dinner in honor of the delegation. This gathering not only celebrated the successful visit but also reinforced the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation between Cavite and Jeonbuk State Of-

fice of Education. As the visit concluded, both parties expressed optimism for future projects and initiatives that would continue to strengthen the partnership, with a shared vision of monwealth, Mindanao advancing education and fostering mutual understand-Avenue, Tandang Sora, ing./CPIO

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Calamba, Laguna; Star Tollway, Sto. Tomas, Batangas; and animal

quarantine checkpoint in

Barangay Amuyong, Al-

fonso, Cavite. (PNA)

STRENGTHENING TIES UN EDUCA-TION: JEONBUK STATE OFFICE OF **EDUCATION'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO**

💷 Aug. 21 to Aug. 27, 2024 🛭 🔏



The provincial government of Cavite through the Provincial Information and Communications Technology Office hosted a significant visit of the delegation of Jeonbuk State Office of Education, Republic of Korea on August 12-16, 2024. The visit further paved the longstanding partnership between the province and Jeonbuk State Office of Education formerly Jeollabuk-do Office of Education, which has been thriving since 2005.

The delegation, headed by Mr. Yoo Jeongki, Deputy Superintendent, engaged in a series of activities aimed at enhancing digital education and fostering cross-cultural

The highlight of the visit was the delegation's tour at Inchican Elementary School in Silang and Pueblo Del Mar National High School in Naic, both of which are recipients of computer donations from the Jeonbuk State Office of Education. These visits offered the delegation a firsthand view of how their contributions have significantly enhanced the students' learning environments. They were greeted with enthusiasm by students and teachers who demonstrated how digital tools, made possible by these donations, have become integral to their

Additionally, a digital education training for primary the learning experience in classrooms.

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freedailycrosswords.com ACRÓSS

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- 16) Prankster's missile
- 17) WWII hero-turned-movie
- 19) Uncle Sam costume
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- 22) Sandcastle setting
- 24) Trample underfoot
- 26) Roget's abbr.

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- 31) The Beatles' meter 36) Son of Seth maid
- 37) Not of the cloth 32) Emotional wound 38) Unreturned serve
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- 56) Goodie from Linz 54) Chilling 58) Titicaca's locale
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- 63) Hanna-Barbera pooch 66) Versatile truck, for 58) Opposed, in Dog-
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- 69) Scale unit
- 70) Gregory of "Tap"
- 71) River to the Baltic Sea

CITY OF BACOOR NEWS

ENHANCING URBAN HOMEOWN-**ERS ASSOCIATIONS: BACOOR CLINIC ON REVISED IRR OF RA** 9904 (3RD BATCH)



Isinagawa ang 3rd Batch ng HOA Clinic sa Bacoor ukol sa 2021 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations ng RA 9904 ang City Government of Bacoor sa pamamagitan ng Housing Urban Development & Resettlement Department (HUDRD) sa pakikipagtulungan sa Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Region IV-A HOA and Community Development Division ngayong araw ng Agosto 20, 2024.

Ang nasabing gawain ay inisyatibo ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla, kaya nagsagawa ang HUDRD ng Lungsod ng seminar/Orientasyon ukol sa revised IRR ng RA 9904 pati na rin sa Code of Ethics at Ethical Standards para sa mga opisyal at miyembro ng BOD. Kung saan naging mentor sina Ms. Nini G. Sanchez, Ms. Chelcy Ann S. Magandi, at Ms. Kristine May G. Guanizo mula sa HOACD DHSUD

Nakibahagi sa aktibidad na ito ang 36 Association of 2nd District officers mula sa neighborhood at community association. Layunin ng gawain na mai-update ang mga Neighborhood at Community associations BOD's.

Isinagawa ang Clinic sa Revilla Hall para sa pagpapalawak ng kaalaman at kasanayan ng mga kalahok hinggil sa mga mahahalagang alituntunin sa pamamahala. Sa pamamagitan ng workshop na ito, nabigyang linaw at gabay ang mga participants hingil sa kahalagahan at mga karapatan na naaayon sa bagong alituntunin ng RA 9904./PR

BLACK MARLINS ATHLETES CLUB FOOTBALL TEAM NAG-PASALAMAT KAY MAYOR STRIKE B. REVILLA

Binisita ng Black Marlins Athletes Club Football Team si Mayor Strike B. Revilla ngayong araw, August 19, 2024, bilang pagpapasalamat sa suporta ng alkalde sa Team. Pinangunahan sila ng kanilang Coach AR-EE Eusebio, Team Captain Sean Sta. Ana, at Vice Captain Emir Minhas sa kanilang pagbisita sa opisina ni Mayor Revilla. Ipinakita ng team kay Mayor Strike ang kanilang

mga medalya at sertipiko bilang first runner-up

sa Cavite Football Association (CAFA) Futsal

Siklab Cup Tournament na ginanap noong July 13-14, 2024 sa Rosewood Village Covered Court Niog 2 Bacoor City Cavite.

EDNESDAY

HRONICLE

Bilang pasasalamat, nagbigay ang team ng isang souvenir soccer ball at Black Marlin jersey kay Mayor Revilla. Naging masaya at nagpasalamat si Mayor Revilla sa pagbisita ng mga atleta at binati sila sa kanilang tagumpay.

Mabuhay kayo ipagpatuloy ang dedikasyon at pagsisikap sa larangan ng football.





Last week's solution:

"YOU'RE JOKING!"

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By Fred Piscop



PCG Provides Vital Health Services to 800 Imuseño



for all, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Governor, conducted a medical mission in Barangay Maharlika, Imus City, on August 15, 2024. Essential health services were brought directly to the community and saw a remarkable turnout with around 800 beneficiaries.

The mission offered a range of services, including HIV testing, X-ray, and ECG, all administered by skilled medical professionals from the Imus City Health Office and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer. These services were provided free of charge, ensuring that residents had the opportunity to receive necessary health checks and interventions.

Mayor Alex Advincula and 3rd District Representative Adrian Jay Advincula, along with other local officials, were present during the event to show their support. Both leaders expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the provincial government for extending such valuable services to the people of Imus, emphasizing the importance of these initiatives in improving the overall health and well-being of their constituents. /CPIO

Distribution of Supplies for 7th District Barangay Tanod



In a significant step to ensure peace and security of local communities, Governor Jonvic Remulla led the distribution of supplies for Barangay Tanod of the 7th District of Cavite on August 12, 2024, at Indang Municipal Covered Court, to strengthen their capacity and preparedness to respond in any situation.

A total of 2,320 Barangay Tanods from the municipalities of Indang, Tanza, Amadeo, and Trece Martires City received essential kits containing vests, batons, whistles, gloves, and caps to support their critical role in maintaining public order and safety of their barangay. PTLCOL Joven T. Bahil, Chief PCADU, Cavite Police

Provincial Office, served as the guest speaker and remarked his confidence on the role of barangay tanods as force multipliers in ensuring peace and order. "Sapagkat naniniwala po ang ating kapulisan na ang ating mga tanod, sa kabila ng maliit na kanilang honoraria, ay walang sawa, at walang patid na nagseserbisyo para sa kanilang bayan at kanilang kapwa", he said.

Governor Remulla was joined by 7th District Congressman Crispin Diego "Ping" Remulla, Board Member Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla, Indang Mayor Perfecto V. Fidel, and Tanza Vice Mayor Archangelo B. Matro in affirming support and appreciation to the local community protectors.

The initiative underscores the commitment of local government leaders to empower the Barangay Tanod by recognizing their invaluable contributions as first responders in the community./*CPIO*

PCG'S CAREER CARAVAN GOES TO ALFONSO



The Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, in partnership with the Municipality of Alfonso - Public Employment Service Office, successfully spearheaded the Cavite Career Caravan on August 16, 2024, at Alfonso Municipal Covered Court. The event featured 15 companies offering a variety of job

opportunities across different industries and attracted 24 job applicants. Additionally, 8 National Government Agencies including BIR, NBI, PSA, OWWA, DOLE, Pag-Ibig, PhilHealth, and TESDA, offered assistance and support to both applicants and employers through-

Cavite Career Caravan served as a platform to bridge the gap between job seekers and employment opportunities, where applicants could engage directly with employers, submit their resumes, and even undergo preliminary interviews. It underscores the commitment of the provincial government and participating organizations to boost employment and promote economic growth in

492 RESIDENTS AVAILED FREE HEALTH SERVICES IN BRGY. BUCAL TANZA CAVITE

A successful medical mission was conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Governor on August 14, 2024 in Barangay Bucal, Tanza, Cavite where 492 residents received free health services, including consultations and vital sign monitoring, with free medicines and vitamins.

The program was made possible through the collaboration of local officials, Tanza RHU, the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, Barangay Health Workers (BHW), Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), and volunteers from Kabalikat Civicom-Tanza. It was part of the government's ongoing efforts to address the health needs

Several local government officials, including Councilor Derek Matro, Ryan Mintu, and Brandy Alarca, graced and supported the event. Together with the residents, they expressed their gratitude for the unwavering support of Governor Jonvic Remulla in providing the resources needed to maintain healthy communities./CPIO uous support they received from the PGC. /CPIO

Aug. 21 to Aug. 27, 2024 5 **2024 WORLD CAFE OF OPPUTUNITIES**



The 2024 World Café of Opportunities, spearheaded by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Region IV-A Cavite Provincial Office, in coordination w'ith the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), was successfully conducted on August 14, 2024, at Robinson's Place, City of Dasmariñas. The event served as a vibrant platform for job seekers, employers, and various stakeholders to connect and explore employment and training

The initiative aimed to bridge the gap between skills training and employment, offering TESDA graduates and other job seekers direct access to potential employers. Participants had the chance to engage in one-onone interviews, career coaching sessions, and explore various job openings from participating companies. The event highlighted the importance of technical and vocational education in enhancing employability and fostering economic growth in the region.

TESDA, in collaboration with OPPESM, continues to play a crucial role in addressing employment challenges by providing accessible and quality skills development programs. The World Café of Opportunities is one of the key initiatives aimed at supporting the local workforce and contributing to the province's overall development./

MENDEZEÑOS STUDENTS RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE



On August 14, 2024, the Provincial Government of Cavite extended another timely service for Mendezeños through the Provincial Scholarship Program, benefiting 200 students with educational assistance to help sustain their educational needs. Each student received five thousand pesos distributed with the help of the Office of Provincial Treasurer at Mendez Municipal Covered Court. Governor Jonvic Remulla joined the students during the activity, imparting his hope that in the next enrollment, more scholars will be catered by the program so that more students will have access to quality education.

Likewise, Mayor Cocoy Mendoza, urged the students to strive harder and quipped that maybe someday, one of them will be the next leader of their town. He, then, emphasized to seize the opportunity that the provincial government was giving them.

Mendez officials and students were elated for the contin-