

CONCEPCION WELCOMES
ROQUE AS TO DTI



The President could not have picked a better person to lead the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), said Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion as President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. named Cristina Aldeguer-Roque as DTI Acting Secretary. “During her time as Undersecretary for the MSME Development Group, she has proven to be a strong ally of the MSMEs, assisting in whatever way she can in pushing for policies that can benefit this critical sector of our economy,” he said. Concepcion said Roque’s experience as a successful entrepreneur herself come as powerful credentials for leading the DTI. “She can bring private sector perspective to the DTI and give continuity to programs that have already been set in place.

Concepcion said her appointment also comes at a time when women are being recognized as a powerful force in business and economy. Roque will be the only other woman to lead the DTI since Lilia Bautista took on the helm in 1992. “This is definitely a step in the right direction,” he said.

Concepcion thanked outgoing DTI Sec. Alfredo Pascual for his service to MSMEs, citing his support for the country’s MSMEs, which comprise almost all of the enterprises in the country and generate more than half of the country’s jobs. Pascual was appointed by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. as DTI Secretary in June 2022 after several years of a successful career in the private sector and serving as the President of the University of the Philippines.

“Going by how Fred Pascual’s stint at the DTI did so much for the Filipino MSMEs, I think we can look forward to a more vibrant and dynamic MSME sector under Cris Roque’s watch,” he said. /PR

POWERHOUSE MENTORS AT GO
NEGOSYO EVENT



POWER LINEUP OF MENTORS FOR MSMEs. Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion, together with Dept. of Trade and Industry Acting Secretary Cris Roque, pose with a powerhouse lineup of mentors at the recent 3M on Wheels entrepreneurship event at SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City last August 24, 2024. Mentors from Harvard Business School’s Owner/President Management Executive Education Program, leading entrepreneurs and top business executives came to mentor active and aspiring entrepreneurs during the day-long event. Leading the Harvard OPM mentors was former ambassador Joey Antonio, Pinky Tobiano and William Chua. They joined Go Negosyo’s Icon mentors, including restaurateur Rikki Dee,

Go Negosyo’s entrepreneurship roadshow 3M on Wheels at SM Megamall last August 24 featured a powerhouse lineup of businessmen and entrepreneurship experts who volunteered to mentor MSMEs during the day-long event. Alumni of the Harvard Business School are products of the Owner/President Management Executive Education Program (OPM), icon entrepreneurship mentors, and some of the country’s most successful businessmen gathered at the mall in Mandaluyong City to participate in the non-profit’s free entrepreneurship mentoring event.

Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion thanked the alumni from the prestigious business school of the world’s most famous Ivy League university and the veteran mentors of Go Negosyo. Dept. of Trade and Industry Acting Secretary Cris Roque gave the Welcome Address, while Mandaluyong City Mayor Benhur Abalos sent his Message of Support through City Administrator Ernesto Victorino.

The mentors from Harvard Business School are alumni of the Owner/President Management Executive Education Program (OPM), which is designed to train executives to become entrepreneurial leaders. They were led by their board adviser, former Ambassador Joey Antonio, and joined by Go Negosyo’s Icon mentors, comprising some of the country’s leading entrepreneurs and top business executives.

Luxe Beauty’s Anna Magkaw sat down for a chat with Mercato Centrale founder RJ Ledesma to give pointers to the audience on how to use social media and content creation to promote their businesses. The event was hosted by Betong Sumaya.

Students from select schools from the National Capital Region also came to avail of free entrepreneurship mentoring, including Centro Escolar University, STI College Cubao, Saint Joseph College, and the Far Eastern University.

Go Negosyo’s 3M on Wheels is the on-ground, nationwide mentoring roadshow conducted in malls nationwide. It was started in 2018 as Mentor Me on Wheels and was inspired by the growing number of Filipinos turning to entrepreneurship to lift themselves out of poverty. As 3M on Wheels, it covers the full scope of entrepreneurship to aspiring entrepreneurs, emphasizing the three M’s – Mentorship, Money, and Market – that are essential in successful entrepreneurship./PR

DEPED TO CONTINUE ENTREPRENEURSHIP
PROGRAMS WITH GO NEGOSYO



Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion meets with new Department of Education (DepEd) Sec. Sonny Angara to discuss the continuation of the non-profit’s entrepreneurship and other programs that are already underway and being conducted with the support of the DepEd. These include Youthpreneur, Pamparaalang Taniman sa Agribida, The Boardroom Experience, and Mentoring the Mentors.

Newly appointed Department of Education Secretary Sonny Angara is set to continue entrepreneurship programs conducted by the Department of Education (DepEd) with Go Negosyo.

Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion met with Angara on Aug. 6 to discuss programs that are already underway and being conducted with DepEd’s support.

“We should give education and MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises) all the help they need – these

sectors have a big role to play in the future of our country. I am glad that we have Sec. Angara to help us continue with these programs,” Concepcion said.

In 2023, Go Negosyo started its programs such as Youthpreneur, an entrepreneurship mentoring among senior high school students nationwide; the Boardroom Experience, a real-life mentoring from the country’s top chief executive officers; the Pamparaalang Taniman ng Agribida, which promotes agripreneurship in public schools; and the Mentoring the Mentors, which aims to upskill teaching skills in entrepreneurship while integrating practical entrepreneurship knowledge.

These initiatives are part of a November 2023 agreement that seeks to promote entrepreneurial skills development among learners, teachers and parents.

RALLYING WOMEN POWER
FOR MSMEs



Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion poses with some of the Philippines’s most prominent women in business and government at the recent “Women in Collaboration of MSME Development” event hosted by Go Negosyo and held at the Manila Polo Club last August 5, 2024. Lending their support to promote women-led MSMEs in the agenda of the country’s 2026 hosting of the ASEAN were First Lady Louise Araneta Marcos; former Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo; Dept. of Trade and Industry Acting Sec. Cris Roque; Dept. of Tourism Sec. Cristina Garcia Frasco; Cong. Caroline Tanchay; Pasay City Mayor Emi Calixto-Rubiano; Go Negosyo trustee Marissa Concepcion; PCW Chair Ermelita Valdeavilla; top executives of the country’s biggest companies including Tessie Sy Cason, Doris Ho, and Alice Eduardo; successful women entrepreneurs and leaders like Rosemarie Rafael and Myrna Yao; members of the diplomatic corps; social media influencers; and the leaders of the country’s top women organizations Women-Biz, and the Filipina CEO Circle./PR



What is Go Negosyo?

Go Negosyo is the advocacy of the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (PCE), a non-stock, non-profit organization that advocates for a change in MINDSET and ATTITUDE. We believe that Filipinos can address poverty in the country by engaging in entrepreneurship and developing an optimistic, passionate, creative and innovative, resourceful, diligent and persevering character. We encourage everyone to take charge and make the most of their resources and abilities by utilizing and transforming these into viable enterprises.

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2 Corinthians 5:7

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MANILA – Public trust and approval in the performance of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. improved in the second quarter of 2024, while Vice President Sara Z. Duterte suffered a drop in the survey released by the OCTA Research Group on Tuesday. OCTA’s “Tugon ng Masa” survey conducted from June 30 to July 5 showed that Marcos’ trust rating rose to 71 percent from 69 percent, posted in the first quarter of 2024. Duterte’s trust rating lowered by 3 percentage points to 65 percent from 68 percent recorded in the first quarter of 2024. “This is the first time President Ferdinand “Bong-bong” Marcos Jr. has registered a higher trust and performance rating than Vice President Sara Duterte-Carpio based on TNM



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Jeepney Modernization in the Philippines: A Road Paved with Challenges and Opportunities

The jeepney, an iconic symbol of Philippine culture and ingenuity, has long been a vital part of the country's public transportation system. However, as the Philippines faces mounting environmental concerns and the need for safer, more efficient transportation, the government's Jeepney Modernization Program has emerged as a contentious issue that highlights the challenges of balancing tradition with progress. The Case for Modernization

The rationale behind jeepney modernization is multifaceted. First and foremost, it aims to address environmental concerns. The old, diesel-powered jeepneys are significant contributors to air pollution, emitting high levels of carbon dioxide and other harmful pollutants. By replacing these vehicles with modern, fuel-efficient, and eco-friendly alternatives, the government hopes to reduce the environmental footprint of the country's transportation sector. Moreover, modernization is expected to enhance road safety. Many of the current jeepneys are decades old and lack basic safety features, such as seatbelts and proper maintenance records. Newer models are designed with these

features in mind, potentially reducing the number of accidents and ensuring the safety of both passengers and drivers. Challenges on the Road to Progress Despite the benefits, the Jeepney Modernization Program has faced significant opposition, primarily from jeepney operators and drivers. The financial burden of replacing old vehicles with new models, which can cost up to PHP 2.8 million per unit, is a major concern. For many drivers, who earn modest incomes, the prospect of purchasing a new jeepney or participating in a fleet management system is daunting, if not impossible, without substantial government support. Additionally, there is a strong cultural and emotional attachment to the traditional jeepney, which is seen not just as a mode of transport but as a symbol of Filipino creativity and resilience. The modernization program, in the eyes of many, threatens to erase this cultural icon, replacing it with sterile, mass-produced vehicles that lack the charm and character of the original jeepneys. Government Response and the Way Forward The government has attempted to address these concerns by offering financing schemes and subsidies to help drivers and operators transition to

modern vehicles. However, the effectiveness of these measures has been questioned, with many stakeholders arguing that the terms are still unaffordable or that the process is too complex and bureaucratic. To navigate these challenges, a more inclusive and gradual approach to modernization might be necessary. This could involve extending the timeline for compliance, increasing subsidies, and exploring alternative financing models, such as cooperatives or public-private partnerships. Moreover, preserving the cultural heritage of the jeepney by incorporating traditional design elements into new models could help ease the transition for both drivers and the public. The Jeepney Modernization Program is a critical step toward a more sustainable and safer transportation system in the Philippines. However, its success hinges on the government's ability to address the legitimate concerns of jeepney operators and drivers. By finding a balance between progress and tradition, the Philippines can pave the way for a future where modernized jeepneys continue to be a source of national pride, rather than a point of contention. -ANG KABITENYA

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surveys in the last three years," OCTA said. "It must be noted that the VP Duterte trust and performance ratings continue to trend downward for the second straight quarter in 2024," the pollster added. Marcos' trust score increased by 8 percentage points due to an increase of 8 percentage points in Mindanao (56 percent from 48 percent), Duterte's bailiwick, OCTA noted. Marcos earned the highest trust rating in Balance Luzon (80 percent), followed by Metro Manila (70 percent) and Visayas (69 percent). OCTA said Marcos' trust rating also saw an increase by 22 percentage points among adult Filipinos belonging to Class ABC (74 percent), followed by Classes D (71 percent) and E (66 percent). Approval of Marcos' performance was also higher by 3 percentage points to 68 percent from 65 percent recorded in the first

quarter of 2024. Marcos' performance score was highest in Balance Luzon (75 percent) and improved by 8 percentage points in Mindanao (56 percent). His performance rating was also high in Metro Manila (68 percent) and Visayas (65 percent). Based on the survey, Marcos also enjoyed an increase of 11 percentage points from adult Filipinos belonging to Classes ABC (71 percent), followed by Classes D (68 percent) and E (64 percent). Meanwhile, Duterte's trust score remained highest in her bailiwick, Mindanao, which rose by 9 percentage points to 95 percent. Her trust rating declined by 4 percentage points in Balance Luzon (52 percent from 48 percent) and 3 percentage points in Visayas (66 percent from 63 percent). Duterte's trust score in Metro Manila was 60 percent. She also earned the high-

est trust score from adult Filipinos belonging to Class E, despite a decline by 4 percentage points from 68 percent to 64 percent. This was followed by Classes D (65 percent) and ABC (64 percent). Duterte suffered declines in her performance ratings among all regions, with the highest in Metro Manila at 6 percentage points (50 percent from 56 percent) and Visayas at 4 percentage points (60 percent from 64 percent). Her performance score remained high in Mindanao (92 percent) but reported lowest in Balance Luzon (48 percent). Duterte's performance rating also decreased by 6 percentage points in Class E (65 percent from 71 percent) and 3 percentage points in Class D (60 percent to 57 percent). She posted the lowest performance rating from adult Filipinos belonging to Class ABC, which was at 56 percent. (PNA)

TULONG...

Pinangunahan ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ngayong araw ang pamamahagi ng tulong pinansiyal para sa mga mangingisda sa Cavite na naapektuhan ng oil spill mula sa lumubog na MV Terranova. Aabot sa 32,392 mangingisda ang tumanggap ng 5,000 cash aid sa ilalim ng Presidential Assistance to Farmers and Fishers program. Nakatanggap din ang mga ito ng karagdagang P5,000 mula sa Department of Social Welfare and Development

bilang bahagi naman ng Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair program. Sa kanyang mensahe, binigyang diin ni Pangulong Marcos ang mga kasalukuyang hakbang ng pamahalaan para matugunan ang mga problemang idinulot ng oil spill. Ayon sa Pangulo, hangad din niya na makakatulong ang tulong pinansyal sa pagbangon at pagbibigay pag-asa sa mga mangingisdang naapektuhan ang kabuhayan dahil sa nangyaring oil spill. Bukod sa pamamahagi ng

tulong, naghatid rin ng serbisyo ang iba't ibang ahensiya ng gobyerno para sa mga benepisaryo. Kabilang dito ang Department of Health na nagbigay ng serbisyong medikal at PhilHealth para sa libreng laboratory services bilang bahagi ng LAB for ALL Caravan. Naghatid rin ang Department of Labor and Employment ng programa para sa alternatibong pangkabuhayan ng mga mangingisda. /PR



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Senator Bong Go Boosts Fire Victims' Recovery in Cavite City, Partners with LGU and NHA for Rebuilding Efforts



Senator Christopher "Bong" Go, often referred to as the "adopted son of CALABARZON," personally visited fire victims in Cavite City on Monday, August 26, in coordination with Mayor Denver Reyes Chua. Go provided immediate relief and support to 746 affected households, distributing essential items like grocery packs, meals, water containers, and vitamins, as well as other necessities like shoes, mobile phones, and bicycles. In his visit, Go reassured the victims, saying, "Sa mga nasunagan, huwag ho kayong mag-alala. Sabi ko nga sa inyo noon, ang gamit ay nabibili, ang pera ay kikitain, subalit 'yung perang kikitain ay hindi po nabibili ang buhay. A lost life is a lost life forever. Pangalagaan at ingatan po natin ang buhay at kalusugan ng bawat isa." Partnering with the National Housing Authority (NHA), Go also promoted the Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP), a program he initiated and continues to support. This program provides financial grants to disaster victims to help them rebuild their homes. Go emphasized the importance of this initiative, explaining that it aims to provide immediate relief to families who have lost their homes due to disasters such as fires, typhoons, and earthquakes. In addition to his ongoing efforts with EHAP, Go is pushing for Senate Bill No. 192, which seeks to institutionalize a Rental Housing Subsidy Program. This program would offer disaster victims more affordable access to the housing market through government-provided rental subsidies. Go also highlighted his role as the primary author and co-sponsor of Republic Act No. 11589, known as the Bureau of Fire Protection Modernization Act of 2021. This Act mandates a ten-year modernization program for the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), enhancing its capabilities through the recruitment of more firefighters, acquisition of advanced equipment, and specialized training programs. Moreover, the BFP is required to conduct monthly fire prevention campaigns in collaboration with local government units. Additionally, Go underscored the significance of Senate Bill No. 2451, known as the Ligtas Pinoy Centers Act, which he co-sponsored. This bill proposes the establishment of mandatory evacuation centers across provinces and municipalities to ensure the safety and welfare of disaster-affected communities. As the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Health and Demography, Go also offered medical assistance to those in need and encouraged the public to visit Malasakit Centers. These centers, initiated by Go in 2018, provide financial assistance to Filipinos struggling with medical expenses. To date, there are 166 Malasakit Centers nationwide, benefitting approximately ten million Filipinos. "Bilang inyong Mr. Malasakit na ang tanging bisyo ay magserbisyo, uunahin ko palagi ang kapakanan at buhay ng aking kapwa Pilipino. Minsan lang tayong dadaan sa mundong ito. Kaya anumang kabutihan at tulong ang puwede nating ibigay sa kapwa ay gawin na natin ngayon," Go said in closing. Later in the day, Go served as the Guest of Honor and Speaker at the Commencement Exercises of the Philippine Christian University in Pasay City. /PR

3 Family Members Died After Lightning Strike While Fishing in Rosario, Cavite



While a father and his sons were out fishing, the weather suddenly changed—thunder roared, rain poured, and lightning struck. Tragically, all three were killed by the lightning strike while they were at sea. The Municipal Disaster Reduction Risk and Management Office (MDRRMO) identified the victims as Fran-ed Despi, 30 years old; Francisco Despi Sr., 62 years old; and Francisco Despi Jr., 28 years old—all residents of Brgy. Muzon 2, Rosario, Cavite. According to Edna Despi, the 56-year-old mother and wife of the victims, her husband and sons set out to sea at 4 PM on August 23, 2024. By early morning, she noticed unusual noise in their area. No one had the courage to tell her that her family had been struck by lightning. Reizel Ociel, a 53-year-old fisherman, recounted that around 1 AM on August 24, 2024, he was on his way back home after a night of fishing when he saw an overturned boat in the waters off Limay, Bataan. When he approached the boat, he found the bodies of the father and sons floating nearby. The boat was familiar to him, as the victims were his neighbors. Ociel immediately sought help and reported the incident to the Philippine Coast Guard. The Coast Guard towed the sunken boat and the three victims from Limay, Bataan, and brought them to the shore of Brgy. Muzon 2, Rosario. Residents of Cavite felt a series of thunderclaps and lightning strikes around 8 PM on August 23, 2024. /PR

Over P3 Million Worth of Shabu Seized in Buy-Bust Operations



Police seized millions of pesos worth of shabu in separate buy-bust operations in Cavite.

In Bacoor City, three drug suspects, identified as alias "Boss," "Mary," and "Kim," were arrested. Authorities confiscated four sachets of shabu weighing 500 grams with an estimated value of P3,400,000.

In Dasmariñas City, another drug suspect, alias "Ed," was apprehended. The police seized 50 grams of shabu worth P340,000 from him. All the arrested individuals face charges for violating the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. /PR

Baby Girl Abandoned by Mother, Found by Tricycle Driver



A baby girl with a gentle face, a prominent nose, rosy cheeks, and long eyelashes was recently found inside the compartment of a tricycle. At around 7:00 AM, 31-year-old tricycle driver Mac Leonardo Capuz Dela Cruz, also known as "Braullo," discovered the newborn baby girl, still covered in blood, lying face down and wrapped in a gray cloth. The baby was crying, seemingly searching for the mother who had abandoned her. Braullo, a resident of Brgy. Tejeros Convention, is married and has a 7-year-old daughter. He has been driving a tricycle in Rosario for nine years. According to Braullo, he started his shift at 3:00 AM, waiting for passengers at the corner of CCAT. At around 4:05 AM, he noticed a woman wearing a yellow t-shirt and pink jogging pants, looking anxious and pacing back and forth until she entered a tricycle with curtains. Several hours later, Braullo decided to check the tricycle parked near a gas station where he had seen the woman enter. To his shock, he found the baby crying inside the compartment. Without hesitation, he took the baby to Rosario Maternity & Medical Emergency Clinic (RMMEC) using an ambulance, accompanied by Brgy. Investigator Cony Alonzo and Kagawad Riza Alcantara, the Chairman of the VAWC (Violence Against Women and Children) of Brgy. Tejeros Convention. The baby girl, weighing 5.94 lbs, was immediately given medical attention until she regained her strength. She still had her umbilical cord attached to the placenta when brought to the clinic and also had a birthmark on her right shoulder. Rosario Cavite Vice Mayor Bamm Gonzales personally checked on the baby girl and provided her with medicine, milk, clothes, and diapers. Braullo shared a message: "To my fellow drivers, if you find something valuable, please return it. To the women out there, please don't do this. It is wrong in both human law and God's law." Braullo had previously returned an iPhone 13 and a wallet containing ten thousand pesos. The baby has been formally turned over to the DSWD (Department of Social Welfare and Development). Meanwhile, the police are continuing their investigation to identify the woman who abandoned the baby, who may face legal consequences. /PR



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SM FOUNDATION, MSDC BOOST EARLY EDUCATION IN BATANGAS WITH REFURBISHED DAY CARE CENTERS



Pupils prepare for an activity in front of the new Shining Glory 1 Day Care Center

SM Foundation continues to strengthen its commitment to education as it turned over five newly refurbished day care centers in Nasugbu, Batangas. In collaboration with Manila Southcoast Development Corporation (MSDC), the newly renovated facilities include Praise Kids Day Care Center, Lucky Angel Day Care Center, Holy Child 1 Day Care Center, Shining Glory 1, and the multipurpose Shining Glory 2 Day Care Center. By investing in early childhood education, the SM Foundation aims to provide a strong educational foundation for young learners, setting them on a



A teacher at Praise Kids Day Care Center facilitates an educational activity inside the newly renovated classroom.

The day care centers now feature refreshed paint, new ceilings, improved lighting and ventilation, hand washing facilities, and child-friendly designs to create a more conducive learning environment. In line with SM Foundation's holistic approach, the centers have also been equipped with age-appropriate learning materials, books, and other educational resources. The latest initiative is part of SM Foundation's broader School Building Program, which has been helping improve the quality of education by school buildings in public schools across the Philippines, particularly in vulnerable communities. **/PR**

SM FOUNDATION EXTENDS HEALTHCARE REACH WITH TAYTAY MEDICAL MISSION

This activation follows the SM Foundation's long-term strategy of promoting preventive healthcare and improving access to medical services in various communities in the country. Since its inception, the SM Foundation has rolled out over 1,600 medical missions as part of its sus-

tained efforts in community health outreach. The recent medical mission was capped successfully with its social good partners Taytay LGU, DSWDm, Region 4A-Willore Pharmaceutical, and MX3 Natural Supplements.



The medical mission features the new mobile clinic, making free healthcare service more accessible and comfortable for patients.



The medical mission provided over 800 medical services with the help of volunteer healthcare professionals and SM City Taytay employees.

SM FOUNDATION EXTENDS HELP TO BATAAN COMMUNITY AMID OIL SPILL



SM Foundation, in partnership with employee volunteers from SM City Bataan, distributed 300 Kalinga packs on August 9 to families affected by an oil spill in Barangay Lamao, Limay, Bataan. The aid distribution was carried out under Operation Tulong Express (OPTE), a social good program by SM Foundation in collaboration with SM Supermalls and SM Markets. The recent distribution in Limay focused on supporting affected families, providing essential supplies to help alleviate their immediate needs. OPTE aims to provide rapid response during calamities and crises. Since its establishment, OPTE has successfully distributed over 800,000 Kalinga Packs across the Philippines. **/PR**



SAFEGUARDING JOURNEYS: MPT SOUTH LAUNCHES BAYANI KA BOOK 2

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. (MPTC), launched "Bayani Ka: Bayani ng Kalsada Book 2" at the National Library of the Philippines, an activity book aimed at inspiring children to become road safety champions in their communities. Packed with engaging stories, vibrant illustrations, and interactive content, the book is designed to teach young readers the importance of road safety in a way that is both entertaining and empowering. With road safety being a vital topic for young learners, the book is an excellent resource for schools to incorporate into their curriculum, helping students become more aware and responsible on the streets.



Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South led the symbolic turnover of "Bayani Ka" activity books to the National Library of the Philippines. She was joined by MPTC Chief Corporate Governance and Risk Officer and Head of Sustainability, Atty. Cynthia Casino; as well as Dr. Angelito Umali, Health and Nutrition Officer and representative of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). The books were received by Mr. Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano, Director of the National Library of the Philippines (NLP), Mr. Eduardo B. Quiros, Assistant Director of the National Library of the Philippines, and representatives from different local libraries.



A total of 2,000 copies of Bayani Ka Book 2 will be donated by MPT South to different public libraries and partner institutions in Metro Manila and CALABARZON. "MPT South conceptualized this campaign, "Bayani Ka: Bayani ng Kalsada Book 2," to empower children with the knowledge and confidence they need to navigate the streets safely. By distributing this book to schools, we hope to instill lifelong habits of safety and responsibility in our youngest citizens," said Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South. After receiving the "Bayani ng Kalsada" books from MPT South, Director Cesar Gilbert Q. Adriano stated that "This book will serve as a learning tool for teaching children about road safety, providing them with the essential knowledge to navigate the world safely. It empowers the young minds about the importance of knowing traffic rules and pedestrian safety, protecting them from any harm they may encounter on the road." MPT South, in its mission to lead in providing a safe and convenient mobility experience for all travelers, is dedicated to ensuring that expressway drivers are conscious of road safety, as well as the children of today as they go through the process of being their own "Bayani ng Kalsada" of tomorrow.

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ILLEGAL PRODUCTS. Authorities seize illegal vape products at a warehouse in Manila on Aug. 23, 2024. Some PHP94 million worth of smuggled motor parts and accessories and vape products were found during operations in two warehouses in Manila and Laguna, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) said on Sunday. (Aug. 25, 2024) (Photo courtesy of BOC)

MANILA – Some PHP94 million worth of smuggled motor parts and accessories and vape products were found during an operation in two separate warehouses in Manila and Laguna, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) reported on Sunday. A composite team headed by Customs Intelligence and Investigation Service-Manila International Container Port (CIS-MICP), according to Commissioner Bien Rubio implemented two letters of authority (LOA) to inspect the warehouses on Aug. 23, where they discovered PHP19.075 million worth of suspected vape products and more or less PHP75 million worth of smuggled motorcycle parts and accessories.

"Stopping the trafficking of smuggled products is crucial in the prevention of criminal organizations from profiting from unsuspecting consumers. On the other hand, I appeal to our consumers: buying smuggled products puts your health at risk because by not going through the proper process, the safety of these vapes are already compromised," the BOC chief said in a news release. On the other hand, CIIS Director Verne Enciso added the team found and seized an estimated PHP6.475 million worth of vape devices, vape pods, and disposable vapes, such as brands Relx and Top Fog, in a warehouse in Quiapo, Manila. They also discovered more or less PHP75 million worth of smuggled motorcycle parts and accessories.

"The total amount of smuggled products found in Manila was around PHP81.475 million since aside from the vape products, our team also uncovered motorcycle parts and accessories, and we know the prices for these go to the thousands; sometimes, more," he said. In a shop in San Pedro City, Laguna, the composite team discovered and seized around PHP12.6 million worth of smuggled disposable vapes of varying brands, such as Flava, King's Evo, Grio, and Mi-

lan. The BOC temporarily padlocked and sealed the two locations while awaiting for inventory of the goods to be conducted by assigned Customs examiners to be witnessed by the representatives from CIIS, Enforcement and Security Service (ESS), and the warehouse and shop. The owners face charges for violating Section 117 (regulated importation and exportation) and Section 1400 (misdeclaration in goods declaration) in relation to Section 1113 (property subject to seizure and forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA). They will also face charges in accordance with Republic Act 8293, otherwise known as the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, Republic Act 10963, the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN Law), and the National Tobacco Administration (NTA) Board Resolution No. 079-2005 (amended rules and regulations governing the exportation and importation of leaf tobacco and tobacco products).

The operation was also in coordination with the Philippine Coast Guard. (PNA)

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Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. (PNA photo by Priam Nepomuceno) MANILA – Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. said Tuesday the interpretation of the Mutual Defense Treaty (MDT) between the Philippines and the United States in terms of an armed attack must be broadened for it to be responsive to China's illegal activities in the West Philippine Sea (WPS).

"It should apply because we're getting narrowed by a wooden definition, an armed attack on a public vessel etc. and the public gets fixated on that, so I think we should broaden the scope of the MDT to face a dynamic and cunning adversary," Teodoro said on the sidelines of the 35th International Military Law and Operations Conference (MILOPS 24) at The Manila Hotel, when asked whether the MDT

can be invoked against China's grey zone tactics. Grey zone acts are those committed by a state which are harmful to another state and are sometimes considered to be acts of war, but are not legal acts of war. Under Article IV of the MDT, "each Party recognizes that an armed attack in the Pacific area on either of the Parties would be dangerous to its own peace and safety and declares that it would act to meet the common dangers in accordance with its constitutional processes." The DND chief also noted that the MDT is the basis of the country's "bilateral cooperation with the United States" and the Philippines should tailor its interpretations of the MDT to the dynamic situation in the WPS. He was referring to the series of aggressive Chinese actions in the region, which include harassment

of Philippine aircraft and ships in recent weeks. "There are ongoing talks, not to broaden the scope of the MDT, but to broaden the interpretations to make it more dynamic and not fall into China's trap," he added. Teodoro also said deterrence is not limited to military means and operations but can also include "any influence which will prevent a violator from pursuing its course." "Why will we fixate on attack? Why don't we concentrate on deterrence on the MDT? Bakit tayo magpapapalo o magpepenitensya when ma-iwasan natin (Why do we have to be spanked or flagellated when we can prevent this)?" Teodoro said. The MDT, signed by the Philippines and the US in 1951, requires both nations to support each other if another party attacks either. (PNA)



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Health Office 1 & 2, Carmona City Health Office, Gen. Trias City Health Office, Trece Martires City Health Office and Tagaytay City Health Office for achieving at least 75% coverage in their immunization activity. **Game Changer Award** was given to cities of Bacoor and Dasmariñas, and municipalities of Silang, Tanza and Naic for having the most number of children vaccinated during the oral polio vaccination drive. **Most Innovative Award** was awarded to the Municipality of Gen. Mariano Alvarez for their creativity and innovation in implementing the immunization campaign. In addition to these,

plaques of appreciation were given to various national agencies and stakeholders for their invaluable support and collaboration in ensuring the success of the polio immunization efforts. The ceremony underscored the importance of collaboration between local government units, national agencies, and community stakeholders in safeguarding the health and well-being of Caviteños, starting with immunizing children against vaccine-preventable diseases. The Provincial Government of Cavite remains committed to continuing these efforts and maintaining high standards in public health initiatives /PNA

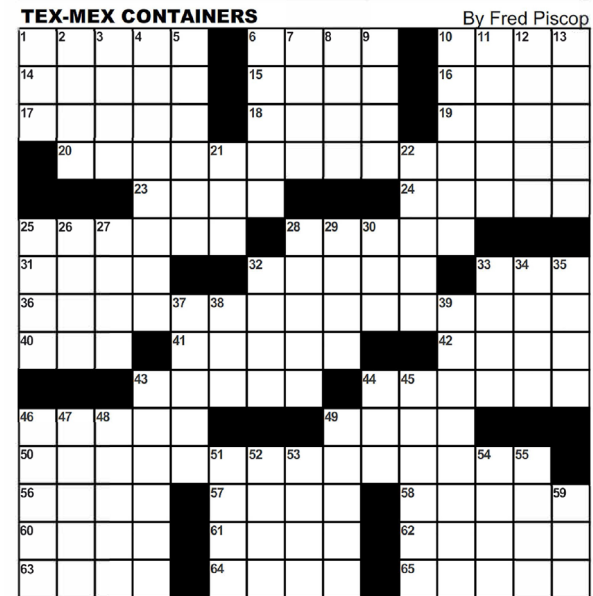


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ACROSS

- 1) Hindu wise man
- 6) Jerseys, e.g.
- 10) Lad's partner
- 14) Dress designer Donna
- 15) Cookie since 1912
- 16) Camp Swampy pooch
- 17) Hard to combine
- 18) Don't raise
- 19) Curling implement
- 20) Researcher's task
- 23) Its product names may contain umlauts
- 24) Intoxicating, as a brew
- 25) Orville Redenbacher's unit
- 28) Less hampered
- 31) Skin lotion additive
- 32) Holey utensil
- 33) Easily fooled sort
- 36) Allied summit of February 1945
- 40) Futbol fan's cheer
- 41) Partners of hills
- 42) Like unassisted triple plays
- 43) Malta money
- 44) Chris Kyle, notably
- 46) Place to cyber-shop
- 49) In vogue
- 50) South American capital
- 56) TV serial, perhaps
- 57) Basalt source
- 58) Cookie trayful
- 60) Russian-born Deco designer
- 61) Word of agreement
- 62) Wed, say
- 63) Basic requirement
- 64) Karaoke delivery
- 65) Smart-alecky

DOWN

- 1) Snowmobile part
- 2) Harry Potter accessory
- 3) Part of BART
- 4) Taskmaster
- 5) What's consumed
- 6) Apres-ski treat
- 7) Paperless, in a way
- 8) Drawing place
- 9) _ amandine
- 10) Hang around
- 11) Skylit areas
- 12) Awaited the anthem
- 13) The headed Corleone
- 21) Animated film unit
- 22) Pep rally sound
- 25) Fight ender, informally
- 26) Carrier whose name means "skyward"
- 27) Thespian's resume item
- 28) Kangaroo court penalties
- 29) Sports officials, briefly
- 30) Poetic time
- 32) Like some home runs
- 33) Start of a grid play
- 34) Ranch unit
- 35) Use a spyglass
- 37) Imago, in the insect world
- 38) Caboose, for one
- 39) "Hulk" star
- 43) Split to 62-Across
- 44) HBO alternative
- 45) Rain cloud
- 46) Clamptett player
- 47) "Sicko" director
- 48) Shooting marble
- 49) Trolley sound
- 51) "A pity!"
- 52) 44-Across garb, for short
- 53) Place to use a mitt
- 54) Answer to "That so?"
- 55) Performs a 27-Down
- 59) "You there!"

CITY OF BACOR NEWS

TRABAHONG ABROAD SRA 2024

Mayor Strike B. Revilla, at Your SerVice Rowena Bautista-Mendiola and Congresswoman Lani M. Revilla with Bacoor Public Employment Service Office Invites all of the Bacooreño Job Seekers out there for a TWO DAY Special Recruitment Activity next September!

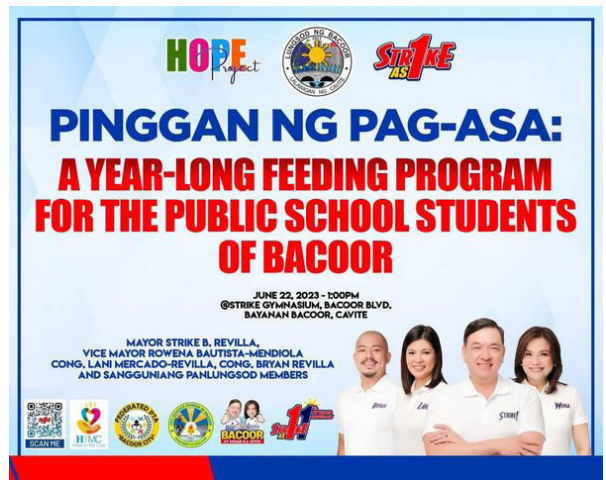
GROW, Inc.. will conduct the activity and they are in look for Job seekers like you!

September 4 & 5, 2024, Wednesday and Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM,

Bring two UPDATED Resume and Ballpens at the Bacoor Public Employment Service Office Department, 2nd Floor, City Government of Bacoor, City Hall, Bacoor Boulevard, Bacoor City, Cavite.



FEEDING PROGRAM PARA SA MGA MAG-AARAL NG BATANG BACOOREÑO!



August 27, 2024, sa pamumuno at suporta ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla at ng buong Lungsod ng Bacoor ang PINGGAN NG PAG-ASA, Feeding Program ay patuloy pa rin ipinapamahagi sa mga mag-aaral sa Public School sa Lungsod at pina-ngunahan ng Strike As1 Hope Project at FPTA ng Bacoor.

Ang Feeding Program na isinasagawa ay malaking tulong sa mga mag-aaral na maging aktibo sa paaralan at magkaroon ng malusog na kalusugan.



MALINAW NA MATA - BUKAS NA MAY PAG-ASA

Kahapon ika-27 ng Agosto 2024, dinaluhan ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla ang proyekto ng HOPE PROJECT na Free Eye Glasses para sa mga estudyante sa pampublikong paaralan sa Lungsod ng Bacoor. Ang HOPE Project ay pinangungunahan ni Doc Tina Alberto na ngayon ay patuloy na gumagawa ng mga programa para makatulong sa mga Bacooreño.

Umabot sa 647 na estudyante mula sa iba't-ibang paaralan ang nakakuha ng libreng salamin. Sa mensahe ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla, nagpasalamat ito sa HOPE Project dahil sa patuloy nitong pagbibigay ng programa at proyekto na nakakatulong sa mga Batang Bacooreño. Pinasalamatan rin ni Mayor Strike si Dr. Donna Bele Rmrrata-Lim ng Zoptics Eye Care Clinic dahil sa ibinigay nitong tulong para sa mga kabataang estudyante ng Bacoor. Ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor at ang HOPE Project ay patuloy na nagtutulungan para makagawa ng mga programa at proyekto na makakatulong sa mga Bacooreño.



Last week's solution:



The Medical and Dental Mission Team travels to Alfonso, Cavite



In maintaining a healthy Cavite, the Office of the Provincial Governor and Office of the Provincial Health Officer, delivered free basic healthcare services, as well as medicines and vitamins prescribed to the residents of Lucsuhin Ibaba, Alfonso during the medical and dental mission conducted on August 20, 2024.

Two hundred eighty-one (281) locals availed medical check-ups, while 55 underwent dental check and tooth extraction. Laboratory examinations, including ECG and X-ray, were also availed by 7 and 5 patients, respectively.

The medical and dental mission is an initiative of the provincial government that delivers health services closer to the door step of Caviteños, ensuring that everyone, of all status and ages, could have access to quality healthcare without financial worries.

8th District Board member Reyniel A. Ambion, alongside Lucsuhin Ibaba Barangay Officials, joined the event, expressing warm appreciation and support to everyone who contributed in making the program possible and successful. /CPIO

Health Outreach Program Brings Essential Services to Dasmariñas Residents



A successful medical and dental mission was held on August 21, 2024 in Brgy. Saint Peter 1 in Dasmariñas City, providing essential healthcare services to 487 residents. The initiative was made possible through the collaboration of local officials led by Brgy. Chairperson Cesario R. Hernandez Jr. with the Office of the Provincial Governor, the medical professionals from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, and CarSiGMA District Hospital.

The mission offered a range of services including medical consultations, dental care, and distribution of free medicines. The teamwork and dedication of all involved ensured the event's success, reflecting the commitment to improving the health and well-being of the community in Brgy. Saint Peter 1. /CPIO



SEMINAR AND DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLIES TO BARANGAY TANODS



In a series of events held on August 20, 21, and 22, 2024, the provincial government of Cavite under the leadership of Governor Jonvic Remulla successfully conducted Barangay Tanod Seminars and distributed essential supplies to strengthen the capabilities of local peacekeepers in the Cities of Imus, General Trias, and Bacoor. These seminars aimed to provide the Barangay Tanods with the necessary skills and tools to enhance community safety and maintain peace and order in their respective areas.

The first seminar took place at Imus City Sports Complex on August 20, 2024. Barangay Tanods from across the city gathered to receive training on effective community policing strategies, emergency response, and conflict resolution. The seminar delivered by Patrolman Gio Cruz of the Police Community Affairs and Development Unit (PCADU), Cavite PPO focused on practical approaches to handling daily challenges faced by Tanods, such as managing local disputes, ensuring public safety, and coordinating with other law enforcement agencies. Following the seminar, the Tanods were provided with supplies that included first aid kits, flashlights, batons, and communication devices, which are crucial in performing their duties effectively.

The initiative continued in General Trias City on August 21, 2024, where Barangay Tanods were similarly trained and equipped. The seminar facilitated by PLTCOL Chester Borlongan, Chief, PCADU-Cavite PPO, emphasized the importance of community engagement, vigilance, and the proper application of the law. The distribution of supplies was met with appreciation from the participants, who recognized the value of having reliable tools to support their efforts in maintaining peace and order. The event also highlighted the city's commitment to fostering a secure environment for its residents through continuous support and capacity building for its Barangay Tanods.

The final leg of the seminar series was held in Bacoor City on August 22, 2024 and was again facilitated by Patrolman Gio Cruz. The Tanods in attendance were trained on a wide range of topics, including crime prevention techniques, proper conduct during patrols, and effective communication with the community. As in the previous cities, the distribution of essential supplies followed the seminar. The provision of these supplies is seen as a tangible expression of the local government's dedication to enhancing the operational readiness of the Tanods, ensuring they are well-prepared to address any challenges that may arise in their communities. The series of seminars and distribution of supplies across Imus City, General Trias City, and Bacoor City reflect

the concerted efforts of the provincial government to empower Barangay Tanods as frontliners in community safety. The events have not only provided them with the knowledge and tools necessary for their roles but have also reinforced the importance of their contributions to maintaining peace and order at the grassroots level.

Governor Remulla and the local officials of the three cities have expressed their continued support for the Barangay Tanods, acknowledging their vital role in ensuring the well-being of their communities./CPIO

STABLE INTERNAL PEACE AND SECURITY STATUS FOR KAWIT



Kasama si Cong. Jolo Revilla, ang DILG, AFP, PNP Kawit, Sangguniang Bayan, Liga ng Barangay, at SK Federation ay pinirmahan natin ang Memorandum of Understanding para sa ating pagtutulungan na mapanatili ang ating Stable Internal Peace and Security Status.

Nangangahulugan po ang status na ito na ligtas ang ating bayan mula sa banta ng mga extremist communist terror groups at iba pang teroristang organisasyon. Patuloy tayong makikipagtulungan sa DILG, AFP, at iba pang sangay ng pamahalaan upang masigurong ligtas ang lahat sa ating bayan.

