MPT SOUTH, DOT-IVA, and PROVINCE OF CAVITE **Celebrates National Tourism Week with Biyaheng South**

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), builder and operator of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), takes part in this year's celebration of National Tourism Week in collaboration with the Department of Tourism- CALA-BARZON (DOT IV-A), Department of the Interior and Local Government Region 4-A (DILG IV-A), and Provincial Government of Cavite with a memorable 2-day 'Biyaheng South' Experiential Tour in the picturesque province of Cavite, made easily accessible through the CALAX.

This journey brought together a diverse group of 'Ka-Biyaheros,' a community composed of travel content creators and lifestyle journalists. Among these were DarShey Goes To, All About Cavite, Lakwatsero Caviteno, Go Philippines, Go Cavite, Go Tagavtay, Dabyahero, Kaemtavo, The Social Momdia, Travel With Karla, and Aliventures. Additionally, this event saw the participation of top lifestyle media outlets such as, Manila Bulletin Lifestyle, Lifestyle Inquirer and Spot. ph. The tour was also supported by brand partners Jetour Auto Philippines and Cafe Agapita.

"We are thrilled to join the entire nation in celebrating National Tourism Week through our tourism program, 'Biyaheng South.' This marks the second year of our unwavering commitment to organizing this Experiential Tour, and it wouldn't have been possible without the strong support of our esteemed partners, DOT-IVA, DILG-IVA and Cavite Tourism and to our Ka-Biyaheros, whose enthusiasm fuels our journey. Biyaheng South is a living testament to our steadfast commitment to help stimulate economic activity by creating accessible roadways and fostering seamless travel experiences, all in alignment with our mission of empowering individuals to explore, connect, and rediscover the marvels of Region 4-A," expressed Ms. Arlette Capistrano, Vice President for Communications and Stakeholder Management at MPT South.

"The Provincial Government of Cavite genuinely appreciates the efforts of MPT South in contributing to the growth of the tourism sector in the Cavite province. Their commitment extends far beyond profit-seeking in their business endeavors; it reflects their dedication to connect tourists with the breathtaking destinations that Cavite has to offer. They have proven to be steadfast partners in our mission. Our office remains committed to exploring avenues to promote our province and make it even more appealing to tourists," expressed Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla, underlining the significant impact of MPT South's initiatives on regional tourism.

"Our Biyaheng South Experiential Tour stands as a testament to our unwavering dedication to expand horizons, allowing travelers to savor the breathtaking beauty of this region in a single day's journey. This program is made possible through our partnerships with DILG IV-A, Provincial Government of Cavite, and MPT South. Together, we are on a collective mission to not only promote but also galvanize economic growth and development throughout the southern reaches of our region. With CALAX's efficient connectivity, the allure of these hidden gems and vibrant traditions is now just a journey away. This collaborative effort not only enriches the traveler's experience but also strengthens the economic fabric of the southern provinces, bolstering our region's potential as a must-visit destination for adventurers, culture enthusiasts, and those seeking to explore the world within a single region," expressed DOT IV-A Regional Director Marites Castro.

Before setting out on their exciting journey to the various destinations, the tour commenced with a visit to MPT South's sustainable headquarters, the MPT South HUB.

MPT SOUTH HUB



This remarkable 4-story building, located in the heart of Imus, Cavite, proudly boasts LEED Gold certification. Guests were treated to an insightful look into its innovative and eco-friendly features, including an expansive solar panel field that powers the facility, the building's biophilic design that seamlessly blends nature and architecture, a dedicated electric vehicle (EV) charging station, and an advanced traffic control room.

ULTIMATE ROAD TRIP EXPERIENCE

Situated strategically in close proximity to Metro Manila, the province of Cavite beckons as the perfect destination for a seamless road trip and a revitalizing weekend retreat, with CALAX paving the way for an enhanced travel experience. Ka-Biyaheros embarked on a scenic journey through the operational sections of CALAX, experiencing firsthand the convenience and efficiency it offers to travelers. Furthermore, they were treated to a sneak peek of the soon-to-open Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange which is now 93% completed, showcasing the continuous development along the CALAX route. This not only showcased the ongoing progress along the CALAX but also highlighted the proximity of their tour destinations to these exits. It was an itinerary designed for both exploration and accessibility



CAFE AND RESTAURANT HOPPING 1. Cafe Agapita



Just a brief 10-minute drive from the soon-to-be-opened CA-LAX Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange, MPT South treated the Ka-Biyaheros to a visit to a beloved family-operated café in Silang, Cavite. This café is renowned for its flavorful coffee, freshly baked bread, pastries, and cakes. It's housed in a cozy two-story establishment with large windows, wooden accents, and lush greenery that gives it a friendly and calming vibe.

2. Perlas ng Silang



Silang town, known as the "Garden Capital of the Philippines," is a haven for plantitos and plantitas. Just a 15-minute drive from CALAX Silang East Interchange, this cafe and restaurant has transformed its sprawling hectares into a beautiful flower park. During the visit, our Ka-Biyaheros enjoyed the stunning scenery and indulged in oriental cuisine at their al fresco area.

3. Ricardo's Coffee + Classic Cuisine

Explore a coffee and art haven just 20 minutes from the soono-open Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange. Ricardo's Coffee + Classic Cuisine, located in Amadeo, Cavite, offers a diverse menu, from Filipino to Italian cuisine, as well as American classics like burgers and steaks. The restaurant also features a garden area where customers can buy plants. Adding to its appeal, Ricardo's displays local art, including paintings by talented local artists. During their visit, the Ka-Biyaheros expeienced first-hand a coffee art class from local artist, Mr. Kenneth Estil





A mere 20 drive from the soon-to-open Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange of CALAX lies Tagaytay, often called the second 'Summer Capital of the Philippines.' This city is celebrated for its iconic dish, 'Bulalo,' and within its culinary landscape, Bag of Beans shines brightly. With multiple branches scattered across Tagaytay, Bag of Beans extends a warm and inviting ambiance that effortlessly beckons every customer to come in. During this trip, Ka-Biyaheros made their way to the main branch, indulging in a delightful exploration of Filipino flavors, including the Bulalo and the Kare-Kare. STAYCATION

The Park Silang



Nestled in a tranquil and idyllic setting, this peaceful hotel is 5-minute drive from the CALAX Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Interchange. Following an extensive Biyaheng South tour, The Park-Silang offered our Ka-Biyaheros the ideal opportunity to unwind and rejuvenate overnight. Here, guests had the chance to disconnect, revitalize, and immerse themselves in the soothing sounds of birds and frogs, rekindling their connection with nature. Beyond the rooms featuring bathtubs and private jacuzzies, the hotel boasts natural spaces, perfect for leisurely strolls, picnics, or simply immersing oneself in the wonders of the great outdoors.

BIYAHENG SOUTH TOURISM PASSPORT



As the Biyaheng South tour came to a close, the Ka-Biyaheros also received an exclusive preview of the upcoming Biyaheng South Tourism Passport, a collaborative initiative with DILG-4A and Cavite Tourism, set to launch next year. This passport aims to elevate the tourism experience in the region via CAVITEX and CALAX road network, providing travelers with exciting new opportunities to explore and enjoy.

"This passport booklet will be distributed to our motorists and will receive a stamp at each selected destination within the region. Upon completion of all stamps, travelers will be eligible for rewards from our team," said Capistrano. NR ABOUT BIYAHENG SOUTH

MPT South's "Biyaheng South" is an award-winning tourism program of the toll road company that has been active on social channels like Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram for promoting its toll road network Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX and CAVITEX C5 LINK) and CALAX as a gateway towards the sensational sites and attractions in South. With over 27,000 combined followers on digital platforms, Biyaheng South was able to generate more than 1 million views on TikTok and gain a lifetime reach of 75,000 on Facebook, increasing vehicle traffic count along its and helping boost the economic growth of the provinces hampered by the pan



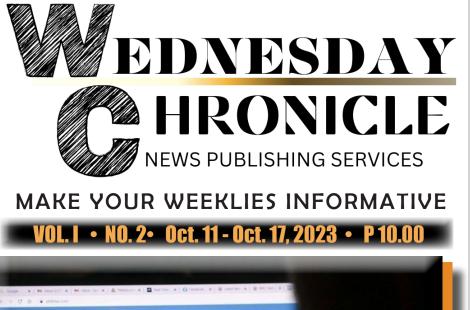






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For we walk by faith, not by sight 2 Corinthians 5:7





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MANILA, Philippines - President Marcos has declared Oct. 30 a non-working day to allow Filipinos to participate in the upcoming barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections (BSKE).

"It is imperative that the people be given the full opportunity to participate in the said elections and exercise their right of suffrage," Marcos said yesterday after releasing Proclamation 359.

A "no work, no pay" policy prevails during special non-working holidays, but those who opt to report for work are entitled to extra pay. Turn on page 7



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MANILA. Philippines Individuals who had their personal data stolen in the Medusa ransomware attack on the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) can file a complaint before the National Privacy Commis-

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tack on PhilHealth can file their individual complaint before the commission. "Individuals affected may file a complaint to NPC and if proven, they can claim damages," Chin said She added their in vestigation of the complaint would determine the damage claims that can be awarded. Don't reshare data

The NPC has also issued a warning against the resharing of leaked Turn on page 3



People walk around the ruins of a building destroyed in Israeli airstrikes in Gaza City on October 8, 2023. Fighting between Israeli forces and the Palestinian militant group Hamas raged on October 8, with hundreds killed on both sides after a surprise attack on Israel prompted Prime Minister Benja-Turn on page 3 min Netanyahu to warn they were "embarking on a long and difficult war".

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Ang Mamamayan at ang Makabagong Enerhiya

and panahon, and enerhiva av isa sa mga pangunahing vaman ng •bansa. Gavunpaman. ang paggamit ng tradisyunal na enerhiya tulad •ng mga fossil fuels av nadudulot nd malaland epekto sa kalikasan at kalusugan ng tao. Ito ang dahilan kung bakit ang •pag-aambag ng mamamayan sa makabagong enerhiya ay naging napakahalaga

•Una sa lahat, ang makabagong enerhiya ay nagaalok ng malawakang benepisyo sa kalikasan. Isa itong eco-friendly •na alternatibo sa mga mapaminsalang fossil fuels. Halimbawa, ang solar at wind power ay hindi naglalabas ng carbon emissions na nagdudulot ng climate change. Ito rin ay mas sustainable, dahil ang init at hangin ay mga likas na yaman na hindi nauubos

Hindi lamang sa kalikasan, kundi maging sa mamamayan, may mga karuon ng wind turbines

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sa kanilang lugar. Ito ay nadbibiday daan para sa mga indibidwal na maging bahagi ng solusyon sa climate change

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ya. Dapat magkaruon ng mga programa at insentibo para sa mga mamamayan at negosyante na mag-invest sa renewable energy

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Commission on Elections (Comelec) Chairman George García said

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are targeting at least a 75 percent voter turnout

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Meanwhile. Comelec is also planning to suspend the proclamation of win-



Cayetano sa DFA: Gamitin ang sining at kulturang Pilipino para mapalakas ang 'soft power' ng bansa

Hinikavat ni Senador Alan Peter Cayetano nitong Martes and Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) na

gamitin at paunlarin and potensyal ng sining at kulturang Pilipino para mapaigting ang "soft power" ng Pilipinas.

Sa kanyang interpellation sa isinagawang briefing sa Senado patungkol sa panukalang budget ng

DFA para sa susunod na taon, binigyang-diin ni Cayetano ang kahalagahan ng pagkakaroon ng



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to act," wika ni Cayetano.

Dagdag niya, naipapakita

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"If you talk about visual

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paglaanan ng budget ng

DFA ang pagbubuo ng mga "Filipino town" sa ibang bansa para mas makilala pa ang sining at kulturang Pilipino, tulad ng ginawa ng South Korea. Dagdag ni Cayetano, malaki ang potensyal ng simpleng pagpapamalas ng kulturang Pilipino para mapalakas and impluwensva ng Pilipinas sa ibang bansa, gaya ng paano naging kaibigan at kaalyado ng Pilipinas ang East Timor matapos and matagumpay na hosting nito ng Southeast Asian Games noong 2019. welcomed [warmlv]. Svempre, mahirap din na bansa so lahat

ng accommodations gina-[para sa kanila] natin noong SEA Games. Hindi daw nila makalimutan 'yan," aniya

"For such small things that we would do for anyone kasi hospitable naman ang Pilipino - it's such a lasting impression," dagdag niya*. PR*





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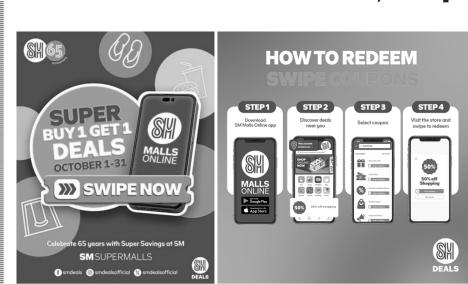


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And for the thrill seekers, you are in for a super treat! Have a whole day of wonder and excitement with a Php 65 entrance fee at Skyranch Tagaytay for all Mondays of October until 12 noon.

Drive away in style at the Super Raffle Giveaway with VISA

From October 1 to November 30, eleven lucky shoppers can get a chance to drive away in style at SM Supermalls' Super Raffle Giveaway with VISA All you need to do is to shop for a minimum single receipt purchase of PHP2,000 via tap to pay using your VISA card at participating SM Retail Stores in 75 SM Malls nationwide. Get a chance to win one of the six (6) brand new Hyundai Stargazer and one of the five (5) brand new Hyundai Creta. These brand-new Hyundai cars will really make your daily com mute a super experience so shop till you drop and maybe drive away with a new set of wheels! . **PR**



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It's a shopper's paradise with Super Buy 1 Get 1 Deals October isn't complete without a month-long parade of super-sized deals and promos at SM Deals! Expect Buy 1 Get 1 Deals from your favorite dining, shopping and entertainment brands, extravagant discounts, exclusive bundles, and exciting freebies you can swipe to redeem in-store when you download and register on the SM Malls Online app. And with a diverse range of brands and product offerings at SM, surely there's something for everyone in everyone's shopping paradise. PR



Indulge yourself with Super Treats

Fun and frenzied October awaits as SM unleashes its Super Treats! On October 15, indulge the movie buff in you as SM Cinema offers a Php 65 movie ticket deal and a Php 65 caramel popcorn combo. It's truly a match made in cinema heaven! **PR**

SM's Super Month promises to be a 65th-anniversary celebration like no other. Don't miss out on the super-sized deals, indulgent treats, and the chance to win big. Mark your calendars and get ready for a super malling experience at your favorite SM mall.

To stay updated for everything SUPER this October, visit www.smsupermalls.com or follow @SMSupermalls on social media.

Mednesday 6 Oct. 11 -Oct. 17, 2023 Ma HRONICLE **Experience Super-Sized Fun at SM's 65th Anniversary** this October



It's October and it only means one thing at SM- Super Month!

Suit up for some super-sized deals, treats, and fun as SM celebrates its 65th anniversary. Check out the month-long festivities filled with spectacular activities, immersive attractions, and unforgettable experiences that will leave you thrilled and excited.

SM lights up the sky with Super Blue Illumination

Signaling the start of SM's 65th celebration, key malls and iconic landmarks will bathe in a brilliant shade of blue starting October 1. A sight to behold and an event to watch out for, the Super Blue Illumination is a captivating display of dazzling lights that signify SM's enduring legacy and commitment to bringing fun, awesome, and memorable malling experiences for over six decades. PR



Experience the magic of SM City Marikina's Super Play Spot's Kaleidoscope Tunnel - a dazzling experience for family and friends of all ages!

From October 1 to 30, knock down pins all you want as SM Game Park and SM Bowling offer Php 65 off on unlimited bowling for one hour. For the skating aficionados, SM Skating will also be slashing off Php 65 on the all-day pass



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MANILA, Philippines - A Filipino may have been one of the casualties in the attacks on Israel by the militant Hamas group, the Philippine embassy in Tel Aviv said yesterday, citing the discovery by Israeli authorities of human remains

An embassy official said a DNA test on the body would be made to determine if it is of the female caregiver who - according to a family member – has been missing since the

Leaders of the Filipino community in Israel alerted the embassy to the discovery of the remains Embassy officials are in contact with the missing caregiver's sister, who was among the 23 Filipinos rescued from Hamas

"No confirmation yet," an official told The STAR referring to the identity of the remains, which reportedly were already in an advanced state of decomposition. "The embassy contacted the sister. She was fearful and distraught," the

The embassy has dispatched a team to provide assistance to evacuated Filipinos housed in hotels as well as to check hospitals where some Filipinos may have been taken.

It said it is "deeply grateful to the Israeli security forces risking their lives to rescue our kababayan caught in the combat areas, as well as to the Israeli emergency services and kibbutz authorities who included Filipino nationals in their evacuation

Ambassador Pedro Laylo Jr. said in an interview with CNN Philippines that the embassy received the report on the death of the

"We received a report (Monday) night that there had been a Filipino casualty. So first thing in the morning our labor attaché will verify if a caregiver had died." Lavlo said in

Verification of reports received by the embassy, he

said, usually takes time, as it has to rely only on Israeli authorities for information.

As of yesterday, six Filipi nos - all caregivers - remain unaccounted for. including the reported fatality. They were working in communities near the Gaza border. The whereabouts of an agro-student, the seventh reported missing on Monday, had already been established.

No travel ban Although there is no end in sight to the violence in Israel and Gaza Strip, the Marcos administration is not imposing a ban on travel to the Jewish state but is advising Filipinos to defer their trip

"We haven't put a travel ban on Israel. But our embassy has issued a travel advisory, so as much as possible, avoid traveling right now," Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Eduardo de Vega said at a Palace press briefing yesterday.

"We are not telling you not to go. But we are advising you that it's best, if possible, to postpone them until we are absolutely sure that hostilities have ended because, after all, even the Prime Minister of Israel has said that we are in a state of war. So. it's not normal for somebody who wants to visit a country, which is in a state of war. he added.

De Vega said some tourists who visited Israel recently had difficulties returning home.

Last Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared that his country is in a state of war in response to a surprise attack by Hamas that left hundreds of people dead. he hostilities between Israeli forces and Hamas militants have claimed the lives of more than 1,000 people, according to latest reports.

Because of the conflict. several airlines in Asia have canceled their flights to Tel Aviv. The airlines include Hainan Airlines, Cathav Pacific and Korean Air, according to the Presidential Communications Office. More than 19,000 Filipinos visited Israel in the first half of the year. According to the records dent,"" De Vega said.

of Israel's Population and Authority. Immigration there are about 30,000 Filipinos in Israel

Deployment

At the same press briefing, Migrant Workers Undersecretary Hans Leo Cacdac said the government has not banned the deployment of workers to Israel

'Right now, what's proceeding is the deployment of hotel workers... It takes alert level three to hold the deployment, alert level two for new hires and alert level three for all types of workers So we are not yet in alert level two, so technically we do not have a deployment ban," Cacdac said.

"But again, the situation we are in is that we have government-to-government hiring arrangement with our Israeli counter parts. So. it's a two-way street. We have to be well-coordinated with our Israeli labor and immigration counterparts before we even proceed, even if there is no ban." he added

The Philippine embassy in Amman, Jordan, for its part has recommended raising the repatriation alert to level three in Gaza Strip. Level three allows voluntary repatriation.

Cacdac noted that alert level three is declared if the situation in an area has worsened but there is still order in that country The embassy in Amma has jurisdiction over Gaza Strip, "This will be cleared with the President." Cacdac said.

Asked why not alert level four or mandatory repa triation, DFA's De Vega replied: "Because this is a situation which sadly is kind of a regular thing."

Gaza Strip is home to about 137 Filipinos, many of whom are spouses of Palestinians. De Vega said 38 Filipinos from Gaza Strip have requested for repatriation.

"It (voluntary repatriation is not vet announced as final. But we are going by that, it is like de facto already even if it is not vet officially signed or announced by the Presi

"We could say that it's on the country's support for voluntary repatriation already and the only issue is, well...how to repatriate them, because that is what we are working on diplomatically," he added.

'There are the exit points both to Israel or through Egypt which are heavily guarded by both Egypt or Israel. And so, there are measures now being undertaken so that we could hopefully bring them home as soon as possible. But right now, no casualties among the Filipinos in Gaza," the foreign affairs official said.

Overseas Workers Welfare Administration administrator Arnell Ignacio, for his part, said his agency is working with the foreign affairs and migrant workers departments to provide the needs of Filipinos affected by the conflict.

Ignacio said the government is very careful about relaving information to media, as unverified reports could spark panic and unnecessary fear.

"And we'd like to appeal to our countrymen, each time that you make transmission from where you are, it can jeopardize your situation; you may be traced," he added.

At a press briefing in Australia. DFA Secretary Enrique Manalo reiterated

tion that the personal data exfiltrated from PhilHealth is being shared illicitly. We want to emphasize the gravity of this situation and the severe consequences that await anyone involved in processing, downloading or sharing this data without legitimate purpose or without authorization,' the NPC said in a statement yesterday.

"In unequivocal terms, the NPC issues a stern warning to the public: Any individual or organization found to process, download or share the exfiltrated data from PhilHealth will be held accountable for unauthorized processing of personal information and may face criminal Israel's right to self-defense.

"We have already issued statements condemning the events, especially the targeting of civilians, and we've also recognized the right to self-defense of Israel in accordance with the United Nations Charter. Manalo said.

Upon the invitation of his counterpart Penny Wong and Minister for Trade and Tourism Don Farrell. Manalo and Trade and Industry Secretary Alfredo Pascual are in Australia to jointly preside over the 6th Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting (PAMM) in Adelaide, South Australia

In a statement, Sen, Bong Go said the government should take immediate action to account for the missing Filipinos in Israel.

"I call upon all relevant agencies to work hand in hand in this endeavor. Let us set aside bureaucracv and focus on immediate action. Lives are at stake here," Go, vice chair of the Senate committee on migrant workers, said.

"Let's protect the lives of every Filipino wherever they are in the world, especially those we consider modern-day heroes, the OFWs who work to provide for their families left behind," he added. There

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should also be a plan for their immediate repatriation

"The safety of our kababayans is paramount. urge the DMW, DFA and POEA to act swiftly and ensure that every Filipino worker is accounted for,' said Go.

Antipolo Bishop Ruperto Santos, vice chairman of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines-Episcopal Commission on Migrants and Itinerant People (ECMI), has called on Filipinos to "keep themselves safe, follow our government instructions and pray with us for peace and harmony."

"It is urgent and necessary that we pray and hope for peace. Peace is what our world needs," he added. PHILSTAR.COM



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als to a range of risks, including identity theft, fraud, extortion, blackmail and other malicious activities. We urge you, as responsible citizens, to refrain from resharing this data and to promptly report its presence to the relevant authorities, including the NPC and law enforcement agencies," the NPC said.

"We also call upon personal information controllers and processors to strengthen their data protection measures Compliance with the DPA and other relevant laws and regulations is not just essential: it is a collective responsibility to protect the rights and privacy of every Filipino," it added. PHIL-STAR.COM

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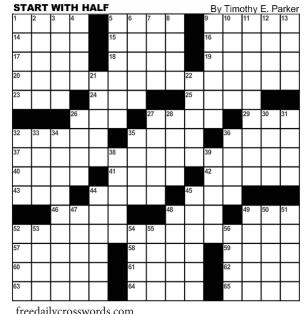
charges," it stated. "It has come to our atten-The Privacy Commission emphasized that under Section 25 of the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (DPA), those found guilty of unauthorized processing of personal information will face penalties that include imprisonment for one to three years and a fine ranging from P500,000 to P2 million.

> In addition, unauthorized processing of sensitive personal information carries even more substantial penalties, particularly imprisonment for three to six vears and a fine ranging from P500,000 to P4 million

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CALABARZON PNP HAS NEW **REGIONAL DIRECTOR**



COMMAND TURNOVER. Police Brig. Gen. Paul Kenneth Lucas right) receives a symbolic flag as the new chief Police Regional Office (PRO) 4-A (Calabarzon) from Philippine National Police chief Gen. Benjamin Acorda, Jr. (left) in a turnover ceremony in Laguna. Roy Tomandao

Camp BGen Vicente P Lim, Calamba City – A member of the Philippine National Police Academy "Patnubay" Class of 1995 and a native of the Cordillera region, Brig Gen Paul Kenneth Lucas assumed post as the new top cop of the Police Regional Office CALABARZON replacing Brig Gen Carlito Gaces in an assumption ceremony led by the Chief of the Philippine National Police, Gen Benjamin Acorda, Jr held at this camp Tuesdav afternoon The newly installed Regional Director expressed

his honor and enthusiasm in accepting the new role. He pledged to continue the mis-

DICT...

MANILA, Philippines - The Department of Information and Communications Technology warned that the lawmakers' move to strip the agency of its confidential funds conveys a wrong message" that the Philippines is not committed to safeguarding its cyber borders. DICT Secretary Ivan John Uy said Wednesday that the department will send an appeal to Congress to restore its proposed P300 million in confidential "It will be a big blow. Basically, we're sending the wrong message to all cybercriminals that the Philippines is an open city, that they can commit whatever they want here and the government will not be able to do

anything to go after them or prevent them from doing their criminal acts here," Uy said in an interview with ABS-CBN News Channel. The House of Representatives decided Tuesday to allocate zero confidential funds to the Office of Vice President Sara Duterte, Department of Education, DICT, Department of Agriculture, and Department of Foreign Affairs in the proposed national budget for next year. "While cyber threats and cyber criminals are increasing and becoming more sophisticated and

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helm of leading the men and women of Police Regional Office CALABARZON who will be serving the people of the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon. After the ceremony.

a drug testing was conducted to the personnel to ensure a drug-free PRO CALABAR-ZON workplace

Meanwhile, the Regional Director briefly talked to the members of the command group, regional staff, provincial directors, and other personal and special staff and reiterated his marching guidance on the support to the Chief PNP's program thrusts which is the Serbisyong Nagkakaisa "Let us also build a harmonious relationship with our subordinates and other officers," he concluded.

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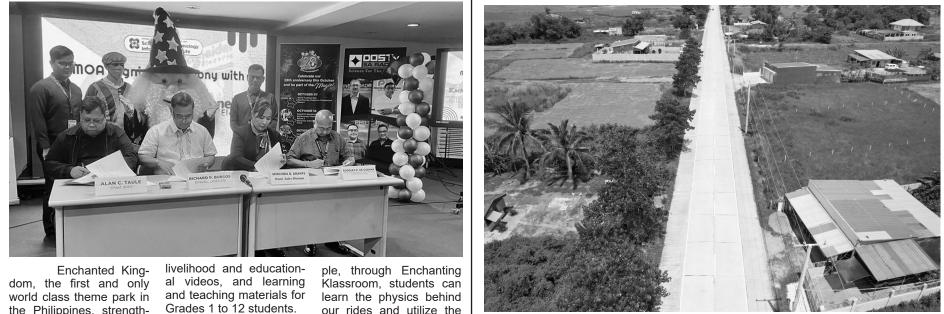
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partnership with the Department of Science and Technology – Science and Technology Information Institute (DOST-STII) during the renewal of the memorandum of agreement on the acquisition and installment of two STARBOOKS units held at the DOST-STII office in Taguig City

According to DOST's briefer, STAR-BOOKS or Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Open-Iv-Operated Kiosks is the country's first fully-digital Science and Technology (S&T) library in a box. STARBOOKS is a highly-transportable digital knowledge resource stored in a computer containing thousands of carefully-curated knowledge content including research papers, journal articles,

The two units will stalled at the be in theme park before the end of September, ahead of EK's 28th Anniversacelebration on October 28. Currently, EK is also collaborating with DOST's new app. Starbooks Whizz. Through this interactive app, students can now enjoy answering questions related to science behind the rides at

EK.

According to EK's Chief Operating Officer (COO) Cynthia R. Mamon, Enchanted Kingdom is home to more than 600,000 students every vear. "We are one with DOST STIL in their mission to educate everyone especially the youth on Science and Technology. We are committed in ensuring that learning never stops while they are having fun through our edutainment program. For exam-

our rides and utilize the Park as their laboratory. Ms. Mamon shared. With STARBOOKS, learnings are made available to the students when they go to Enchanted Kingdom, Ms Mamon added.

In a message DOST STIL Director Richard P. Burgos underscored the importance of having partners as they contribute resources and networks essential to projects and initiatives The Enchanted Kingdom officers share our vision that you can also be entertained and at the same time be educated," Director Burgos affirmed.

As of today, there are around 7,000 STAR BOOKS sites in the Philippines located at schools college and universities local government units government agencies and non-government aden cies. PR

DPWH Repairs Damaged Pavement Leading to Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija

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The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has comleted road rehabilitation works in Cabanatuan Citv. Nueva Ecila to facilitate faster and more convenient access to the Philippine Army's (PA) Fort Ranon Magsavsav

DPWH Regional Ofce 3 Director Roseller A. Tolentino, in his report to DPWH Secretary Manuel Bonoan and Undersecetary Roberto R. Bernardo, said that road reconstruction was made on the .53-kilometer section of the Bangad – Fort Magsaysay Road in Barangay Patalac, Cabanatuan City.

Implemented by the DPWH Nueva Ecija Second District Engineering Office (DEO), the completed road rehabilitation now provides improved ease of travel for both the over 2,000 residents of Barangay Patalac as well as around 13,000 motorists and road users as indicated by DPWH's Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT).

"We strived to deliver this road construction and repair project as scheduled to enhance the public's access to this side of the city leading to Fort Ramon Magsaysay while also supporting the operations of our armed forces by providing quality infrastructure they can utilize,' said Director Tolentino.

The project was completed in the amount of P22.63 million with funding under the DPWH Asset Preservation Program sourced from the 2023 General Appropriations Act (GAA).



CIC Completes CAVITEX C5 Link Girder Launching



Cavitex Infrastructure Corporation has achieved another major milestone by successfully completing the girder installation for the CAVITEX C5 Link R-1 Interchange, located near the CAVITEX Paranaque Toll Plaza, ahead of schedule. This signi+cant development will establish a direct link from CAVITEX R-1 (Coastal Road) to Sucat Road in Paranaque City, reducing travel times by 10 minutes. The project is targeted to open in Q1 of 2024. The R-1 Interchange serves as a vital 1.9-kilometer segment (Segment 2) within the broader CAVITEX C5 Link project. This 7.7-kilometer, 2×3 lane expressway is poised to serve 50,000 motorist seamlessly connecting CAVITEX R-1 to C5 Road in Taguig, greatly enhancing regional mobility.





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