

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

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), build-er 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 Gov-ernment 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 cre-ators and lifestyle journalists. Among these were DarShey Goes To, All About Cavite, Lakwatsero Cavitenon, Go Philip-pines, Go Cavite, Go Tagaytay, Dabyahero, Kaemtayo, The So-cial 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.

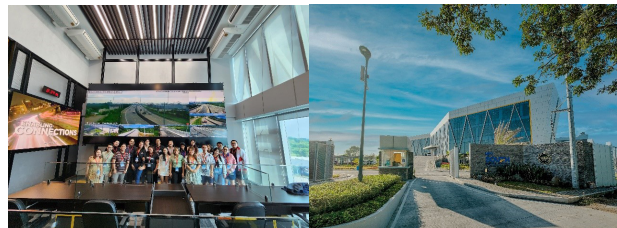
"We are thrilled to join the entire nation in celebrat-ing National Tourism Week through our tourism program, 'Biyaheng South.' This marks the second year of our unwav-ering commitment to organizing this Experiential Tour, and it wouldn't have been possible without the strong support of our esteemed 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 Commu-nications 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 busi-ness 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 prov-ince 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 pos-sible 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," ex-pressed 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-friend-ly features, including an expansive solar panel field that pow-ers 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 op-erational sections of CALAX, experiencing firsthand the con-venience 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 cafe in Silang, Cavite. This cafe 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.

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3. Ricardo's Coffee + Classic Cuisine

Explore a coffee and art haven just 20 minutes from the soon-to-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 tal-ented local artists. During their visit, the Ka-Biyaheros expe-rienced first-hand a coffee art class from local artist, Mr. Ken-neth Estil.



4. Bag of Beans Tagaytay



A mere 20 drive from the soon-to-open Silang (Aguinaldo) Inter-change 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-Biya-heros made their way to the main branch, indulging in a delight-ful exploration of Filipino flavors, including the Bulalo and the Kare-Kare.

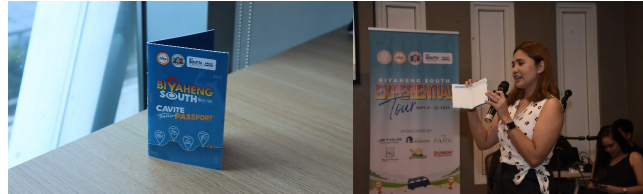
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The Park Silang



Nestled in a tranquil and idyllic setting, this peaceful hotel is a 5-minute drive from the CALAX Santa Rosa-Tagaytay In-terchange. 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 na-ture. 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 op-portunities 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 re-wards 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 expressways and helping boost the economic growth of the provinces hampered by the pandemic.

For we walk by faith, not by sight

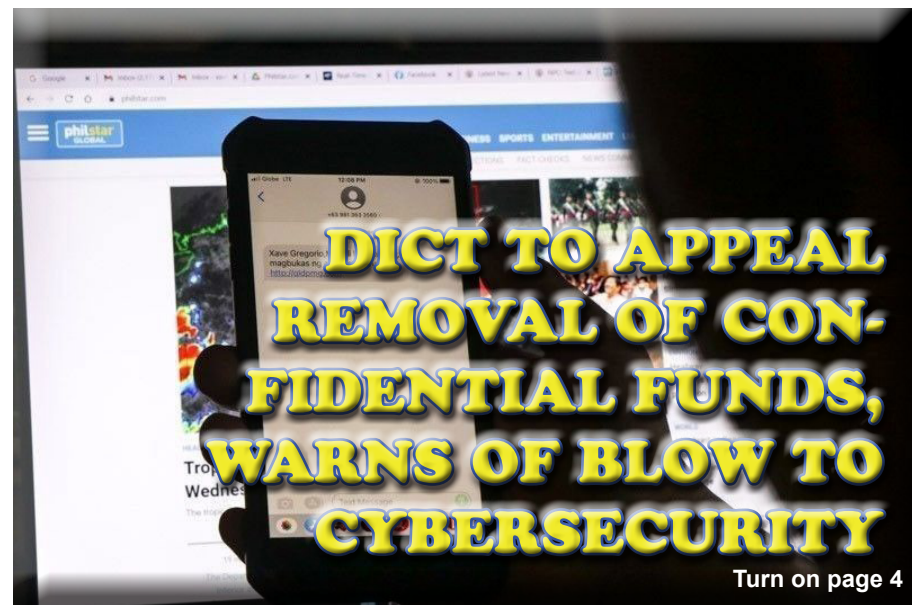
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MANILA, Philippines — Individuals who had their personal data stolen in the Medusa ransomware attack on the Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) can file a complaint before the Na-tional Privacy Commis-sion.

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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 com-plaint would determine the damage claims that can be awarded.

Don't reshare data The NPC has also issued a warning against the re-sharing of leaked

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

"It is imperative that the people be given the full opportunity to partic-ipate 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 hol-idays, but those who opt to report for work are entitled to extra pay.

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PINOY FEARED KILLED IN ISRAEL

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-min Netanyahu to warn they were "embarking on a long and difficult war".

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SM lights up the sky with Super Blue Illumination

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Pinoy...

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 with Asian features.

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 outbreak of violence.

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 militants.

"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 official added.

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 operations."

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

"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," Laylo said in Filipino.

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 Filipinos – 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. The 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, Cathay 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

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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 a government-to-government hiring arrangement with our Israeli counterparts. 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 Amman has jurisdiction over Gaza Strip. "This will be cleared with the President," Cacdac said.

Asked why not alert level four or mandatory repatriation, 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 yet announced as final. But we are going by that, it is like de facto already even if it is not yet officially signed or announced by the President," De Vega said.

"We could say that it's on 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 relaying 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

the country's support for 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 bureaucracy 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. I urge the DMW, DFA and POEA to act swiftly and ensure that every Filipino worker is accounted for," said Go.

Antipolo Bishop Rupert 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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NPC...

"It has come to our attention 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

charges," it stated.

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.

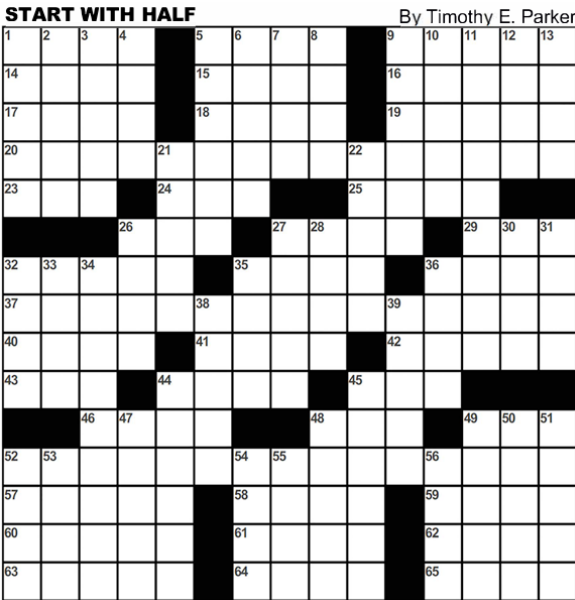
In addition, unauthorized processing of sensitive personal information carries even more substantial penalties, particularly imprisonment for three to six years and a fine ranging from P500,000 to P4 million.

"Sharing such leaked data exposes affected individu-

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. *PHILSTAR.COM*

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ACROSS

- 1) Place known for
- 5) It usually has busy hands
- 9) Raised, as a bet
- 14) Diaper cream ingredient
- 15) Move through a kiddie pool
- 16) Hang in folds
- 17) Object of devotion
- 18) Wide-mouthed pitcher
- 19) Day of old Hollywood
- 20) Three things started by half
- 23) Small prop in the grass
- 24) "Ciao, Brutus"
- 25) A god of war
- 26) Before, in romantic poetry
- 27) Bests
- 29) Investment for the golden
- 32) Brown ermine horseback
- 35) South American country
- 36) Straddling
- 37) Three things started by half
- 40) Isles, to a Brit development
- 41) Camp beds
- 42) Tootsie Pop portions
- 43) Republicans, briefly
- 44) Verb for Shakespeare
- 45) It's slung in campaigns
- 46) Pork purchase
- 48) Breakfast meat
- 49) Jetted bath, e.g.
- 52) Three things started by half
- 57) Card-game expert
- Edmond
- 58) Go on the warpath, verbally
- 59) Morsel for Miss Muffet
- 60) Two-tone cookies
- 61) The munchies, for one
- 62) "Anyone.?"
- 63) Neglected to years
- 64) Made a right turn on
- 65) "Call of the Wild" vehicle

DOWN

- 1)Middle of a three-part body measurement
- 2)Blast from the past
- 3)The animal, not the dessert
- 4)Word with "conveyor" or "corn"
- 5)One way to avoid an accident
- 6)Anchor rope's hole
- 7)As previously mentioned, in footnotes
- 8)Gipin of "Frasier"
- 9)Milk providers
- 10)Investigate thoroughly
- 11)Like leeches
- 12)"Lawrence of Arabia" is one
- 13)Cubicle feature
- 21)You are here
- 22)Enjoy immensely
- 26)Puts away groceries?
- 27)Choppers that can't fly
- 28)Mine discoveries
- 30)Work an ax on stage
- 31)Dr. Zaius and kin
- 32)Party just for guys
- 33)Small band
- 34)Beat on a tennis court, e.g.
- 35)"The thickens"
- 36)Too dry for farming
- 38)Bakery treat
- 39)Perfectly vertical
- 44)Deprive of power
- 45)Tangled into a thick mass, as hair
- 47)DuPont fabric
- 48)Door attachment
- 49)Cranium
- 50)In and of itself
- 51)Created a sum
- 52)Wearing footwear
- 53)Spelling of "Beverly Hills, 90210"
- 54)Pharmacist's item
- 55)Suffix with "soft" or "hard," in tech
- 56)Bullets, in Vegas

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 Tuesday afternoon.

The newly installed Regional Director expressed his honor and enthusiasm in accepting the new role. He pledged to continue the mission

of the PNP, ensuring a relentless pursuit of peace and order and a strong commitment to community engagement and collaboration in the CALABARZON region aligned with the CPNP's 5 Focused Agenda, "BIDA" or the Buhay Ingatan, Droga'y Ayawan program and Bagong Pilipinas Concept.

"Our mission as law enforcement officer is full of challenges but it is through unity and collective action that we can overcome the challenges and make our communities safer," he said.

Addressing everyone, Lucas presented his policies that will form part his

leadership in Police Regional Office CALABARZON to include Enhancing Public Safety and Security; Professional Development; and Community Engagement. "I am committed to leading this Police Regional Office with these principles at the forefront of our mission. Let us strive for excellence in our professional engagement with the community, ensuring that their voices are heard, and their contributions are valued," he added.

Acorda extended his full support and confidence to the new director, encouraging him to build on the foundation laid by his predecessor and uphold the standards of excellence expected from the PNP.

The ceremony was attended by prominent figures, including government officials, community leaders, other law enforcement personnel, and members of the media, reaffirming the importance of the PNP's role in maintaining public safety and fostering strong community relations.

The event, was a symbol of unity and continuity within the ranks of the Philippine National Police, showcasing the seamless transition in leadership and commitment to upholding public safety and security within the region.

Lucas is the second "Lakan" who took the

help 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 CALABARZON 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 Serbisong Nagkakaisa. "Let us also build a harmonious relationship with our subordinates and other officers," he concluded.

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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 they have more funds to do so, the Philippines, going against the tide of the rest of the world, is defunding our cybersecurity and is actually announcing to the world that we're not interested in protected our cyber borders," Uy said.

According to the House appropriations committee, a total of P1.23 billion in confidential funds will be realigned to agencies leading the efforts to uphold the country's territorial rights in the West Philippine Sea such as the Philippine Coast Guard.

But Uy emphasized that while efforts are being made to protect physical borders, cyber borders also require significant attention.

"What about our cyber borders?" he asked. "You already saw how our PhilHealth was attacked. And there will be more of these in the coming days and weeks and coming years. That does not alarm anybody?"

Authorities have said that a "staggering" amount of files equivalent to around 734 gigabytes of data had been leaked from PhilHealth, including personal and sensitive information.

The state health insurer earlier advised the public to change the passwords of their online accounts and enable multi-factor authentication.

The Philippine Statistics Authority said Wednesday that it has launched an investigation into an alleged data leak involving its system. The agency said that the Philippine Identification System and the Civil Registration System have not been affected.

Enchanted Kingdom renews partnership with DOST's digital S&T library in a box



Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world class theme park in the Philippines, strengthens its Edutainment (Education + Entertainment) advocacy through its 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 on September 12.

According to DOST's briefer, STARBOOKS or Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly-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,

livelihood and educational videos, and learning and teaching materials for Grades 1 to 12 students.

The two units will be in stalled at the theme park before the end of September, ahead of EK's 28th Anniversary celebration 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 year. "We are one with DOST STII 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-

ple, through Enchanting Klassroom, students can learn the physics behind 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 STII 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 STARBOOKS sites in the Philippines located at schools, college and universities, local government units, government agencies and non-government agencies. **PR**

DPWH Repairs Damaged Pavement Leading to Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija



The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has completed road rehabilitation works in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija to facilitate faster and more convenient access to the Philippine Army's (PA) Fort Ramon Magsaysay.

DPWH Regional Office 3 Director Roseller A. Tolentino, in his report to DPWH Secretary Manuel M. Bonoan and Undersecretary Roberto R. Bernardo, said that road reconstruction was made on the 1.53-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 opera-

tions 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



Cavite 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, 2x3 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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