

DTI AND PDEA PARTNER WITH E-COMMERCE GIANTS TO TACKLE ILLEGAL VAPE SALES



The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) hosted a briefing session with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and representatives from online shopping platforms Lazada, Tiktok, and Shopee to explore potential joint operations aimed at tackling illegal vape products.

DTI Secretary Fred Pascual said the Department is holding violators accountable by equipping monitoring and enforcement officers with the tools necessary to eliminate these illegal products from the Philippine market.

“Violators are becoming increasingly cunning, infiltrating the market with illegal vape products. We can combat their proliferation through a whole-of-nation approach by collaborating with other government agencies and the private sector,” he said.

The DTI’s Fair Trade Enforcement Bureau (FTEB) is actively establishing collaborative partnerships with law enforcement agencies, non-government organizations, and industry associations to ensure robust nationwide implementation of Republic Act (RA) 11900 or the Vape Law.

During the briefing, intelligence officers from PDEA, Ms. Laila Abad and Mr. Lester Urmaza, discussed emerging domestic and global trends in addictive substances. They highlighted the infusion of psilocybin, or magic mushrooms, and cannabis, or marijuana, into foods, drinks, and vape products. Both are listed on the Dangerous Drugs Board’s (DDB) updated list of Scheduled Controlled Substances.

Also in attendance during the briefing were Lazada’s Mr. Ricky Carandang, Shopee’s Ms. Jean Ramirez, and TikTok’s Mr. Phillip Fullon. As representatives of the top e-commerce platforms in the country, they inquired about ways to tackle the sale of illegal substances in online markets.

In response, PDEA suggested renewing and updating their memorandum of agreement with the online platforms to better combat the evolving presence of illegal substances in the market. On the other hand, the DTI and PDEA are both seriously looking into future collaborations and joint operations.

This year, the DTI has teamed up with law enforcement agencies that include not just the PDEA, but also the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)—as part of its collaborative efforts to intensify monitoring and enforcement of vape regulations.

The DTI signed a memorandum of agreement with the NBI last 11 June 2024, aimed at boosting consumer welfare initiatives with the latter’s investigative and technical expertise.

Moreover, the DTI has conducted numerous joint operations with other government agencies and local government units. Notably, non-compliant vape products was confiscated during a joint operation with the PNP-Southern Police District involving a vape shop just meters away from an elementary school in Baclaran, Parañaque City in April 2024.

Such violations of the Vape Law have led to product confiscations, issuance of notices of violations and Show Cause Orders, as well as the filing of cases.

PH LOOKS FORWARD TO HUNGARY’S UPCOMING EU COUNCIL PRESIDENCY



Manila City, Philippines—The Philippines looks forward to Hungary’s upcoming presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) as a strategic opportunity to boost trade and investment between the Philippines and the entire European region.

This sentiment was echoed by Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Secretary Fred Pascual during his meeting with Hungary’s Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Péter Szijjártó at the Malacañan Palace on June 13.

“We are optimistic that Hungary will continue to champion the EU’s trade agenda on open, sustainable, and mutually beneficial trade. Additionally, we eagerly await advancements in the discussions surrounding the next Generalized Scheme of Preferences regulation,” said the Philippine trade chief.

The Philippines currently enjoys enhanced trade preferences with the EU under the Generalized Scheme of Preferences Plus (GSP+). This pro-

gram grants duty-free access for a significant portion of Philippine exports. However, the Philippines seeks a more permanent and comprehensive trade arrangement through the Philippines-European Union Free Trade Agreement (PH-EU FTA).

This approach would significantly bolster the country’s development goals and sustainability efforts by facilitating access to cutting-edge European technology and expertise in crucial areas like renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, infrastructure development, and advanced manufacturing.

Meanwhile, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has set a target of finalizing the PH-EU FTA by 2027.

The Philippines currently ranks 10th among EU destinations for Hungarian exports, particularly electronics and processed foods, which highlights the significant untapped potential for Philippine exports in return. The Philippines also seeks to capitalize on its potential in machinery and electronics, manufactured goods, horticulture, vehicles, minerals, information technology business process management, and research and development.

Moreover, the Philippines boasts a burgeoning electric vehicle (EV) ecosystem, and a rich source of critical raw materials like nickel and copper which can complement Hungary’s EV battery industry.

The Philippines congratulates Hungary on its upcoming presidency of the EU Council on July 1, seen as a positive step towards achieving successful PH-EU FTA negotiations.

“We laud and support Hungary’s incoming presidency of the EU Council, and we look forward to a productive negotiation for the PH-EU FTA covering emerging elements like trade and sustainable development,” said Secretary Pascual.

Apart from resumption of the PH-EU FTA negotiations, the Philippines highlights the Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation (JCEC) with Hungary as the most active platform of the DTI with a trading partner. The most recent JCEC meeting coincided with the celebration of 50 years of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Hungary. .



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US, JAPAN, EU NATIONS CONDEMN CHINESE ACTS NEAR AYUNGIN

MANILA – United States Ambassador to the Philippines MaryKay Carlson condemned on Monday night China’s aggressive actions near the Ayungin Shoal that caused “bodily injury” to a Filipino. “The US condemns the PRC’s (People’s Republic of China’s) aggressive, dangerous maneuvers near Ayungin (Second Thomas) Shoal, which caused bodily injury, damaged Philippine vessels, and hindered lawful maritime operations to supply food, water, and essential supplies to Filipino personnel within the Philippine exclusive economic zone,” she said in a post on X. “We stand by our allies in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific,” she added. The National Task Force for the West Philippine Sea confirmed that Beijing, through its Navy, Coast Guard, and maritime militias, has conducted dangerous maneuvers, which involved “ramming and towing” during the country’s routine resupply mission to the BRP Sierra Madre in Ayungin Shoal on June 17. However, it has yet to provide specific details on the number of personnel injured during the mission. Also on X, the ambassadors of France, Japan, the Netherlands, and the European Union expressed deep concern about the latest incident.

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Embracing the Upcoming Rainy Season in the Philippines: Preparedness, Resilience, and Optimism

As the Philippines braces for the annual arrival of the rainy season, typically spanning from June to November, it's a period that evokes a mixture of anticipation and concern. The rains bring much-needed respite from the summer heat, nourishing the land and replenishing water supplies. However, they also bring the specter of typhoons, floods, and landslides, testing the resilience of communities and the robustness of our disaster preparedness systems.

The Double-Edged Sword of Rain
The rainy season is essential for the Philippines, an agricultural country that relies heavily on monsoon rains for crops such as rice, corn, and sugarcane. The consistent rainfall ensures that the fields remain fertile and productive, contributing significantly to the country's food security and economy. Moreover, it fills up reservoirs, providing a stable water supply for both household consumption and irrigation.

However, the same rains can become a formidable adversary. The Philippines, situated in the Pacific typhoon belt, experiences an average of 20 typhoons annually, with about half making landfall. These storms bring torrential rains, strong winds, and widespread flooding, which can devastate communities, displace thousands of people, and cause significant economic losses.

Strengthening Preparedness and Resilience
The challenges posed by

the rainy season necessitate a proactive and comprehensive approach to disaster preparedness and resilience. The government's efforts, through agencies like the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), have been pivotal in improving response mechanisms. Early warning systems, efficient evacuation plans, and robust infrastructure are critical components in mitigating the impacts of natural disasters.

Local governments play a crucial role in this ecosystem, ensuring that communities are informed and prepared. Public education campaigns about emergency procedures, regular disaster drills, and the establishment of evacuation centers are vital measures. Additionally, investment in infrastructure that can withstand severe weather, such as flood control systems and resilient housing, is indispensable.

Community Involvement and Personal Responsibility
While institutional preparedness is crucial, community involvement and personal responsibility are equally important. Grassroots initiatives, such as community watch groups and local disaster response teams, empower residents to take charge of their safety. Simple measures like securing homes, preparing emergency kits, and staying informed about weather updates can make a significant difference.

Education plays a pivotal role in fostering a culture of preparedness. Schools can integrate disaster preparedness into their curricula, teaching

children the importance of being ready and the steps to take during emergencies. Social media and other digital platforms are also effective tools for disseminating information quickly and efficiently.

The Spirit of Bayanihan
In times of adversity, the Filipino spirit of bayanihan – communal unity and cooperation – shines brightly. The rainy season often witnesses an outpouring of solidarity, with neighbors helping each other secure their homes, sharing resources, and providing support to those in need. This collective resilience and willingness to help one another are fundamental strengths of Filipino society.

Optimism Amid Challenges
Despite the challenges, there is an enduring sense of optimism. Advances in technology, improved infrastructure, and heightened awareness contribute to better preparedness and response. Moreover, the continuous efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change offer hope for a safer and more resilient future.

As the rainy season approaches, it is a reminder of the importance of preparedness, the power of community, and the resilience of the Filipino people. By embracing these values, the Philippines can navigate the rains with confidence, turning potential adversities into opportunities for growth and unity.

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US....

French Ambassador Marie Fontanel reiterated France's call for respect of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and freedom of navigation.

"We oppose any threat or use of force contrary to international law and recall the importance of resolving disputes through dialogue," she said.

Japanese Ambassador Kazuya Endo said Japan stands with Manila and would cooperate with

like-minded countries in "maintaining and enhancing the free and open international order based on the rule of law".

Dutch Ambassador Mariëtte Geraedts said, "Irresponsible maneuvers that endanger the safety of ships and crews call into question the freedom of sea routes guaranteed under international law."

"(The Netherlands) considers it of utmost importance that the 2016 arbitral award is fully re-

spected and implemented," she said.

EU Ambassador Luc Veron echoed the same concern and took note that China's activities have caused harm and damaged Filipino vessels within the Philippine exclusive economic zone.

"The EU opposes coercion and intimidation in the South China Sea, or anywhere. We support international law and peaceful dispute resolution," he said. (PNA)

PREVENTION...

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) – An official of the Department of Health (DOH) Center for Health Development in the CALABARZON region has called for the public's support for measures preventing the re-emergence of vaccine-preventable diseases that are widespread during the rainy season. During the regular meeting of the Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) CALABARZON, Dr. Eva Marie Torio, DOH CALABARZON's Infectious Disease Control Cluster Head, said preparing for the re-emergence of infectious diseases is more economical than taking reactive measures.

"Historically, it is more efficient for both human suffering and economic terms to anticipate, prevent, and prepare for an infectious disease rather than to react with expensive treatments and containment measures," Torio explains.

In its latest health bulletin, DOH CALABARZON saw a 143 percent spike in cases of meningococcal diseases in the region, from seven in 2023 to 17 within the first few months of 2024. The department also logged 446 cases of pertussis, more commonly known as whooping cough, which has claimed the lives of 20 patients within the first six months.

Torio emphasized: "These

re-emerging diseases are vaccine-preventable. We have pentavalent vaccines available in our Rural Health Units,"

With the start of the rainy season, the health department also expects a spike in water-borne diseases such as dengue, influenza, and leptospirosis – despite the 33 percent decrease of cases from 87 in 2023 to 58 this year, attributed to long exposure to flood water during heavy rains.

Torio adds that local government units, including provincial hospitals, have started preparing medical supplies due to the expected spike in leptospirosis cases in the coming months.

As a response, the DOH re-launched its information and education campaign on W.I.L.D. diseases, mainstreaming the various bacterial, viral, and parasitic organisms that thrive in floodwater caused by torrential rains in low-lying areas.

The infectious disease expert advised the public to avoid walking into floodwater, wear protective gear, and clean their feet with clean water and soap after any contact with floodwater.

Other diseases such as COVID-19, are still being surveilled by the department, as it can still be fatal to immunocompromised individuals.

The health official assured: "The region, and by extension the country's,

risk classification [for Covid-19] remains low. Vaccines still have a positive effect in fighting the FLiRT variant of Covid-19. This variant may better evade immunity from previous infections and vaccination, but the current vaccines still offer protection."

In February, the health department through its DM. No. 2024-0073 updated its mask guidelines and protocols for treating COVID-19 patients and prioritization of vaccination against the disease. These guidelines, which axed quarantine for Covid-19 patients mandated asymptomatic but confirmed positive cases to home isolation for five days, or until symptoms are gone.

To underscore this, DOH said that precautions are being implemented to ensure that deaths are avoided from all vaccine-preventable diseases, as one individual's untimely demise is already one death too much for the department. (PB/PIA-4A)



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Kalayaan Job Fair 2024 in SM City Tanza



The Kalayaan Job Fair 2024, held on June 13, 2024, at SM City Tanza, exemplified a joint endeavor led by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), headed by Ms. Rizalie P. Enero, in coordination with the management of SM City Tanza.

Attendees demonstrated a high level of participation as 54 domestic companies and 3 foreign companies offered job openings, expanding recruitment potential. The event demonstrated its significance in meeting the province's employment needs, attracting 311 candidates, 78 of whom were able to secure jobs immediately.

In addition, attendees included representatives from national government agencies including SSS, Pag-ibig, OWWA, TESDA, Philhealth, PSA, and NBI, that offered crucial information and support on government programs and services related to social welfare and employment.

All participating companies and government organizations were commended with their unwavering support and teamwork, which contributed to the success of the Kalayaan Job Fair 2024. The Cavite Provincial Government expressed its heartfelt gratitude to all of the contributors for their dedication to empowering job seekers and fostering the province's economic growth and prosperity. /CPIO

PGC's "Operation Tuli Program" for the young males of Imus City



The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Governor - Medical Mission team, in collaboration with the City Government of Imus led by Mayor Alex Advincula, successfully conducted the two-day Operation Tuli Program on June 13, and 14, 2024, at Imus Sports Complex.

The medical practitioners from Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO) and City Health Office of Imus City joined forces in providing free circumcision and catered to a total of 465 young males. After the operation, prescribed medicines and mosquito repellent lotions were distributed to the patients.

Cavite 1st District Congressman Adrian Jay Advincula, Vice Mayor Homer Saquilayan, and several esteemed councilors, including Councilor Enzo Ferrer, Councilor Peter Emmanuel "Wency" Lara, Councilor Sherwin Comia, and Councilor Darwin Remulla, SK Federation President Glian Ilagan, and former ABC President David Sapitan graced the program and showed support to their fellow Imuseños.

The Operation Tuli program is part of the city's ongoing health initiatives aimed at providing essential medical services to its residents. /CPIO

Medical and Dental Mission in Alfonso



Governor Jonvic Remulla's Medical Mission Team together with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer organized a successful Medical and Dental Mission on June 11, 2024, at Alfonso Town Plaza as part of the "Cavite Convergence: A Pathway for a Better Tomorrow for Inclusive Services to All".

The event provided free health consultations, check-ups and medicine to 343 patients, with a dedicated team addressing individual health concerns. Notably, 47 patients received free tooth extractions, emphasizing the importance of dental health. The mission aimed not only to address immediate health needs but also to promote health awareness and preventive care.

Local leaders and recipients of the healthcare services expressed gratitude for the collaborative effort, highlighting the significance of community engagement in bridging healthcare gaps. The initiative's success reflects a commitment to prioritizing the health of residents and serves as a model for future healthcare initiatives in underserved communities. /CPIO

Another Laguna town officially declared insurgency-free

PEACE. Pangil town in Laguna is declared insurgency-free and received the Stable Internal Peace and Security seal. It received the SIPS status following the signing of a memorandum of understanding between the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the municipal government on Thursday (June 13, 2024). (Photo courtesy of 202 Unifier Brigade, PA)

CALAMBA CITY – Laguna province's Pangil town has been officially declared insurgency-free, finally earning it the coveted Stable Internal Peace and Security (SIPS) status.

Brig. Gen. Cerilo Balaoro Jr, commander of the 202nd



Infantry Brigade, said in a message to reporters on Friday that Pangil is the sixth local government unit (LGU) in the province to attain SIPS status.

Balaoro commended Pangil's leadership and the active involvement of its community in various peace-building endeavors.

He emphasized the importance of safeguarding the youth from recruitment by communist terrorist group members, urging parents and guardians to play a proactive role in ensuring a peaceful and prosperous future for their children.

"The declaration of Pangil as an insurgency-free town represents a significant stride towards enduring peace in the region, underscoring the efficacy of the integrated approach to security and development, which authorities aim to replicate in other areas," Balaoro remarked. Expressing gratitude to all stakeholders, Mayor Gerald Aritao celebrated the SIPS status declaration as a testament to the collective unity, resilience and commitment of Pangil residents towards fostering a secure and harmonious environment.

Balaoro disclosed that other cities and municipalities in Laguna have scheduled their SIPS declarations before the end of the third quarter, with the aim of positioning Laguna as the first SIPS province by the close of the year. A jurisdiction can only be awarded the SIPS seal by the Armed Forces of the Philippines if no violent terrorist activities have been recorded within its boundaries for at least one year. (PNA)



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SM FOUNDATION HOLDS MEDICAL MISSIONS IN BATANGAS ANEW



Medical mission in Looc, Batangas

SM Foundation, the social good arm of the SM Group, recently conducted two successful medical missions in the municipalities of Looc and Ibaan, Batangas. The initiative, which aimed to provide accessible healthcare services to vulnerable communities, served approximately 700 patients. During the two-day event, residents of Looc and Ibaan received a wide range of free healthcare services. These included medical and dental check-ups, X-rays, and electrocardiogram (ECG) tests performed inside SM Foundation's state-of-the-art mobile clinic. Additionally, patients underwent blood chemistry tests, as well as screenings for sugar, cholesterol, uric acid, and hemoglobin levels.



An SM Foundation volunteer doctor attends to one of the patients during the medical mission in Ibaan.

The medical team, consisting of doctors, nurses, and volunteers, worked tirelessly to attend to the healthcare needs of the patients. The recent medical mission was a social good collaboration between the Batangas Provincial Office, the local government units of Ibaan and Looc, JCI Lipa, MX3 Natural Supplements' DMIRIE Foundation, Philippine Dental Association-Lipa City, and BDO Network Bank.



SM Foundation Health and Medical Programs Sr. Project Manager Dr. Bless Bertos prepares for a minor surgical procedure.



SPORTS NEWS

BOSTON WINS 18TH NBA TITLE



MANILA – Boston is back at the National Basketball Association (NBA) zenith after clinching their 18th championship in the league by pipping Dallas, 106-88, in Game 5 of their championship series on Tuesday (Philippine time) at the TD Garden in Boston. Denied a series sweep in Game 4 on Saturday in Dallas, the Celtics made sure the Mavericks would not get another game in the series by limiting them to only 18 points in the first quarter. Boston then virtually sealed the championship by the second quarter after erupting for 39 points to open a 67-46 halftime lead. Jayson Tatum led the Celtics, who won the championship exactly 16 years after the last time they won it all, with 31 points, 11 rebounds, and eight assists. “It means the world. It's been a long time. And damn I'm grateful,” Tatum said. Jaylen Brown, who was then named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the championship series, added 21 points, eight rebounds, and six assists. Amid the quick debate as to who should be Finals MVP, Brown shared the stage with Tatum upon receiving the award, saying, “I share this with my brothers and my partner in crime Jayson Tatum.” Aside from breaking a tie with the Los Angeles Lakers as the winningest NBA franchise title-wise, the Celtics also set some modern-day NBA history as their head coach, Joe Mazzulla, became the youngest coach to win a title since Bill Russell, doing the playing coach role, led them to the 1969 title. “You have very few chances in life to be great,” the 35-year-old Mazzulla said. Luka Doncic made 28 points and 12 rebounds for Dallas, which finally dropped a Game 5 this playoffs after going 3-0 in the earlier rounds. With Boston finally securing the championship in five games, teams up 3-0 in a best-of-seven NBA playoff series are now 157-0 in terms of clinching them. (PNA)

TEAM SEIRIN RULES LIPA CITY RAPID CHESS TOURNAMENT



CHESS CHAMP. FIDE Master Ivan Travis Cu competes in the open division of the JCI Senate Lipa Open Rapid chess team tournament at the Lipa City Convention Center on Monday (June 17, 2024). Cu led Team Seirin to victory. (Contributed photo)

MANILA – Team Seirin, led by FIDE Master Ivan Travis Cu, ruled the open division of the JCI Senate Lipa Open Rapid

chess tournament at the Lipa City Convention Center on Monday. Tyrhone James Tabernilla and Zeus Alexis Paglinawan are the other members of the team coached by International Master Jan Emmanuel Garcia. Team Seirin finished with 7 points and received PHP50,000 plus trophy and medals. Team Seirin beat Blahlala, 3-0, (1st round); Team Gold Eagle, 2-1, (2nd); UST Team F, 2.5-0.5, (3rd), Team Pakners, 2.5-0.5, (4th), UST Team B, 2-1, (5th), Tira-Tira Sampaloc C, 2.5-0.5, (6th); and The Teddy Bears, 2-1, (7th). “It's truly a team effort,” said the 15-year-old Cu, who earned the FIDE Master title after finishing second in the Hanoi International Master chess tournament in Vietnam last month. Cu, a grade 10 student of Xavier School, tallied 5.5 points in Board 1, Tabernilla garnered 4.5 points in Board 2, and Paglinawan secured 6.5 points in Board 3. UST Team A, composed of Mark Gerald Reyes, Carl Daluz, and Allan Gabriel Hilario, placed second while Tira-Tira Sampaloc C (Kelly Rancalp, Narciso Gumila, and Timothy Baclayan) was third. Team Red Horse ranked fourth followed by The Teddy Bears, UST Team F, Santa Rosa Lions B, Team Pakners, Sir Nats Team A, and Team Larry Dumadag. In the Youth (U18) division, the top three winners were Rian Paul Tenorio, Ariel Santander, and Clyde Jared Torena. Mayor Eric Africa and Asia's first Grandmaster Eugene Torre made the ceremonial moves during the opening ceremony of the event held in celebration of Lipa City's founding anniversary. Also present were Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers past president Roger Reyes, International Master Roderick Nava of the Kamatyas Chess Club, Chief Arbiter Ryan Dimayuga, Deputy Arbiter Allan Oseña, 13-time Philippine Open Champion Grandmaster Rogelio “Joey” Antonio Jr., former vice mayor Kuya Boy Manguerra, and tournament director Danilo Reyes. (PNA)

WORLD-CLASS VOLLEYBALL ACTION UNFOLDS JULY 18 AT MOA ARENA



MANILA – Expect the SM Mall of Asia Arena to be filled to the rafters on the opening day of the Volleyball Nations League (VNL) Men's Pools Week 3 on July 18. Japan, back in Manila for the third straight time, will face Canada at 8:30 p.m. while The Netherlands and Brazil will square off at 5 p.m. Presidential son William Vincent Marcos, Senators Pia and Allan Peter Cayetano, Tourism Secretary Cristina Frasco, and sports patron Manuel V. Pangilinan will grace the opening ceremony to be held after the first match. Other teams participating in the six-day tournament are France, USA, Germany, The Netherlands, Brazil and Iran. Japan, Canada, the USA, Germany, Brazil, and France have qualified for the Paris Olympics. “Just like in the last two years when we hosted the VNL, the elite league is again expected to attract the avid Filipino fan to elite volleyball action,” Philippine National Volleyball Federation (PNVF) president Ramon Suzara said. Superstars Yuki Ishikawa and Ran Takahashi are reuniting anew for Japan, which lost to Poland last year. The USA, led by ace setter Micah Christenson, will debut on Wednesday against Iran at 7 p.m. Meanwhile, Olympics-bound Poland will be joining Italy, Argentina, Serbia, Turkiye, Cuba, Bulgaria, and host Slovenia in the Pool Week 3 in Ljubljana, which will be played simultaneously with the Manila leg. (PNA)

REVIVE...



A total of 120 units of e-bikes and electric kick scooters have been distributed in 22 stations within the campus which can be utilized by the public to meet public transportation needs inside the university. (CO/PIA-4A; Photo by ADM/PIA-4A)

To revive the bicycle culture, reduce carbon footprints, promote a healthy lifestyle, and provide a convenient mode of transportation within the campus, the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) officially launched its Tipaklong Mobility Sharing Project as part of the celebration of Philippine Environment Month. Through this initiative, students, faculty, staff, and the interested public can now become Tipaklong hoppers and conveniently roam the campus in an enjoyable, efficient, and

eco-friendly way using rental e-bikes and e-scooters. According to UPLB Vice Chancellor for Community Affairs Roberto P. Cereno, the Tipaklong Mobility Sharing Project is the first ecological campus transportation system among all higher education institutions in the Philippines. This is part of the university's Green Mobility Initiative (GMI), which aims to foster a green academic community by forging partnerships and developing mechanisms to further promote alternative

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DSWD...

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) continues its rollout of various community-driven development programs to address poverty in Calabarzon. In an episode of the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas forum, Dr. Barry Chua, Regional Director for Region IV-A, stated that the DSWD focuses on providing capacity development programs among other long-term assistance. This includes the ‘Tara, Basa Program’, an education assistance program that empowers college students to become Youth Community Development Workers. These students will then be tasked to teach reading skills to Grade 1 students, particularly those who are non-readers. “We are also welcoming the mothers of these youth, who will receive cash incentives if they attend our training.” Chua added: “There is an ongoing capability-building initiative for the program implementation. We are pilot testing [this program] in Quezon and Bacoar, Cavite.

We are assessing the components of the program, and the preparations and capacity building for this are ongoing.” Mylah Gatchalian, Assistant Regional Director for Operations, underscored that the move to institutionalize their community-based development programs is supported by the CALABARZON Regional Development Council—which focuses on planning and policymaking related to regional development. Thru the RDC, the implementation of the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDSS) will push through as it aims to reach more beneficiaries, particularly in the provinces of Batangas and Quezon where high poverty incidence was observed. KALAHI-CIDSS aims to help poor communities identify challenges related to reducing poverty by giving them control over resources to address local poverty. Gatchalian noted: “We believe

a mode of transportation, UPLB said that it is playing its part in reducing the carbon footprint emitted from the consumption of fossil fuels burned when driving gasoline-powered vehicles, which helps mitigate the adverse effects of climate change.

Arnold Bufi, President and Founder of Tipaklong Sustainable Mobility Corporation (TSMC), strongly encourages students and the public to support and patronize the project, as it will help address the environmental issues the world faces.

Bufi stated: “This initiative will greatly benefit students. As an alumnus who graduated here decades ago, I understand the frustration of getting from point A to point B without available jeepneys, or waiting for a long time. With this innovation, I encourage students to support this project.” For Isaak Sampang, a communication student at UPLB, the project will benefit students by providing a convenient way to travel around the campus, especially for longer distances. This will help him save time, avoid being late for class, reduce transportation costs, and embody a healthier lifestyle.

“I really want to learn how to ride a bike because, as cliché as it may sound, I want to lower my carbon footprint. I live 30 minutes away from school, so if I learn how to ride a bike, I'll probably be less late to classes and get the proper exercise I've been craving,” Sampang said. Transactions for Tipaklong are completely cashless. Tipaklong hoppers simply need to download the Tipaklong mobile application and pay online to rent e-bikes and e-scooters. Through the mobile application, the number of trips, distance traveled, carbon dioxide emissions, and other relevant data can be tracked. In total, 120 units of e-bikes and electric kick scooters are distributed in 22 stations inside the campus. (CO/PIA-4A)

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CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The 2nd Civil-Military Operations Regiment Battalion (CMOR) of the Philippine Army has intensified efforts to counter the propaganda of communist terrorist groups (CTGs) through enhanced community information and awareness campaigns. In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency's radio program Usapang PIA, 2CMO commander Lt. Col. Rolando Acido emphasized the importance of community information awareness in preventing youth recruitment by communist terrorist groups and bolstering support for the government's initiatives to curb insurgency.

“We (CMOR) have been giving the knowledge to young people, because as youth they are very inquisitive, but there are other groups that because we are very eager, very inquisitive, our youthful efforts want to be poisoned for their own sake, their own interests,” he said. 2CMO goes to different secondary schools in Laguna to provide lectures regarding the critical role of information and education in countering insurgency and highlighting the Philippine Army's commitment to safeguarding the youth and promoting peace and order in the country.

Afterwards, students were given a chance to interact with the troops, allowing them to seek clarifications and a deeper understanding of the issues discussed. Recently, with the support of the local government of Los Baños and Senior Division Heads, visited a senior high school campus in the town to deliver lectures as part of their community information awareness campaign. One of the student participants remarked that the event significantly helped them learn more about the Philippine Army and its efforts to protect and serve the community.

“We are happy and we are open 24/7, Monday to Sunday, whoever wants to talk to us, contact us, let's go to the right agency of our government as we can see that our leaders are very active in various government agencies, they are ready to respond to the needs of our countrymen to raise their socio and economic level,” he stated. (PIA-4A)

ian population, particularly the youth, by providing education, fostering engagement, and encouraging active participation in community and national security efforts.

“The event helped me to know what the Philippine Army is, and that we shouldn't be afraid of them because they are protecting us from the terrorist groups that might poison our minds. In that way, we know how to seek help from them in case such things will happen” the student-participant said. In addition, Acido encourages parents to actively participate in community information awareness campaigns as their roles are crucial in preventing insurgent groups' recruitment of their children.

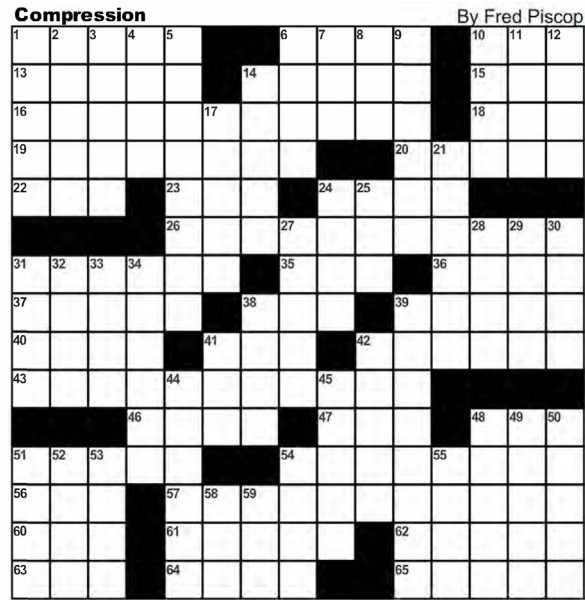
He said: “I am also calling on my fellow parents to monitor the activities of our children, it is our role and responsibility as a parent to be fulfilled, there is no reason for us to be far from our family or we are busy with their work, we deny our attention to our children.”

Aside from the youth empowerment forum in the academe, 2CMO organizes a youth leadership summit designed to further empower youth leaders by equipping them with the skills and knowledge necessary to become proactive members of their communities, resist insurgent influences, and promote broad community engagement.

Asido then assured that their troops are always open to discussing matters and helping people with their needs, emphasizing that they must protect and serve the community. “We are happy and we are open 24/7, Monday to Sunday, whoever wants to talk to us, contact us, let's go to the right agency of our government as we can see that our leaders are very active in various government agencies, they are ready to respond to the needs of our countrymen to raise their socio and economic level,” he stated. (PIA-4A)

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- ACROSS**
- 1) Ear-related
 - 6) French military cap
 - 10) Nonstick kitchen spray
 - 13) Pipe-unclogging brand
 - 14) “Expletive deleted” sound
 - 15) Air hero
 - 16) Significant other
 - 18) Inform on the mob
 - 19) Outside the lab, say
 - 20) Port near Gibraltar
 - 22) AKC category
 - 23) Soul singer Cooke
 - 24) Online ‘zine
 - 26) Citrus-flavored soda
 - 31) Like pieces in a kit
 - 35) Cyclotron bit
 - 36) Art deco great
 - 37) One to vie with
 - 38) Come- _ (lures)
 - 39) Edgar who painted ballerinas
 - 40) Birthstone for many Libras
 - 41) Female rabbit
 - 42) Attacks from all sides
 - 43) Publisher of author-financed books
 - 46) Marine One rider (Abbr.)
 - 4 7) Fleur-de- _
 - 48) Emissions-monitoring org.
 - 51) _ pork (Chinese dish)
 - 54) Fortified Portuguese wines
 - 56) Half a sawbuck
 - 57) 1962 hit for Bobby “Boris” Pickett
 - 60) Senate vote
 - 61) Often-quoted line
 - 62) Take a sip of
 - 63) Curator’s concern
 - 64) _-do-well
 - 65) Lipstick mishap
- DOWN**
- 1) Fess up to
 - 2) Heavenly prefix
 - 3) Like Seattle’s climate
 - 4) Alamo capturer Santa
 - 5) One in need of salvation
 - 6) Abstract artist Paul
 - 7) Extra-wide, on a shoebox
 - 8) Dispenser candy
 - 9) Emetic drug
 - 10) Cowpoke’s pal
 - 11) Trendy berry
 - 12) French city on the Moselle
 - 14) Myanmar, formerly
 - 17) A bit less than a liter
 - 21) Is in sync
 - 24) Ids’ complements
 - 25) All chess pieces (even the queen!)
 - 27) San Fran griddier
 - 28) Twist the arm of
 - 29) ASAP, in the ER
 - 30) Pianist Dame Myra_
 - 31) Alta- or Ont.
 - 32) Co-host of Strahan
 - 33) “Mrs. Bridge” author_ S. Connell
 - 34) Muslim leader
 - 38) Klutz’s cry
 - 39) Napoleons, bombs, etc.
 - 41) Henna rinse, e.g.
 - 42) Oft-forgotten part of a 45
 - 44) “The buck stops here” president
 - 45) Tickle pink
 - 48) Wipe away
 - 49) Shells, but not BBs
 - 50) “My Name is _ Lev”
 - 51) Yucatan dweller
 - 52) Ride-requesting app
 - 53) Do some ushering
 - 54) Roman Cath. title
 - 55) Mosque leader
 - 58) “To a ... “ poem
 - 59) Dundee denial

CITY OF BACOOR NEWS

Trade Fair para sa 12th Year Bacoor Cityhood Anniversary, Matagumpay na naisagawa



Sa pagdiriwang ng ika-12 anibersaryo ng pagkakasilang ng Bacoor bilang lungsod, isinasagawa ang isang malawakang trade fair sa Waltermart, Bacoor o Boulevard mula Hunyo 14 hanggang Hunyo 20, 2024, mula 10:00 ng umaga hanggang 9:00 ng gabi. Ang naturang event ay inorganisa ng City Livelihood Department na pinamumunuan ni Ms. Carmelita Gawaran. Kabilang sa mga kilalang personalidad na dadalo sa pagbubukas ng trade fair ay sina Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Konsehal Rey Palabrica, Ms. Carmelita Gawaran (City Livelihood head), Ms. Lilibeth Chavez (OIC Provincial Director ng DTI Cavite), Ms. Revelyn Cortez (OIC Assistant Regional Director ng DTI Cavite), Mr. Carlo C. Osuna (Mall Manager ng Waltermart), at Ms. Khei Sanchez (Ledipo Head). Magkakaroon din ng espesyal na video message mula kay Kongresista Lani M. Revilla at dasal mula kay Pastor Mike Bautista. Ang trade fair na ito ay nagtatampok ng iba’t ibang produkto ng mga lokal na negosyante mula sa Bacoor. Sa katagoryang pagkain, tampok ang Toclonganisa, Nutribun, Tahong Chips, Manglods Fruit Shake, Mhyberty, Delfas, Farms Delight, Sonya’s Garden, Jalees Mushroom Chips, Original DIGMAN Halo-Halo, House of Rising Delicacies, Cafe AmadEO, at iba’t ibang produkto ng Tinapa. Tampok din ang mga produkto mula sa BJMP Male, BJMP Female, Hiyasmin Cosmetic Product, Ronimar Scent, at Trixie Dhel’s Loom Weaving. Sa temang “Tuloy tuloy ang pag asenso sa Strike Sa Serbisyo. Aangat ang negosyo,” layunin ng trade fair na ito ay ang isulong ang mga lokal na produkto ng mga Micro-Small Medium Enterprises (MSME) ng lungsod. Ang event na ito ay magbibigay ng pagkakataon sa mga Bacooreno MSME na ipakilala at ipromote ang kanilang mga produkto sa iba’t ibang lugar sa loob ng Bacoor, upang mapalawak ang kanilang merkado at mapalakas ang kanilang benta. Sa pagtatapos ng trade fair, magkakaroon din ng awarding ng mga sertipiko sa mga kalahok bilang pagkilala sa kanilang pagsisikap at kontribusyon sa pag-unlad ng ekonomiya ng Bacoor. Ang trade fair na ito ay hindi lamang isang pagdiriwang ng tagumpay ng Bacoor sa loob ng 12 taon, kundi isang pagkakataon din para sa mga lokal na negosyante na umangat at magtagumpay. Hinihikayat ang lahat na dumalo at suportahan ang mga lokal na produkto ng Bacoor.

Mayor Strike B. Revilla visited the IOS Racing Competition at Mainsquare Mall



June 15, 2024- Mayor Strike B. Revilla graced the IOS Racing Competition held at Mainsquare Mall, where he witnessed firsthand the impressive skills of participants from Team Cav’s R and Team CAA. The event showcased the talents of racers such as Lhey JuTic, Karl Olaes, Ems Tendaro, Mar Mendoza, Luigi Tejada, Bien Dela Cruz, Nico Alves, James Martinez, Popoy Garcia, and Strong AD. During his visit, Mayor Strike engaged with the dedicated members of Team Cav’s R and Team CAA, gaining insights into their preparations and the intricacies of Tamiya car racing. His interaction with the participants highlighted his support and appreciation for the local racing community. The IOS Racing Competition, featuring 50 participants, brings together Tamiya enthusiasts every Sunday at Mainsquare Mall. This event not only fosters a competitive spirit but also provides a platform for enthusiasts to showcase their talents and passion for Tamiya racing. The thrilling atmosphere continues to captivate both participants and spectators, making it a must-see event in Bacoor. The City Government of Bacoor proudly supports events like the IOS Racing Competition, which promote camaraderie, sportsmanship, and community engagement. Mabuhay ang mga Tamiya enthusiasts ng Bacoor!

Last week’s solution:



MANILA – Police authorities on Tuesday arrested two suspects in the kidnapping of a Chinese national in Taguig City. In a report, National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) chief Maj. Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez said members of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Anti-Kidnapping Group and the Taguig City Police Station (TCPS) nabbed Erwin Angeles and Richard Mendoza along Masipag St., Barangay Sta. Ana at around 6:30 a.m. The suspects’ arrest came following the complaint of their victim identified as Honsen Liu, 19. Investigation showed that the victim met an online chat mate known as “Izzy” on Monday and went to an apartment in Barangay Sta. Ana, where the suspects were waiting. The two suspects blindfolded and tied the victim’s hands upon arriving at the place.

The suspects negotiated a ransom of PHP5 million with the victim’s father via messaging app WeChat but later agreed to lower the amount to PHP1.1 million. The suspects instructed the victim’s father to bring the ransom to a mall at the Bonifacio Global City in Taguig. After getting the ransom, the suspects dropped off the victim somewhere in Angono, Rizal. One of the suspects returned to the victim his mobile phone before abandoning him. The victim managed to return to his house in Manila and sought help from the Manila Police District, which then turned over the case to the TCPS. Police seized from the suspects during the operation a cal.38-caliber pistol with live ammunition. The suspects are now detained at the TCPS and would face charges of kidnapping for ransom. (PNA)

Libreng Legal na Serbisyo mula sa Abogado ng Imuseño, Konsehal Atty. Wency Lara para sa mga residente ng Anabu 2nd!

Libreng Legal na Serbisyo mula sa Abogado ng Imuseño, Konsehal Atty. Wency Lara para sa mga residente ng Anabu 2nd! Sa patuloy na paghahatid ng libreng legal advice, notaryo, at late birth registration ni Konsehal Atty. Wency Lara sa mga barangay sa Imus, ang mga residente naman ng barangay Anabu 2nd ang kaniyang bibisitahin sa darating na Huwebes, Hunyo 27, 2024, 8:00 AM, sa Anabu 2-C, Covered Court. Bukas ito sa mga residente ng mga barangay Anabu 2-A hanggang 2-G. Para sa Libreng Notaryo, kinakailangan ang: * Appearance of Affiant (Personal na pagpunta ng kinaaukulang taong magpapanotaryo) * Photocopy of Valid Government ID with 3 signatures affixed on photocopied paper (Kopya ng Valid Government ID na may tatlong lagda sa papel). Para sa Libreng Legal Advice, dalhin ang: * Ano mang dokumento o legal papers na may kaugnayan sa nais ipakonsulta. Para naman sa Late Birth Registration, ihanda ang mga sumusunod: * Affidavit of two witnesses • Maaaring magsama ng dalawang taong hindi kamaag-anak dala-dala ang kanilang valid ID. * Barangay Indigency

REMAINS...

MANILA – The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) on Monday urged the public to be part of the various activities the government has lined up in observance of the country’s 126th Independence Day. “The theme is since last year is ‘Kalayaan, Kinabukasan, Kasaysayan.’ The highlight is on June 12 when a commemorative flag raising will be held. In the afternoon, a huge parade consisting of 22 floats from across the country will feature the government established by Emilio Aguinaldo as well as the towns that were part of the revolution,” NHCP History Researcher II Alton Concillado said in the Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon briefing over PTV4. He said President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. is inviting the public to witness the parade that will start at 5 p.m. on June 12 from the CCP grounds to Roxas Blvd. up to the Burnham Green across the Quirino Grandstand. A concert will be held after the parade, he added. Simultaneous flag raising activities will be held in Cavite; Malolos; San Juan City; Caloocan; Angeles City; and NHCP museums across the country. Meanwhile, Concillado said 132 booths were opened on Monday at the Luneta Park. These booths are open to the public, allowing them to access various government services. Aside from Kadiwa ng Pangulo, medical and dental services are also available in those booths, he said. Last Friday, the government also staged the Musikalayaan, featuring musicians and the Armed Forces of the Philippines. On June 4, the Presidential Communications Office said the festival-like celebrations from June 10 to 12 will be held at the Rizal Park Burnham Green in Roxas Boulevard, Manila, right across the Quirino Grandstand.

Various government agencies and non-government organizations have prepared different activities for everyone to enjoy from sun up to sun down for three days. The Pilipinas Obstacle Sport Federation will hold competitions for various ages and groups to provide participants a “ninja warrior” experience that would showcase athleticism, bravery, grit and perseverance. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Agriculture will hold the Kusina (Kitchen) Warrior, a nationwide competition among select student-cooks who will compete for the best adobo (vinegar and soy sauce-based meat or chicken dish) and pancit (local noodles). Meanwhile, the Chili Federation will hold the labuyo (wild chili)-eating contest and other activities,

like plants and product displays. National Artist for Dance Alice Reyes will hold a concert on June 10 at the Burnham Green. Musikalayaan will provide the stage for musicians and bands like Rocksteady (June 10), The Juans (June 11), Plethora (June 11) and Bini (June 12). Film showings of Bonifacio: Ang Unang Pangulo, Heneral Luna, and Goyo: Ang Batang Heneral are scheduled on the evenings of June 11 and 12. A total of 41 government and non-government agencies will offer medical services, fresh produce, passport appointment-bookings, National Bureau of Investigation clearances, artisanal delicacies, children’s story-telling, book sales, educational exhibitions, games, and contests under the Pampahalaang Program at Serbisyo on June 11 and 12. (PNA)

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