

DOST-CENTRAL OFFICE HOLDS 2024 GENDER SENSITIVITY TRAINING FOR NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES



2024 Gender Sensitivity Training (GST) for the DOST-Central Office newly hired employees. (Photo from Rhea Mae B. Ruba, DOST GADU)

The Department of Science and Technology – Central Office (DOST-CO), through its Gender and Development Unit (GADU), conducted the first Gender Sensitivity Training (GST) for 2024 at DOST Executive Lounge, DOST Compound, General Santos Avenue, Bicutan, Taguig City on April 24, 2024.

The 2024 GST was designed to provide newly hired DOST-CO employees with a deeper understanding of the basic GAD concepts. By comprehending how gender shapes societal roles, employees can contribute more effectively to their development and foster healthier relationships within the workplace.

“As civil servants, we need to appreciate GAD and eventually become its advocates. It is time that we all see gender as a spectrum instead of two sets of opposing ideals,” expressed DOST Assistant Secretary for Administrative and Legal Affairs, In charge of the DOST GADU, and DOST-wide GAD Focal Person Diana L. Ignacio.

In her message, she emphasized that the training yields lifetime lessons for knowing and understanding that varying perspectives and complexities exist in different genders, which became critical in closing gender gaps and supporting gender equality.

“The GAD program of DOST aims to pursue a gender-responsive Department where competent men and women employees are gender sensitized and support the crafting of gender-responsive policies, programs, projects, and activities,” said Ignacio.

Meanwhile, Maria Fe B. Singson, Project Senior Technical Specialist from DOST GADU, led the proper training session, which included discussions of understanding the GAD concepts, gender perspectives, gender issues, gender discriminations, and gender stereotypes, as well as a presentation on the significance of establishing gender equity and gender equality in the workplace.

“The GST will show the value of having an enabling environment for men and women. We have different levels of understanding of the perspectives and experiences of men and women, but we have to respect it,” remarked Singson.

In her discussions, she showed and justified the questions of “what, why, and how” GAD is being implemented in the DOST. Most importantly, she explained that the Department is making a gender mainstreaming effort to ensure that all of the scientific and technological innovations are geared and utilized in areas of maximum economic and social benefits for all Filipino men and women./PR

Conducting the 2024 GST serves as the DOST’s institutional response to Section 24 of RA 9710, the Magna Carta of Women, which ensures the implementation of gender-sensitive training and seminars in government agencies.

DOST-PHIVOLCS ESTABLISHES THE VISAYAS CLUSTER MONITORING CENTER FOR EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI IN SAN FERNANDO, CEBU



The Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (DOST-PHIVOLCS) will officially inaugurate the PHIVOLCS Visayas Cluster Monitoring Center for Earthquake and Tsunami (PVCMCET) on 10 May 2024 8:30 AM at PVCMCET, Purok 11-Santan, Brgy. North Poblacion, San Fernando, Cebu. The PVCMCET is a strategic state-of-the-art facility to ensure service continuity of DOST-PHIVOLCS national earthquake and tsunami monitoring operations in cases of major disruptions in key operations of the PHIVOLCS Data Receiving Center (DRC) in Quezon City.

PVCMCET features near real-time display and monitoring of earthquake and tsunami using data from the Philippine Seismic Network (PSN). Currently, DOST-PHIVOLCS has 125 seismic stations with upgraded computer systems for data acquisition and processing, newly installed tools for decision support, mapping, and information dissemination that are capable of near real-time streaming of seismic waveforms and real-time instrumental intensity reporting. The Visayas cluster center is comprised of nine (9) staff-controlled seismic stations, 25 satellite-telemetered seismic stations, six (6) sea level monitoring stations for tsunami detection, and seven (7) community tsunami alerting stations.

The new PVCMCET is a testament to our vision of disaster resilience and community resilience from earthquake and tsunami. It will also serve as the epicenter of collaboration among national and local government units, the academe, and non-government organizations in the region.

DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum, Jr. and DOST-PHIVOLCS Director Teresito C.Bacolcol will lead the inauguration and ribbon-cutting ceremony, together with distinguished guests from Region VII offices and stations. A press conference, InfoSentro sa PHIVOLCS, will be held right after the ceremony.

DOST-PHIVOLCS is the Philippine government agency engaging in disaster management, committed to mitigate the negative impacts of volcano, earthquake, and tsunami hazards and promoting resilience in vulnerable communities through innovative solutions./PR

DOST PARTNERS WITH PASCUAL PHARMA CORP. TO STANDARDIZE SAMBONG FOR KIDNEY STONES AND EDEMA



The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) partners with Pascual Pharma Corporation (PPC) in developing components of herbal supplements to address kidney stones and edema (swelling), with a focus on creating a standardized extract for consistent results.

“Ensuring that herbal products meet consistent quality standards is crucial for the well-being of our communities. At DOST, we are committed to supporting initiatives that not only innovate but also directly impact people’s health for the better, ensuring that every Filipino has access to safe and effective healthcare solutions they can trust,” emphasized DOST Secretary Renato Solidum Jr.

Funded under DOST’s Business Innovation through S&T (BIST) Program, the project aims to develop a preclinical trial ready and standardized Sambong leaf extract and develop a quantitative chemical profiling method that will be used for the quality control of the extract.

While clinical evidence already supports Sambong’s efficacy in treating edema and kidney stones, a key focus of this project is the standardization of Sambong extract, crucial for ensuring consistency, quality control, regulatory compliance, and clinical efficacy.

Led by Mr. Carmelo E. Briones, the project team is delving into the mechanisms by which Sambong influences urine production—a process known as diuresis—to identify the active ingredients responsible for Sambong’s diuretic properties.

By establishing stringent criteria for composition and potency, manufacturers can produce a more reliable product with predictable therapeutic effects. This not only instills confidence in healthcare professionals and patients but also streamlines the regulatory approval process, facilitating broader market acceptance.

With the introduction of bioactive standardized herbal medicine, the medical community will have complete information on possible drug interactions, benefiting patients with better pharmacological intervention. Further, the project could provide a natural alternative to conventional treatments for edema and kidney stones, by shedding light on how Sambong works, enabling healthcare professionals to better integrate it into patient care, ensuring safe and appropriate use.

Monitored by the DOST-Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) under its Tuklas Lunas” program, this research offers unique contributions through (1) increasing competitiveness of the Philippine Sambong industry; and (2) producing high-quality, standardized Sambong leaf extract as an active pharmaceutical ingredient.

“Collaboration between government agencies and private institutions is vital in driving initiatives that bring tangible benefits to the Filipino people. This partnership underscores the importance of harnessing both scientific expertise and industry innovation to address pressing healthcare needs,” says Dr. Jaime Montoya, DOST-PCHRD Executive Director.



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NEW LEADER. Senate President Francis Escudero (center) takes his oath as Senate President before Senator Mark Villar, the youngest in the chamber, during the plenary session on Monday (May 20, 2024). To his right is his wife, actress Heart Evangelista. (PNA photo by Avito C. Dalan)

MANILA – Senator Francis Escudero is the new Senate President effective Monday, replacing Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri who tendered his resignation.

Escudero vowed to serve the interests of Filipinos, regardless of affiliations. “Nawa’y sa bawat salitang bibigkasin natin dito, nawa’y sa bawat gawain na ating gagawin dito, palagi tayong mapaalalahanan ng mga importanteng bagay na ‘yan ng ating bandila na sumasagisag sa bansa at sa sambayanang Pilipino (May every word we speak here, may every work we do here, we will always be reminded of those important things by our flag that symbolizes the country and the Filipino people),” Escudero said.

“Maraming salamat pong

mulì sa tiwala at naka-handa po akong pagsilbihan kayo sa anumang makakaya natin habang sabay-sabay nating pinag-sisilbihan ang bansa at ang sambayanang Pilipino (Thank you very much again for the trust and I am ready to serve you in whatever way I can as we serve the country and the Filipino people together),” he added.

Escudero designated Senator Jinggoy Estrada as Senate President Pro Tempore; Senator Francis Tolentino as Committee on Rules chairperson and Majority Floor Leader; and Senator Alan Peter Cayetano as chairperson of the Committee on Accounts.

Senators Loren Legarda (Senate President Pro Tempore), Joel Villanueva (Majority Leader) and Senators Nancy Binay, Sonny Angara and JV Ejercito likewise gave up their positions and committee chairmanships.

In a press conference after the regular session, Escudero emphasized that the fate of any Senate leadership lies on the trust and confidence of the majority of senators.

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Sen. Francis “Chiz” Escudero takes his oath as Senate president on May 20, 2023



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## Leadership Change in the Philippine Senate: A Call for Stability and Vision

The recent leadership change in the Philippine Senate marks a significant moment in the country's political landscape. The shift, prompted by both internal maneuverings and external pressures, underscores the dynamic nature of Philippine politics. As we witness this transition, it is imperative to reflect on the implications for governance, legislative priorities, and the broader political climate.

The Philippine Senate has long been a bastion of democracy, playing a critical role in shaping the nation's laws and policies. Leadership within this institution is not merely about steering legislative processes; it is about embodying the aspirations and values of the Filipino people. Therefore, any change at the helm is more than a procedural shift—it is a statement about the direction in which the Senate, and by extension the nation, is heading.

The new Senate leadership faces the formidable task of navigating a deeply polarized political environment. The recent years have seen an intensification of partisan divisions, which threaten to undermine the Senate's ability to function effectively. To address this, the new leadership must prioritize fostering a culture of collaboration and bipartisanship. This means bridging gaps between opposing fac-

tions, facilitating constructive dialogue, and ensuring that legislative debates are grounded in facts and the public interest, rather than political expediency.

Moreover, the leadership change comes at a time when the Philippines faces numerous challenges, both domestically and internationally. The ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, economic instability, and regional security concerns require a Senate that is not only responsive but also proactive. It is crucial for the new leaders to set a clear legislative agenda that addresses these pressing issues. This involves prioritizing public health, economic recovery, and national security, while also upholding human rights and the rule of law.

Public trust in political institutions is at a low ebb, and the Senate is no exception. Restoring this trust requires transparency, accountability, and a commitment to ethical governance. The new leadership must therefore champion reforms that enhance institutional integrity and public accountability. This includes ensuring that legislative processes are transparent and that senators are held to the highest standards of conduct.

Additionally, the Senate must play a pivotal role in safeguarding democratic norms and processes. In recent years, there have been concerns about the erosion of democratic institutions

and the encroachment of authoritarian tendencies. The Senate, under its new leadership, must stand as a bulwark against these trends, protecting the Constitution and the democratic rights of all Filipinos. This entails rigorous oversight of the executive branch, defending judicial independence, and safeguarding press freedom.

As we move forward, it is essential for the new Senate leadership to engage with a broad spectrum of stakeholders. This includes not only political allies and opponents but also civil society, the business community, and ordinary citizens. Inclusive leadership will help ensure that the Senate's actions are reflective of the diverse interests and needs of the population.

In conclusion, the change in Senate leadership is a moment of both challenge and opportunity. It is a chance to reinvigorate the Senate's role in Philippine democracy and to set a course for a more stable, prosperous, and just society. The new leaders must rise to the occasion, demonstrating vision, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to the public good. The eyes of the nation are upon them, and the future of the Philippines depends on their success.

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## ESCUDERO...

He will discuss with the new leadership the priority measures that need to be further scrutinized and approved.

"Titingnan muna namin kung ano 'yung mga nakabinbin dahil dalawang araw na lang tayo. Wala kami pwedeng simulan na matatapos namin bago kami mag-adjourn sa loob ng dalawang araw. So, unahin namin 'yung ika nga ni Senate President Zubiri, na-itanim na pwede ng matapos ngayon (We will first look at what is pending because we only have two days left. There is nothing we will start that we can finish before we adjourn in two days. So, we will prioritize what [former] Senate President Zubiri said have

been planted and can be finished now)," Escudero said.

As for the proposed charter changes, Escudero said he remains against any push to amend the 1987 Constitution. Speaker Martin Romualdez congratulated Escudero, while expressing his "heartfelt appreciation" to Zubiri for his outstanding service and leadership as Senate President.

"Senator Zubiri's dedication and hard work have significantly contributed to our legislative achievements and the advancement of our nation. His efforts in fostering a spirit of cooperation within the Senate have been invaluable," Romualdez said in a statement.

The Speaker said he is "optimistic" about the new partnership between the Senate and the House of Representatives.

"Our nation faces numerous challenges and opportunities, and it is through unity and collaboration that we can effectively address these and work towards a brighter future for all Filipinos. With Senator Escudero's leadership in the Senate, I am confident that we can further strengthen our legislative agenda," Romualdez said.

"I look forward to working closely with Senate President Escudero, Senator Zubiri, and all our colleagues in the Senate to build a more prosperous and united Philippines," he said. /PNA

## P2.5-B...

MANILA – The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) has said the release of PHP2.880 billion in funds by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for the purchase of new fire trucks and emergency vehicles is a big boost to its ongoing modernization efforts.

"About 100 municipalities are still to have full fire and disaster protection coverage and funding for these vehicles is a welcome development as the BFP also works for the building of fire stations and the recruiting of new

firefighters, alongside the enhancement of training to an internationally acceptable standard," the BFP Office of Public Information Services said in a message to the Philippine News Agency late Monday.

The BFP added that the acquisition of additional emergency vehicles would help it address pressing national safety concerns and the effects of natural disasters, aside from fire incidents.

"Looking forward, the Fire Service is planning to establish marine and

aerial response services to supplement the ground capabilities offered by these vehicles," it added. On Monday, the DBM said the fund allocation would be used to purchase 154 firetrucks, three collapsed structure and rescue trucks, and 132 ambulances.

Budget and Management Secretary Amenah Pangandaman said the release of the funds is in line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to continuously capacitate the fire bureau. (PNA)

## MARCOS...

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Tuesday touted the economic strengths of the Philippines as he positioned the country to become a key player in the Indo-Pacific region.

Speaking at the 6th Indo-Pacific Business Forum at the Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, Marcos cited the country's outstanding economic record and soaring foreign investments which will make the country a major contributor to the Indo-Pacific region's eco-

nomics activity. Marcos said the Philippine economy grew by 5.5% last year, surpassing major economies in Asia. He added that foreign direct investments (FDI) continue to flow in with four consecutive months of expansion.

The President noted that the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) partner countries play a significant role in the country's robust economic growth, contributing substantially to the Philippines' FDI and ap-

proved investments. The forum, according to the President, provides a platform for the country to "showcase our investment opportunities, economic potential, and ongoing development projects, solidifying our leadership role in the Indo-Pacific region."

"As the Philippines occupies a strategic position in the Indo-Pacific, we are leveraging our strategic geopolitical location, economic engagements, and participation in regional agreements," Marcos said.

## 2,440 siklista, lumahok sa kauna-unahang Shopwise Bike Fest PH



TINGNAN: Umabot sa humigit-kumulang 2,440 siklista ang lumahok sa kauna-unahang Shopwise Bike Fest PH noong Linggo, Mayo 19, 2024, na ginanap sa Ayala Vermosa Sports Hub.

Ito na ang pinakamalaking event na idinaos sa nasabing sports hub, kabilang na ang nasa 120 Imusiklistang nakatanggap ng libreng ride mula kina City Mayor Alex "A.A" L. Advincula at Congressman Adrian Jay "AJ" C. Advincula.

Pinangunahan ito ng IRONMAN Group sa pakikipagtulungan sa Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus. Patuloy ang pagsusulong ni Mayor AA sa mga aktibidad na mas maghihikayat sa mga Imuseñong maging aktibo at mapagtibay pa ang kanilang samahan./CGIO

## DTI Launches Google Certification Program

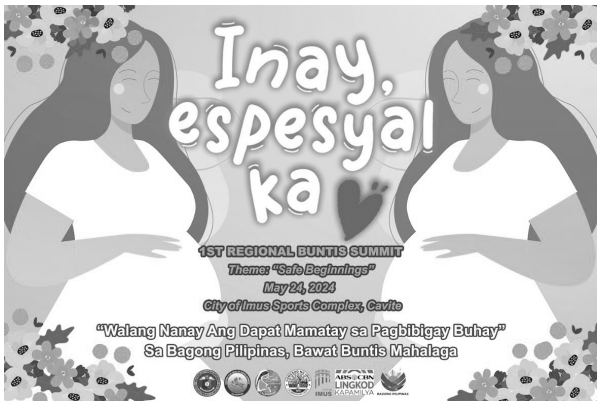


Around 500 scholars attended the launch and on-boarding of the Google Career Certification (GCC) Program held at the Provincial Capitol Extension today, May 21.

Led by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Google Philippines, the scholarship program aims to give better opportunities for career advancement by providing complimentary Coursera licenses to earn certification on cybersecurity, IT support, data analytics, and digital marketing.

Each certificate is created to equip learners with theoretical and practical knowledge that they can use to upskill to be globally competitive and increase their chance of employability.

## Announcement: 1st Regional Buntis Summit 2024!



When: May 24, 2024

Where: City of Imus Sports Complex, Cavite  
Registration and Anthropometric Measurement and Initial Screening: 06:00 AM - 09:00 AM

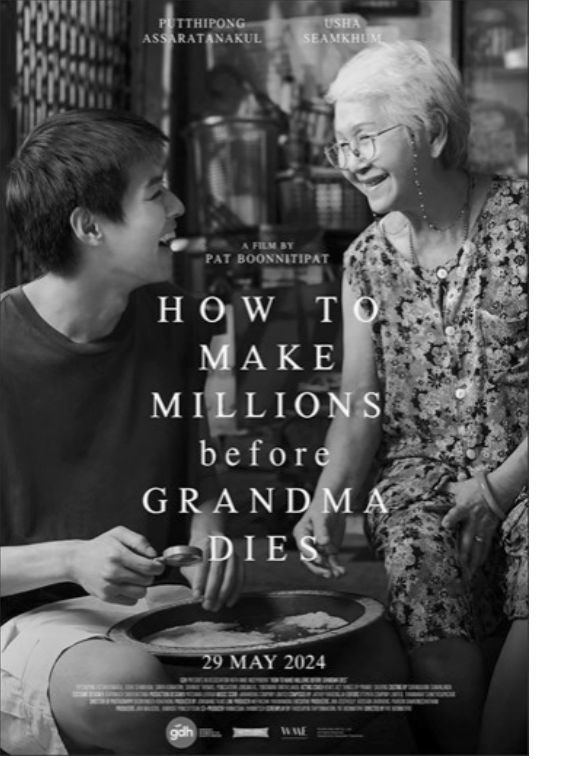
The Department of Health (DOH), in partnership with ABS-CBN Lingkod Kapamilya and City Government of Imus, Cavite Province, is committed to improving health outcomes, equity, a responsive health system, and financial risk protection.

In response, the DOH is emphasizing comprehensive and integrated health and nutrition services, shifting towards a primary care-oriented and people-centered model. The Center for Health Development CalaBaR-Zon aims to enhance and revolutionize the Buntis Congress in a priority municipality in Cavite Province, focusing on risks faced by pregnant women during their first trimester.

The theme "Safe Beginnings" aims to promote behavioral changes among pregnant women and provide comprehensive support, proactive care, and education during early pregnancy. This initiative seeks to identify potential complications early, ensuring healthier outcomes for both mothers and babies.

Our Antenatal Care Services include:  
- Health Education  
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- Prenatal Check-ups  
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## SM CARES, ASP MARCH TOWARDS A MORE AUTISM-OK PHILIPPINES AT ANGELS WALK FOR AUTISM 2024

SM Cares, ASP march towards a more Autism-OK Philippines at Angels Walk for Autism 2024



SM Cares recently reaffirmed its commitment to promoting autism-inclusive SM malls as it successfully conducted this year's ASP Angels Walk for Autism in partnership with Autism Society Philippines. The main event was held last April 21 at the SM Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City. Simultaneous walks in SM Seaside City Cebu and SM City Davao were also held, with more walks to follow in SM City Iloilo and SM City Lucena.



This year's Angels Walk for Autism was the biggest one yet with over 23,000 participants, including persons with autism and their families, professionals, and supporters from various sectors of society locally and abroad.



Various representatives from key organizations and communities graced the nationwide event to show their support towards an Autism-OK Philippines. Shown in the photo are: SM Prime Chairman of the Executive Committee Hans Sy (right), SM Supermalls' President Steven Tan (second from right), SM Cares Program Director for Disability Affairs Engr. Bien Mateo (right, back), Miss Philippines Universe 2023 Michelle Dee (center) with her mother Melanie Marquez (third from left), Miss Globe 2021 Maureen Montagne (second from right), and Delegation of the European Union in the Philippines Deputy Ambassador Dr. Ana Isabel Sanchez Ruiz (left).



First launched in 2000, the annual Angels Walk for Autism aims to inspire inclusion and acceptance for persons on the autism spectrum by celebrating them and showcasing their talents, while raising public awareness of the role of the autism community in society and nation building.



SM, a longtime advocate for disability inclusion, recognizes the importance of creating safe spaces for everyone. The walk provides a supportive environment for families with children on the spectrum, allowing parents and guardians to feel at ease in a public setting – especially when visiting any SM Supermalls.



Coming together as one in calling for a more autism-friendly Philippines, simultaneous events were also held in provincial locations. The Cebu leg held at SM Seaside City Cebu had 1,900 attendees while 1,229 attendees attended the Davao leg held at SM City Davao

The annual ASP Angels Walk for Autism is part of SM Cares' ongoing programs advocating Persons with Disabilities. Aside from this, SM Cares spearheads initiatives that promote sustainability and the development of the community, including programs on Women and Breastfeeding Mothers, Senior Citizens, and Children and Youth, as well as the Bike-Friendly SM initiative, in addition to its Programs on Environment.

## STRENGTHENING BOND OF MARRIAGE, FAMILY LOVE



The 8th Kasalan sa SM mass wedding tied the knot for 16 couples on May 15, 2024, at the Shrine of Jesus the Way, the Truth and the Life Church, MOA Complex, Pasay City. This event, organized by SM Supermalls and the Felicidad T. Sy Foundation, Inc. (FTSFI), also included proud members of the SuperMoms Club, making the occasion even more special.



This event is also in partnership with Kultura, Goldilocks, and Gandang Ricky Reyes, whose generous contributions helped create a memorable experience for the couples and their families.

The Kasalan sa SM initiative is one of the religious projects of the Felicidad T. Sy Foundation, Inc. (FTSFI), an affiliate of the SM Foundation.

This endeavor, which began almost a decade ago, is among the numerous religious activities championed by SM Group matriarch Nanang Felicidad T. Sy, who is dedicated to promoting spiritual well-being within communities.

Nanang's vision has also led to the operation of masses and rehabilitation of churches/shrines within and near SM malls, providing accessible places of worship for Catholic mall-goers and communities that the group serves.

The mass wedding ceremony, officiated by clergy members, brought joy and blessings to the 16 couples who celebrated their union in the presence of family and friends. This event not only strengthens the bond of marriage but also underscores SM Group's commitment to upholding the Filipino Catholic faith and fostering strong family values within the community. /PR

## PAGASA...

"With this region accounting for over one-third of global economic activity, this presents immense opportunities for our nation," he added.

Game-changing legislations

In his speech, Marcos also cited "game-changing" reforms that his administration has pushed for to provide investors with a conducive business environment.

The President identified the reforms such as the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) ACT, the Ease of Doing Business Act, and the Green Lanes for Strategic Investments Executive Order. He said the CREATE More Act "represents a significant leap forward" as the Philippines expands and refines the incentives introduced under the CREATE Act, making the country even more attractive for investments.

"Through these reforms, we assure you that the Philippine government is fully committed to supporting and facilitating your business endeavors in our country. We extend our hand in partnership and stand ready to provide any assistance that you may require as you navigate the business landscape in the Philippines," Marcos said.

Smart, sustainable transport

Likewise, the Chief Executive emphasized the importance of a sustainable and efficient transport system to the country's socioeconomic growth.

Marcos said he has directed the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Transportation (DOT), and the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) to develop and implement transportation projects that meet the needs of Filipinos and businesses, adding that the government is embracing new technologies in making the country's transport systems smarter and more responsive to changing needs.

"There is a long way to go still, but we are committed to making the Philippines a leader in smart and sustainable transportation. And we believe that with the right investments and partnerships, we will achieve that goal," he said.

Infra projects

Marcos also invited foreign investors to participate in his administration's "Build Better More" infrastructure program, which includes 185 high-impact projects worth PHP9.5 trillion.

"These projects contribute to our goal to be the next logistics hub in Asia," he said.

The Chief Executive said a whole-of-nation approach, particularly private investments, is necessary to achieve this goal.

"Therefore, we invite foreign investors to participate in this endeavor through public-private partnerships, engineering, procurement, and construction contracts, and for feasibility studies, as well," he said. (PNA)

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"And of course, while we are also focused on bringing in the warm bodies, we are also trying to ensure that what we offer are quality services so that tourists who come here stay, spend more, and come back again and again," Frasco said.

In connection with ASEAN trends on gastronomy and wellness tourism, Frasco noted that the Philippine Experience Heritage Culture and Arts Caravan is a priority tourism program under the National Tourism Development Plan 2023-2028.

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chefs and regional chefs to really make the case for Filipino food to be at the forefront of Filipino tourism and the global preference of our travelers," she said, referring to the June 26-27 summit in Cebu City.

Apart from the panel discussions, Frasco also presented the Inspiring Tourism Entrepreneurs Awards, together with Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion and First Lady Liza Araneta Marcos.

The awards recognized outstanding Filipino enterprises with significant contributions to the development of the country's tourism landscape.

There were also special citation for digital content creators and social media influencers for their roles in promoting the country's heritage, culture, cuisine, and destinations.

Some 200 key stakeholders, enablers, social media strategists, as well as business leaders from various industries, attended the summit.

Students from various schools in the National Capital Region and Calabarzon, aspiring entrepreneurs, travel aficionados and stakeholders were also in attendance.

Go Negosyo is a non-profit organization that seeks to bring all key stakeholders and enablers together to generate competitive Filipino entrepreneurs and help micro, small and medium enterprises scale up. (PNA)

## MARKET...

MANILA – The Department of Tourism (DOT) and entrepreneurial organization Go Negosyo held on Monday the Tourism Summit 2024, a gathering to discuss opportunities, emerging market trends, and innovative approaches in the tourism sector.

DOT Secretary Christina Frasco led the formal opening of a series of panel discussions at the Ayala Malls Manila Bay in Parañaque City.

Travel and tourism Industry leaders who joined the discussions included Michelle Ho, general manager of travel and experiences platform Klook Philippines and Thailand; Philippine Airlines president and chief operating officer Stanley Ng; and Visa Philippines country manager Jeff Navarro.

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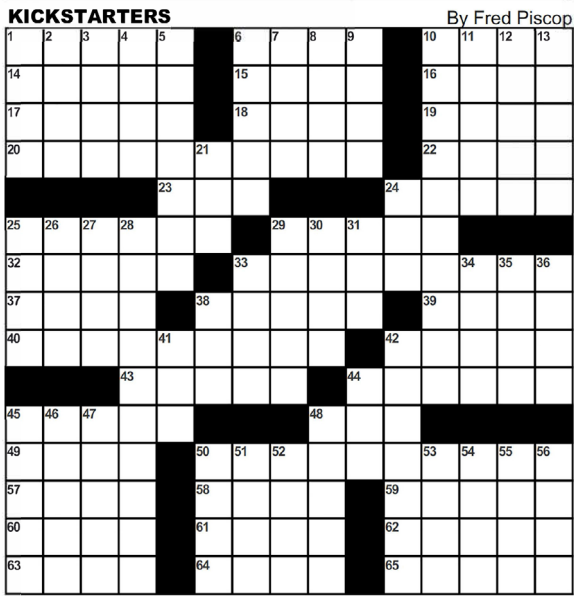
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- ACROSS
- 1) Completely wreck
  - 6) Hindu melody
  - 10) Like khakis
  - 14) Walled city of Spain
  - 15) Airline with a King DavidClub
  - 16) \_ avis
  - 17) “Olympia” painter Edouard
  - 18) Pear-shaped instrument
  - 19) Has a mortgage, e.g.
  - 20) Atlas map data
  - 22) Confined, with up”
  - 23) Henhouse raider
  - 24) Carmen of jazz
  - 25) Called a game
  - 29) Golden State region, forshort
  - 32) Love dearly
  - 33) Yellow or orange blooms
  - 37) Get pooped out
  - 38) Had the blahs
  - 39) Short blast
  - 40) Jamaican band instrument
  - 42) Be rude in line
  - 43) Was helpful to
  - 44) Treat as a pet
  - 45) Play area?
  - 48) Stroke’s need
  - 49) Manner of expression
  - 50) Vietnam-era naval vessels
  - 57) Father of Thor
  - 58) Navel fluff
  - 59) Borden “spoke-scow”
  - 60) Far-reaching
  - 61) Penny, maybe
  - 62) Champion’s claim
  - 63) Keeps a watch on
  - 64) Lowly type
  - 65) Fout moods
- DOWN
- 1) Pack tightly
  - 2) Amphitheater shape
  - 3) Fey of “30 Rock”
  - 4) Baldwin of “30 Rock”
  - 5) Library assessment
  - 6) Kick back
  - 7) Reunion attendee
  - 8) Scandal suffix
  - 9) Hoppy brews
  - 10) Painters’ protective measures
  - 11) Less polished
  - 12) Fight site
  - 13) Keep from drying out
  - 21) Gesture of concession
  - 24) Kiosk item, for short
  - 25) Charlie Brown epithet
  - 26) Make cuts, say
  - 27) Yell after a slice, perhaps
  - 28) Those not under contract
  - 29) Toast word
  - 30) City near Provo
  - 31) Spanish hero El \_
  - 33) Mucky stuff
  - 34) London lavatories
  - 35) Bird on Woodstock posters
  - 36) “Leave it,” to a proofreader
  - 38) Use a postscript
  - 41) Doctored account
  - 42) Light frozen deserts
  - 44) Scratching post user
  - 45) Potbelly, for one
  - 46) Right now
  - 47) Biscotti flavoring
  - 48) “Come here \_?”
  - 50) High five sound
  - 51) Sommelier’s suggestion
  - 52) Division word
  - 53) Lena of “Havana”
  - 54) Sparkling wine, informally
  - 55) Pinball flub
  - 56) Goes out with

CITY OF BACOOR NEWS

Discipling the Filipino Nation



Dalawang araw na Worship ang idinaos sa Strike Gymnasium, Bacoor Government Center (BGC) na pinangunahan ng BTCO Bacoor sa pangunguna ni Rev. Phil Depatillo, Bacoor Ministry Association sa pangunguna ni Pastor Sam Baldon, at ng Building Bridges Leadership Training.

Ang worship na ito ay may kinalaman sa sa Pagbabago ng Lungsod ng Bacoor pagdating sa serbisyo at paggawa ng mga programa at proyekto na malaki ang naitutulong sa mga Bacooreño. Ang pagkakaisa ng mga Simbahan mapakatoliko-man o Kristyano ay malaking ambag para makatulong sa Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor.

Tatlong bahagi ang napakinggan ng mga dumalo sa worship na pinangunahan ni Dr. Agustin Vencer unang tagapagsalita, Rev. Ptr. Dong Campoy pangalawang tagapagsalita, Rev. Ptr. May Campoy ang huling tagapagsalita.

Dumalo naman si Pastor Mike Bautista, Pastor Sam Baldon na sila ring panauhin sa programa.

Mahigit apat na raan ang dumalo sa worship na galing sa ibang-ibang Simbahan/Ministry sa Lungsod ng Bacoor. BCTO Pastors and Churches

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JIL Aniban

JIL Alima

Shepherd of My Soul

Arise Jesus Christ

Triumph in Christ

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JIL Panapaan

AIMSP

Fountain of Life Ministries

GGBC

Abundant Life Church Philippines

CGM

Hanggad ng Pamahalaang Lungsod sa pangunguna ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla ang pagkakaisa sa sektor ng relihiyon sa Lungsod ng Bacoor.

National Outstanding Mayor of the Year clinched by the City of Bacoor Mayor, Strike B. Revilla



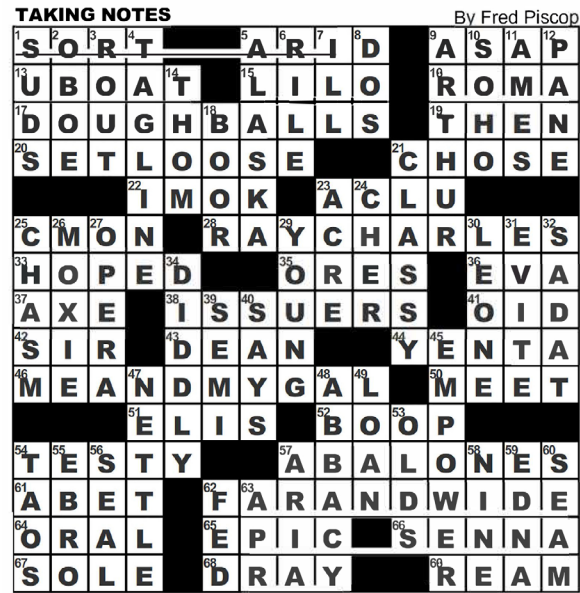
The City Government of Bacoor proudly announces that Mayor Strike B. Revilla has been honored as the National Outstanding Mayor of the Year, while the city itself has been recognized as one of the National Outstanding Local Government Unit (LGU) in terms of programs and projects implemented at the prestigious Excellent Filipino Awards.

The awards were presented at a grand ceremony organized by the SALUDO EXCELLENCE AWARD and GAWAD SINING FILM FESTIVAL, renowned award-giving bodies known for their industry leadership over the past six years.

The event aimed to pay tribute to outstanding Filipinos who have actively contributed to enhancing their talents, skills, and abilities for the betterment of society. It brought together exceptional individuals who have demonstrated remarkable courage and determination in the face of a rapidly changing society.

The City Government of Bacoor extends its appreciation to the organizers of the Excellent Filipino Awards for recognizing their efforts and achievements. This acknowledgment motivates them to strive for continuous improvement and progress in serving the people of Bacoor.

Last week’s solution:



Brgy. Bacaan, Naic residents benefit from medical mission



On May 17, 2024, Barangay Bancaan in Naic became the hub of a significant health outreach event, benefiting around 400 residents. Spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor's medical and dental mission team, in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, the mission was organized through the request of Seventh District Board Member Abeng Remulla.

The health event provided a comprehensive range of medical services to the community. Residents received medical check-ups which include ECG and X-ray examinations and free prescribed medications. The medical team worked diligently to ensure that every beneficiary received the care and attention they needed, reflecting the commitment of the Provincial Government of Cavite to bring essential healthcare services directly to the people.

BM Abeng Remulla expressed gratitude to the medical team for their dedication and to the residents for their participation. The successful mission in Barangay Bancaan highlights the ongoing efforts of local government units to enhance public health and support community welfare./CPIO

PGC's Medical Mission Benefits 484 Residents



The provincial government's dedication to community health was evident in the medical mission held in Barangay Biga, Tanza, on May 15, 2024, which provided essential health services to 484 residents. The services included medical consultations, electrocardiograms (ECGs), X-ray examination, free HIV testing, and distribution of prescription medicines, multivitamins, and mosquito repellent lotion. The success of the event was due to the collaboration of local officials, medical professionals, and barangay health workers (BHWs), ensuring

Career Caravan brings employment opportunities to Magallanes residents



Medical Mission in Poblacion I, Tanza



Successful medical mission extends vital healthcare services to Barangay Poblacion 1, Tanza, Cavite. In a significant stride towards improving community health, a medical mission was held in Barangay Poblacion 1, Tanza, Cavite, benefiting a total of 365 residents. The event spearheaded by the provincial government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) mission team, brought together the expertise of the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) medical team led by Dr. Sherwin Victa and Dr. Jodel A. Diolola, along with the Tanza Rural Health Unit (RHU) headed by Dra. Ruth S. Punzalan.

Under the searing heat, local officials, Barangay Chairpersons, Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), staff, and dedicated medical practitioners joined forces to ensure the mission's success. The event was marked by the provision of a wide array of essential healthcare services, including medical consultations, electrocardiograms (ECGs), X-rays, HIV screenings, and the free distribution of medicines, vitamins, supplements, and mosquito repellent lotion.

As Tanza continues to strive for better healthcare outcomes, the recent medical mission serves as a testament to the power of collaboration and community spirit./CPIO



On May 15, 2024, the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM) and the SK Provincial Federation organized a successful Cavite Career Caravan in Magallanes, Cavite. Hundreds of Magalleños availed the essential services provided by various national agencies, including Philippine Statistics Authority, PhilHealth, Pag-ibig, NBI and Overseas Workers Welfare Association (OWWA) which aimed at facilitating their employment readiness.

The caravan offered a range of services including document processing, employment application assistance, and other pre-requisites necessary for securing jobs. The collaboration between the OPPEM and the SK Provincial Federation ensured that the event was well-organized and accessible to all attendees.

Mayor Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the provincial government for their continuous efforts in bringing essential services closer to the residents of Magallanes. “This initiative significantly eases the burden on our constituents by providing them with the necessary support and resources to enhance their employment prospects,” she said.

The Cavite Career Caravan is part of the provincial government's ongoing commitment to improving employment opportunities and support for the residents of Cavite. By facilitating access to these crucial services, the event plays a pivotal role in boosting local employment and supporting community development.

The positive response from the community reflects the importance and impact of such initiatives. With the success of the Career Caravan in Magallanes, the OPPEM and the SK Provincial Federation continue to demonstrate their dedication to serving the people of Cavite and fostering a brighter future for all./CPIO