

**LAS TIENDAS KAWIT
CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING
THIS SATURDAY WITH FOOD,
FUN, AND LIVE MUSIC!**

Kawit, Cavite – Excitement is in the air as Las Tiendas Kawit officially opens its doors this Saturday, November 23, 2024! Mark your calendars for a day packed with great food, cool vibes, and live entertainment that will make this event unforgettable. Located in the heart of Kawit, Las Tiendas promises to be your new favorite spot for shopping, dining, and unwinding with family and friends.



Groove to Daang Bakal Band LIVE!
Adding to the festivities is a special live performance by the Daang Bakal Band, set to light up the stage with their electrifying music and energy. Feel the beat, sing along, and let loose as they rock the Grand Opening with a show you won't want to miss.

Must-Try Eats at Las Tiendas Kawit
Indulge in a variety of mouthwatering food options that cater to every craving:

- Bangus Sisig: A flavorful twist on a Filipino favorite—savory, tangy, and crispy.
- Crispy Chicharon Bulaklak: Golden and crunchy, paired with your favorite dipping sauce.
- Ilocos Empanada: A crispy shell filled with longganisa goodness and served with tangy vinegar.
- Daddy Dhong's Burger: Freshly grilled, juicy burgers made to satisfy.
- Mango Mania: Tropical treats bursting with mango-packed flavors.



Refreshing Drinks for All
Whether you're a coffee lover or looking for something unique, Las Tiendas Kawit has you covered. Enjoy fresh-

ly brewed hot or iced coffee from Kape Ko Takupe, or cool down with their Fruity Soda, a fizzy fusion of fruit flavors perfect for any mood.



A Celebration for All
The grand opening is more than just an event—it's a celebration of community. With delicious food, a festive atmosphere, and live music to keep the energy high, Las Tiendas Kawit invites everyone to come together and make memories.

- * Location: Las Tiendas Kawit
- * Date: Saturday, November 23, 2024
- * Highlight: Live performance by Daang Bakal Band

Don't miss this chance to experience Kawit's newest hotspot. Come for the flavors, stay for the music, and celebrate the start of something amazing!/**PR**

**MPTC GOES BLUE IN CELEBRATION
OF WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY 2024**

As part of our pledge to champion children's rights, MPTC's iconic structures were illuminated with blue lights, signifying hope and a promise to build a better future for all children. Here's where we brought the blue light of commitment:

- *NLEX Corporation headquarters in Balintawak, Caloocan
- * NLEX Drive&Dine in Valenzuela
- * MPT South's headquarters, South Hub in Imus, Cavite
- * Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway in Cebu/**PR**



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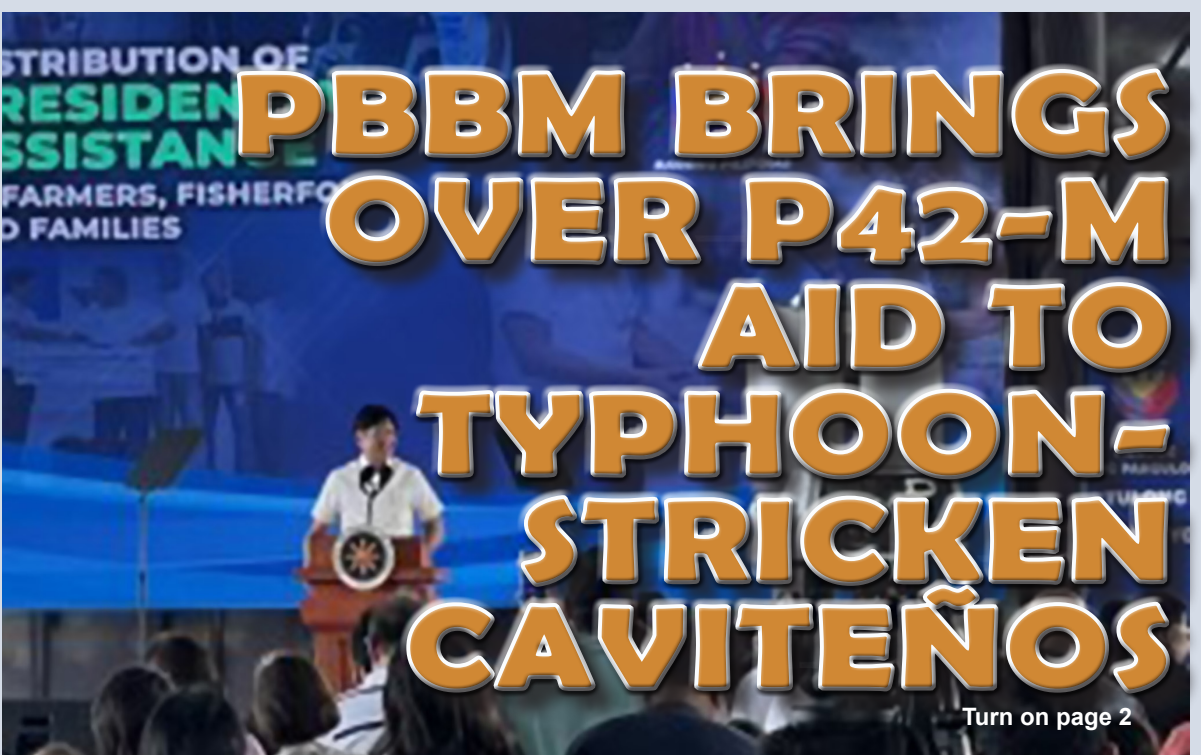
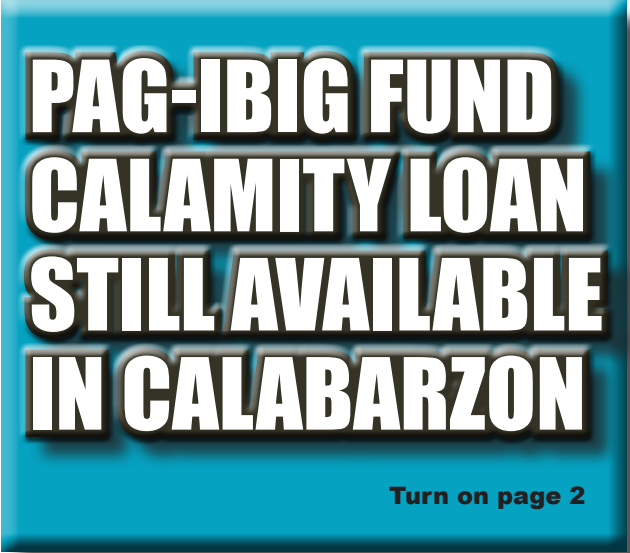
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PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. leads the distribution of assistance to farmers and fisherfolk affected by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name Trami) in Cavite, at the Tagaytay International Convention Center on Thursday (Nov. 14, 2024). Some 4,200 beneficiaries received PHP10,000 each from the Office of the President. (PNA)

TAGAYTAY CITY – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Thursday led the distribution of financial assistance worth PHP42.33 million to farmers and fisherfolk in Cavite province affected by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name Trami) and Super Typhoon Leon (Kongrey). A total of 4,233 beneficiaries from 21 municipalities in the province received PHP10,000 each. “Patuloy ang ating pag-susumikap maibalik sa normal ang kalagayan ng mga Caviteño at mga karatig na probinsya ng Calabarzon (We continue to work hard to help Caviteños return to their normal lives, as well as those in neighboring provinces of Calabarzon),” Marcos said in his speech during the aid distribution at the Tagaytay International Convention Center. He vowed to help victims of Kristine and Leon recover from their impacts as soon as possible.



The End of POGOs: A Necessary but Controversial Closure

The Philippine government has announced the complete closure of all Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs) within the country, marking a significant shift in the landscape of online gaming in the Philippines. President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. made this decision public, citing mounting concerns over criminal activities tied to POGOs, including money laundering, human trafficking, and violent crimes. This closure follows growing calls from both the public and lawmakers for a more stringent stance on the industry, which has been widely criticized for its alleged negative impacts on society. The decision to shutter POGOs comes at a time when the industry has faced increasing scrutiny, with reports of widespread abuse and illegal practices. In addition to these criminal concerns, the presence of POGOs in the country has also raised alarm about the industry's overall economic contribution, with critics arguing that the supposed financial benefits have been overstated. While proponents of the sector have highlighted its contribution to employment and tax revenues, the government is prioritizing the long-term stability of law and order

over short-term financial gains. However, the closure of POGOs is not without its complications. The shutdown is expected to cause significant economic ripple effects, particularly in the real estate sector, where large office spaces leased by POGO companies may become vacant. Many businesses in the local economy, such as restaurants, transport services, and retail shops, which have benefited from POGO operations, are now facing uncertainty. In addition, thousands of workers who are employed by POGOs may face unemployment unless alternative employment opportunities are swiftly made available. This has raised concerns from business groups, including the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), which advocates for a more gradual closure to allow for proper adjustments. Despite these challenges, the government has expressed confidence that the closure of POGOs will ultimately lead to a safer and more secure society. Lawmakers have praised the administration's bold move, particularly as the country grapples with growing concerns over national security and organized crime linked to the offshore gaming sector. The shutdown is seen as a necessary step to protect

the integrity of the country's legal and social systems and to restore trust in the government's ability to enforce laws against illicit enterprises. The government's next challenge will be ensuring that the negative effects of the closure, including job losses and economic downturns in certain sectors, are mitigated. The Philippine government has promised to roll out support programs to help displaced workers transition into new industries, with a focus on creating sustainable job opportunities and providing financial assistance during this period of change. In conclusion, the total closure of POGOs is a complex but necessary step toward a safer and more orderly Philippines. As the government moves forward with the implementation of this decision, it must balance the need for economic stability with the urgent requirement to tackle the criminal underpinnings of the POGO industry. While the path ahead may be difficult, it is a crucial moment for the nation to regain control over its laws and uphold the dignity of its people.

-Ang Kabitenya

PBBM...

The President said the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Department of Labor and Employment were present during the event to provide assistance. The President also urged Caviteños to remain resolute and hopeful in

the face of challenges as he assured them of continued government support. "Hinihikayat ko kayong lahat na manatiling matatag, magtulungan po kayo, at huwag mawalan ng pag-asa, dahil ang pamahalaan ay kasama ninyo sa

bawat hakbang ng inyong pagbangon (I encourage you all to stay strong, work together, and never lose hope, because the government is with you every step of the way in your recovery)," Marcos said. (PNA)

PAG-IBIG...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Home Development Mutual Fund or Pag-IBIG Fund in Region 4-A (Calabarzon) announced on Tuesday that it is still offering calamity loans to members in areas declared under a state of calamity due to the impact of Severe Tropical Storm (STS) Kristine (Trami).

The storm affected provinces across Luzon and the Bicol Region, including Calabarzon, submerging many areas under floodwaters, and causing landslides in some communities. During the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas forum at Hotel Marciano here, Nanette Abilay, Pag-IBIG Acting Vice President for Home Lending Operations – Luzon Group, confirmed that members in these areas may still apply for calamity loans.

Members may go to any Pag-IBIG office near them near them to inquire about insurance coverage for any dam-

age caused by the storm, she said. Abilay explained that the Pag-IBIG calamity loan is equivalent to 80 percent of a member's total Pag-IBIG Regular Savings, with an interest rate of 5.95 percent per year. The loan can be repaid over 24 or 36 months, and the first payment is deferred for three months. "Qualified members must apply within 90 days from the declaration of a state of calamity in their area," she noted.

As a result of the impact of STS Kristine, the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, and Quezon were placed under a state of calamity starting Oct. 24, or a day after the onslaught. Meanwhile, Abilay also shared that from July 2022 to September 2024, Pag-IBIG Fund has released a total of PHP1.90 billion in calamity loans and PHP14.90 billion in Multi-Purpose Loans (MPL) within the Cala-

barzon region.

Moreover, aside from calamity loan, she announced that Pag-IBIG Fund has approved a one-month moratorium for housing loan payments of "Kristine" victims residing and working in areas declared under a state of calamity until Dec. 31, for which they have to apply for the availment of the moratorium program through Virtual Pag-IBIG or at the nearest Pag-IBIG branch.

Abilay encouraged members to take advantage of Virtual Pag-IBIG, which gives online services 24/7, offering greater convenience and time savings compared to in-person transactions.

"Simply obtain your permanent Pag-IBIG Membership ID (MID) number, and you can access Pag-IBIG Fund services anytime, anywhere," she added. (PNA)



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Cavite Strengthens Commitment to Peace and Security in Joint Council Meeting



Indang, Cavite – The Province of Cavite reaffirmed its dedication to maintaining peace, security, and order through the 4th Quarter Joint Meeting of the Cavite Provincial Peace and Order Council (CPPOC), Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PADAC), and Provincial Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (PTF-ELCAC). The meeting, chaired by Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino, took place on November 12, 2024, at Rolle Hall, Cavite State University-Main Campus. A key highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Stable and Internal Peace and Security (SIPS) status, symbolizing Cavite's steadfast commitment to fostering a safe and harmonious environment.

In her address, Governor Tolentino emphasized her administration's resolve to sustain initiatives on peace and order, prevent drug abuse, and eliminate local communist armed conflicts. She reiterated her commitment to building on the progress initiated under Secretary of Interior and Local Government Jonvic Remulla.

The event also featured agency reports and accomplishments, showcasing Cavite's collaborative efforts in ensuring security across the province. BGen Ronald Jess S. Alcudia congratulated Dasmariñas City for earning the SIPS recognition and stressed the importance of maintaining these milestones. "Serving the people is serving the government," he stated.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines presented a plaque of recognition to the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cavite for its significant contributions to peacekeeping and stability in the province.

Governor Tolentino further demonstrated her leadership by spearheading the signing of a Pledge of Commitment and leading a unity handshake with key stakeholders, symbolizing solidarity in upholding Cavite's peace and security goals.

Notable attendees included DILG Cavite Provincial Director Engr. Danilo A. Nobleza, Board Member Ram Revilla Bautista, PLTCol. Jerry B. Corpuz of Cavite PPO, local chief executives, police representatives, and members of the CPPOC-PADAC-PTF-ELCAC.

This joint meeting underscored Cavite's collective resolve to secure a peaceful and progressive province for all its constituents. /CPIO

Cavite Honored with Stable Internal Peace and Security Seal



Tagaytay City, Cavite – The Province of Cavite was awarded the prestigious Stable Internal Peace and Security (SIPS) Seal during the 4th Quarter Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) IV-A meeting, held on November 13, 2024, at Twin Lakes Tagaytay.

Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino received the accolade, which recognizes Cavite's achievement of SIPS status across all 23 cities and municipalities, from RPOC Chair and Quezon Province Governor Angelina D.L. Tan. The award was co-presented by DILG Region IV-A Director Ariel O. Iglesia and BGen Cerilo O. Balaora Jr. of the AFP's 2nd Infantry Division.

The meeting, hosted by Cavite, brought together key officials from agencies tasked with regional peace and security, including the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Department of National Defense (DND), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and representatives from CALABARZON local government units (LGUs).

Discussions covered updates on critical initiatives, including the F.E.E.L.S.A.F.E.R. program, which focuses on the safekeeping and disposal of firearms to ensure accurate and fair elections in the CALABARZON region. A resolution was also passed urging local leaders, from the provincial level to barangays, to address unregistered firearms with the Philippine National Police (PNP) in preparation for the 2025 elections.

The council additionally reviewed disaster response protocols, emphasizing food and non-food assistance distribution, and policies for reporting affected families and individuals in recent calamities.

Governor Tolentino expressed her gratitude for the SIPS recognition and reaffirmed Cavite's commitment to sustaining peace and security. "Achieving peaceful communities is a collective effort, and we must continue to work hand in hand to preserve stability in our region," she said.

Joining her at the event were Vice Governor Shernan Jaro and Provincial Public Safety Office head Cecil Miranda, who also serves as the focal person for the Cavite PPOC and PADAC.

The SIPS Seal underscores Cavite's dedication to fostering a safe and harmonious environment for its residents, serving as an inspiration for continued collaboration across the CALABARZON region. /CPIO

Cavite Holds Seminar to Empower OFWs on Health Benefits and PhilHealth Contributions

The Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM) in Cavite, in collaboration with PhilHealth, hosted an event titled "Empowering OFWs: Maximizing Health Benefits and Contributions" on November 6, 2024, at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall. This seminar aimed to strengthen Overseas Filipino Workers' (OFWs) understanding of their health benefits and contributions under PhilHealth, equipping them with vital information to secure their healthcare and future.

Mr. Benjamin A. Rodil Jr., Chief Social Insurance Officer of PhilHealth LHIO - TMC, welcomed participants, underscoring the significance of enhancing OFWs' awareness of their health rights. OPPESM Head Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero reaffirmed the agency's commitment to advocating for OFWs' access to health and welfare benefits.

Edelyn V. Rodil, Social Insurance Officer II at LHIO - TMC, provided an overview of Universal Health Care (UHC), explaining PhilHealth's role in ensuring all Filipinos, including OFWs, receive comprehensive health protection. Meanwhile, Ms. Rhona O. Remolona, Senior Social Insurance Officer at PhilHealth Region IV-A, expressed gratitude to the attendees and reiterated PhilHealth's focus on addressing the unique health needs of OFWs.

An open forum capped the event, allowing OFWs to raise questions on benefits, contributions, and pensions. PhilHealth representatives provided answers and guidance, ensuring that attendees gained clarity on their health entitlements.

This event highlighted the shared mission of OPPESM and PhilHealth to empower OFWs with the knowledge and resources necessary to maximize their health coverage, showcasing Cavite's dedication to supporting its overseas workers in every step of their journey. /CPIO

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SM CITY BACOR WELCOMES THE HOLIDAYS WITH A GRAND MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Bacoor City, Cavite – The holiday season sparked to life as SM City Bacoor kicked off its much-anticipated Grand Magical Christmas Parade 2024 over the weekend, spreading joy and festive cheer to families and visitors.

The dazzling event transformed the mall into a wonderland of lights, music, and magic, delighting children and adults alike. Spectators were treated to a vibrant parade filled with fantastical floats, colorful costumes, and enchanting performances that perfectly captured the spirit of Christmas.

A Weekend of Fun and Festivities
Families gathered to experience the parade's return, filling the air with laughter, awe, and excitement. The celebration featured everything from beloved holiday characters to spectacular displays of artistry and creativity. The atmosphere was brimming with happiness, making it a memorable weekend for everyone who joined the festivities.

The Grand Magical Christmas Parade marks the start of the Christmas season at SM City Bacoor, inviting everyone to come together, share moments of joy, and celebrate the magic of the holidays./PR



WE BELIEVE IN LEADING BY EXAMPLE BECAUSE CHILDREN DESERVE ROLE MODELS WHO LISTEN WITH PURPOSE AND ACT WITH LOVE

Our leaders understand that when children speak, they speak from the heart. That's why here at MPTC, we're building a future where every conversation matters—a world where adults actively listen and empower young voices to shape a better tomorrow.

By leading with integrity today, we're committed to working towards a tomorrow where children can dream of a good life—one conversation, one idea, one step at a time./PR

Listen to the future

Why do you support World Children's Day?

"I support World Children's Day and UNICEF because I believe that every child deserves a safe, nurturing environment where they can thrive. Children are not just our future; they are valuable members of our society today. Their vulnerability calls for our collective action to ensure their rights are protected and their voices are heard. By advocating for education, health, and protection, we can help create a brighter future for all children. Together, we can make a difference and empower the next generation to reach their full potential."

Atty. Dacky Casino
Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation

As an adult and considering your profession, how do you listen to the children- the future?

"Listening to children is like approaching a new market: I must understand their world without imposing my own. Like marketing, I focus on active listening and curiosity—letting the children express themselves without judgment. I think about their 'messages' like consumer insights, and look for the 'why' behind their words. I also try to adapt my language and tone to meet them where they're coming from, much like tailoring content for a specific audience. Listening to children is recognizing they are a trusted voice, and respecting that they are the experts in their experiences."

Celeste Pia Alimon
Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation

Why do you support World Children's Day?

"World Children's Day is very important to me. As a mother, I fully support initiatives that promote the protection of children's rights and ensure they have the opportunities to grow and reach their full potential. In addition to advocating for children's rights and well-being, the program raises awareness about critical issues such as education, health, and protection from violence. This motivates us to do our part in building a better and safer world for children."

Donna Faylona-Marcelo
NLEX Corporation

Why do you support World Children's Day?

"In a personal capacity, I have always been an advocate of the prevention of violence against women and children. Values of peace, love, respect and understanding should be upheld to nurture the child to become a positive contributor to society. And World Children's Day underscores the importance of the rights of children to be given the basic rights to safety, education, shelter, food more so be given equal opportunities and fair treatment regardless of race, color, religion, sex, status in society."

Maria Teresa V. Capistrano
MPT South Management Corporation

As an adult and considering your profession, how do you listen to the children- the future?

"We can look at the future by our awareness of looking at the children of today. Let us provide them a safe world to grow and live life to the fullest. Let us guide all our children to be better than their parents."

Herbert C. Laboy
Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway Corporation

Why do you support World Children's Day?

"I support World Children's Day because, as a mother and an HR practitioner, our children are the future leaders, innovators, and caretakers of tomorrow. By valuing their voices today and respecting their rights, we can create a more inclusive, empathetic, and forward-thinking world — ensuring a brighter future for everyone!"

Mayen Ligot
MPT Mobility

Why do you support World Children's Day?

As a professional and a mom, supporting World Children's Day is an important occasion that raises awareness about children's rights and well-being around the world. It is our opportunity to speak for topics such as education, health care, and safety from violence. As a parent, I want my children to grow up in a world where everyone has an equal chance to prosper and fulfill their full potential. This day emphasizes the significance of investing in future generations, giving every child a voice and the resources they need to flourish. It is about creating a better, more equal world for all children around the globe.

Rowena S. Prospero
MPT Mobility

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CALABARZON...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) - Calabarzon, through its Emergency Operations Center (EOC), has sustained its red alert status in preparation for the severe weather impact of Typhoon Pepito (Man-Yi).

In a phone interview on Friday, Reyner Derrick Marquez, RDRRMC acting chair and Office of Civil Defense (OCD)-Calabarzon officer-in-charge, said the high alert status will facilitate rapid response and ensure readiness for potential emergencies.

"Red alert is our highest readiness level, requiring immediate coordination, response, and mobilization of resources to address any potential disasters," he said.

The Regional Inter-Agency Coordinating Cell (RIACC) is monitoring local conditions and supplying real-time data.

Its members, including the OCD, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippine National Police, Phil-

ippine Coast Guard and Bureau of Fire Protection met here on Friday.

"The proactive operation of the RIACC ensures all agencies are aligned, allowing for swift responses to any emergency situations," Marquez explained.

"Currently, we are focusing on preemptive evacuations in identified high-risk areas and prepositioning family food packs."

Meanwhile, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration released a flood advisory for Calabarzon.

In Cavite, these are rivers and tributaries such as those in Laboc (Balsahan), Cañas, Ylang-Ylang, Imus and Maragondon.

In Laguna, named high-risk were the Pagsanjan, Pila-Sta. Cruz, San Juan and San Cristobal rivers.

Batangas' vulnerable areas include Lian, Banabang-Molino, Pansipit, Kapumpang, Rosario-Lobo, and Upper Bolbok (Lawaya) rivers.

In Rizal, the Upper Marikina and Kaliwa rivers were identified, while in Quezon, the advisory includes rivers and tribu-

aries like Upper Umiray, Lower Bolbok (Lawaya), Malaking-Ilog, Iyam, Macaleon, Anibawan (Polilio Island) and Upper Kilbay-Catabangan. Residents along mountain slopes and low-lying areas adjacent to these watercourses were advised to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions. The Police Regional Office-Calabarzon (PRO-4A) also heightened its alert status.

PRO-4A Director Brig. Gen. Paul Kenneth Lucas said in a statement that the Regional Standby Support Force has been activated, comprising 438 officers ready for immediate deployment.

Additionally, a Search and Rescue Team is on standby, with 188 teams or 1,566 officers.

The deployment will be supported by 407 personnel from partner agencies, including the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology and the military. Lucas assured the public of continued efforts to minimize the storm's impact.

"Our top priority is the safety and security of every resident in the region," he said. (PNA)

FIRST...

MANILA – The Philippine Navy has launched the "first in-country" assembled fast attack interdiction craft-missile (FAIC-M) at the Naval Shipyard in Cavite City. Navy chief Vice Admiral Toribio Adaci Jr. said the launching of the BRP Albert Majini (PG-909) on Nov. 12 shows the renewed focus on revitalizing shipbuilding capabilities in the country.

"This milestone represents our progress in strengthening national security and our commitment to advancing the Self-Reliant Defense Posture (SRDP) program, particularly in shipbuilding," Adaci said. The launching is a ceremony and a nautical tradition where the ship's hull is transferred from the water for the first time.

Present in the launching ceremonies were Defense Undersecretary Salvador Melchor Mison Jr., Ambassador of Israel to the Philippines Ilan Fluss and other ranking military and naval officials. The newly launched FAIC-M is part of the Acero-class patrol gunboat fleet in the Navy's Littoral Combat Force, of which six are now in service.

Under the contract with Israeli Shipyards Limited, which calls for the delivery of nine FAIC-Ms, the shipbuilder is also required to transfer technology to allow the Navy to beef up its shipbuilding capabilities. These ships have quick intercept capabilities and top speed of 40 knots ideal for addressing current and emerging security threats.

The acquisition of the FAIC-M aims to reinforce the country's littoral and coastal defense and allows the PN to effectively perform its mission of safeguarding the country's maritime interests. "This effort not only empowers our armed forces but also boosts our industries to further innovation and strengthen our maritime nation," Adaci said. (PNA)

2 BETTORS...

MANILA – Two bettors from Cavite and Cagayan de Oro will split the PHP118 million jackpot of Monday night's Mega Lotto 6/45 draw.

In an advisory on Tuesday, the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) said the winners from Imus, Cavite, and Cagayan de Oro City correctly guessed the winning combination of 25-37-08-45-24-18.

The winners have a year

to claim their share of the PHP118,964,375.60 jackpot at the PCSO main office in Mandaluyong City upon presentation of the winning ticket and two identification cards. Lotto winnings of more than PHP10,000 will be subjected to 20 percent tax under the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion Law. Meanwhile, 59 other bettors won PHP32,000 each for guessing five of the six

winning digits; 2,420 will get PHP1,000 each for four correct digits; and 38,709 will settle for PHP30 each for three correct digits. The 6/45 Mega Lotto is drawn every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The PCSO urges the public to support its gaming products to raise more revenues for health initiatives, medical services, and other national charities. (PNA)

PBBM...

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Friday expressed optimism that commuters will enjoy a "smoother and more reliable" transportation with the inauguration of Phase 1 of the Light Rail Transit Line 1 (LRT-1) Cavite Extension Project (LICE).

"By serving commuters across Metro Manila, Cavite, neighboring areas, the whole project creates a smoother, more reliable mode of transport," Marcos said as he led the inauguration of the project in Parañaque City.

LICE Phase 1 is the first railway project to be completed under the Marcos administration through a public-private partnership (PPP).

It is expected to reduce travel time from Parañaque City to Quezon City by almost an hour while servicing an additional 80,000 passengers to LRT-1's daily ridership of 323,000.

Once fully operational, the entire stretch of the LRT-1 Cavite Extension Project will reduce travel time from Baclaran in Parañaque to Bacoor, Cavite to 25 minutes, from one hour and 10 minutes. Phase 1 will connect Baclaran Station in Pasay City to the Dr. Santos Station in Parañaque City through five new stations.

The new stations are the Redemptorist-ASEANA Station, MIA Road Sta-

tion, Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX) Station, Ninoy Aquino Avenue Station, and Dr. Santos Station. These stations will add 6 km. to the transit line, extending the total alignment of LRT-1 to 26 km. from the current 20 km. In Sept. 1984, Marcos' father and namesake, former president Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr., inaugurated the LRT-1's United Nations (UN) to Baclaran stations. Marcos acknowledged his father's efforts in initiating the construction of Metro Manila's first urban rail transit system, saying the initiative grew into a larger rail transit system that serves the metropolis.

"On this day, no one is happier than his son in seeing that his father's foresight is being validated by another work that expands mass transit that he had built for the people that he loved," he said.

"The LICE Project has been a long time in the making – spanning five administrations, starting with President (Joseph) Estrada, to President (Gloria) Arroyo, President (Noyonoy) Aquino, President (Rodrigo) Duterte, and now, to mine."

The project, which is set to be operational starting Saturday, aims to alleviate traffic conditions in the cities of Parañaque, Las Piñas, and Bacoor, Cavite.

During the event, Marcos also boarded the train and returned to the Dr. Santos Station. 'More seamless, modernized' transport system The President also affirmed the government's commitment to a "more seamless and modernized" public transportation system.

"Our journey towards a more seamless and modernized public transportation system does not end here," he said. "We are committed to building station after station, reaching as far and as fast as our people's needs dictate."

Various key railway projects are currently being undertaken by the government.

These include the Unified Grand Central Station, the Metro Manila Subway Project, the MRT-7, the North-South Commuter Railway, the MRT-4, and the Philippine National Railways South Long Haul.

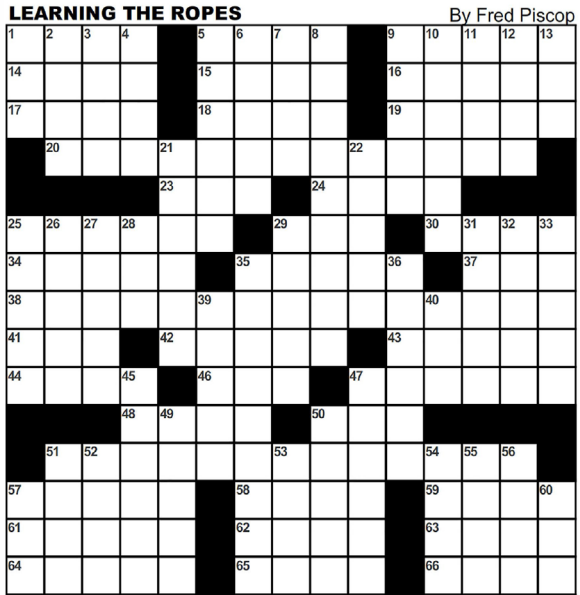
Marcos said some of the ongoing transport projects may not be completed within his term as these long-term endeavors extend beyond administrations.

"This is the nature of railway development and of any large-scale development: this is not a short-term endeavor. It requires patience, persistence, and passion and commitment that extends beyond immediate timelines," he said. (PNA)

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- 1) Swampy areas
- 5) Dele undoer
- 9) Atomizer outputs
- 14) Not intravenous
- 15) Spa treatment, for short
- 16) Milo of “Ulysses”
- 17) Girl in a Beatles title
- 18) Copier insert (Abbr.)
- 19) Seaweed, e.g.
- 20) Similarities in series of events
- 23) Sales rep’s advantages
- 24) Needing darning
- 25) Stylish
- 29) Dr. Leary’s turn-on
- 30) Gossip, slangily
- 34) Gold-related
- 35) Brownish tone
- 37) Prefix with “natal”
- 38) Where many items are assembled
- 41) Sleep cycle letters
- 42) Campaign verb
- 43) Sweet filling, in ads
- 44) “Pronto!”
- 46) Highest minor league
- 47) Went at it
- 48) Hippocratic Oath word
- 50) Pine_ (cleanser brand)
- 51) Fender or Gibson necessities
- 57) Rich kid in “Nancy” comics
- 58) Has markers out
- 59) Kirkuk’s land
- 61) 1998 Robert De Niro thriller
- 62) Time to give up
- 63) Jot down
- 64) Rickman’s role in “Harry Potter” movies
- 65) Gives the green light
- 66) Left speechless

DOWN

- 1) Gift tag word
- 2) Former Attorney General Holder
- 3) Albania joined it in 2009
- 4) Insult, slangily
- 5) Enamored, in a silly way
- 6) Fork-tailed fliers
- 7) Do copy work
- 8) Predicament
- 9) Gloomy Gus
- 10) Christmas or Easter
- 11) Source of roe
- 12) Till stack
- 13) Did nothing
- 21) Billiards blunder
- 22) “The Kiss” sculptor
- 25) “It’s a Wonderful Life” director
- 26) Angler’s boxful
- 27) Diner’s enticement
- 28) Tom Sawyer’s half-brother
- 29) Digilux camera maker
- 31) Word before “strength” or “city”
- 32) Summons from the boss
- 33) Washed outdoors, perhaps
- 35) Totally crush
- 36) High-pH compound
- 39) Bow of the silents
- 40) Sales rack abbr.
- 45) Elizabeth II’s husband
- 47) Bottom-of-the-barrel stuff
- 49) Make amends
- 50) Surgeon’s insert
- 51) Hockey thug
- 52) Radius neighbor
- 53) _Pea (Popeye’s kid)
- 54) One of a 15th-century trio
- 55) Spring up
- 56) Fi II to the gills
- 57) Four Monopoly properties (Abbr.)
- 60) End-of-proof letters

CITY OF BACOOR NEWS

STRIKE-A-YULETIDE JOB FAIR 2024 | SK Federation



‘Tis the season for new beginnings! Join us for our Yuletide and Youth Job Fair and kickstart your career this holiday season. With a wide range of employers from various industries, this is your chance to find your dream job and spread some holiday cheer. With Mayor Strike B. Revilla, At your SerVice Rowena Baustista-Mendiola, Congresswoman Lani Mercado-Revilla and our SK Federation President of Bacoor Palm Buncio, we Invite all the fellow Bacooreño Youths! November 29, 2024 from 8:00 AM onwards at the Molino Town Center, Molino IV Bacoor City, Cavite. See you there and register here at our Registration Link for a smoother application transaction! <https://bit.ly/m/pesobacoor>./PR

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE PROVIDE EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF BACOOR



Bacoor City, Cavite – The Philippine National Police (PNP), led by Police Major General Mario A. Reyes of the Directorate for Logistics, handed over vital equipment to the City Government of Bacoor on Monday, aimed at enhancing security and public safety in the city. Mayor Strike B. Revilla officially accepted the equipment, which included 28 9mm pistols, communication devices, mobile command center equipment, and a truck. These assets are intended to bolster the capabilities of the Bacoor PNP in maintaining peace and order within the city. Expressing gratitude, the City Government of Bacoor acknowledged PMGen. Reyes and the PNP leadership for their continued support. Mayor Revilla emphasized the importance of this collaboration in safeguarding the welfare of Bacooreños. “The City Government of Bacoor will remain steadfast in its partnership with the Philippine National Police to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of our residents,” the mayor stated. This development highlights Bacoor’s commitment to

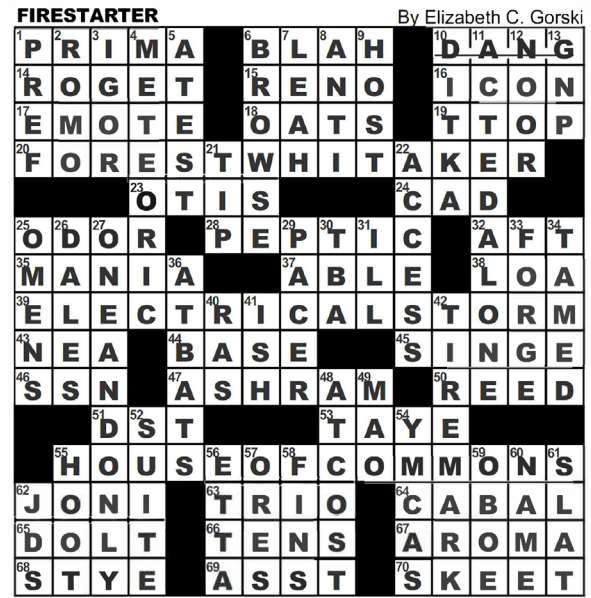
working hand-in-hand with national agencies to deliver effective services and ensure a safe environment for all. /PR

Bacoor City Health Board Prioritizes Enhanced Healthcare Services



Bacoor City, Cavite – The City Health Board, led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla and the Office of the City Health Services (OCHS) under Dra. Ivy Marie Yrastorza, convened on November 19, 2024, at the SBR Conference Room to strengthen healthcare initiatives in the city. Attended by key stakeholders such as Councilor Rey Palabrica, Dra. Armida Camposagrado of the Department of Health (DOH), Ms. Rosalie Santos, President of the Barangay Health Workers, and OCHS employees, the meeting provided an avenue for reviewing accomplishments and outlining strategies to enhance healthcare services. Highlights of the agenda included: 3rd Quarter Program Reports: A review of achievements and progress. Licensing of Primary Care Facilities: Ensuring compliance with health standards. PhilHealth E-Konsulta and Electronic Medical Records (EMR): Updates on the rollout of digital healthcare services. Annual Medical Checkups: Planning comprehensive health assessments for city employees. Discussions also covered the development of an electronic database for health facility reporting, the LGU Scorecard for Health 2023, and the creation of the 2026–2028 Local Investment Plan for Health. Additionally, the board reinforced the importance of Republic Act 10152, which mandates basic immunization. Mayor Revilla emphasized the importance of collaboration among stakeholders to deliver accessible and high-quality healthcare services to Bacoor residents. The meeting underscored Bacoor’s commitment to proactive and strategic healthcare planning, ensuring the city’s health programs continue to evolve and meet the needs of its growing population./PR

Last week’s solution:



Cavite Celebrates Arbor Day with Tree-Planting Activity in Tagaytay City



The Provincial Government of Cavite successfully conducted the 4th Cavite Monthly Arbor Day on November 15, 2024, with a tree-planting activity in Barangay Tolentino West, Tagaytay City. The initiative, led by the Office of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer, demonstrates the province’s commitment to environmental conservation and rehabilitation of the Taal Volcano Protected Landscape. The event brought together 157 passionate volunteers from various sectors, including local government units, Cavite PNP through the Tagaytay City Component Police Station, ARESKOM, private companies, and other community organizations. A short but meaningful program kicked off the day. Punong Barangay Orlando Juamarang of Brgy. Tolentino West warmly welcomed the volunteers, followed by key messages delivered by esteemed speakers, including Dr. Joselito Laguardia, Tagaytay City Agriculturist, Ms. Jasmin V. Andaya of APASuTVPL- Batangas, Arch. Micheal Dax Mojica, Chapter President of the United Architects of the Philippines, Cavite Tierra Alta Chapter, and Mr. Zandy M. Paras from OPENRO Cavite. A total of 275 fruit-bearing and forest tree seedlings were planted, including 75 Guyabano, 50 Langka, 50 Anonas, 50 Molave, and 50 Narra sourced from the OPENRO nursery. Additionally, seedlings composed of Mango, Rambutan, Mulberry, Molave, Narra, and Kupang were contributed by PAMO TVPL Batangas. The Arbor Day celebration in the province aimed to continuously inspire communities to actively participate in preserving the environment for future generations. /CPIO

PGC Advocates for Women’s Welfare Through Cash Assistance Program



Cavite, Philippines – The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) continues its commitment to women’s empowerment through the Women’s Welfare Program (WWP), celebrated

on its second day on November 18, 2024, at the Alfonso Municipal Covered Court. The event gathered 2,000 women from Alfonso, who each received P2,000 in cash assistance, a testament to the government’s dedication to uplifting women’s welfare. Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino led the initiative, joined by Alfonso Mayor Randy Salamat, Vice Mayor Madonna Pel, and members of the Sangguniang Bayan. Their presence reinforced a unified effort to empower women across the province.

“This is the government’s way of supporting every woman, no matter who they are. This service is for all of you,” said Governor Tolentino in her speech, underscoring the program’s inclusive mission. The Women’s Welfare Program, spearheaded by Governor Tolentino, aims to connect with Caviteñas in every locality, providing not just financial assistance but also fostering stronger community engagement.

With programs like WWP, Cavite continues to pave the way for a more inclusive and progressive society, ensuring that every woman’s voice is heard and valued./CPIO

PGC MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION BENEFITS OVER 400 RESIDENTS IN DASMARIÑAS

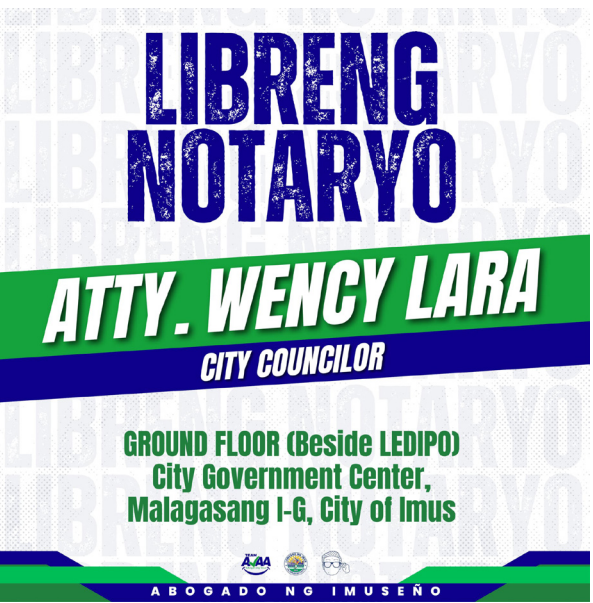


Dasmariñas City, Cavite – Over 400 residents of Barangay San Nicolas 2 received essential healthcare services during the Provincial Government of Cavite’s (PGC) medical and dental mission held on November 19, 2024. The initiative, aimed at fostering community health and well-being, was a collaborative effort between the Office of the Provincial Governor, the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), CarSiGMA District Hospital, and the United Private Lying-in Practitioners and Proprietors (UPLIPP Cavite). Residents availed of free medical and dental check-ups, treatments, and consultations, along with prescribed medications provided by a team of healthcare professionals. Additionally, free eye check-ups and prescription eyeglasses were distributed to those with vision

needs. Grateful beneficiaries and local officials expressed their appreciation for the program, which addressed their medical concerns without the financial strain. Initiatives like these underscore the provincial government’s commitment to accessible healthcare for all, ensuring that even the underserved sectors of the community receive the support they need./CPIO

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