

TARA NA'T MAGLARO SA FREEDOM PARK!

Para sa ating mga #KawitBulilits, nagbabalik ang ating naglalakihang inflatable playground at iba pang masasayang activities tulad ng face painting. And wait... there's more! Dahil na-miss tayo ni Kuya Arnold with his magical show and surprises. Kaya halika na sa Freedom Park sa November 16 para sa more ALAGA, ALIW, at ALAALA sa ating mga batang Kawiteño!

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MORE ALAGA, ALIW AT ALAALA PARA SA BAWAT BATANG KAWITEÑO

AMAZING ARNOLD'S SYMPHONY OF MAGIC

INFLATABLE PLAYGROUND

FREE FACE PAINT AND GIVEAWAYS

#RATEDTRIPLEA NA NAIS NATING IPADAMA SA #KAWITBULILITS

ALAGA Binibigyang pagkilala natin ang mga karapatan ng bawat batang Kawiteño. Nais nating itaguyod ang isang pamilyanang may wasto, malaya at mas malalim na kamalayan sa kanilang mga pangangailangan.

ALIW Pinapahalagahan natin ang pagbibigay kasiyahan at saya ng pagiging isang bata sa pamamagitan ng pagpulong ng mas inklusibong aktibidad na umaayon sa kanilang iba't ibang interes at kakayahan.

ALAALA Makabuo ng isang masaya at hindi malilimutang karanasan sa buhay ng bawat bata. Malaking tulong ito sa kanilang pagkatuto at paghahanda sa kani-kanilang pag-unawa sa kanilang mundong ginagawalan.

FOR INFLATABLE PLAYGROUND

- 1 Ito ay para sa mga batang nasa edad 12 pababa lamang.
- 2 Kinakailangan kasama mismo ng mga bata ang kanilang magulang o guardian na magre-register para sa kaniila.
- 3 Kinakailangan na ang mga bata ay nakasuot ng komportableng damit, jogging pants, at medyas sa loob ng inflatable playground. Hindihihiyay din silang magdala ng face towel at inumin para malwasan ang dehydration.
- 4 Iwasan nang pagsuotin ng mga accessories, jewelryes ang mga bata na maaaring mawala o maging sanhi ng pinsala.
- 5 Sa registration area, makatanggap ng waiver ang mga magulang o guardian na kailangan nilang sagutan. Kasama nito ang wristband na isusuot sa mga bata para makapasok sa playing area.
- 6 Biligyan din ng raffle stub ang bawat batang magre-register para sa magaganap na raffle draw sa Amazing Arnold's Symphony of Magic Show.
- 7 Nakaantabay rin ang Kawit RHU para sa kalusugan at kalagayan ng mga bata bago at pagkatapos pumasok sa playing area.
- 8 Para sa mga batang kinakailangan ng extra supervision or care, pinapayagan ang kanilang mga magulang o guardian na makapasok sa playing area ngunit mahigpit na ipinagbabawal na sila ay maglaro sa inflatable playground.

FACE PAINTING FOR KIDS:

- 1 Ito ay para lamang sa mga batang nakapag-register at may suot na wristband.
- 2 Ito po ay FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis.
- 3 Ang mga pintura o pangkulya na ipapahatid sa mukha ng mga bata ay sinisigurong hypoallergenic at non-toxic face paints.

AMAZING ARNOLD SYMPHONY OF MAGIC SHOW:

- 1 Magsisimula ang show sa ganap na ika-10 ng umaga habang nananatiling bukas ang inflatable playground. Ang show na ito ay bukas para sa lahat ng mga gustong manood.
- 2 Sa gitna ng programa, magkakaroon ng raffle draw mula sa mga naipong raffle stubs sa registration area.

MALAGASANG FLYOVER NEARS COMPLETION TO EASE TRAFFIC IN IMUS



Imus City, Cavite — The construction of the Malagasang Flyover along Open Canal Road is nearing completion, bringing relief to residents who have long dealt with heavy traffic in Malagasang and surrounding areas. This infrastructure project is part of the city's ongoing efforts to address traffic congestion, the primary concern in Imus.

The flyover is expected to significantly improve the flow of vehicles, making commutes smoother and more efficient for Imuseños. This initiative aligns with the city's commitment to enhancing road

networks, including building new roads, bridges, and flyovers to meet the community's needs.

The Malagasang Flyover project is a key part of Congressman AJ's agenda, symbolizing his "CON-Gkretong AJenda" for sustained progress and development in Imus City. /PR

IMUS LGU, TOP 1 SA ARTA REPORT CARD SURVEY 2.0

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ANTI-RED TAPE AUTHORITY (ARTA) REPORT CARD SURVEY (RCS) SILVER AWARDEE

TOP 1 among 200 LGUs

In compliance with the requirements pursuant to Republic Act No. 11032 (Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018)

PRIDE OF IMUS

REPORT CARD

AGENCY NAME: City Government of Imus, Cavite

PERIOD: 1st Cycle (1st Phase) 2023 Implementation

AGENCY RCS SCORE: 94.05% Very Satisfactory

INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF R.A. 11032 (30%)

27.40%

OVERALL SURVEY RESULTS (70%)

63.15%

Ginawaran ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus ng Silver Award ng Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) noong Oktubre 30, 2024, Miyerkules, matapos makakuha ng 94.05% score na may katumbas na Very Satisfactory Rating sa Report Card Survey (RCS) 2.0 ng nasabing ahensya. Nanguna rin ang Pamahalaang Lungsod mula sa walong local government units (LGUs) na nakatanggap ng Very Satisfactory Rating at sa 200 LGUs at 860 national agencies. Sinusukat ng RCS kung epektibo at nasusunod ba ang citizen's charter at kung napabibilis nito ang pagproseso ng mga transaksyon at serbisyo ng isang ahensya. Bukod sa maayos na pamumuno nina City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula at City Vice Mayor Homer "Saki" T. Saquilayan, bahagi rin ng tagumpay na ito ang City Administrator's Office, Business Permits and Licensing Office, Office of the Building Official, City Treasurer's Office, City Planning and Development Office, Office of the City Assessor, City Information Technology and Records Management Unit, at Imus Bureau of Fire Protection. Patunay ito sa maayos at mahusay na pagsunod ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Imus sa Republic Act No. 11032, o "Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018." /PR

For we walk by faith, not by sight

2 Corinthians 5:7

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TRABAHO PARA

MANILA – The LRT-1 Cavite Extension Phase 1 will start commercial operations this November, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) announced Thursday. Transportation Secretary Jaime Bautista said the new LRT-1 segment will be opened in the coming weeks. "We hope that this opening of the extension of LRT-1 will help alleviate traffic as it will be able to support thousands of passengers. This will be our early Christmas gift to the residents of the area," Bautista said in a Palace press briefing. With the opening of Phase 1, some six ki-

lometers will be added to the transit line, connecting Baclaran Station in Pasay City to Dr. Santos (formerly Sucat) Station in Parañaque City. The new segment will feature five new stations under Phase 1 include Redemptorist – Aseana Station, MIA Road Station, PITX Station, Ninoy Aquino Avenue Station, and Dr. Santos Station. With this, travel time from Quezon City to Paranaque City will now be reduced to less than an hour, Light Rail Manila Corp. president and chief executive officer Enrico Benipayo said. Turn on page 2



Light Rail Transit-1. (PNA file photo)

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2025 Philippine Elections: A Crucial Moment for the Nation's Future

With the 2025 Philippine elections just months away, the nation stands at a crossroads, eager to elect leaders who will navigate the challenges of a post-pandemic world, economic recovery, and social reforms. Scheduled for May 2025, the elections will determine not only the next president and vice president but also members of Congress, local officials, and lawmakers who will shape the future of the country.

Amid the ongoing struggles of recovering from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, addressing natural disasters, and managing inflation, voters are expected to demand leadership that prioritizes economic stability, job creation, healthcare, and disaster resilience. With many Filipinos feeling the pressure of rising living costs and unemployment, the next leaders will face significant expectations in solving

these pressing issues.

Political campaigns are already heating up, with high-profile candidates positioning themselves as the best option to lead the country forward. Political dynasties, often the dominant force in Philippine elections, are expected to battle against fresh challengers, which will likely lead to fierce competition for votes. Local elections, meanwhile, will be just as critical, as voters look for leaders who can address regional needs, manage recovery efforts from calamities, and improve local governance.

One of the major challenges leading up to the elections is the proliferation of misinformation and fake news, particularly on social media. With an increasing number of Filipinos relying on digital platforms for news, it has become easier for false narratives to spread. The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) has emphasized the im-

portance of regulating digital content and ensuring that the integrity of the election process is maintained.

As the election season intensifies, voter education will be key to ensuring that every Filipino can make an informed decision. The COMELEC has rolled out initiatives to educate voters about their rights and the electoral process. It is crucial for voters to not only stay informed but also to approach the elections with a sense of responsibility, as their decisions will have far-reaching implications on the country's future.

The 2025 elections are more than just a vote—they represent a critical moment in the Philippines' history. With the nation's future at stake, the Filipino people have the power to shape their country's destiny and ensure a brighter tomorrow.

LRT...

Once Phase 1 is operational, the extended LRT-1 is projected to add around 80,000 passengers daily during the first year of operations.

Average ridership of LRT-1 now is around 320,000 daily. The second phase of LRT 1 Cavite extension consists of Las Piñas sta-

tion and Zapote station while the third and last phase is the Niog station. (PNA)

4 CALABARZON...

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACES. Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) Undersecretary Earl Saavedra leads the ceremonial unveiling of the Drug-Free Workplace markers at the Police Regional Office (PRO) Calabarzon in Calamba City on Thursday (Nov. 6, 2024). The police provincial offices of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, and Rizal, along with the Regional Mobile Force Battalion 4A, were recognized as Drug-Free Workplaces during the ceremony. (Contributed photo)

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) officially recognized the police provincial offices of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, and Rizal, along with the Regional Mobile Force Battalion 4A (Calabarzon), as Drug-Free Workplaces in a ceremony held on Wednesday at the Regional Police Headquarters in Calamba City. The ceremony led by DDB Undersecretary Earl Saavedra featured the ceremonial unveiling of the Drug-Free Workplace marker, highlighting the accomplishments of the four provincial police offices and the battalion in promoting a drug-free environment within their ranks. Saavedra praised the efforts of the Calabarzon police, underscoring its

role as a model for other police offices nationwide. "All eyes are on this Police Regional Office (PRO), especially in terms of strengthening the commitment of the police organization to our overall drug prevention agenda," Saavedra said in his address. "The Calabarzon region is a true model. Your programs and advocacy set the standard for best practices. Not only is this Police Regional Office (PRO) a model, but it is also an effective, fully functional, and cutting-edge initiative that we can all take pride in."

He commended the leadership and teamwork within PRO 4A for achieving this milestone, highlighting that their collective effort has set a powerful example for others to follow.

Other key contributors to the drug-free accomplishment, including the barangay tanod (village police), City Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (CADAC), and Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (MADAC), were also recognized for their significant role in fostering a drug-free environment in their communities.

This recognition builds on the progress already made earlier this year. The Calabarzon Regional Police Headquarters was declared a Drug-Free Work-

place on April 30, followed by the Quezon Police Provincial Office on Sept. 9. The achievement was the result of the successful implementation of the Philippine National Police's (PNP) internal cleansing program, as outlined in Command Memorandum Circular 2023-03.

This program ensures that no PNP member is involved in illegal drug activities, and includes comprehensive phases such as drug awareness, prevention, testing, treatment, and rehabilitation. All PNP personnel underwent drug testing, with all members tested returning negative results, underscoring the commitment to a drug-free police force. Brig. Gen. Paul Kenneth Lucas, PRO-4A regional director, underscored the significance of this accomplishment, which he said, was not only an achievement but also a reminder of the importance of maintaining vigilance.

"This declaration is both an achievement and a call to continued vigilance," Lucas said. "It reflects our shared commitment to protecting the public and each other. By ensuring a safe and drug-free workplace, we empower our personnel to perform their duties with the highest levels of integrity and dedication to public service." (PNA)

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Cavite Forum Unites Stakeholders to Build Progressive and Sustainable Employment Landscape



November 9, 2024 | Trece Martires City, Cavite - In a move to strengthen job creation and support sustainable workforce growth, the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM) organized the Provincial Stakeholders' Forum for Enhanced Employment Opportunities, held on November 8, 2024, at the SP Session Hall in Trece Martires City. Titled "Towards a Progressive and Sustainable Tomorrow," the forum convened key stakeholders from Cavite's employment sector to discuss strategies for a robust and inclusive labor market. Provincial Director-DOLE Cavite Ms. Marivic B. Martinez and Board Member Kerby Salazar opened the event, delivering messages of commitment to fostering economic stability and employment growth within Cavite. Speakers provided valuable insights on employment trends and solutions for local workforce challenges: Ms. Carolina L. Ortiz, Senior Labor and Employment Officer from DMW Region IV-A, discussed improving recruitment practices and labor law knowledge to protect overseas workers, highlighting the need for higher recruitment standards and labor safeguards. Mr. Jorge Manuel Laude, Senior Labor Employment Officer from DOLE Region IV-A, presented on "Beyond the Numbers," addressing current labor market trends and employment gaps in Cavite. His talk emphasized aligning local workforce skills with industry demands to build economic resilience. Ms. Ruth A. Terrible, Senior Labor Employment Officer from DOLE Cavite, tackled job mismatches, proposing targeted solutions to help job seekers acquire skills suited to local job openings, aiming to reduce unemployment and improve job satisfaction. Provincial Public Employment Service Manager Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero and OPPEM staff member Ms. Princess Mary S. Angcaya shared insights from the 2024 Cavite Career Caravan, announcing plans to expand its reach to connect more residents with meaningful employment opportunities. The forum concluded with success stories from Ms. Angelita Baral, Operations Manager of HERU Human Resource Specialist Co., Inc., and Ms. Ninette Umandal, Senior Supervisor at House Research Development (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. Their stories highlighted the importance of employee development and retention in achieving organizational success. The forum underscored a collective commitment to advancing employment opportunities in Cavite, uniting stakeholders in their goal to build a thriving and sustainable employment landscape for a brighter future. /CPIO

Cavite Government's Medical and Dental Mission Reaches Hundreds in Brgy. Santiago, General Trias



November 6, 2024 | General Trias, Cavite. The Provincial Government of Cavite conducted a successful medical and dental mission in Brgy. Santiago, General Trias, delivering essential healthcare services to 432 residents. Led by the Office of the Governor and supported by 6th District Board Member Kerby Salazar, the initiative brought free medical consultations to 388 people, dental care to 44 residents, and provided x-ray and ECG diagnostics to 19 patients through the mobile "LAB for ALL" van.

Medical and dental professionals from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) took the lead in providing these services, reflecting the commitment to improve health accessibility for communities in need. The event also acknowledged the invaluable contributions of Barangay Health Workers and Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) staff under the guidance of Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino, whose dedication to community health continues to enhance quality of life across Cavite.

This mission exemplifies the strength of collaborative efforts in advancing healthcare and highlights Cavite's ongoing commitment to accessible health services for all its residents. /CPIO

Cavite's Pista ng Sining 2024 Showcases Local Art and Culture



November 9, 2024 | Amadeo, Cavite - The Alitaptap Artists Community in Amadeo, Cavite, became a lively center of artistic expression as the Provincial Tourism Office (OPTO) partnered with local artists to present Pista ng Sining 2024. The event, held on November 8, brought together artists, students, and enthusiasts from across CALABARZON to celebrate creativity and cultural heritage.

Ms. Elinia Imelda Rozelle S. Sangalang opened the festival with a warm welcome, thanking the participating artists and the nine renowned Filipino artists whose contributions helped make the event a success.

Attendees enjoyed a variety of art-focused activities, including gallery walks, ARTalks, painting workshops, a chess art tournament, a brass sculpture demonstration,

sound art sessions, and live outdoor painting. The event also featured a painting contest, with 20 students from various colleges and universities recognized for their artistic talent and contribution to the local art community.

The festival closed with an evening concert, capping off a day filled with artistic exploration and community engagement. Through this initiative, OPTO underscored Cavite's commitment to nurturing its local art scene, demonstrating how art strengthens cultural identity and fosters creativity across all sectors of society. /CPIO

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



The Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM) 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. OPPEM 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 OPPEM 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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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED: SM FOUNDATION COMPLETES RENOVATION OF BASA AIR BASE HOSPITAL



Members of the Philippine Air Force at the newly refurbished Basa Air Base Hospital

SM Foundation completed renovation work on the Basa Air Base Hospital in Floridablanca, Pampanga. This marks the second phase of improvements to the facility, following initial renovations in February 2015 that enabled DOH and PhilHealth accreditation. The 17-bed hospital serves military personnel, their dependents, and authorized civilians. Services include general medicine, surgery, internal medicine, EENT, ECG, X-ray, laboratory work, ambulatory care, preventive medicine, and aeromedical services.



The hospital received laptops for the initiative, becoming the first military hospital to implement SM DigiKonsulta.

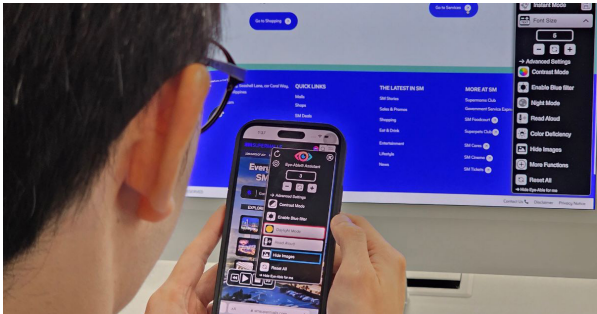
Recent renovations have streamlined the facility layout by connecting the Emergency Room, Reception area, and Out-patient Department. New upgrades, such as LED lighting, energy-efficient inverter appliances, and air-purifying paint, enhance the facility's functionality and sustainability. In addition, the SM DigiKonsulta was introduced, enabling virtual consultations and digital medical record management, in line with PhilHealth's digitalization efforts. The hospital received laptops to support this initiative, making it the first military hospital to adopt SM DigiKonsulta. "Healthcare is essential to human well-being. It is the foundation of strong and resilient communities, yet access to adequate healthcare remains a challenge for many," said SM Foundation Executive Director for Health and Medical Programs Connie Angeles "Recognizing this critical need, we are committed to refurbishing health facilities, ensuring that both military and civilian populations receive the quality care they deserve. By enhancing these healthcare services, we strengthen our communities and promote overall public health, which is vital for our nation's resilience and prosperity" she added. The Foundation has renovated 41 military health facilities: 19 for the Philippine Army, 12 for the Philippine Air Force, 9 for the Philippine Navy, and one for the Philippine Marines.

The social good arm uplifts the health and wellness of communities by conducting medical missions and renovating barangay health centers, rural health units, and government hospital wards, serving both civilian and military beneficiaries. To date, the foundation has revitalized over 204 health centers and conducted over 1,625 medical missions.

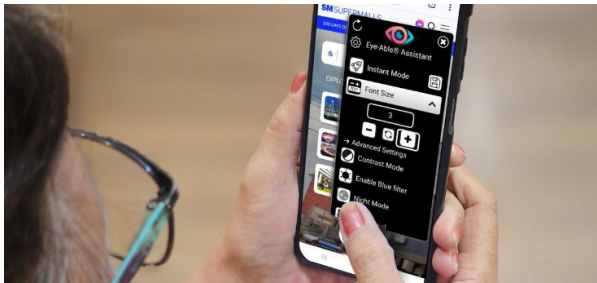


Healthcare takes flight. Present at the turnover were Col. Villamor Costales Jr. PAF (GSC), LTC Cherry Sison MC, SM City Clark Mall Manager Jerwin Jalandoni, and members of the SM Foundation. Fr. Lt Col. Pablo de Guzman conducted the blessing ceremony.

SM AND EYE-ABLE® PIONEERS DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY IN THE PHILIPPINES



SM Cares is taking a significant step towards digital inclusivity by launching Eye-Able® on the SM Supermalls website. Starting October 21, users will experience a more accessible, user-friendly interface designed to enhance browsing for individuals with visual impairments or those requiring digital assistance. This initiative underscores SM's commitment to inclusivity and accessibility for all, ensuring that no one is left behind in the digital world.



SM Supermalls is proud to continue its efforts to make every platform, whether physical or digital, inclusive and accessible. The launch of Eye-Able® is part of the mall's ongoing initiative to support communities through SM Cares.

Eye-Able® introduces features such as text resizing, contrast adjustments, and screen readers, all designed to help users with special needs navigate the site with ease. By integrating Eye-Able®, SM Supermalls aligns with global standards, including the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), enhancing digital ac-

cess and promoting inclusivity across its digital platform.



Eye-Able® is built upon the idea that digital accessibility is a fundamental right, ensuring that "individuals with disabilities can perceive, understand, navigate, and interact with the internet." Through this innovative digital solution, Eye-Able® envisions "An Internet for All."

By integrating Eye-Able® into its digital offerings, SM Supermalls is not only improving how individuals interact with its website but is also joining a broader movement towards making the digital world accessible to everyone. This reflects SM's commitment to inclusivity across all its platforms, aiming to ensure that every customer, regardless of ability, can enjoy a seamless and engaging online experience.



Super Grannies (Senior Citizens) using Eye-Able® feature of the website to help them see the locations using a bigger font

Eye-Able® is not only a tool for persons with disabilities (PWDs) but also benefits senior citizens and anyone who may find navigating the internet challenging. For example, "Super Grannies" (elderly users) can now easily adjust font sizes for better readability. Younger users and people with different accessibility needs will also find Eye-Able® helpful in creating a smoother and more enjoyable browsing experience.



"When we say SM Supermalls is a mall for all, we mean it in every sense—both physical and digital. We are proud to be at the forefront of this movement, breaking down barriers and making the online world accessible to everyone" said Engr. Bien Mateo, SM Cares Program Director for Disability Affairs and Senior Citizens. "We're proud advocates of digital accessibility as a fundamental right, ensuring that everyone can navigate and enjoy our online spaces with ease."

CALABARZON...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna – The Calabarzon Region gained 1,990,992 new registered voters from February to Sept. 30 this year, bringing the total voter count to 9,761,170. The significant increase reinforced Region 4-A's position as the country's top vote-rich region, according to Commission on Elections (Comelec) Assistant Regional Director Margaret Joyce Cortez. Cortez shared poll updates on Friday during the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas forum in Biñan City, Laguna. She said Region 3 (Central Luzon) follows Calabarzon with 7,733,454 registered voters, while on third spot is the National Capital Region (NCR) with 7,581,734 voters. Election data for 2022 showed Calabarzon was also on top with 9,193,095

voters while NCR was second at 7,322,361. Central Luzon was third with 7,289,791 registered voters. Cortez said the surge in registration makes Calabarzon one of the most influential voting regions in the country. Cavite has 2,460,981 registered voters across 16 municipalities and seven cities, covering eight congressional districts; Laguna 2,150,051 registered voters in 24 municipalities and six cities, with six congressional districts; Batangas 1,968,785 registered voters across 31 municipalities and three cities, with six congressional districts; Rizal 1,681,529 registered voters in 13 municipalities and one city, comprising six congressional districts; and Quezon 1,502,824 registered voters across 39 mu-

nicipalities and two cities, with four congressional districts. Cortez said 75 (61 males and 14 females) are competing for seats in 31 congressional districts. In the race for the five gubernatorial positions, 28 candidates are running, while 22 are contesting for five vice gubernatorial posts. To ensure transparency and integrity in the upcoming elections, Cortez said Comelec plans to conduct a voter education caravan. The initiative will introduce voters to the new automated counting machines and provide hands-on demonstrations. "We are going to demonstrate the actual voting process using the new machines in every barangay (village) in the region," she said. (PNA)

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NEDA...

MANILA — The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board on Tuesday approved the extension of the construction period and other adjustments to the Cavite Industrial Area-Flood Risk Management Project (CIA-FRIMP) and the Pasig-Marikina River Channel Improvement Project (PMRCIP) - Phase IV. The NEDA Board, chaired by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., gave its approval during its 22nd meeting at Malacañan Palace in Manila, according to a statement from the Presidential Communications Office (PCO). The PCO said the approved changes in the CIA-FRIMP include the increase in the total project cost to PHP22.037 billion, higher by 122.79 percent or PHP12.146 billion from PHP9.891 billion. The NEDA Board also approved the 65-month extension of the project's implementation period starting from April 2025 until September 2029, the PCO said, adding it has been adjusted from the

original October 2019 to April 2024. The PCO said the NEDA Board also gave its nod to the change in the scope of work, particularly the widening of diversion channels and additional drainage channels. Another adjustment was a loan reallocation totaling JPY1.042 billion from consulting services (JPY 384 billion) and contingencies. "I think maybe the detailed engineering had to compensate for weather changes. And then the housing, wala 'yung housing sa (the housing was not included in the) original estimate," Marcos said during the meeting, as quoted by the PCO. "The cost will be increased. At least the local component will be increased from the original. That's the only thing that sticks out on the financial analysis. But it's still within the guidelines," he added. As of Sept. 30, 2024, the CIA-FRIMP has an overall physical accomplishment of 44.21 percent, with negative slippage of 55.79 percent. It has a fund uti-

lization rate of 35.42 percent, or PHP3.503 billion already disbursed. The project aims to mitigate flood damage in the lower reach of San Juan River Basin and its adjacent Maalimango Creek Drainage Area in Cavite province. The NEDA Board also approved a 74.32-percent increase or PHP24.599 billion in total project cost from PHP33.097 billion to PHP57.696 billion for the PMRCIP Phase IV, the PCO said. The PCO added there will be a 63-month extension for the implementation of the PMRCIP Phase IV from December 2025 to March 2031. The NEDA Board also approved the changes in scope of work, such as the design of the Middle Marikina River, modifications in drainage facilities, and additional work. A loan reallocation totaling JPY3.373 billion from consulting services (JPY1.728 billion) and contingencies (JPY1.645 billion) to the civil works component was also approved by the NEDA Board, including a supple-

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MAERSK...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — More than 2,000 direct and indirect job opportunities await residents of Calamba City in Laguna and nearby towns with the opening of the Maersk Optimus Distribution Center on Wednesday, October 30. The Maersk Optimus is the largest logistics hub built by Maersk Philippines and Solid Group Incorporated in the country. It has a storage capacity of 76,000 pallets and will serve as a transport hub for consumer goods, food and beverages, leisure/lifestyle, healthcare, technology, automotive, and retail sectors in Southern Luzon. In his speech at the distribution center's grand opening, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. expressed optimism that the large-scale operations of this facility will contribute to his administration's goal of decongesting Metro Manila and unlocking

economic potential in rural areas. "For many Filipinos, it opens many new doors. In the coming years, the Maersk Optimus Distribution Center is expected to create employment for one thousand people in its surrounding communities and indirect employment for another a thousand individuals—from vendors and service providers to truckers and beyond," the President said. For the Calamba city government, the new distribution center will create a positive "chain effect," significantly boosting the local economy and increasing job opportunities for Calambeños. "This will be a great opportunity for the livelihood and economy of our country, as it will create more jobs for our kababayans and Calambeños. It will boost the economy of our country because of the chain effect it will create. We are looking for-

ward to seeing employees that will be hired here are local residents of Calamba." Mayor Roseller Rizal said. According to the 2022 Economic Performance of the Provinces in the Philippines released by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Laguna contributed the largest share to the national gross domestic product among the country's 82 provinces, amounting to P990.69 billion or 5 percent of the total national GDP. The Maersk Optimus Distribution Center is expected to boost the Southern Luzon's import and export activities, particularly in Calabarzon and Bicol regions. It is also seen to play a major role in the province's progress as consumer demand for e-commerce continues to rise, thus needing a robust distribution network in the region and the country. (CH/PIA-Laguna)

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mental loan of JPY45.759 billion. The PMRCIP aims to mitigate flood damage in Metro Manila caused by channel overflow of the Pasig-Marikina River. The project is seen to benefit residents of the cities of Pasig, Marikina, and Quezon in Metro Manila and the municipalities of Taytay and Cainta in Rizal. "Ang concern ko rin (My other concern) is the design. Does it take into account the new weather? Because ano na 'yan, danger area na 'yang Marikina talaga (The danger area is really in Marikina). The levels of water in the last two big typhoons we had, we came to within half a meter of the limit bago mag spillover," Marcos said. Public Works and Highways Secretary Manuel Bonoan told Marcos that the design of the project helped in stopping spillover during the recent typhoons. "The other component that we are looking into the Pasig-Marikina River is actually the construction of the three dams in

Philippine International Exhibition Center Project, and the acquisition of 40 units of fast patrol crafts to be funded through official development assistance (ODA). (PNA)

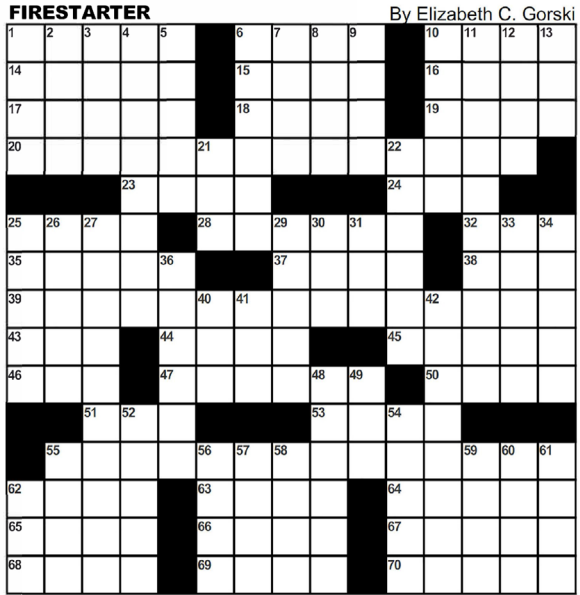
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CITY OF BACOOR NEWS
Bacoor Shines at 2024 CALABARZON Regional Nutrition Awards



The City of Bacoor proudly celebrated its success at the 2024 CALABARZON Regional Nutrition Awarding Ceremony held yesterday, November 11, 2024, at Acacia Hotel. Bacoor received the prestigious 3rd Year Green Banner of Compliance Award, a testament to the city government's ongoing commitment to promoting nutrition and health for every Bacooreño family.

In addition to this significant recognition, several outstanding leaders and public servants from Bacoor were also honored for their exemplary contributions:

Barangay Captain Jeo Dominguez of Brgy. Molino 1 was a finalist in the Search for Regional Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Committee. Cristina O. Elalto received the title of Regional Outstanding City Nutrition Action Officer. Juniemar B. Cariño was named Regional Outstanding City Nutrition Coordinator. Gay G. Rocha was awarded as Regional Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar. The city extends its heartfelt gratitude to these dedicated individuals for their unwavering service to the health and well-being of Bacoor. Their hard work and passion for serving the community stand as an inspiration for everyone. Mabuhay ang Lung-sod ng Bacoor!

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WEDNESDAY CHRONICLE
Bacoor City Distributes Social Pensions to 645 Senior Citizens



The City Government of Bacoor, through the Office of Senior Citizen Affairs (OSCA) headed by Atty. Venes De Castro, in collaboration with the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWD) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), successfully distributed social pensions to 645 indigent senior citizens on November 11, 2024. Held at the Main Square Mall, the payout covered pension benefits for October, November, and December 2024. Beneficiaries from Barangays PF Espiritu 3, Aniban 1, PF Espiritu 6, Ligas 2, San Nicolas 3, Ligas 1, and Aniban 2 were among those who received assistance. This initiative, led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., Congresswoman Lani Mercado Revilla, and Congressman Bryan Revilla of Agimat Partylist, underscores Bacoor's commitment to supporting senior citizens. The social pension aims to provide financial aid to indigent seniors, helping them meet essential needs and improve their quality of life. The City Government of Bacoor reaffirms its dedication to ensuring that senior citizens receive the necessary support for a dignified and fulfilling life./PR

Last week's solution:



WEDNESDAY CHRONICLE
CAVITE...

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The Province of Cavite shined on the national stage, winning the Most Business-Friendly Local Government Unit (LGU) award in the provincial category which was presented during the prestigious 50th Philippine Business Conference and Expo on October 23, 2024 at the Marriott Grand Ballroom, Pasay City. The event brought together key players from the business sector, government leaders, and community advocates across the Philippines, marking a momentous milestone for Cavite and its people. Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, joined by Vice Governor Sherman Jaro and Sixth District Board Member Kerby Salazar, accepted the award with pride and gratitude, recognizing Cavite's proactive efforts to make the province an ideal place for businesses of all sizes. The award not only celebrates Cavite's ongoing support for local and international enterprises but also underscores its dedication to building a resilient economy. Under Cavite's forward-thinking leadership, the province has embarked on ambitious infrastructure

11th Cavite Cooperative Leaders' Conference



November 8, 2024-Rosario, Cavite In a bid to strengthen leadership within the cooperative sector, the Provincial Government of Cavite, in partnership with the Provincial Cooperative Development Council (PCDC), hosted the 11th Cavite Cooperative Leaders' Conference on November 7 at SM City Rosario. Themed "Building Trust and Respect: A Cooperative Leader's Action Plan towards a Brighter Tomorrow," the event brought together cooperative leaders from across the province to focus on building resilient and sustainable cooperatives.

The conference opened with remarks from OPC-DO-OIC Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, who welcomed attendees, including resource speakers and cooperative leaders. PCDC Cavite Chairperson Dr. Jose Domingo Jr. highlighted the importance of trust and respect in the cooperative movement, drawing on the saying "kung ano ang itanim, siya ring aanihin," emphasizing that what one sows, one reaps. Similarly, DTI-Cavite Provincial Director Lilibeth Chavez urged participants to embody the acronym COOP—Commitment, Open-mindedness, Observance, and Participation—as essential traits for cooperative success.

Assistant Regional Director Bernadette Hornilla of the Cooperative Development Authority, Region IV-A, shared insights on the role of trust and respect in organizational success, urging cooperative leaders to adopt these values for a promising future.

The conference featured key sessions from experts, including Atty. Mickel Borigas, a director of Soro-soro Ibaba Development Coop, who spoke on "Leadership Trust in Times of Change." Atty. Borigas emphasized that "trust is reinforced when leaders demonstrate consistent actions." Dr. Mariano Thomas Ramirez, Director of Graduate Studies at De La Salle University's College of Education, led a discussion on "Building Respect in the Workplace and Coop Community," highlighting respect as a cornerstone for cohesive cooperative environments. The event concluded with inspiring success stories from seasoned cooperative leaders, serving as both motivation and guidance for future cooperative initiatives in Cavite. Through the conference, cooperative leaders gained insights into fostering trust and respect, vital components for the sector's continued growth and resilience. /CPIO



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PASIG CITY EXTENDS RELIEF AID TO CAVITE RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY TROPICAL STORM KRISTINE



In a display of solidarity and support, Pasig City has provided relief assistance to the residents of Cavite who were severely affected by Tropical Storm Kristine (#KristinePH). The aid was formally handed over on November 11, 2024, at the new Provincial Capitol Building in Trece Martires City, with Cavite Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino and other provincial officials in attendance.

Governor Tolentino, joined by Board Members Morit Sison, Rainier Ambion, and Rommel Enriquez, as well as Provincial Treasurer Adelina Martal and Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (PDRMO) Eloisa Rozul, expressed gratitude to the Pasig City delegation for their timely support.

The relief operation was led by prominent Pasig City personnel, including Mr. Bryant Wong of the Pasig City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRMO), Mr. Patrick Plandiano from the Pasig City Tourism Office, Mr. Aaron Omana of the CDRMO-Research and Planning Division, and Mr. Ralph Leo Plete of the Pasig Emergency Unit. Their coordinated efforts ensured the swift delivery of essential supplies, bringing much-needed assistance to Cavite communities recovering from the storm.

This initiative underscores the power of inter-LGU cooperation, reminding Filipinos that unity and collaboration are key in overcoming adversity. Pasig City's support exemplifies the resilience and compassion that define the nation, showing how cities can come together to help one another in times of need. /OPIO



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