

UPGRADED ROAD ENHANCES TRAVEL IN FAR-FLUNG BARANGAY IN NAUJAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO



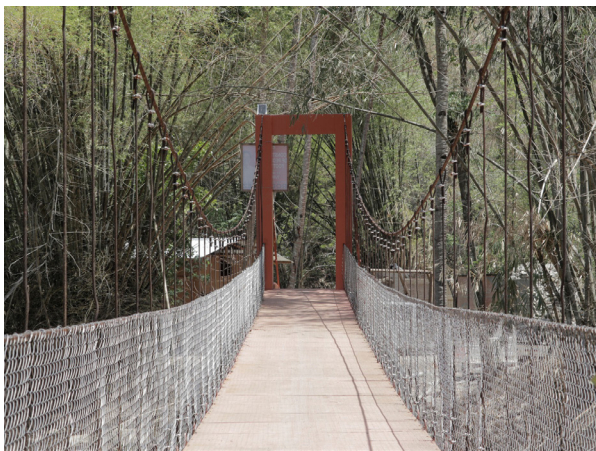
The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has converted an old gravel road into a concrete cement pavement that now promotes easier and more convenient transportation access for residents and motorists in Sitio 2, Barangay Mulawin, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro.

In his report to DPWH Secretary Manuel M. Bonoan, Regional Office IV-B Director Gerald A. Pacanan said that the completion of the 425.8-meter road concreting project has shortened travel time of residents to adjacent barangays in the municipality of Naujan hence, improving locals’ access to businesses, establishments, and essential services.

“The construction of this Portland cement concrete pavement road with shoulder on both sides in Sitio 2 in Barangay Mulawin not only cuts travel time but also provides an efficient access route that significantly reduces the risks of road accidents from the existing gravel road traversed by locals and visitors,” added Director Pacanan.

The road concreting project implemented by DPWH - Mindoro Oriental District Engineering Office was completed in the amount of P4.94 Million secured from the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2024.

HANGING BRIDGE IMPROVES ACCESS FOR REMOTE COMMUNITY IN CAGAYAN DE ORO



Local farmers and members of Lumad Higaonon Tribe now benefit from the hanging steel bridge completed by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in Sitio Sinuhot, Barangay Balubal, Cagayan De Oro City.

DPWH Secretary Manuel M. Bonoan, based on a report submitted by DPWH – Region 10 Director Zenaida T. Tan said that the 4.89-million hanging bridge project was completed in hopes to alleviate logistical problems, such as costly and risky travel experienced daily by farmers and residents of the remote barangay.

Civil works on the completed hanging bridge project include the construction of a 34-meter steel bridge and access road, steel checkered plate for an anti-slip flooring, 6-meter sheet piles, supported by 12-millimeter vertical, 32-millimeter backstay, and 25-millimeter main cables, and a hand-laid rock on both sides.

“Both pedestrians and motorcycles can use the bridge, making transport cost way cheaper compared to the hefty amount of 50 per sack which the farmers used to pay haulers for carrying their farm produce across the river,” said Director Tan.

Implemented by DPWH Cagayan De Oro 2nd District Engineering Office, the construction of the steel bridge was proven critical due to pressing concerns about the safety of residents in the area, especially students who cross the bridge to go to school during the rainy season.

The completion of the bridge also facilitated easier and safer access to the town proper for the indigenous tribe’s basic necessities such as livelihood, education, and health services.

P20-M SEAWALL PROTECTS FLOOD-PRONE COMMUNITIES IN SAN CARLOS CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL



A flood control structure built by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) now ensures the safety of seaside communities in San Carlos City, Negros Occidental from strong waves and overflow.

According to DPWH Region 6 Director Sanny Boy O. Oropel, the project covers the construction of a 100-meter seawall with a 210-meter

concrete wave deflector for protection against high tides and strong waves during heavy rainfall.

“With the completed seawall, residents of Barangay 6, who have long suffered from high risk of frequent flooding and storm surges, are now safe from the detrimental effects of raging waters,” said Director Oropel.

The project also mitigates damage to properties and nearby fishing ports, securing the livelihood of fishermen and other local businesses in the area.

The project was completed by DPWH Negros Occidental Sub District Engineering Office in the amount of P19.6 million.

AMULUNG BYPASS ROAD EASES TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN CAGAYAN



The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has completed the Amulung Bypass Road, which offers travelers an alternative route, minimizing traffic congestion on the national highway, and improves overall commuting experience in Amulung, Cagayan.

In his report to Secretary Manuel M. Bonoan, Regional Director Reynaldo C. Alconcel said that the 11.5-kilometer Amulung Bypass road has four (4) lanes with stone masonry and pipe culverts, a 13.40-meter carriageway width, 2.50-meter shoulders on each side, and 300-millimeter-thick concrete, ensuring safety and convenience for travelers.

“The newly constructed bypass road provides a convenient and secure route for drivers and passengers to access the nearby towns of Alcala and Gattaran, as well as other municipalities in the surrounding areas of the first and second legislative districts,” said Director Alconcel.

The new bypass road provides a faster and more reliable transportation network, facilitating a smoother commuting experience for motorists and enhancing the efficiency of goods delivery, particularly benefitting the agricultural sector.

Implemented by the Cagayan 3rd District Engineering Office, the Amulung Bypass Road Project was completed in the amount of P246 million, funded under multi-year allocations in the 2019 to 2022 General Appropriations Act.



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MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has emphasized the need for the Philippines to be prepared for “any eventuality” amid what he described as “more pronounced” and “more worrisome” external threats in the region heightened by geopolitical issues, including the flaring tensions between China and Taiwan.

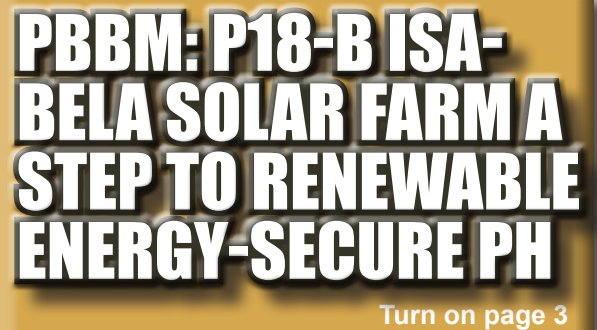
Marcos, in his visit to the Philippine Army’s 5th Infantry Division at Camp Melchor dela Cruz in Gamu, Isabela on Monday, said the Philippines’ “proximity to Taiwan puts it in China’s area of interest,” highlighting the importance of the northern part of the country to be “well-prepared for any eventuality.”

“And that is why --- the external threat now has become more pronounced, has become more worrisome. And that is why we have to prepare,” Marcos said as quoted by the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) in a news release.

“So, that is the mission that you have before you. Now, you have two missions, whereas before it was only internal security,” he added.

The President, however, clarified that the Philippines would not take territories and would only defend its own while engaging in various efforts to maintain peace in the region through continued diplomacy.

“We are not trying to take territory. We are not trying to redraw the lines of sovereign territory, the EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone) Turn on page 2



BFP, DILG, AND SM PRIME EMPOWER COMMUNITIES THROUGH 1ST FIRE VOLUNTEERS ASSEMBLY

In a demonstration of its commitment to community safety, the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) partnered with SM Prime to hold the inaugural Fire Volunteers Assembly at the Mall of Asia Arena on May 30, 2024. This event aimed to honor the dedication of fire volunteers and strengthen collaboration between the BFP, fire brigades (barangay and company), and volunteer organizations.



Fire trucks assemble at the SM Mall of Asia Globe for the 1st Fire Volunteers Assembly.



(L-R): Bureau of Fire Protection National Headquarters (BFP NHQ) Deputy Chief for Operations Fire Chief Superintendent (FCSUPT) Wilberto Rico Niel Kwan Tiu, BFP Fire Director (FDIR) Louie Puracan, Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Atty. Benjamin Abalos Jr., Manila Vice Mayor Yul Servo, and SM Supermalls' Vice President for Corporate Compliance Liza Silerio



The BFP also recognized the vital role of fire volunteer association leaders by presenting them with tokens and plaques of appreciation. This recognition ceremony not only honored the leaders themselves but also served to inspire all fire volunteers and boost overall morale within the volunteer community.



A token and plaque of appreciation is presented to fire volunteer leaders.

The Fire Volunteers Assembly served as a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration. Representatives from the Land Transportation Office (LTO), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), and the Philippine National Volunteer Services Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) provided valuable insights from their areas of expertise. These discussions fostered a collaborative environment for all emergency responders, equipping them with essential knowledge and strategies to effectively perform their duties.

SM Prime strengthens its commitment to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) by partnering with the BFP. This ongoing collaboration, established in 2019, focuses on fire safety education, BFP personnel training, fire brigade teams, and nationwide fire drills held at SM malls, promoting fire prevention as a key element of a comprehensive DRR strategy. */PR*

THE JOURNEY BEGINS: TOGETHER FOR AN #SMWASTEFREEFUTURE

MANILA – June 5, 2024, World Environment Day. SM Prime Holdings, Inc. (SM Prime), one of the leading integrated property developers in Southeast Asia, embarks on a unified waste management and segregation campaign in response to the growing global crises on waste.

In a united show of support, SM Prime brings all its property groups and stakeholders toward an #SMWasteFreeFuture for the launch at the SM Mall of Asia (MOA).



Generation Restoration: A community towards an #SMWasteFreeFuture. SM Supermalls tenants showing their support while holding up their Recyclable, Disposable, and Compostable (RDC) posters.

The #SMWasteFreeFuture program promotes behavioral changes in waste management through effective waste segregation via Recyclable, Disposable, and Compostable, or RDC. It aims to achieve two primary objectives: (1) Reduce overall waste generation by implementing effective waste segregation practices, and 2) Enhance waste diversion rate by diverting a greater proportion of waste away from landfills through recycling, composting, and other sustainable disposal methods.

A Show of Support

During the launch, SM Supermalls Vice President for Compliance, Ms. Liza B. Silerio, welcomed the attendees and stressed the importance of segregation at source for supporting a circular economy.

"We, at SM, stand in solidarity with this global movement. We are committed to a unified waste management and segregation campaign that involves all our property groups and stakeholders, propelling us toward a Waste-Free Future here at SM," she said.

For a waste program to work, it will involve collaborative efforts in all sectors. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Secretary Toni Yulo-Loyzaga, gave her message of support through her representative, Atty. Jonas Leones, DENR Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs. "We have made significant strides toward a shared goal for a more sustainable future. With programs such as the #SM-WasteFreeFuture campaign that helps raise awareness and encourage participation for more businesses to reduce waste

generation and contribute to waste diversion rate, I am optimistic that the Philippines will reach the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) target of recovering and diverting 80% of plastics by 2028," he said.

The Countdown to an #SMWasteFreeFuture

Addressing the audience, Sustainability Champion and SM Engineering Design and Development Corporation President Hans "Chico" T. Sy, Jr. emphasized, "We have to be open to new ways of doing things and of putting into action every little step that's crucial for advancing waste management solutions," he said.

"This is a small step in a long journey. This is a learning process and it will not be perfect. We highly encourage all of you to give us feedback," he said. Sy further emphasizes that, "This project is not specific to one organization, but one that belongs to an entire society. We welcome everyone to practice this in their everyday lives."

Sy encourages the youth and the audience. "Now it's up to you and every individual here in attendance, to embrace the cause of change. We are given the opportunity to work on the biggest problems of our community when the planet truly needs it. Let's not waste this opportunity," he said.

The highlight of the MOA launch was a live countdown with the symbolic press of a button onstage by Mr. Hans "Chico" Sy, Mr. Steven Tan, DENR Undersecretary Jonas Leones, and Ms. Liza Silerio, that green lighted the renowned MOA Globe to signal the start of a journey for an #SMWasteFreeFuture.



Ms. Liza Silerio, DENR Undersecretary Jonas Leones, Mr Hans "Chico" Sy Jr., and Mr. Steven Tan, pressing the green light for an #SMWasteFreeFuture.



Award-winning actress, singer, Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and founder of Planet CORA, Antoinette Taus, gave her message of support and treated the audience to her rendition of Heal the World.

About #SMWasteFreeFuture

#SMWasteFreeFuture is the company's waste strategy to encourage green practices in resource management, environmental impact, and most importantly, the social well-being of the community for a waste-free world.



SM Prime remains committed to its role as a catalyst for economic growth, delivering innovative and sustainable lifestyle cities, thereby enriching the quality of life of millions of people. SM Prime is pursuing the next horizon on integrated property development and onward to building sustainable cities of the future.



PBBM...

SOLAR-POWERED IRRIGATION. The Cabaruan Solar-Powered Pump Irrigation Project (SPIP) in Quirino, Isabela (in photo) is the biggest solar-powered pump irrigation system in the country capable of producing 12,800 gallons of water per minute and irrigating 350 hectares of agricultural land. The PHP65.77-million project was inaugurated by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday (June 10, 2024). (Photo courtesy of Malacañang Press Corps)

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday inaugurated the Cabaruan Solar-Powered Pump Irrigation Project (SPIP) in Quirino town, Isabela, the biggest solar-powered pump irrigation system in the country. The Cabaruan SPIP, a project of the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) under the Mangat River Integrated Irrigation System (MARIIS), was constructed from July 6, 2023 to February 2024 with a total project cost of

PHP 65.77 million.

The system is powered by 1,056 solar panels that can produce 739,200 watts of power for its two submersible pumps, with each pump capable of discharging 12,800 gallons per minute.

It is the biggest solar-powered pump irrigation project in the Philippines, and is expected to irrigate 350 hectares of rice field, benefiting almost 237 palay farmers.

In his speech, Marcos said farmers would be able to save and benefit greatly from the project's strategic design.

"Napakalaki ng naging katipiran natin dito dahil bukod sa libre na ang pagkukuhanan ng kuryente, inilagay mismo sa taas ng irrigation canal ang ating solar panel, kaya hindi nito mababawasan ang lupang tinataniman ng ating mga magsasaka (We will be able to save a lot from this project because aside from the free electricity supply, our solar panels were placed right at the top of the irri-

gation canal, so it will not reduce the land area being cultivated by our farmers)," Marcos said.

The President said a total of 15 mass solar-powered pump irrigation projects and two small solar-powered irrigation projects have earlier been distributed by NIA in the Cagayan Valley Region.

In total, Marcos said, the government has already finished 82 solar-powered pump irrigation projects across the country since 2023.

"At tinitiyak ko sa inyong lahat na dadagdagan pa natin ito sa mga susunod na buwan at sa mga susunod na taon (And I assure all of you that more will be constructed in the coming months and years)," Marcos emphasized.

Magat Dam rehabilitation Meanwhile, the Chief executive commended NIA for its dedication and commitment to ensuring the completion of key irrigation projects, even as he directed the agency to look for more possible irrigation systems that may

be installed with a power-generation facility, like the Magat Dam.

According to the President, NIA is currently studying possible projects that may be done to modernize the four-decade-old Magat Dam.

"Kaya sa araw na ito, ikinararangal ko na sundan ang yapak ng aking ama at dagdagan ang lahat ng kanyang nagawa para sa ating mga magsasaka at kanilang mga pamilya (On this day, I am honored to follow the footsteps of my father and build on the projects that he has done for our farmers and their families)," he said.

The dam was constructed during the leadership of the President's father, the late President Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr.

More funding House Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez on Monday said he would propose more funding for solar-powered irrigation pumps in unirrigated farming communities when the House considers the annual national budget.

"That's the only way we can bring irrigation to these areas," he said in a statement.

Before joining the President and other officials in the inauguration of the Cabaruan SPIP, Romualdez led the distribution of 17 solar pumps that would help hundreds of farmers irrigate their farms in Isabela, one of the country's major rice and corn-producing provinces.

He said irrigation is a major component of producing rice, corn and other agricultural products not only in Isabela but in other parts of the country as well.

"We have to help our farmers with irrigation and other farm inputs like fertilizer and seeds so they can increase their produce. They should aim to double it," he added.

The solar pumps were part of NIA's project meant to expand the irrigated areas in the country pursuant to President Marcos' vision to boost agricultural production, particularly of rice. *(/PNA)*

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GOV'T...

LIPA CITY, Batangas (PIA) – Jeepney drivers who will be affected by the consolidation scheme under the PUV Modernization Program (PUVMP) are set to receive assistance and capacity-building training as the country introduces a more modernized and safe public transport system.

Director Loumer Bernabe of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Region IV-A said during the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas forum on Tuesday, June 4, that it has launched a scholarship and livelihood program for drivers affected by the PUVMP.

He said "TESDA (Technical Education and Skills Development Authority) and the Department of Labor and Employment are providing trainings and knowledge to help them find employment. There is [TESDA's] TsuperIskolar [program], while the DOLE provides schooling allowance while they undergo training," the director explained.

Bernabe stated the LTFRB has been encouraging PUJ drivers to form or join cooperatives as part of the franchise consolidation process.

He added: "They can join existing cooperatives and corporations that have already consolidated. This is the only assistance we can provide them, but the LTFRB has a program called enTSUPERneurprogram." In partnership with DOLE, the enTSUPERneur program offers alternative livelihoods to affected PUV drivers through the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP), providing capital and capacity building in livelihood and entrepreneurship.

Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Region IV-A Director Loumer Bernabe during the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas press conference on June 4, 2024.

As of April 30, 21,820

PUV units traversing 533 routes have been consolidated into a single entity, comprising 82 percent of the total units in the region.

For jeepneys, a total of 20,754 units and 443 routes have already undergone consolidation.

The remaining 18 percent of unconsolidated units belong to individual jeepney operators, and the LTFRB is urging them to join existing cooperatives that have already consolidated.

Once the PUVMP reaches its deadline, consolidated jeepneys may still be used until the arrival of modernized units. Subsequently, older units that were once used for public transport, can be converted into private vehicles.

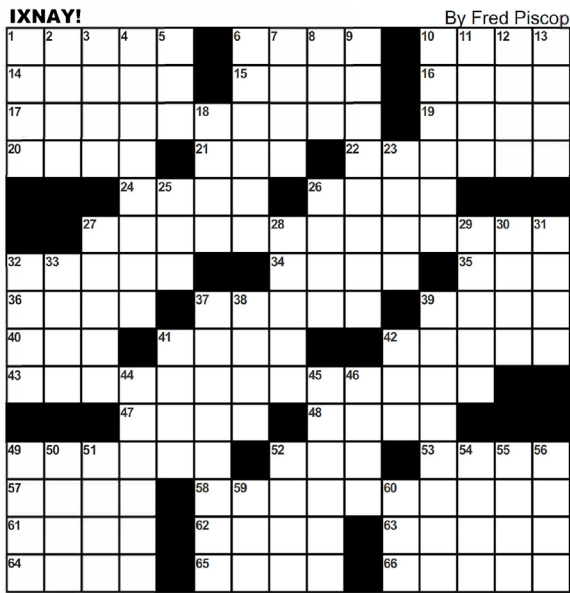
Bernabe said: "When you consolidate, you will continue using your current jeep until the modernized units arrive. Once the modernized units are available, your old jeep will not be confiscated. Instead, you will register it with the LTO to convert it into a private vehicle. These jeepneys can then be used on farms or for transporting your family, but not for carrying passengers."

The Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas second episode featured the Department of Transportation and its attached agencies, including LTFRB, Land Transportation Office, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Ports Authority, and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines, where they provided updates and featured significant accomplishments in improving the transportation sector of the region. *(PB/PIA-4A)*



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- 10) Take-out shop
- 14) Florida citrus city
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- 16) Libidinous god
- 17) Shaving mishaps
- 19) Musical Simone
- 20) Place for a patch
- 21) Word on a dollar
- 22) Like a banjo
- 24) Great in scope
- 26) It may be rigged
- 27) Madison Square Garden team
- 32) Dean Martin song subject
- 34) Argus' many
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- 37) Bond and Smart, for two
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- 57) Fictional sleuth Charlie
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- 61) Still-life vessels
- 62) Codebreaker Turing
- 63) City on the Seine
- 64) Trombone accessory
- 65) Shopper's reminder
- 66) Sugary

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 - 2) Words of confidence
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 - 5) A long way off
 - 6) Japanese religion
 - 7) Walk nervously
 - 8) Object of Indiana Jones' quest
 - 9) Bloopers
 - 10) Alaskan national park
 - 11) Cork's land, to poets
 - 12) Over the limit
 - 13) Words to an old chap
 - 18) Apt to snoop
 - 23) Takes the gold
 - 25) Leave speechless
 - 26)_ terrier (dog breed)
 - 27) "Check"
 - 28) Modem composer Steve
 - 29) Chews the fat
 - 30) Crinkly veggie
 - 31) Tend to the sauce
 - 32) Diva's delivery
 - 3 3) Diner handout
 - 37) Like the colors of the rainbow
 - 38) Eat like a chicken
 - 39) Short, heavy woolen coat
 - 41) Hook's sidekick
 - 42) Sardine can material
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 - 51) Go on a tirade
 - 52) Advanced degs. for curators
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 - 56) Soft "Hey you!"
 - 59) One of football's Mannings
 - 60) Mini-albums, for short

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 1,500 BACOOR RESIDENTS



The Mayor's Office, in collaboration with the City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD), has successfully organized a financial assistance program to support the residents of Bacoor. Generously funded by Senator Bong Revilla Jr., Mayor Strike Revilla led the distribution of financial assistance to 1,500 Bacoor residents from 30 different barangays in Bacoor. This initiative took place on June 10, 2024, at the Main Square Mall, underscoring the city leaders' commitment to providing essential support and resources to enhance the well-being of Bacoor residents.

FEEDING PROGRAM PARA SA MAHIGIT 200 NA KABATAAN PINANGUNAHAN NG TAU GAMMA PHILIPPINES GRAND FRATERNITY (CAVITE)



Noong nakaraang Hunyo 8, 2024, napasaya ng Tau Gamma Philippines Grand Fraternity (Cavite), sa pangunguna ni Mr. Noly Galvez, ang mahigit dalawang daang kabataang Bacooreño sa Green Valley, Barangay San Nicolas 3. Bilang pakikiisa sa nasabing programa, dumalo rito sina Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena B. Mendiola, Barangay Capt. Alfredo Arevalo at ang kanyang barangay council, pati na rin si Chairwoman Nina Mae Canete at mga SK Kagawad nito. Bukod sa pagpapakain sa mga kabataan, mayroon ding Inflatable Playpen na talaga namang kinagiliwan ng mga kabataan, kaya naman lubos ang pasasalamat ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor, sa pangunguna ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla, sa Tau Gamma Philippines Grand Fraternity (Cavite) sa inisiyatibo na nito.

Last week's solution:



NOTICE

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF EMELINDA RAMOS CAJULIS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late EMELINDA RAMOS CAJULIS, That the decedent died intestate, without leaving any Last Will or Testament. The decedent left a parcel of land at Brgy. Salitran, Dasmarias City, Cavite City with title No. T-379022, Block 6, Lot 7 with an area of One Thousand Seventy Three (1,073) Square Meters more or less-only half of it is her share as co-owner of HONESTO B. RAMOS JR., Has been Extra-judicial Settled with adjudicate by their legal heirs and notarized on May 11, 2024 at California Los Angeles Country before Notary Public, Atty. CATHERINE WYNN , Commission #2354329 My Comm. Expires April 19, 2025.

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Renewable energy is key in addressing climate change and power supply woes – DENR



TANAY, Rizal (PIA) – The development of a new wind power project in Rizal is set to mark a significant milestone in the government's commitment to improving renewable energy and promoting sustainable development. During the groundbreaking ceremony on June 4, attended by officials and representatives from the government and private sector, a director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said that the project's timely commencement is crucial for urgently tackling environment-friendly initiatives. "Renewable energy like this is crucial in addressing climate change caused by fossil fuel use. This project will help alleviate energy problems by introducing renewable energy. Moreover, we take pride in the fact that this project underwent thorough and lawful processes," DENR IV-A regional executive director Nilo Tamoria said. DENR IV-A regional executive director Nilo Tamoria. The Tanay Wind Power Project, spearheaded by the Tan-

PUBLIC...

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

Various government agencies and non-government organizations have prepared different activities for everyone to enjoy from sun up to sun down for three days. The Pilipinas Obstacle Sport Federation will hold competitions for various ages and groups to provide participants a "ninja warrior" experience that would showcase athleticism, bravery, grit and perseverance. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Agriculture will hold the Kusina (Kitchen) Warrior, a nationwide competition among select student-cooks who will compete for the best adobo (vinegar and soy sauce-based meat or chicken dish) and pancit (local noodles). Meanwhile, the Chili Federation will hold the labuyo (wild chili)-eating contest and other activities, like plants and product displays. National Artist for Dance Alice Reyes will hold a concert on June 10 at the Burnham Green. Musikalayaan will provide the stage for musicians and bands like Rocksteady (June 10), The Juans (June 11), Plethora (June 11) and Bini (June 12). Film showings of Bonifacio: Ang Unang Pangulo, Heneral Luna, and Goyo: Ang Batang Heneral are scheduled on the evenings of June 11 and 12. A total of 41 government and non-government agencies will offer medical services, fresh produce, passport appointment-bookings, National Bureau of Investigation clearances, artisanal delicacies, children's story-telling, book sales, educational exhibitions, games, and contests under the Pamphalaang Program at Serbisyo on June 11 and 12. (PNA)

ployed. We also hope our tour guides' livelihoods remain unaffected during construction. We rely on the support Alternergy promised to our indigenous communities," Dela Rosa added. In an interview with Knud Hedeager, President of Alternergy Tanay Wind Corporation, he expressed his dedication to establishing a safe and dependable clean energy source to promote economic prosperity in Tanay and Rizal Province. "We created a Memorandum of Agreement on how we will operate in the next 18 months. We will work diligently and take care. Safety first, we are a zero-accident company, and we don't accept any excuses. We also promise to take good care of the tourist guides here. We promise to keep safe the biodiversity that we have in this beautiful part of the country," Hedeager explained. To augment and provide additional energy supply to the national grid, a proposed transmission route spans a distance of 30 kilometers, comprising a 115 kV line connecting to the National Grid Corporation (NGCP), a representative of the joint endeavor between the government and private sector in crafting a mutual dedication to renewable energy. (MBIL/PIA-Rizal)

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