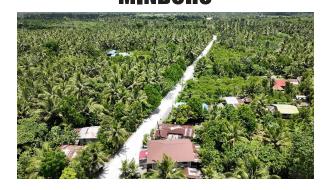
UPGRADED ROAD ENHANCES TRAVEL IN FAR-FLUNG BARAN-GAY IN NAUJAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO



The Department of Public Works and Highwavs (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

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 CAR-LOS 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 rain-

"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

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 Fer- come more pronounced, dinand R. Marcos Ir. has emphasized the need for the Philippines to be pre- have to prepare," Marcos pared 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

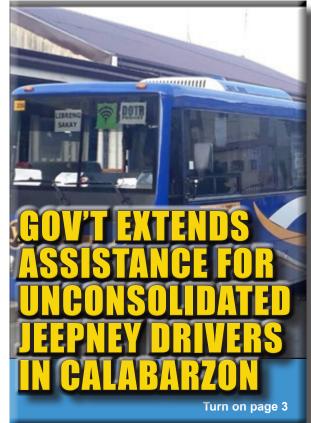
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has become more worrisome. And that is why we said as quoted by the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) in a news release.

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

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boasts a rich tapestry of tradi-tions, languages, and arts that reflect its unique history and heritage. The celebration of Independence Day is a vibrant reminder of the country's rich cultural identity and the importance of preserving and promoting this heritage for future generations.

Addressing While we celebrate our independence, we must also confront the pressing challenges that face our nation today. Issues such as poverty, inequality, corruption, and environmental degradation continue to hinder our progress. The COVID-19 pand has further highlighted the disparities in our society, affecting the most vulnerable populations and stressing the need for robust public health infrastructure and social safety nets. The Philippine government, civil society, and private sector must work together to address these issues. Good governance, transparency, and ernance, transparency, accountability are crucial in building a just and equitable society. Investments in education, healthcare, and sustainable development are necessary to ensure that the benefits of prog-

ress are shared by all Filipinos. As we commemorate the 126th anniversary of our independence, let us renew our com mitment to the principles of justice. It is a time to unite as a nation, transcending political and social divides, to work towards a common goal of nation al development and prosperity. Education plays a pivotal role in this endeavor. By empowering the youth with knowledge and skills, we equip them to become the leaders and innovators of tomorrow. The future of

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collective responsibility to pro-vide them with the opportunities

with new opportunities and challenges. As we move forward, it is imperative to embrace innovation and sustainable practices. The Philippines, with its abundant natural resources and rich biodiversity, has the potential to be a

leader in sustainable develop-Contem-Challenges ment. Investing in renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and green technologies can drive economic growth while preserving our environment for future generations. Strengthening National Unity National unity is paramount in navigating the complexities ing a sense of shared identity and common purpose, we can overcome divisions and work collaboratively towards • our national goals. Celebrating our cultural diversity and promoting inclusivity and promoting inclusivity strengthens the fabric of our society, ensuring that every Filipino feels valued and included in the nation's progress. • The 126th anniversary of

Philippine independence is our past victories but a call to action for the present and future. It is a reminder of the sacrifices made by our forebears and the responsibility we hold to continue their legacy. As we celebrate this significant milestone, let us honor • our history, celebrate our achievements, and commit to building a stronger, more prosperous, and equitable nation.

The journey of independence is ongoing, and each generation of Filipinos has a role to play. Let us draw inspiration from our rich history and strive to create a future where every Filipino can enjoy the true essence f freedom, democracy, and • progress. As we reflect on the past 126 years, we do so with pride, hope, and an unwavering dedication to a brighter future for the Philippines.

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Zone), the baseline," the President said.

"Hindi natin binabago anything na kahit isang --not even one inch. Ngunit hindi tayo puwedeng pumayag na kukunin naman 'yan sa atin (We're not changing anything, not even one inch. But we will not also allow that our territory to be taken from us)," he added.

This changing geopolitical landscape and emerging new threats, according to the President, prompted the government to include Cagayan as a site for the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA) with the United States, the country's clos-

est military ally. China has recently increased military activities near Taiwan after it swore in a new leader. It considers the self-ruled Taiwan Larangan Guerilla-ICRC as a breakaway province.

Internal security

Marcos said the 5th ID's mission now includes territorial defense from external threats, on top of the existing internal security concern brought by the communist terrorist group (CTG).

Among the current domestic security threats are the Ilocos-Cordillera Regional Committee (ICRC) and Komiteng Rehiyon Cagayan Valley (KRĆV)

The provinces of Quirino and Nueva Vizcaya were declared insurgency-free on Oct. 10, 2022 and Dec. 18, 2023, respectively, as well as other parts of Isa-

Government forces dismantled four CTG operating units: two KRCV (September 2022); one to building a "strong Phil-KRCV and one Komiteng in December last year.

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Resolute in defending PH Ahead of the country's Independence Day, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Gen. Romeo Brawner Ir. on Tuesday said the military remains resolute in its mandate to protect the country against security

"As one sovereign nation, established by the steadfast perseverance of our predecessors, we shall remain resolute in upholding our pledge to public service, loyalty, and solidarity for the country, our people, and the flag," Brawner said in his message for the occasion.

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He also added that patriotism and unity remain the military's strength in fulfilling its commitment ippines" for future genera-

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CALAMBA CITY (PIA) - The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) and the United Nations Develop ment Programme (UNDP), in collaboration with the governments of the Philipoines, Indonesia, and Thai and, launched a joint marine conservation project that aims to create strong protected areas for susainability and develop science-based solutions.

The project, dubbed as "Effectively Managing Networks of Marine Protected Areas in Large Marine Ecosystems in the ASEAN Region" (ASEAN ENMAPS), is a five-year project that aims to develop and improve the management of networks of marine protected areas and marine corridors within selected Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs) conservation of globally significant biodiversity areas and support for sustainable fisheries and other oceanic goods and ser-

According to the ACB, ASE-AN is home to 35 percent of the world's coral reefs with more than 600 species of hard corals, 23 out of 50 seagrass species in the world, and over 1,300 reef-associated fish species, providing vital ecosystem services, including breeding, nursing, and feeding grounds for

fisheries. unsustainable However, resource extraction, infrastructure development, pollution, policy gaps, population pressures, overfishing and other destructive fishing practices have been identified as the most widespread local threats to marine resources in Southeast Asia. If such threats are not addressed, there might be no viable fish stocks left by as early as 2048, thus the institutionalization of the program after years of dialogues

The geographic focus ASEAN ĔNMAPS includes the Bay of Bengal, South China Sea, Sulu-Celebes Sea, and the Indonesian Seas areas that are vital for food security and economic trade. For the Department of Environment and Natu-Resources Biodiversi-

comes at the right time.

Management Bureau (DENR-BMB) director Asec. Marcial Amaro Jr., the partnership will pose a unified and solid effort in protecting the rich biodiversity of the "It shall serve as a crucial

platform for us to come together and discuss the project's objectives, outcomes, governance arrangements. and work plans. We have the opportunity to delve into conservation efforts in Indonesia, The Philippines, and Thailand, which may provide benefits across the region and even on a global

Amaro believes that the initiative will be beneficial for coastal communities and poor families, as ACB and UNDP will directly engage and impart knowledge in communities and for envi-

ronmental groups within the three countries to mitigate various environmental risks.

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director explained: "[The project] is envisioned to support coastal communities by addressing threats to coastal ecosystems and by providing opportunities to improve the lives of some of the poorest, if not the poorest sectors in our society."

ASEAN Centre for Biodiver sity executive director Dr. Theresa Mundita Lim urged like-minded groups and other stakeholders to participate and converge to better implement and operationalize environmental policies and regulations.

"We need a sea change in how we care for the oceans. Working with nature is one of our best options for ocean action. With only about eight percent of the ocean under some level of protection, countries must think expansively and cooperatively to conserve, manage and restore the ocean that sustains us."

Lim is optimistic that the networks of marine protected areas and marine corridors will be a force multiplier for conservation of the

By 2050, it is estimated that close to 500 million people will live in coastal and marine areas in Southeast Asia. all of whom will rely on the rich marine biodiversity that is their source of livelihood, protection and even culture and identity. (CH/PIA-LaWednesday HRONICLE

SANGAY NG PHILIPPINE GENERAL HOSPITAL, NAKATAKDANG ITAYO **SA CARMONA CITY**



Plano ng Philippine General Hospital (PGH) na makapagtayo ng sangay nito sa lungsod ng Carmona upang mas mailapit pa ang mga serbisyo ng kanilang pagamutan sa lalawigan.

Noong Biyernes, Hunyo 7, nakipagpulong si Cavite Fifth District Representative, Atty. Roy Loyola, kina Gobernador Jonvic Remulla at mga kinatawan ng PGH sa pangunguna ni UP-PGH Presidente Angelo Jimenez. Layon nitong isapinal ang Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) para sa pagpapatayo ng PGH City Carmona.

Oras na matapos ang konstruksyon nito, ang PGH City of Carmona ang unang branch ng nasabing pagamutan. Inaasahang mababawasan nito ang case load ng PGH Manila at makakatulong sa healthcareinfrastructure sa rehivon.

Pinasinayaan ang PGH noong Setyembre 1910, alinsunod sa Act No. 1688 ng Philippine Commission. Sa kasalukuyan, ito ang pinakamalaking tertiary government hospital sa bansa kung saan mahigit 600,000 pasyente ang nagpapagamot taun-taon.

Mahigit 2,230 Seedlings, Tagumpay na Naitanim ng DPWH



Umabot sa 2,230 seedlings ng mga Philippine native trees species at fruit-bearing trees ang tagumpay na naitanim ng Department of Public Work and Highways (DPWH) Region IV-A sa iba't ibang lugar sa Calabarzon noong Hunyo 7.

Ayon sa DPWH Region IV-A, ito ay kanilang inisyatibo bilang pakikiisa sa Nationwide Simultaneous Tree Planting Activity ng ahensya na bahagi ng ika-126 taong anibersaryo ng DPWH.

Ito rin ay alinsunod sa paggunita ng Philippine Arbor Day tuwing buwan ng Hunyo bilang pagtalima sa Presidential Proclamation No. 643 at Republic Act No. 10176 na layong maisulong ang pangangalaga sa kalikasan sa pamamagitan ng pagsasagawa ng mga environmental conservation activities tulad

Bukod dito, layunin rin ng aktibidad na mas mapataas pa ang kamalayan ng publiko ukol sa pangangalaga sa kapaligiran at kalikasan para sa mga susunod pang hererasyon. / PIA CAVITE

PGC's Operation Tuli Program in Tres Cruses, Tanza



On June 6, 2024, the Cavite provincial government successfully carried out another round of the Operation Tuli Program in Barangay Tres Cruses, Tanza, Cavite. This initiative aimed to promote health and hygiene to qualified young adolescent boys.

During the event, medical health professionals from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) and Tanza Rural Health Unit (RHU) provided their services to 121 young males who availed of the free circumcision. In addition to the procedure, the beneficiaries received free antibiotics, pain relievers, and mosquito repellent lotion from OPG staff, to aid in their recovery and overall health.

The program's success was credited to the collaborative efforts of Barangay Chairperson Eduard G. Toledo, local officials, medical health practitioners, and staff. Their combined efforts ensured that the event ran smoothly and effectively, providing necessary medical services to

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

Sa patuloy na paghahatid ng libreng legal advice, notaryo, at late birth registration ni Konsehal Atty. Wency Lara sa mga barangay sa Imus, ang mga residente naman ng mga barangay Medicion ang kaniyang bibisitahin sa darating na Huwebes, Hunyo 13, 2024, 8:00 AM, sa Medicion 2-C Basketball Court malapit sa Barangay

Bukas ito sa mga residente ng mga barangay Medicion 1-A hanggang 2-F.

Para sa Libreng Notaryo, kinakailangan ang:

Appearance of Affiant (Personal na pagpunta ng kinauukulang taong magpapanotaryo)

*Photocopy of Valid Government ID with 3 signatures affixed on photocopied paper (Kopya ng Valid Government ID na may tatlong lagda sa papel).

Para sa Libreng Legal Advice, dalhin ang: *Ano mang dokumento o legal papers na may kaugJune 12 to June 18, 2024 **7**

nayan sa nais ipakonsulta.

Para naman sa Late Birth Registration, ihanda ang mga sumusunod:

- *Affidavit of two witnesses
- Maaaring magsama ng dalawang taong hindi kamag-anak dala-dala ang kanilang valid ID.
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- *Barangay Certification, kalakip ang mga sumusunod:
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- Place of Birth
- Maiden Name of Mother
- Name of Father.
- *Proof of Birth, alin man sa mga sumusunod:
- Baptismal Certificate
- Medical Record (Immunization)
- Marriage Contract
- Lumang NBI Clearance, Police Clearance, o Passport • Form 137 mula sa paaralan
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- Government-Issued ID (tulad ng National ID, Driver's
- License, Senior Citizens ID) • CEDULA (Community Tax Certificate)
- *Marriage Contract ng mga Magulang, kung kasal.

PAALALA: Kailangan ang personal na pagpunta ng Ama, Ina, at ng Bata kung ang edad nito ay pitong taong gulang pataas.

Para sa mga katanungan at iba pang impormasyon, makipag-ugnayan sa official Facebook page ni Konsehal Attv. Wency Lara.

Wala itong bayad, kaya't kunin na ang pagkakataong ito,

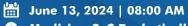


Coun. Atty. Wency Lara

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- Libreng Late Birth Registration



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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 (BFF 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 plague of appreciation is presented to fire volunteer

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.

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



Generation Restoration: A community towards an #SMWasteFreeFu ture, 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. 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 reater 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 circu-

"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

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



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generation and contribute to waste diversion rate, I am optiistic that the Philippines will reach the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) target of recovering and diverting 80% of

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,

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 Underesecretary 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



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(Photo courtesy of Malacañang Press Corps) MANILA - President Ferdinand R. Marcos Ir. 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

Monday (June 10, 2024).

MANILA - The Philippines and New Zealand have agreed to strengthen security and defense cooperation with the signing of a Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement (MLSA), Foreign Affairs Secretary Enrique Manalo said Monday

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The signing is a follow-up to the bilateral meeting of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon in April when they committed to "maintaining and strengthening defense engagements while exploring new frameworks of cooperation to deepen defense ties."

"We welcomed the signing of the Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement, a pivotal document that will greatly enhance future military engagements between our nations," Manalo said in his remarks during the joint press briefing with visiting New Zealand Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Winston Raymond Peters.

Foreign Affairs spokesperson Teresita Daza said the MLSA was signed Monday, June 10.

On his X account, Peters said the MLSA was signed between Defense Assistant Secretary Marita Yoro and Royal New Zealand Navy Assistant Acting Deputv Chief Commodore Maxine

Meanwhile, Manalo said the Status of Visiting Forces Agreement (SOVFA), one of the military partnerships discussed by Marcos and Luxon, is under consideration and would likely start discussions soon.

In his speech, Marcos said

farmers would be able to

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from the project's strategic

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Aside from the United States, the Philippines also has a SOVFA with Australia and is currently developing a similar defense pact with Japan, known as the Reciprocal Access Agreement. These types of military partner-

ships allow Filipino and foreign soldiers to train in each other's territory, as well as improve and share military equipment and

Peters is in Manila for an official visit this week to enhance bilateral relations and explore new avenues for partnerships in trade and investment, renewable energy and combating climate

Manalo said the Philippines and New Zealand "agreed to undertake more frequent exchanges of high-level visits, discuss ways increase our connectivity through air flights and visas, and celebrate the commonalities of our culture and heritage."

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Manalo also thanked New Zealand for its "steadfast support"

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for the Philippines in the challenges it is facing in the South

"We reaffirmed our continued commitment to uphold the rule of law as a pillar to achieving peace and security in the region," Manalo said. "I reiterated the Philippines' sup-

port to New Zealand's proposal to elevate ASEAN-New Zealand relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership next year, when we mark the 50th anniversary of ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue Relations as well as celebrating the ASEAN-New Zealand Summit. I am confident that New Zealand will remain a trusted partner in upholding ASEAN centrality" Manalo said

Recognizing that both nations have a shared interest as Pacific maritime nations, Manalo said New Zealand has a "special role" among the member countries of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF). "We exchanged views on the current and emerging challenges in our Pacific region and how the Philippines, as a PIF Dialogue Partner, can contribute towards achieving their goals in a beneficial way," Manalo said. The two nations will celebrate

their 60th anniversary of dip lomatic relations in July 2026. 💷 June 12 to June 18, 2024 🛭 🔏

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According to the Pres The President said a total ident, NIA is currently ernize the four-decade-"Kaya sa araw na ito, ik

ang yapak ng aking ama In total, Marcos said, the at dagdagan ang lahat ng government has already kanyang nagawa para sa ating mga magsasaka at pump irrigation projects kanilang mga pamilya (On across the country since 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 late President Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr.

More funding House Meanwhile, the Chief ex- Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez on Monday said he would commitment to ensuring propose more funding for solar-powered irrigarigation projects, even as tion pumps in unirrigat he directed the agency to ed farming communities look for more possible ir- when the House considers

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

Before joining the Presi dent 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 Is-

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

abela, one of the country's

"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)

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

He added: "They can join existing cooperatives and corporations that have already consolidated. This is the only assistance we can provide them, but the LT-FRB 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.

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

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

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 pas-

sengers."

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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n celebration of Bacoor's 12th Cityhood Anniversary, join us on June 22, 2024 (Saturday) 6PM at NOMO -A Vista Lifestyle Center Parking Area for the Arts in the City Concert!

Don't miss the chance to witness the vocal prowess and stage presence of our invited artists for FREE!

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

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

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 FRATERNI-TY (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:

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NOTICE

EXTRAIUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATÉ 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 Testement. The decedent left a parcel of land at Brgy. Salitran, Dasmarinas 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, Commision #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 develop-

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-

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MANILA - The National Grandstand. Historical Commission of A concert will be held after the Philippines (NHCP) the parade, he added. on Monday urged the public to be part of the various activities the government Cavite; Malolos; San Juan has lined up in observance City; Caloocan; Angeles of the country's 126th Independence Day.

"The theme is since last vear is 'Kalavaan, Kina-Kasaysayan'. The highlight is on June Luneta Park. These booths 12 when a commemorative flag raising will be held. In the afternoon, a ious government services. huge parade consisting of Aside from Kadiwa ng 22 floats from across the Pangulo, medical and dencountry 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 brations from June 10 to the parade that will start 12 will be held at the Rizal at 5 p.m. on June 12 from Park Burnham Green in the CCP grounds to Roxas Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Blvd. up to the Burnham right across the Quirino Green across the Quirino Grandstand

Simultaneous flag raising activities will be held in

City; and NHCP museums

The Pilipinas Obstacle across the country. Meanwhile, Sport Federation will hold do said 132 booths were competitions for various opened on Monday at the ages and groups to provide participants a "ninja are open to the public, alwarrior" experience that lowing them to access varwould showcase athleticism, bravery, grit and per-The Technical Education

tal services are also availand Skills Development able in those booths, he Authority, Department of Trade and Industry and the Last Friday, the govern-Department of Agriculture will hold the Kusina (Kitchment also staged the Musikalayaan, featuring en) Warrior, a nationwide musicians and the Armed competition among se-Forces of the Philippines. lect student-cooks who On June 4, the Presidential will compete for the best Communications Office adobo (vinegar and soy said the festival-like celesauce-based meat or chicken dish) and pancit (local Meanwhile, the Chili Fed-

eration will hold the la-

buyo (wild chili)-eating

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cies and non-government Alice Reves will hold a concert on June 10 at the for everyone to enjoy from Burnham Green. sun up to sun down for

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 Bonifa cio: Ang Unang Pangulo, Heneral Luna, and Goyo: Ang Batang Heneral are scheduled on the evenings of June 11 and 12.

A total of 41 government and non-government agencies will offer medical services, fresh produce, passport appointment-bookings, National Bureau of Investigation clearances, artisanal delicacies, children's story-telling, book sales, educational exhibitions, games, and contests under the Pampahalaang Program at Serbisyo on June 11 and 12. (PNA)

ay Wind Power Corp. in partnership with the Rizal provincial government and the local government of Tanay promises a stable electricity supply at competitive prices, a reduction in dependence on fossil fuels, and contributions to the government's renewable energy target of 50 percent by 2040.

As the project is situated within the vicinity of a protected area and near Indigenous Peoples' settlements, the necessary permits and clearances, including a Certificate of Non-Overlap from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), approval from the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) of the Kaliwa Watershed Forest Area, and an Environmental Compliance Certificate from the DENR, were awarded. Located between the Barangays of San Andres and

Cuyambay in Tanay, the wind project will have an installed capacity of 112 MW after its wind energy service contract was approved by the Department of Energy (DOE) and given 25-year concession rights to harness wind resources in the two barangays.

Additionally, ATWC obtained height clearance from the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) for the installation of 16 wind turbine towers.

Tanay Mayor Rafael Tanjuatco highlighted the project's comprehensive planning which is expected to generate tax revenue, create jobs, boost socio-economic activities, enhance the tourism industry, support the educational system, and protect the environment.

We carefully considered the environmental impact, the benefits to tourism, and the protection of our citizens. This project deserves support from our government." Barangay Captain Sofia Dela Rosa of San Andres, Tanay, expressed optimism that the project will provide alternative and cleaner jobs for the public.

"We hope this project will benefit our citizens, and we expect our constituents here in our barangay to be employed. 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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