on our valued PUV drivers and provide them with a smoother transition during this time We remain committed to supporting the PUV community and ensuring their continued success on the road," said MPTC President and CEO Rogelio Singson. The toll reprieve

smart cameras to instant-

ly recognize and capture

vehicle license plates at

all toll booths, enabling

cashless transactions.

These improvements have

greatly contributed to the

safety and convenience

of the 160,000 average

daily motorists who rely on

effect of the toll rate ad-

justment, CIC will be re-

program. CIC has initiated

the program specifically to

support public utility vehi-

program, PUV operators

"We

Class 2 PUV drivers.

That's why we're reacti-

program to provide some

relief during this transition.

With the Abante Card,

a period of about three

months. We believe this

recognize

activating the Abante Card

Mindful of the

CAVITEX.

The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), the government agency that regulates all toll roads in the Philippines has recently approved the 2017 periodic toll petition of joint venture partners Cavitex Infrastructure Corporation (CIC) and Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA). for the toll rate adjustments in the 14-kilometer Manila-Cavite Express-

way (CAVITEX). Under the Toll Operation Agreement between the TRB, CIC, and PRA. the CAVITEX toll rates are allowed to be periodically adjusted every three (3) years. Exercising their right, CIC and PRA filed their Petition for Approval of Periodic Toll Rate Adjustment for R-1 Expressway (Seaside to Zapote) and R-1 Express- seamless and fast-track way Extension, Segment 4 (Zapote to Kawit) before the TRB in 2017.

Upon careful consideration and diligent review of the submissions, the TRB issued its Resolution granting the Petition and allowing the implementation of the provision-

ally approved toll rates. With this, starting midnight on August 21, 2023, CAVITEX motorists traveling from MIAA Exit to cle (PUV) operators and Longos, Bacoor (and vice drivers who ply the CAVIversa) would be charged TEX thoroughfare, includthe following VAT-inclusive ing jeepneys, UV Express, and buses. Through the rates per vehicle class at the Parañaque Toll Plaza: Php 35.00 for Class and drivers can enjoy the 1, Php 70.00 for Class 2, old toll rates, helping them and Php 104.00 for Class sustain their businesses 3. Meanwhile, motorists and facilitate affordable traversing Longos, Bacoor transportation options for to Kawit (and vice versa) would be charged at the Kawit Toll Plaza with Php the impact of the toll in-73.00 for Class 1, Php crease on Class 1 and 146.00 for Class 2, and vating our Abante Card

Php 219.00 for Class 3. Through the years, CIC and PRA remain dedicated to enhancing and maintaining the CAVITEX, continu- PUV drivers will have the ously striving to provide a opportunity to adjust and seamless and safe travel enjoy the old toll rates for experience for all motorists. They have jointly undertaken various en- program will help allevihancements, including a ate the financial burden

full asphalt overlay across program has been dethe entire stretch of the exsigned to be user-friendly and convenient for PUV pressway, the construction of the Pacific fly-over and operators and drivers. Marina left turning facility, Through a simple RFID the widening of Las Pinas, enrollment process, oper-Wawa, and Paranaque ators can easily register their accounts in coordinabridges, and regular heavy tion with their respective maintenance works, to ensure optimal road quality. transport organizations To enhance the efficiency Once enrolled, the proof its toll collection system, gram will automatically the toll road operator has apply the reprieve for a duration of 90 days, startimplemented Automatic License Plate Recognition ing from the first day of the implementation of the new (ALPR) technology. This advanced system utilizes toll rates.

> structure Corporation is a concessionaire of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation, the leading tollway and mobility service provider in the country. Aside from CAVITEX, MPTC also holds concession rights for Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), Subic-Clark Expressway (SCTEX), NLEX Connector, and Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX)

Cavitex Infra-

Additional Information:

The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) is the government agency that regulates all toll roads in the Philippines. It was established through Presidential Decree No. 1112. It is governed by the Board composed of the following: Secretary of Department of Transportation (DOTr) as Chairman; Secretaries and heads of the following agencies as Members: Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH); Department of Finance (DOF); National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA); and A representative from the private sector to be ap-

pointed by the President. For inquiries about this Press Release. please contact corpcomm@mptsouth.com. (DTI) - Bureau of SME De-



CARD SME Bank management acknowledged the panelists of the Negosyo Talk Series during the celebration of the bank's 12th anniversary. In the photo were (left to right): CARD SME Bank Executive Vice President Julius Adrian Alip: CARD SME Bank Vice Chairperson for External Affairs Mary Jane Perreras; CARD SME Bank President and CEO Cynthia Baldeo; Topyugo Digital Inc. President and CEO Jhopet Fines; Philippine Marketing Association President Sy Bryan Lato; Psychologist Kristianni Bance; Association of Filipino Franchisers Inc. President Goerge Noel Wieneke; and SME Development Program Division Chief Edwin Pasahol.

CARD

Bank, Inc. (A Thrift Bank). a member of CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), marks President), Mr. George its anniversary with the Noel Wieneke (Associatheme "Celebrating 12 tion of Filipino Franchis- possible efforts to fulfill our years of Partnering with MSMEs: Trust, Dedica- Mr. Jhopet Fines (Topyugo and generate more emtion, and Growth" on July Digital Inc. President and 25, 2023. The celebration took place in Maharlika Square, Maharlika Highway, San Pablo City, La-

Reflecting the bank's journey, CARD fairs Mary Jane Perreras said. "Being the inaugural president and CEO of CARD SME Bank, I recall all the challenges we enshift was intense, yet we persevered because we recognized the needs of MSMEs and wanted to to serve more MSMEs in

the future A key segment of the celebration was the Negosyo Talk, designed to equip the bank's clients with knowledge that would enable them to make improved business decisions. The talk emphasized the significance of digitalization and adaptclient's potential as a business owner.

Mr. Edwin Pasahol (Chief of the Department of Trade and Industry

velopment Program De- and a cash prize of PHP velopment Division), Mr. 5.000.00. Sy Bryan Lato (Philippine Marketing Association ers, Inc. President), and CEO) were the panelists during the program.

Another guest psychologist Kristianni Bance, highlighted the importance of mental health, especially SME Bank Vice Chair- for business owners, unperson for External Af- derscoring the need for work-life integration.

The event also recognized and awarded the exemplary entrepreneurs of CARD SME countered. The paradigm Bank. The Outstanding Agri-Entrepreneur award was given to Romeo V. Bustamante, while Julito A. de Torres Jr. was MSMEs in the country by facilitate their business awarded the Laking CARD growth." According to Ms. SME Bank Award. The Ti- banking facilities, prod-Perreras, the bank aspires wala CARD SME Bank ucts, and services that fos-Award was presented to ter business growth. As of Rizalina P. Tolentino. Each June 2023, the bank has winner received a plaque, served a total of 1,222,666 tokens of appreciation, clients across the country.

> **Prepare Taguig's New** Barangays for Upcoming Today, Depart- barangays for the upcom-

prepare Taguig City's new

ability. The talk also tack- ment of the Interior and ing barangay elections les how to maximize the the Local Government scheduled on October (DILG) Secretary Benhur 30, 2023. In September Abalos reported that the 2022, the Supreme Court DILG is already working had rendered a final deciwith the Commission on sion in the case of Makati Elections (COMELEC) to v. Taguig, confirming the

"We appreciate

everyone who is with us

as we begin another year

in service. We will make all

goal of helping MSMEs

ployment in the country.

This is our way of contrib-

uting to CARD MRI's over-

all mission of eradicating

poverty." CARD SME

Bank President and CEO

tive committee members

and senior advisers of

CARD MRI also graced

the event, along with staff

and clients from the CARD

SME Bank, CARD, Inc.

(A Microfinance NGO),

CARD Bank, and CARD

is committed to supporting

providing them access to

MRI Rizal Bank

Several execu-

CARD SMF Bank

Cvnthia Baldeo stated.

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DTI Laguna Empowers MSMEs thru the MSME Boot Camp 2023 PBGEN BENJAMIN H SILO JR, the Acting Director of the Civil Security Group, was warmly welcomed by PBGEN CARLITO M GACES. Regional Director of PRO CALABARZON, with an arrival honor in front

Lim in Calamba City.





etano on Wednesday ucation (DepEd) for the urged the Department of printing and issuance of Budget and Management certificates for students (DBM) to give funds to who have finished techni-

Senator Alan Peter Cay- the Department of Ed-

Legarda sees TESDA as 'reliable partner in nation= building

cal-vocational courses in senior high school so they can actually find work after graduation. "Ang promise noon[g ginagawa pa lang ang K-12], the TESDA certification will be passed to the DepEd kasi DepEd doesn't have the money to buy the equipment but TESDA does have that. And somehow hindi natupad," Cayetano said during the second briefing of the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) at the Senate on the proposed National Budget for 2024. The independent senator said since the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) gets a budget increase of Cont. on Page 6

saka ang makakatanggap ng tig-tatlong libong pisong halaga ng suporta pang-gasolina sa pamamagitan ng Fuel Assistance to Farmers Project (FAFP) ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA- na presyo ng krudo Ang FAFP ay isa

sa mga proyekto ng DA na isasakatuparan upang siguruhin ang tuluy-tuloy na produksyon ng pagka- yaro sa naturang proyekto

MAKAKATANGGAP NG TIG-P3,000 **SUPORTA PANG-GAS=** OLINA MULASA DA Aabot sa 11,789 na magsa-

kinakailangan sa pagpapatakbo ng mga makinaryang pangsakahan.

tunan, ang mga benepisin sa kabila nang mataas ay mga magsasaka na na-

istro sa Registry sys tem for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA); nagmamay-ari o umuupa ng gumaganang makinarya na nakarehistro sa Agricultural and Biosystems

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The President, during the International Youth Day this month, said the young population, who serve as "both the trailblazer of the modern world and hope of the future," has a crucial role in attaining a more sustainable economy.

The chief executive was on track when he said the youth's role in undertaking ecological initiatives must be "aggressively" pushed to ensure the full realization of everyone's desire to have a "healthier home we all deserve."

"May our love for the youth and Mother Earth be the guidepost as we commit to our collective desire to embark on a green transition," he said.

"Together, let us embrace this social contract and move towards a future that efficiently, inclusively, and sustainably works for all."

The President admits drawing inspiration from "the encouraging visions of young Filipinos who exude eagerness to evoke transformational movements that positively impact the current and coming generations."

This year's annual observance of International Youth Day carries the theme "Green Skills for Youth: Towards Sustainable World."

This means the shift towards an environmentally sustainable and climate-friendly world is critical not only for responding to the global climate crisis but also for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has underlined the important role of the ues and attitudes needed to live in, develop and support a sustainable and re-

These include technical knowledge and skills that enable the effective use of green technologies and processes in occupational settings, as well as transversal skills that draw on a range of knowledge, values and attitudes to facilitate environmentally sustainable decisions in work and in life.

Due to their interdisciplinary nature, the essence of green skills is sometimes expressed, partly if not wholly, through other associated terms like "skills for the future" and "skills for green jobs."

While green skills are relevant for people of all ages, they have heightened importance for younger people, who can contribute to the green transition for

Four key climate change indicators - greenhouse gas concentrations, sea level rise, ocean heat and ocean acidification – set new records in 2021.

This is yet another bold sign human activities are causing planetary-scale changes on land, in the ocean, and in the atmosphere, with dramatic and long-last-

Earlier on. the United Nations said the youth's "green skills" are essential to a successful transition to the green economy.

The UN defines "green skills" as "knowledge, abilities, values, and attitudes needed to live in, develop and support a sustainable and resource-efficient society.

on Thursday, August 17, time as earlier promised

Experts say a successful transition towards a greener world will depend According to data released by the International Labor Organization, a on the development of green skills in the population: knowledge, abilities, valgreen transition could yield 8.4 million jobs for young people by 2040.



CAMP CAPINPIN. Rizal

The GMA Kapuso Foundation Incorporated together with the Philippine Army's 2nd Infantry "Jungle Fighter" Division held an inauguration ceremony for the newly constructed school building of Binibitinan Elementary School in Polillo, Quezon

2023. The two-classroom Kapuso School Building is part of a project spearheaded by the GMA Kapuso Foundation Incorporated, in conjunction with dedicated partners and the esteemed 2nd Infantry "Jungle Fighter" Division to help schools struck by disasters and calamities. In can be recalled that the construction of the new school building began on May 10, 2023 and was completed in two-months'

by the GMAKF. The said ilo C. Balaoro Jr., and and Special Adviser Ms. Mel Tiangco, together with GMAKFI Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Ms. Rikki Escudero-Catibog, Polillo Municipal Mayor Hon. Angelique Bosque, 2nd Infantry "Jungle Fighter" Division Commander Mai. Gen. Roberto S. Capulong, 202nd Infantry

ceremony was graced representatives from other by GMAKFI Ambassador partner organizations. In Capulong emphasized the importance of unity and partnership in driving sustainable development within communities. He added the new school building represents the convergence of hearts and hands from different sectors, empowering com-"Unifier" Brigade Com- the face of challenges. 2ID

mander Brig. Gen. Cer-

MANILA – The eras (BWC) next year to mation Office chief, Brig. Philippine National Police be used in recording inci- Gen. Redrico Maranan, 45,000 body-worn cam-

(PNP) will procure at least dents during operations. PNP Public Infor-

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said in a radio interview Sunday that a BWCequipped force ensures that there will be no vioal procedures or human rights abuses.

At the same time. PNP personnel will be pro- ranan confirmed that one tected from malicious and of the six police officers in baseless charges, Maranan said.

"Ngayon meron lang tayong 2,700 so did not use it when they very, very limited 'yung mga pulis natin na may ispinrogram na natin 'yung sa ating inimbestigahan procurement niyan. Na- at napatunayan nga natin kapag request na tayo ng na 'yung pulis na merong budget sa DBM (We only body camera na naka-is-

So, our police officers with BWCs are very limited. But this year, we have programmed the procurement. We have requested the budget from the Delation in police operation- partment of Budget and Management)," Maranan said.

Meanwhile. Mathe Navotas incident that killed 17-year-old Jerhode Baltazar had a BWC but conducted the operation.

"Dito sa Navotas have 2,700 at the moment. sue sa kanya ay hindi

nawalang ng baterya. Pero hindi vun katanggap tanggap na dahilan sapagkat being a responsible officer dapat kapag ginamit mo yung iyong BWC, dapat full charge talaga kapag nag start ka ng duty (In the Navotas incident. that was included in our investigation and we found out that the policeman who was a body camera did not use it, claiming that the battery was dead. That is not acceptable because sued BWCs but this year, incident ay kasama 'yan a responsible officer would make sure that your BWC is fully charged when you

come to work)," Maranan

said

niya nagamit or hindi niya

nabuhay at sinasabi niya

Baltazar

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shot dead after he was mistaken by the police for a murder suspect.

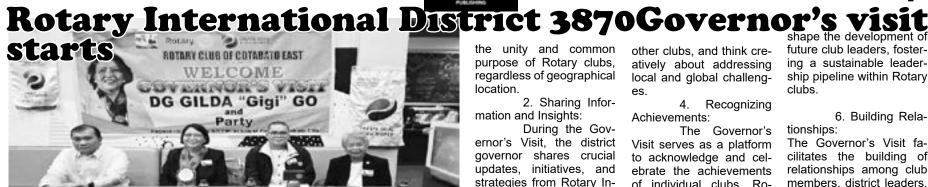
The six policemen involved in the incident were charged with reckless imprudence resulting in homicide and are currently detained at the Navotas City Police

In 2021, the Supreme Court issued guidelines on the utilization of body cameras and required law enforcers to wear them when serving warrants. (PNA)



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CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY - The "Governor's Visit" to Rotary Clubs under her district is one of the very tiring travels during her term as Rotary International District 3870 Governor for Rotary Year 2023-2024.

Governor Gilda "Gigi" Go has already visited nine of the 44 Clubs of Rotary District 3870, alogside with the District team members. Go's team visited the Rotary Clubs of Kidapawan, Cotabato, Tacurong, Isulan, Midsayap, Cotabato City South, Pigcawayan, Cotabato East,

and Maramag. Rotary District 3870 has 44 Clubs spread in the provinces of Bukid-Misamis Oriental. Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao Del Norte and

the 47th District Governor of RI District 3870. She started her term as District Governor last July 1, 2023 and she will be serving as District Governor for one year. District Governor Go is a founding member of the Rotary Club of Kalayaan Cagayan de Oro. The Governor's

trict Governor Gilda Go is

Visit in Rotary

Purpose The the Governor's Visit in Rotary: Strengthening Connection and Inspiring Action

Rotary International, a renowned globservice organization. holds a significant tradition known as the Governor's Visit. This event involves the visit of a district governor, a distinguished Rotary leader appointed by Rotary International, to local

Visit serves multiple essential purposes, fostering a stronger sense of community, sharing information and insights, inspiring action, and aligning club activities with the broader goals of Rotary Interna-1. Strengthening Connec-

tions: The Governor's

Visit acts as a bridge that connects local Rotary clubs with the broader Rotary network Rotary is a decentralized organization, organized into districts, zones, and ultimately, Rotary International. The Governor's Visit offers an opportunity for that emphasize Rotary's club members to meet the district governor face-toface, fostering a personal connection and reinforcing the sense of belonging to a larger global movement Rotary clubs within their for positive change. This embark on new service Cagayan de Oro City. Dis- district. The Governor's connection strengthens projects, collaborate with

the unity and common other clubs, and think crepurpose of Rotary clubs, atively about addressing ing a sustainable leaderregardless of geographical

ternational and the district

leadership. This exchange

of information ensures that

Rotary clubs are aligned

with the organization's

latest policies, projects,

and priorities. Clubs gain

insights into global and

regional projects, fund-

raising campaigns, and

humanitarian efforts, en-

more effectively to Rota-

ry's overarching mission

of advancing goodwill and

3. Inspiring Action:

peace

abling them to contribute

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2. Sharing Infor-Achievements:

es.

4. Recognizing

local and global challeng-

The Governor's Visit serves as a platform to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of individual clubs, Rotarians, and community partners. District governors often present awards and recognitions to clubs that have excelled in areas such as membership growth, fundraising. community service, and international partnerships. Recognizing these achievements not only boosts club morale but also encourages a culture of continuous improvement within the Rotary community.

5. Strengthening Leader-One of the cen-

tral purposes of the Gover-The district govnor's Visit is to inspire and ernor's visit provides an motivate Rotarians to take opportunity for Rotarians action in their communito interact with a seasoned ties. The district governor leader who has demonoften delivers speeches strated dedication, commitment, and excellence core values, including serwithin Rotary. This interacvice, leadership, and feltion allows club members lowship. These speeches, to learn from the goverfilled with personal anecnor's experiences and dotes and success stories leadership style, thus enmotivate club members to hancing their own leaderadvice and guidance can

ship pipeline within Rotary

6. Building Relationships

The Governor's Visit facilitates the building o relationships among club members district leaders and the district governor Networking opportunities arise during the visit, enabling Rotarians to connect with individuals who share their passion fo service and community development. These connections can lead to collaborative projects, mentorship opportunities, and the sharing of best practices among clubs.

WW7. Reinforc ing Rotary's Impact:

witnessing Βv firsthand the impact o Rotary's projects and initiatives the district governor gains a deeper understanding of the tangible difference that Rotary clubs make in their local communities. This insight can be carried back to district and international leadership discussions, shaping future strategies and priorities. The Governor's Visit reinforces the notion that Rotary's impact is not ship skills. The governor's just theoretical but a reality that transforms lives.

PAG-IBIG CASH LOAN READY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS AS SCHOOL SEASON BEGINS

Pag-IBIG Fund our members, particular- mulated dividends earned. officials announced on ly those seeking funds to Loan processing is as fast Wednesday (09 August) that its cash loan, the Pag-IBIG Multi-Purpose Loan is ready to assist members with their school-related fees as the academic season starts this month.

As of June this vear, the agency has assisted 1,182,996 members with their financial needs with the release of cash loans totaling a record high P26.17 billion. Of this amount, 13.8% or P3.61 billion were released to aid 134,140 members with tuition and enrolment fees. and other school-related expenses.

"We at Pag-IBIG Fund recognize that many of our members rely on us for immediate financial assistance. This becomes more prevalent when school season be-

address school-related expenses with our Pag-IBIG Multi-Purpose Loan All these efforts are in line with the call of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. to provide our fellow Filipinos the means to gain better and dignified lives." said Secretary Jose Rizalino L. Acuzar, who leads the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and the 11-member Pag-IBIG Fund Board of Trustees. Pag-IBIG Fund's

Multi-Purpose Loan or MPL is the agency's affordable and easily accessible cash loan. Under the Pag-IBIG MPL, qualified members can borrow up to 80 percent of their total Pag-IBIG Regular Savings, which consists of their monthly contrigins. That is why we are butions, their employer's

as 3 days, with the loan conveniently credited to the borrower's Pag-IBIG Loyalty Card Plus. The proceeds can be used to pay for tuition fees and other school-related expenses as well as medical expenses, minor home improvement, or even serve as capital for small businesses. The loan is bers payable in 24 or 36 monthinstallments, with the first payment deferred for two months. The Pag-IBIG MPL comes at an interest rate of 10.5 percent per year. In the past years, the agency has returned more than 90 percent of its income, mostly derived from interest on loans, to members in the form of

dividends. Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Marilene C. Acosta, mean-

plight of Filipino workers particularly those who seek funds to provide family members with formal education. She added that the agency has made its cash loan more accessible with its more than 200 branches its online facility Virtual Pag-IBIG, and the Virtual Pag-IBIG mobile app, ready to accept loan applications from mem-

"The Pag-IBIG MPL can be used to pay for tuition and school-related fees. Pag-IBIG Fund believes that education is one of the keys to a brighter future and a better life. We aim to aid parents in securing these for their children and hopefully, we can contribute to bettering the lives not just of the individual Filipino worker but their families as well. These are all part of our Lingkod Pag-IBIG, Tapat always ready to assist contributions, and accu- while, said that Pag-IBIG na Serbisyo, Mula sa

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ms Engineering Management Information System (ABEMIS); at nakatira sa mechanized or consolidated na mga lugar.

Dagdag pa rito, prayoridad sa programa ang mga magsasaka na hindi pa nakakatanggap ng suporta sa gasolina, umuupa ng makinarva sa Local Government Units (LGUs), at mga magsasakang nakatira malapit sa mga gasolinahan.

Ang nabanggit na halaga ng suporta ay ipapamahagi sa pamam-Monitoring Card kung mga magsasaka.

saan ito and ipepresenta upang makabili ng krudo sa akreditadong fuel merchants

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Sa kasalukuyan, ang kabuuang listahan ng mga magiging benepisyaryo av dumadaan pa sa bal idasvon sa RSBSA at inbentaryo ng mga makinarya ng ABEMIS.

Patulov na isi nasagawa ng DA-4A ang koordinasyon sa Provincial at I GUs at mga institusyong katuwang sa pagpapatupad ng programa upang agad na maipahag agitan ng DA Intervention ang naturang suporta sa



Marcos needs to embark sisted. on foreign trips upon the invitation of host countries. plained that those trips

to Marcos' overseas trips. "He has to fit his

time, available time according to the schedules ang gawin ng Presidente? of the meetings of various countries where we have di pupunta sa mga ibang try, he would have been an interest. Kung hindi bansa na hihingi ng tulong naman siya pupunta, sino ang magtatanggol sa atin sa mga problema, lalo na doon (If he doesn't go, sa seguridad ng bansa the who will defend us there)?"

Legarda...

ate Pro Tempore Loren Legarda considers the Technical Education and Skills tional TESDA Kabalikat penses decreased to Development Authority (TESDA) as a reliable partner in nation-building programs like the Baranand public service.

"I want to envision TESDA expanding ing for Work Scholarship even further — where Program, and Special every Filipino has the opportunity to acquire the Program, which benefitskills and tools they need to pursue their dreams trainees since 2016. and contribute to national progress," she said in versal Access to Quality bate. her speech during the Tertiary Education Act was agency's 29th founding anniversary held at SM Megamall event center lawmakers who ensured in Mandaluyong City on Tuesday.

"We must transin the technical-vocational form lives beyond the limitations of social and economic boundaries. TFSDA has a large role to play in answering the demands of the labor sector and DA Online Program, which in shaping a labor force that is responsive, fit, and adaptive," she said.

During the event, TESDA also launched its DA produced a total of new slogan, "Sa TESDA, 1,231,284 graduates of Lingap ay Maasahan", with Legarda reminding TESDA personnel to re- launch on Aug. 25, the Na-

member the faces of those will be held at The Peninwho graduated and were able to put food on the as part of the celebration. table because we extend- (PNA)

Enrile issued the at Malacañan and Not go nand R. Marcos Jr.'s con-statement, after the Com- to other countries to ask mission on Audit (COA), security)?" he said. (OP), found that it spent

Marcos is not in During the SMNI the position to decline the iba diyan, oo nga nandito, News' "Dito sa Bayan ni invitation for him to visit a pero iba naman ang agen-Juan" program, Enrile said foreign country, Enrile in-

He also tions it considers as allies and partners.

"Anong gusto nil-Uupo sa Malacañan? Hino kaya makipag-usap ukol (What do they want the OP's foreign travel ex-

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Legarda, a Na-

MANILA - Sen- ed our reach and areas of training," she said.

> Awardee in 2021, recalled she pushed for TESDA gay Kabuhayan Skills Training Program, Train-Training for Employment ed over 18,000 Antiqueño

> When the Unipassed into law, Legarda said she was among the that access to tertiary education must include those

She also praised the agency for being at the forefront of web-based education through the TEShas produced 3 220 912 training course completions in 2022 alone.

sector

Last year, TESvarious training courses.

TESDA is set to main committed to serving tional Technical Education 50 points, Trump said: and Skills Development "May you re- Plan 2023-2028, which sula Manila in Makati City

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Communica-

President to do? Just sit for help or talk about problems, especially national

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"Kailangang dente araw-araw kung kinakailangan. 'Yung mga da nila. 'Yung biyahe ng Presidente, para sa bayan 'vun eh (The President has to travel every day, if nec-"It is out of his were vital in elevating the essary. Critics are here, control," he said, referring Philippines' ties with na- but they have a different agenda. The President's trip is for the country)."

> Had Marcos failed to accept the invitation to visit the host counlabeled "lazv. clueless. and weak," Enrile said.

According to COA report, the penses amounted to PHP392 307 409 2022, higher than the PHP25,255,163 incurred in 2021.

Local travel ex-PHP10,780,185 in 2022 from PHP11,536,738 in 2021.

Trump ...

TORONTO/

WASHINGTON - Former US President Donald Trump has suggested that he will not participate in the first Republican de-

Trump took to his social media platform Thursday to suggest that he does not need to attend the highly anticipated public showdown because of his sizable lead among

CANS have been clamoring for a President of extremely High Intelligence. As everyone is aware, my Poll numbers, over a 'wonderful' field of Republican candidates, are extraordinary," he said on Truth

Noting that he is leading the runner-up candidate by more than "Reagan didn't do it, and neither did others. People know my Record, one of the BEST EVER, so why would I Debate? I'M YOUR MAN. MAKE AMERICA open hostility." (Anadolu)

Sen. Alan . . .

P1 billion every fiscal year

tions Secretary Cheloy Garafil on Wednesday said the OP's total travel expenses increased to PHP403.087.594 in 2022 from PHP36,791,902 in 2021 because the government aims to revitalize the Philippine economy through domestic and foreign engagements.

Under the 2024 National Expenditure Program (NEP) transmitted to Congress on Aug. 2, the OP is requesting an allocation of PHP1.408.894.000 for "local/foreign missions and state visits."

The proposed budget was higher than the PHP893.97 million under the 2023 NEP approved by Congress and included in the 2023 General Appropriations Act.

Marcos has so far visited 11 countries since he assumed the presidency in June 2022.

These include Singapore, Indonesia. Thailand, United States, Cambodia, Belgium, China. Switzerland, Japan. the United Kingdom and Malaysia. (PNA)

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GREAT AGAIN!"

Trump has so far refused to sign a pledge to support the Republican nominee if he does not win the GOP presidential primary, a requirement for participation in next

Wednesday's debate. His refusal has put him at loggerheads with the Republican National Committee, which maintains all participants Republican candidates. must do so to participate in "ALL AMERIthe debate

> Trump will instead participate in an online interview with former Fox News personality Tucker Carlson, the New York Times newspaper reported, citing anonymous individuals familiar with the

The daily maintained that the exact timing of Trump's interview with Carlson has yet to be determined, but said if it proceeds at the same time as the Republican debate. it "would serve as an act of

part of the amount could be given to DepEd for the purpose. "Maybe this year ilipat natin y'ung 1 billion pang-certification," told the DBCC and fellow lawmakers. Senator Win Gatchalian, chairperson of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture, and Senator Juan Edgardo Angara, chairperson of the Senate Committee on Finance, both agreed with Cavetano. Angara said DepEd has never had funding for the certification of vocational graduates ever since the K-12 curriculum was implemented. "We gave our graduates that false prom-

ise that they will find work. but the truth is that they will not unless they have that certification," he said. Cayetano urged the DBM to increase the budget limit for DepEd to accommodate this and other necessities, in the same way the budget cap for the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is being increased. "Kung tataasan lang din naman natin and cap nd DPWH, taasan na rin natin ang cap ng DepEd," he told the DBCC. Cavetano said he will also take the matter up once the budget briefing with DepEd comes. PR

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Clarkson-less Gilas falls to Mexico

MANILA - Gilas Pilipinas stayed close to Mexico in their last tuneup game before the FIBA World Cup but still end up falling at the raw end of an 84-77 result on Monday night at the PhilSports Arena in Pasig City.

Despite ing Jordan Clarkson for the night, Gilas put up a gallant stand against the Mexicans, even taking the lead at some points of the game, the last at 59-55 midway through the third

However, Mexico finished the third on a 14-4 run to take a 69-63 lead and held off Gilas in the fourth to seal the win.

In fact, after a 51-all halftime deadlock, Mexico held Gilas to just 26 second-half points.

Pako Cruz led Mexico with 18 points, going 4-for-5 from beyond the arc, one rebound and three assists, while Paul Stoll added 17 points on 5-of-8 three-point shootina, five rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Mexico made a living from long range in general, finishing 13-of-24 from three-point range.

Scottie Thompson led Gilas with 14 points, six rebounds and five assists.

Save for the absence of Clarkson, coach Chot Reves played almost the same roster that took on Montenearo on Sun-



day night, although Calvin Oftana did not get some plaving time against Mex-

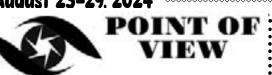
Like the previous game, Ray-Ray Parks and Thirdy Rayena were not listed in the active lineup. which means both players did not see action in all three tune-up games which Reves said would play an important factor in choosing the final 12-man Gilas lineup for the FIBA World Cup itself.

Despite needing to play three games in four nights behind closed doors, Reves said that the grind would still continue for Gilas, that is, they will still practice for the next three nights before they debut against Dominican Republic.

"Tulov-tulov na kami. Tatlong araw na lang e (We will continue on in practice. There are only three days left)," Reyes said.

Gilas is expected to name its final lineup either by Wednesday or Thursday.





Health tips on how to live well

24. Watch out for coffee creep

Did vou know coffee is one of the largest sources of antioxidants in our diets? But caffeine can also release high levels of cortisol, a stress hormone. If you've become over reliant on coffee to get through the day – and have the headaches and jitters to prove it – try brewed cacao in the afternoon. It's 'coffee' but made with cacao beans instead of coffee beans. Try Peru Trailblazer from Cacao Brew.

25. Chase persistence, not perfection

If you get one flat tyre, you don't slash the other three. When you stub your toe, you don't turn around and stub another. So, why let one bad meal or day of eating turn into weeks and months of bad eating; or one missed workout turn into weeks of doing nothing? Avoid getting derailed by remembering it's what you do most of the time that matters, not those occasional blips. In other words: chase persistence, not perfection.

guna – The Department of

Generation (OTOP Next

Gen) Program and in part-

nership with the Universi-

Baños (UPLB) and UPLB

Alumni Association, suc-

cessfully conducted the

MSME Boot Camp 2023:

Packaging Design Mentor-

ship Program for the Sup-

pliers of OTOP Hub UPI B

last 4 and 5 May 2023 at

Laguna, UPLB, and UP-

LBAA which included man-

ufacturers of different food

and non-food products

and the products which

vated by the Income Gen-

erating programs (IGPs)

of UPLB. The participants

were also the suppliers of

the products showcased in

OTOP Hub UPLB located

at the UPLB Technology

(THOSS). The MSME

Boot Camp focused on im-

proving and strengthening

the branding, marketing,

and packaging of OTOP

and UPLB products which

are showcased in the

opening of the 2-day ac-

tivity. On behalf of UPI B.

Dr. Jennifer Marie Ampa-

Chancellor for Adminis-

UPLB Business Affairs

Office (BAO), welcomed

a brief overview of how

this activity was concep-

tualized. She also shared

A short program

held in lieu of the

The 2-day activ-

Entrepreneurship

UP Los Baños

ty of the Philippines Los President of the UPLB

and

26. Do a bra inventory

Some experts say we should replace our bras every six months, which is equivalent to 180 wears, because natural wear and tear from being worn and washed means our bras can't boast the same support they once did. "An unsupportive bra can trigger back, neck and shoulder pain, and poor posture," says Sammy Margo, a leading physiotherapist (sammymargophysiotherapy.com). Tell-tale signs your bra needs replacing include if it's loose on its tightest hook and eye, it has overstretched straps, or the back curves upwards rather than straight across your back.

27. Get supplement savvy

Did you know one in ten of us have mistakenly brought fake medical products? If you take health supplements, ensure you always buy from a registered chemist, pharmacy or reputable retail outlet rather than a random website or via social media. If you're shopping online, look out for the logos: that indicate it's a safe platform. Find out more at the : Fake Meds government webpage.

28. Hit up those herbs

Herbs are plants just like vegetables and pack a real health punch. Add digestive-easing fresh mint to hot or cold water, antioxidant-packed rosemary to meats, and bloat-easing parsley to warm lentils

29. Upgrade your smile

Brushing only cleans 70 per cent of your teeth's surface so flossing is non-negotiable. Interdental brushes can be a game-changer for reaching. hard-to-reach-spots, but the choice can be overwhelming so ask your dentist for advice on which to get.

30. Get inner fit while you brush

Kegels are the exercise equivalent of a Martini: an anytime, anyplace, anywhere affair, yet: we don't do them as much as we should. But when it comes to our pelvic floor strength, it's a case of use it or lose it. While vou're waiting for the traffic lights to change, draw up all your pelvic floor muscles at the same time, squeeze, lift, and hold for a count of 5-10 seconds, before letting go gently and counting to five. Repeat 10-15 times

to be cont. fo next issue

Los Baños, La- of the partnership of DTI ket your Brand. She dis-Laguna, UPLB, and UP- cussed about the 4Ps of Trade and Industry – La- LBAA in the establishment marketing, product, place, guna Provincial Office (DTI and launch of the OTOP price, and promotion. She Laguna), through the One Hub UPLB, the first OTOP of Life, pag-ibig, passion, Town, One Program Next Hub established in partnership with a higher edpositivity, and prayer, as a ucation institution (HEI). Captain Mauro Barradas.

Alumni Association, also After the first two welcomed the participants and expressed that the UPLBAA will always provide the necessary support to UPLB, its alumni, and to the MSMEs who are diligently and courageously bouncing back despite the pandemic. Afterwards, Mr. Christian Ted Tungohan, ity aimed to empower the OIC-Provincial Director of MSMEs assisted by DTI DTI Laguna, welcomed the participants and expressed gratitude and ap- bet of products in five (5) preciation to the partners and mentors of the MSME Boot Camp. The activity were developed and inno- was also graced and supported by Dr. Eileen Mamino, UPLB Assistant to the Chancellor, and Dr. Resty Collado, Vice President of the UPLBAA. The first day of the MSME Boot Camp

Hub and One Stop Shop 2023 was dedicated on building up the entrepreneurial mindset and skills of the participants. The first lecture, Entrepreneurial Mindset and Innovation, was given by Go Negosyo mentor and creative serial entrepreneur. Mr. Jorge Wieneke. He emphasized the imright mindset so that the MSMEs will be enabled to ro, Assistant to the Vice overcome challenges, exercise sound judgement, tration and Director of the and accept responsibility when it comes to business decisions, Afterwards, Ms. the participants and gave Jenny Wieneke, also a and consultation with the Go Negosyo mentor and DDB Group Philippines advertising expert, gave and Tribal Worldwide Ph, a talk about Marketing one of the world's largest the humble beginnings Mindset and How to Mar- and most influential ad-

also shared her own 4Ps guide for MSMEs through the participants to impart their entrepreneurial jour-

lectures, Mr. Erlito "Lilit" Reves, an advertising creative and movie scriptwriter, shared his insights about branding and packaging trends. He engaged the participants in an activity wherein the group was asked to enumerate the ABCs of products. The participants actively joined the activity and was able to complete the alphaminutes. After the activity, he discussed about how branding will affect the identity, impression, and perception of consumers about their products and their business. To further guide the participants in complying with the regrequirements. Go Negosyo mentor and homegrown Laguna OTO-Preneur, Mr. Clarke Nebrao, gave an in-depth talk and discussion about the Mandatory Label and Packaging. Mr. Nebrao gave a comprehensive explanation about each of the eleven (11) mandatory labelling requirements required by the Food and portance of having the Drug Administration (FDA) as declared in their Administrative Order No. 2014-0030 The 2nd day of

2023 was devoted to the

one-on-one mentorship

present to provide consultancy were mentors Mr Jorge Wieneke, Ms. Jenny Wieneke, and Mr. Lilit Reves The participants were given tips and pointers on how to strengthen their businesses, innovate their products, and take advantage of the different social media platforms to expand their market reach Over-all, the MSME Boot Camp was able to assist fifteen (15) MSMEs from the different sectors including processed fruits and nuts wearables. homestyle, aifts, decors, Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) beneficiaries, and six (6) UPLB IGPs for their developed products ranging from dairy products bee products, seeds, fertilizers, juices, and wines, This activity is part of the collaborative efforts of DT Laguna and DTI CALA-BARZON under the leadership of OIC-Regional Director Marissa Argente the MSME Boot Camp and OIC-Provincial Director Christian Ted Tungohan to provide assistances to MSMFs for them to level up their products and sustain their enterprises (AFRRodriguez, DTI La-



vertising and marketing

networks. In support to the

participants, a team of cre-

ative and art directors from

DDB Group Philippines

and Tribal Worldwide Ph

sat down with each ov t

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the logo and packaging

They also provided a con-

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grams (IGPs) in support to

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SM Cares Advocates for Creating Safe Spaces for NU visits SM Malls Breastfeedingwith Free to Feed Photo Campaign



Mothers from Dasmariñas Green Ladies and partners from the public and private sector join hands with SM Cares in advocating for safe spaces for breastfeeding mothers with the Free to Feed photo exhibit and forum at (Mall Name)

In celebration from various parts of the of National Breastfeed- country. The exhibit launch ing Month this August, also featured an inclusive SM Cares continues to forum with panelists reppromote breastfeeding resenting various sectors awareness by mounting to spark conversations on the "Free to Feed: Championing Safe Spaces for for mothers to choose and Breastfeeding at SM" forum and photo exhibit roadshow, launched at All, we believe in the im-SM City Dasmariñas last portance of advocating August 16, 2023, togeth- breastfeeding

mariñas Green Ladies. will be held throughout and Breastfeeding Moth-August to serve as a ers Program Director Atty. powerful reminder of the Pearl Jayagan Turley. mothers in their breast- example of such a place feeding journey. Under the where mothers are free #StoriesMatter campaign to breastfeed anywhere. of the SM Cares advoca- while also having breastcy on Women, featured feeding stations that are works from photographers fully equipped with anyreflect the different stories thing moms might need to of breastfeeding mothers nourish their babies."

how to create safe spaces sustain breastfeeding. "As a Mall for

awareer with Provincial Nutrition ness among Filipinos and Office, Dasmariñas City encouraging safe and Health Office and Das- welcoming spaces for breastfeeding is welcome mothers," said SM Cares at SM, the Free to Feed The roadshow Committee on Women "SM malls are a prime





The Free to Feed forum and exhibit showcases the different stories of breastfeeding mothers and perspectives of their support groups in the public and private sector, as well as in their own homes and workplace

provides accessible and safe spaces for nursing mothers through 80 breastfeeding stations available for customers and employees across SM malls nationwide. Earlier this month, SM Cares kicked off World Breastfeeding Week with sensi-

SM Supermalls tivity trainings for frontliners conducted by SM Mall Nurses to help create a welcoming environment for breastfeeding mothers. Dede-cation Perks are also available for mothers visiting breastfeeding stations in partnership with Baby Company, Watsons, Cetaphil, Dove and Sans-



Mothers getting the DE-DEcation perks from the Supermoms Club booth during the event.

photo contest was also launched for photo enthusiasts to submit original photos featuring breastfeeding mothers in any area within any SM mall,

To amplify how such as the food court, car park, tenant areas and more, but most especially at breastfeeding stations at the mall. Participants may send their entries through until August 21 2023 through this link: www.bit.ly/FreeToFeed-



The SM Cares Free to Feed photo contest invites photo enthusiasts and mothers to capture their breastfeeding moment anywhere within SM Super-

Visitors can view the Free to Feed exhibit during the following schedules at these participating SM malls: August 10-20 at SM City Davao, August 15-21 at SM City Pampanga, August 16-20 at SM City Dasmariñas,

August 19-24 at SM City Iloilo, and August 28 to September 2 at SM City North EDSA.

mation, please visit www. smsupermalls.com/smcares or follow SM Cares www.facebook.com/ OfficialSMCares







NU Laguna Back showing them the utmost to School 2023 is a call out activity of NU Laguna for the opening of a new 2023-2024. As National University Philippines continuously promotes #Eduing affordable, accessible, and quality education, and es to uphold the vision

support coming from NU Community. Present at the event at their SM City academic season A.Y. San Pablo stop are the NU Percussion, NU Laguna Chorale and NU Dance Company . NU initiatives cationThatWorks by serv- aimed to enrich the lives of young people the community. NU has establish consistently promoting ac- itself as a leader of this ademic and sports excel- effort. The vibrancy of their lence, NU campus, wish- program is undeniable. For more info you may and educational tagline by visit https://national-u.edu. lending quality service and ph/nu-laguna/.

August 23–29, 2024 **EGÁY AND FALCON SPUR**



Responding to the devastation brought by Typhoons Egay and Falcon in North Luzon, SM Supermalls and SM Foundation Inc. have activated their Operations Tulong Express (OPTE) initiatives, providing relief and support to affected areas.

Volunteers from SM City Marilao and SM City Baliwag have distributed essential "kalinga packs" to 28 barangays in Bulacan, while SM Center Pulilan team has reached 7,320 families through door-to-door relief efforts.

In Pampanga, SM City Pampanga and SM Savemore Market Apalit have supplied 1,970 relief packs, and SM City Olongapo Central, SM City Olongapo Downtown, and SM City Bataan SUPERMALLS | #EVERYhave offered assistance to THINGHEREATSM

DILG ...

"Fort Bonifacio Military working with the Chiefs of the Philippine National Po-Reservation, consisting of Parcels 3 and 4, Psulice (PNP), Bureau of Jail 2031," as part of Taguig City, rather than Makati that on May 3, 2023, the DILG had written to the

Supreme Court requesting guidance in the implementation of the decision with respect to the affected barangays. While awaiting further instructions from the Court, Abalos said the DILG had already activated transition teams to deal with the territorial change. Abalos said, "COMELEC Chairman George Garcia and I agree that it's imperative to take action because there's not much time left before the elections. We respect the Su-

preme Court's definition of

aries and are coordinating

the DILG's attached agen-

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est of the affected people."





Meanwhile, SM Center Dagupan provided relief to 550 recipients, SM City Tuquegarao aided 300 families in Baggao and Cagayan, and SM City Baguio supported three barangays with 250 relief packs.

These initiatives exemplify the collaborative spirit of SM Founda tion's Operation Tulong Express, showcasing the dedicated efforts of SM Supermalls and SM Markets employees and vol-

SOURCE: SM

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Management and Penology (BJMP) and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) to revise the areas of responsibility and reporting lines of their affected local offices, in light of the decided boundaries " Abalos clarified that the above actions

would cover only matters of territorial supervision."As for specific rights or obligations over affected property, these will be dealt with in accordance with the procedure provided by law. We will also respect any further court orders in this regard."

Abalos noted on ket at SM City Bacoor, SM the mayors of Taguig and Makati on this matter "My impression is that they the cities' territorial bound- both care deeply for their constituency. We share the same paramount consideration - the best intercies, Abalos added, "We're Dilg.gov

CELEBRATING 26 YEARS IN SERVICE SM CITY BACOOR PARTICIPATES IN BRIGADA ESHWEL

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CELEBRATE WOMEN AT SM CITY BACOOR, SM CENTER IMUS, AND SM CITY MOLINOS WOMENPR This campaign aims to present platforms entrepreneurs and leaders

profitable showcasing business ideas that women can venture into while

es, and create a positive impact on society Womenpreneur Market campaign also aims to help shoppers find, discover, and support women-owned MSMEs and local sellers in the

to pursue their aspirations.

establish their business

malls. So hurry and pack your shopping bags because supporting women can never be this fun! See you at the Womenpreneur Market until Au-





