

# Athletes leave their mark on 2022

**ANKARA** – The world in 2022 has seen some outstanding achievements of athletes who left their mark on the year.

Argentine football superstar and 2022 FIFA World Cup champion Lionel Messi, Portuguese star Cristiano Ronaldo, World Cup silver medalist Kylian Mbappe of France, Real Madrid's longtime French forward Karim Benzema, Spain's Rafael Nadal, and US basketball superstar Stephen Curry were among those who made a big impact in their respective fields throughout 2022.

Messi's historic World Cup win In 2022 winter, Argentina's Messi led his national team to the World Cup triumph in Qatar which the South American nation had been waiting for 36 years.

Before 2022, Argentina have won the World Cup twice.

Messi, 35, won the only missing piece in his trophy room with the win against France, as he now owns every top-tier title, club, and international tournament, including the Copa America, UEFA Champions League, UEFA Super Cup, and FIFA Club World Cup.

On Dec. 18, Argentina beat France 4-2 on penalties to secure the World Cup.

After the historic win, Messi's Dec. 19 Instagram post titled "CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD!!!!!!!" has received over 73 million likes – the most likes a post has received so far on the social media platform.

Mbappe, who rallied France in the historic final against Argentina, scored eight goals in the tournament in Qatar to win the Golden Boot award.

But the 24-year-old returned home with a silver medal.

Mbappe, who won the 2018 World Cup, scored 12 goals in the tournament's history and now he has to score five more goals to beat German forward Miroslav Klose, who is still the record holder.

Having already

retired from the game, Klose, the 2014 world champion, scored 16 goals in four editions (2002, 2006, 2010, and 2014) to be the World Cup's all-time top scorer.

Messi's biggest rival Ronaldo made history even though Portugal failed in the World Cup.

The Portuguese star became the all-time top scorer when his hat-trick on March 12 was enough to secure a 3-2 victory for Manchester United against Tottenham Hotspur.

The 37-year-old attacker had 807 career goals to break Austrian-Czech player Josef Bican's 805-goal record.

Benzema takes 1st Ballon d'Or Real Madrid's French forward Karim Benzema won the 2022 men's Ballon d'Or award, edging Bayern Munich's Sadio Mane, and Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne, who came second and third in the overall rankings on Oct. 17.

Benzema, 35, took home the prestigious award after scoring 44 goals in 46 games as Real Madrid clinched the Spanish La Liga and Champions League trophies.

At the same award ceremony, Barcelona star Alexia Putellas won the women's prize and became the first female to win back-to-back Ballon d'Or titles.

Separately on Nov. 9, Polish star Robert Lewandowski was awarded the European Golden Shoe, winning it back-to-back.

The 34-year-old scored 35 goals for his ex-club Bayern Munich in the 2021-22 German Bundesliga season to win the prestigious award for a second time.

Lewandowski is now playing for Barcelona.

Nadal makes history, Alcaraz world's number 1 in tennis

Spain's Rafael Nadal won the 2022 French Open on June 5, sealing his record-extending 22nd Grand Slam title.

Serbian superstar Novak Djokovic has won 21 major titles.

Fifth-seed Nadal beat eight-seeded

Casper Ruud from Norway 6-3, 6-3, 6-0 in the French Open final at Court Philippe-Chatrier.

Carlos Alcaraz won the 2022 US Open men's singles title on Sept. 11 by beating Ruud 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (7-1), and 6-3.

The Spanish sensation claimed his maiden Grand Slam title and the world no. 1 rank.

On Sept. 10, the US Open women's singles tennis title was claimed by top-seeded Iga Swiatek by beating fifth-seeded Ons Jabeur from Tunisia.

The 21-year-old Polish star defeated Jabeur in straight sets 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) to win her third Grand Slam title after French Open wins in 2020 and 2022.

The Wimbledon finalist, Jabeur, 28, played in back-to-back Grand Slam finals. She was the first Arab woman to appear in a US Open final.

Verstappen bags back-to-back F1 championships

Red Bull Racing driver Max Verstappen won the Japanese Grand Prix on Oct. 9 to clinch the 2022 Formula One title in Round 18 -- his second championship in a row.

Verstappen closed the season with 454 points while Ferra-

## Cristiano Ronaldo joins Saudi Arabia's Al-Nassr on freetransfer



**ANKARA** – Saudi Arabia's Al-Nassr signed Portuguese football star Cristiano Ronaldo early Saturday on free transfer.

"History in the making. This is a signing that will not only inspire our club to achieve even greater success but inspire our league, our na-

tion, and future generations, boys and girls to be the best version of themselves. Welcome Cristiano Ronaldo to your new home Al-Nassr," the Saudi club wrote on Twitter.

The club put a picture on social media with Ronaldo posing with an Al-Nassr jersey.

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## Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI dies at 95



**ROME** – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has died, the Vatican announced on Saturday. The former pontiff was 95.

"With sorrow, I inform you that the Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, passed away today at 9:34 in the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in the Vatican," Vatican Spokesman Matteo Brunetti said in a statement which was also post-

## Beijing slams Covid-19 measures on China travelers

**ISTANBUL** – Beijing on Tuesday slammed countries that have adopted Covid-19 measures against travelers from China entering their countries, urging them to "take appropriate measures based on science and facts and to stop political manipulation and discriminatory measures."

"China takes reciprocal countermeasures and calls relevant countries to take appropriate measures based on science and facts and to stop political manipulation and discriminatory measures, in order not to affect normal people-to-people exchanges," China's Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said at a news conference in Beijing.

Beijing's comments came after China early on Tuesday stopped issuing short-term visas to South Korean nationals and ceased granting visas to Japanese travelers.

"It's regrettable that a few countries ignore science and take discriminatory travel restrictions against China. We firmly oppose this kind of discrimination," Wang said, according to the Chinese daily Global Times.

Ronaldo, 37, who is a former Real Madrid, Juventus, and Manchester United forward, won local titles with those clubs.

He is also a five-time UEFA Champions League winner, four with Real Madrid and one with Manchester United.

Separately, the experienced forward led Portugal to the UEFA Euro 2016 title. (Anadolu)

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Full-year inflation meets DBCC's assumption of 5.8% for 2022

November 2022 Labor Force Survey records lowest unemployment rate since 2005



Sa patuloy na paglaganap ng makabagong teknolohiya kaakibat ang iba't ibang potensyal na pamamaraan sa pangangalakal o pagtitinda, sinanay ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) ang labing-isang (11) Farmers Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) sa rehiyon ukol sa digital marketing noong 6-7 Disyembre 2022.

Ang digital marketing ay ang pag-aalok at pagbebenta ng produkto o serbisyo gamit ang 'digital' na pamamaraan sa pamamagitan ng computer o

smart phone, partikular ang paggamit ng social media networks (e.g. Facebook, Instagram), mga aplikasyon, at internet.

Sa pangugnana ng DA-4A Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division (AMAD), layon ng aktibidad na palakasin ang kapasidad ng mga FCAs sa rehiyon, partikular ang mga Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), sa pagbuo ng mga estratehiya tungo sa sustainable at malawak na paraan ng pangangalakal ng kani-kanilang produktong agrikultural.

Ayon kay AMAD Agribusiness Promotion Section Chief Richmond Pablo, kinakailangang sumabay ng mga FCAs sa mga napapanahong paraan kung saan ang mga mamimili ay natuto sa malawakang paggamit ng digital technologies.

Ilan sa mga tinalakay ay ang pagpapaulad ng pangalan at presensya ng organisasyon, paggagawa ng business model, pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga mamimili, proseso ng pagbabayad, at iba pa, gamit ang social media networks o internet.

Lumahok sa pag-

sasanay ang Southern Luzon Farmers and Traders (SOLUFAT), Rosario Livestock Farmers Cooperative, General Trias Dairy Cooperative, Salaban II Women's Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Pinagdanglitan Rural Improvement Club Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Buklod Unlad Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Barigon Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Mag-sasakang Tanauaño Agriculture and Marketing Cooperative, Tanauan Organic and Natural Farmers Association Incorporation, Samahang Maggagatas ng Batangas Cooperative (SAMABACO), at San Pedro Multi-Purpose Cooperative.

Samantala, nag-pasalamat si Sales and Marketing Officer ng Buklod Unlad Multi-Purpose Cooperative Imee Atienza sa oportunidad na ibinigay sa kanila ng aktibidad upang sila ay turuan na mas mapaganda pa ang mga social media account lalo na sa pagdidisenyo ng mga post dito. PR

EDITORIAL:

In his short stay at the PSC, Eala has achieved a lot.

Under his watch came international achievement in world tournaments by athletes in weightlifting, jiu-jits, boxing, and karate, and the revival of the agency's premiere grassroots program: the Batang Pinoy.

Eala was also embraced with open arms by the Senate which supported his P5-billion budget proposal for the year 2023.

If any, this could be Eala's biggest legacy to the incoming administration of Bachmann who, like him, is a former executive in Asia's oldest basketball league.

Bachmann prides himself on his long association with the Alaska organization under the leadership of businessman-sportsman Wilfred Uytengse, whose business philosophy Bachmann will try to carry with him in the government agency for sport.

"I bring with me nearly three decades of experience in organized sports, as well as the Alaska Aces' philosophy I have learned and valued over the years, which is to win with integrity while helping our athletes to become better individuals off the court," Bachmann said.

"I am deeply humbled to have the opportunity

Sports in good hands?

to serve our Philippine athletes in this capacity. I look forward to working with the NSAs, together with our PSC team members and Commissioners, in order to help our athletes, prepare for this year's sporting events."

Bachmann's management style will be tested when the country takes to battle in the 32nd Cambodia Southeast Asian Games which is set just four months from now.

And then there's the Asian Games in Hangzhou in September, the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games, and the World Beach Games in November as well as dozens of qualifying tournaments for the 2023 Paris Olympics.

Will Bachmann carry with him the no-nonsense, stickler-to-rules type of Alaska management?

Will he be able to work effectively in dealing with the nearly 50 National Sports Association members under the umbrella of the Philippine Olympic Committee?

There are nearly a thousand national athletes under the care of the PSC, and most of them will take part in the Cambodia SEA Games, just under four months away. And this stage is the most crucial one in terms of preparation.

Curiously, January is the month when the PSC suspends monthly allowances to athletes because this is

when the NSAs supposedly change their national line-ups. But most athletes are already preparing to train at this time for the SEA Games.

Will Bachmann stick to rules and deny the athletes their monthly allowance when most of them are already preparing for the SEA Games?

Former chairman Butch Ramirez's leadership was definitely a tough act to follow.

Under his watch and during the administration of former President Rodrigo Duterte, the country regained the overall championship of the SEA Games in 2019.

And many times, he went out of his way to provide for the athletes as he continued to provide them allowances even while not in training during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Then in 2021, the country won its first-ever gold medal in the Olympics, courtesy of weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz, and produced marquee names on the global stage like pole vaulter EJ Obiena and gymnast Caloy Yulo.

Of course, the NSAs and the POC are crucial partners in this endeavor, but the PSC's support weighs a lot.

The athletes are anxiously waiting for the next move of the new PSC board under Bachmann. His first major act would be a glimpse of his administration policy in the years to come.

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Full-year ...

The country's full-year inflation rate for 2022 reached 5.8 percent, consistent with the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC)'s full-year inflation assumption as December 2022 inflation stood at 8.1 percent.

The DBCC revised its average inflation rate assumption to 5.8 percent from the previous 4.5 percent to 5.5 percent during the Committee's 183rd meeting held on December 5, 2022.

2022 full year inflation

Top drivers of full-year inflation include electricity, gas, and other fuels at 1.1 percentage points (ppt) and operation of personal transport equipment at 1.0 ppt.

Food contributed 2.1 ppts, which was mainly driven by meat (0.44 ppt), fish (0.38 ppt), vegetables (0.23 ppt), and sugar (0.20 ppt).

Other top non-food contributors to the average inflation were food and beverage services

(0.39 ppt), actual rentals for housing (0.31 ppt), and passenger transport services (0.25 ppt).

Inflation is expected to moderate within target range in the last quarter of 2023, averaging between 2.5 and 4.5 percent for the full year as global oil and food prices ease.

December 2022 inflation

The 8.1 percent inflation rate for December 2022 was mainly driven by supply constraints and increased demand from holiday spending. Electricity, gas, and other fuels remain to be the highest contributors at 1.0 ppt.

In terms of food, vegetables (0.9 ppt), meat (0.5 ppt), fish (0.4 ppt), and sugar (0.4 ppt) were the main contributors to inflation for the month.

On the other hand, food and beverage services (0.7 ppt), passenger transport services (0.6 ppt), and operation of personal transport equipment and actual rentals for housing (0.5 ppt) were among the non-food top contributors.

Core inflation, which excludes select volatile food and energy items to depict underlying demand-side price pres-

ures, went up to 6.9 percent in December 2022, from the previous month's 6.5 percent.

Regional inflation went above-target with Western Visayas (Region VI) at 10.5 percent, Davao Region (Region XI) at 9.3 percent, and Central Luzon (Region III) at 9.0 percent. Inflation in Metro Manila slightly increased from 7.5 percent in November to 7.6 percent in December.

Meanwhile, the seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index (CPI), which excludes the effects of seasonal or time-related variation (e.g., climate and institutional events like holidays, harvest season, etc.) to facilitate comparison between consecutive time periods, exhibited a slowdown. It registered a month-on-month (MoM) increase of 0.3 ppt in December 2022, from the previous month's rate of 0.7 ppt.

Measures to address inflation

On December 29, 2022, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. approved the extension of Executive Order (EO) 171 on the reduced Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariff rates through the enactment of EO 10.

The enactment of EO 10 extends the reduced MFN tariff rates of meat of swine (fresh, chilled, or frozen), maize (corn), and rice until December 31, 2023, and coal beyond 2023, provided that there will be a semestral review of the reduced tariff rates after the aforementioned period.

Equally important are the medium- and long-term efforts to increase productivity and modernize the agriculture sector as laid out in the recently approved Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028. Other direct

measures to address supply shocks are the continued provision of targeted transport, fertilizer, and fuel subsidies to affected sectors.

The government also assures the public of its commitment to fiscal responsibility, ensuring that fiscal policies will not add up to aggregate demand that will risk further inflation. In light of this, the Philippine government remains steadfast in pursuing fiscal consolidation through the faithful implementation of the Medium-Term Fiscal Framework (MTFF). DOF,GOV

Ginebra takes pivotal 3-2 lead vs. Bay Area



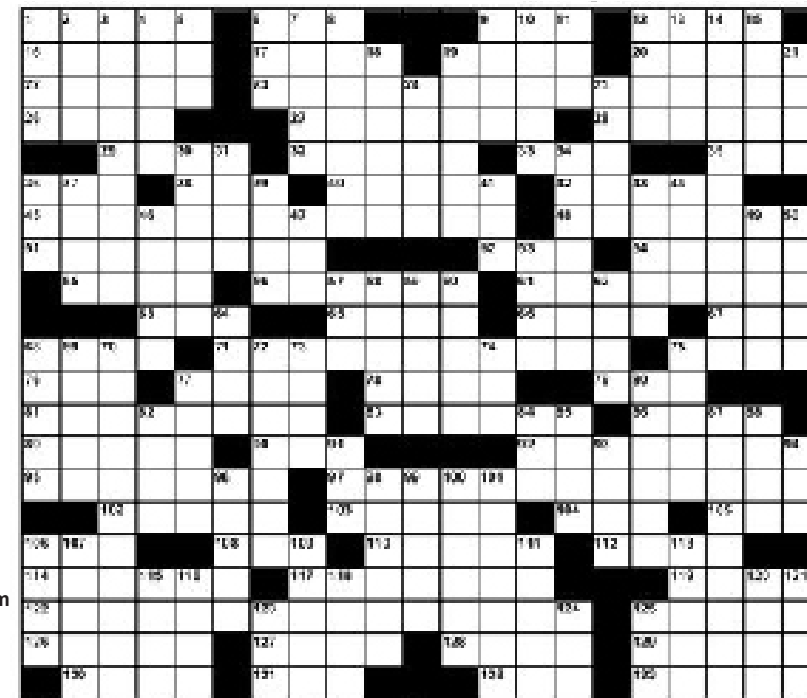
MANILA – Barangay Ginebra moved to within a win from claiming the PBA Commissioner's Cup championship after holding off Bay Area Dragons for a 101-91 win in Game 5 of the finals on Sunday night in front of 21,823 fans at the SM Mall of Asia Arena in Pasay City.

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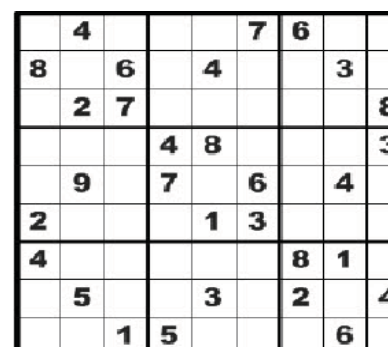


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MOMENTS OF MEANING
The least of things with a meaning is worth move in life than the greatest of things without it.

THINK BACK TO A TIME that was meaningful for you. I didn't say pleasant or joyful, I said meaningful. More often the meaningful events are not pleasant ones, but painful or frightening. Other times they are sudden epiphanies that bring great insight. Initially the incident may seem insignificant, and the full impact of it will not come until later. The meaningful moments focus us on the significant of our lives and how we spend our time.

How have these events become our teachers and guides? What lessons have you learned that have led you to where you are and the person you have become? Many times we have no idea how the decisions and choices we make lead us to experiences that become life altering.

Today, ask yourself what motivates you, what gives your life meaning? Find the answer, and you will find yourself. Look back at meaningful events; think about what gave you joy as a child. When you combine the two things, you will be living the life intended for you.

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Today take the time to explore what is meaningful for you. Ponder past events and note the lessons that they brought you.

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### Concepcion: OCTA survey shows many Pinoys interested in entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship is increasingly gaining headway into the Filipino mindset. This is according to a survey conducted by OCTA Research, the results of which were shared by Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion.

"I am glad that the work we have done for the last 17 years continues to bear fruit. The recent survey by our friends at OCTA Research found that a big percentage of Filipinos are willing to go into business, and that more than half of the respondents are aware of the advocacy that I and the Go Negosyo team have been promoting. It is so important to build the MSME's optimism and the willingness to engage in the economy," said Concepcion.

Prof. Ranjit Rye of OCTA Research said that the survey was conducted in the last week of October 2022. "The results showed that 81 percent of adult Filipinos would prefer to go into business, granting that they had enough knowhow to do so. Across socioeconomic classes, that desire remains high at 80percent among classes ABC and D, and 74 percent from class E," said Prof. Rye.

He shared that the survey also found that more than half, or 53 percent were aware of Joey Concepcion and his work at Go Negosyo, the non-profit he founded in 2005. Go Negosyo is seen either as a partner, or a supporter, of smallbusinesses/enterprises by 52 percent of adult Filipinos, or as one that teaches how to run a business by 47 percent of adult Filipinos.

The survey in-



involved 1,200 respondents aged 18 years and older, covering socioeconomic classes AB, C, D and E.

Concepcion said that the survey showed that Go Negosyo and its push for an entrepreneurial mindset has had an impact on the Filipino. Since 2005, Go Negosyo has promoted entrepreneurship as a way for Filipinos to lift themselves out of poverty. "There are about 26 million Filipinos still living in poverty, unable to meet their basic food and non-food needs. This represents nearly a fourth of our entire population," said Concepcion. "By providing access to the three M's essential in successful entrepreneurship - namely mentoring, and access to markets and money, or capital - we can increase the number of Filipinos who can build successful businesses, and in turn employ more of our countrymen," he said.

Concepcion was appointed by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. as the lead of the jobs cluster of the Private Sector Advisory Council, which comprises leaders from the country's business sector who provide guidance to the President. The Go Negosyo founder said that with MSMEs accounting for more than 62 percent of job generation, helping the country's MSMEs grow will redound to more jobs across the country.

Go Negosyo's mentoring programs have benefited tens of thousands of active and aspiring entrepreneurs over the years. Among its projects are the highly successful mall-based free mentoring roadshow 3M on Wheels, and I believe that, perhaps by the second quarter, we will reach a tipping point where commodity prices will go down. Interest rates definitely will taper off, and hopefully, by the second quarter and maybe towards the third, interest rates will go down, and it will be the same with power rates," he said. "Barring any further escalation between Russia and the Ukraine, we might have already seen the worst." PR

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### Beijing ...

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Beijing had threatened to take retaliatory measures after several countries imposed restrictions, including requiring negative Covid-19 tests for China travelers entering these countries.

China dumped its "zero-COVID" policy, allowing full international travel from this Sunday.

However, the world's largest populated

structured training for active entrepreneurs in cooperation with the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Agriculture, and its regular Facebook Live show Go Negoshow provides free mentoring over the social media platform on the Go Negosyo Facebook page.

Go Negosyo recently renewed its Kapatid Angat Lahat program to foster the transformation of MSMEs through their inclusion of MSMEs in the value chain of large companies, as well as giving them access to mentorship, money, and markets; process and production improvements; resources; business models; digital innovation; capacity-building; and new technologies.

Concepcion said that MSMEs were negatively affected during the pandemic, but that digital technology helped some to pivot and find new ways to do business. "With the pandemic now behind us, and even with the current headwinds facing the global economy, I am confident that 2023 will be a much better year for our entrepreneurs," he said.

"I think our growth will continue, and I believe that, perhaps by the second quarter, we will reach a tipping point where commodity prices will go down. Interest rates definitely will taper off, and hopefully, by the second quarter and maybe towards the third, interest rates will go down, and it will be the same with power rates," he said. "Barring any further escalation between Russia and the Ukraine, we might have already seen the worst." PR

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### DILG ...

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) today urged all local government units (LGUs) to raise awareness among their constituents on the newly-enacted Republic Act No. 11934 or Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) Registration Act and prod their constituents to register their SIM cards starting December 27 "as this will help combat cybercrimes in the country."

DILG Secretary Benjamin 'Benhur' Abalos, Jr. said that with millions of Filipino mobile subscribers, an intensive information drive must be carried out at the grassroots level and LGUs should step up in educating the public on the requirements and importance of the law.

"As we seek to ensure public safety even in the online space, I encourage LGUs to exert all efforts to promote responsible use of SIM cards, educate their stakeholders on the benefits of mandatory SIM card registration and guide them through the whole registration process," he said.

He said the SIM Registration Act will aid the Philippine National Police and other law enforcement authorities in curbing rising electronic communication-aided criminal activities in the Philippines such as mobile phishing, text spams, online scams, bank frauds and identity theft.

As the first law signed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., the SIM Registration Act aims to regulate the registration and use of SIMs by mandating all end-users to register their SIMs with their respective telecommunications networks before their activation.

Abalos said the implementation of the law will not only prompt accountability from all sides - the mobile users, the telcos, the government and authorities - but will also help the PNP to quickly locate offenders of crimes committed in anonymity through the use of electronic devices.

Section 4 of the IRR of the SIM Registration Act released by the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) provides that DILG, along with other government agencies such as DICT, NTC, DepEd, and telecom companies, shall "facilitate all SIM registrations in remote areas with limited telecommunication or internet access."

"Together with the LGUs, DILG will cooperate with DICT and the NCT to fast-track the establishment of registration facilities in geographically-isolated areas, which should be done within 60 days after December 27," Abalos said.

He enlisted the assistance of local chief executives (LCEs) and barangay captains in remote areas in processing needed documents and other requirements to set up the registration centers. "We know not everyone has access to the internet and other means of communication so let us reach out to them and inform them of this new law," he said.

To register, all existing SIM subscribers must submit an accomplished form through a database platform or website provided by the telco company within 180 days. The DICT can extend the registration period for another 120 days. If a subscriber

fails to register, SIM cards will be deactivated.

Subscribers must provide the following: full name, birthday, sex, address, mobile SIM number and serial number and valid identification cards (for individuals); business name, business address and full name of authorized signatory (for businesses and other juridical entities); full name, nationality, birthday, passport, proof of Philippine address, return ticket to own country (for foreigners and tourists).

Abalos also urged parents and guardians to be responsible and register the SIM used by their minor children or relatives under their name to protect them from ill-intentioned individuals. They will be asked to present an ID and consent form.

"To our parents and guardians, let us help each other in this endeavor to safeguard minors. Magtutulongan po tayong upang masiguro na hindi sila mabibiktima ng mga panloloko online," he said.

Likewise, Abalos asked the public to support the mandatory SIM card registration as this will be beneficial in the long run, "I encourage every Filipino to register their SIM cards and be one with the government in fighting text and online scams which are becoming more prevalent in recent years."

Moreover, Abalos warned people who will attempt to provide false or fictitious information and documents to register a SIM and those who will try to spoof a registered SIM to defraud or cause harm, "I would like to remind all of you and those with ill intentions that under this new law you can be imprisoned or be fined depending on your violation."

Registering a SIM card with false or fictitious information or using fictitious identities will be subject to a penalty of imprisonment of 6 months to 2 years and a fine of P100,000 to P300,000 while spoofing will be subject to a 6 years jail time or/and a fine of P200,000. DILG.GOV

### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE MARIVIC QUIBO TAYKO HAS BEEN EXTRA-JUDICIALLY SETTLED BY HER HEIRS THRU EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AS PER DOC. NO. 451; PAGE NO. 92; BOOK NO. 142; SERIES OF 2022, BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. CESARIO G. GONZALES JR.

Dateline Weekly Newspapers: Jan. 2, 9 & 16, 2023



### Go after big-time smugglers of agricultural products

"Kaliwa't kanan ang mga nakukumpiskang produktong smuggled pero wala pang nahuhuling malaking isda. Dapat masawata ang mismong mga "big fish" upang mahinto o mabawasan na ang iligal na pag-aangkat ng mga produkto," Gatchalian said.

The Senate Committee of the Whole even released a Senate investigation report in June last year citing certain individuals' possible involvement in large-scale agricultural smuggling.

"Prices of various farm products have gone up considerably due in part to rampant smuggling of agricultural products that have rendered local farm output practically uncompetitive, which, in turn, undermines the productivity of local farmers," Gatchalian noted.

"Aside from causing undue disadvantage to local farmers, smuggling also causes losses to the government in terms of unpaid duties and taxes. It is a major deterrent to economic growth, particularly in the countryside where our farmers are located," he added.

Data from the agriculture department indicated that between 2019 and 2022 alone, about P667.5 million worth of agriculture and fishery products were smuggled into the country even as the Bureau of Customs (BOC) conducted 542 seizure cases involving P1.99 billion worth of agricultural products. Farm commodities being smuggled into the country include sugar, corn, pork, poultry, garlic, onion, carrots, fish, and cruciferous vegetables as per data cited by the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture.

Over the years, lower productivity rates have led to higher cost of farm products to the detriment of consumers, especially during a seasonal uptick in demand and taking into consideration the negative impact of typhoons and other calamities, Gatchalian pointed out.

He emphasized that the full extent of the law should be implemented as far as Republic Act 10845, also known as An Act Declaring Large-Scale Agricultural Smuggling as Economic Sabotage, is concerned. Despite the law's enactment six years ago in 2016, smuggled agricultural products continue to enter the country unabated, he ended.

### November 2022 ...

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The November 2022 Labor Force Survey (LFS) recorded the lowest unemployment rate since April 2005 at 4.2 percent. This is a decrease from the 4.5 percent a month ago, and is even lower than the 6.5 percent output in November 2021.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) estimates that there were 2.2 million unemployed individuals in November 2022. This means that there were 982,444 or 31.1 percent fewer unemployed individuals compared to the same month in 2021.

Employment, on the other hand, climbed to 49.7 million in November 2022, or an additional 4.2 million employment year-on-year (YoY). The increase was mainly driven by wage and salary workers, specifically those employed in private establishments, which make up 48.1 percent of the employed population.

The November 2022 LFS also saw the highest labor force participation rate (LFPR) since

April 2005. The LFPR improved to 67.5 percent, which is a 3.2 million increase from the 64.2 percent a year ago. This translates to about 51.8 million Filipinos in the labor force.

The quality of employment further improved YoY with the underemployment rate decreasing to 14.4 percent. This is relative to 16.7 percent in the same period a year ago, and down to around 7.1 million underemployed persons in November 2021.

## 25 bio-secured and climate-controlled finisher operations facilities ipinatayo ng DA-4A bilang suporta sa pagpapalakas ng industriya ng pagbababuyan



Aabot sa 25 na Bio-secured and Climate-Controlled Finisher Operation Facilities ang naipatayo ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) simula Enero hanggang Nobyembre 2022 para sa Livestock Farmers' Cooperatives and Associations ng rehiyon bilang bahagi ng implemantasyon ng Integrated National Swine Production Initiatives for Recovery and Expansion (INSPIRE) Community-Based Swine Production thru Clustering and Consolidation Program.

Ito ay inulat ni Bb. Diana Rose V. Alcalá, Alternate Focal Person ng

DA-4A Regional Livestock Program (RLP), sa DA-4A RLP Year-End Assessment noong ika-6 ng Disyembre, na naglalayong ipresenta ang ulat ukol sa estado ng implemantasyon ng mga programa para sa taong 2022.

Ang programang INSPIRE ay tugon ng pamahalaan upang patuloy na maiangat ang kabuhayan ng magbababoy sa bansa. Layunin din ng programa na maparaming muli ang bilang ng mga alaga sa pamamagitan ng suportang teknikal, pinansyal, at imprastruktura.

Samantala, sa pamamagitan ng Calibrated Repopulation - Imple-

mentation of Sentinel Protocol, nakapagbahagi ang ahensya ng 3,795 sentinel na baboy sa 1,275 na benepisyaryo mula sa iba't ibang probinsya ng rehiyon.

Inilahad sa naturang assessment ang naisakatuparang targets ng Unified National Artificial Insemination Program (UNAIP) kung saan mayroong 8,130 semilya ang naibahagi at tinatayang 5,512 AI accomplishments para sa beef cattle, buffalo, at dairy ang natatala.

Dagdag pa rito, anim na cattle, dalawang chicken, at isang goat multiplier farms; 14 na incubators; at apat na forage

choppers ang natanggap ng mga livestock FCAs sa ilalim ng Provision of Agricultural Equipment and Facilities at Livestock Economic Enterprise Development Program.

Pinasalamatan ni Dr. Jerome Cuasay, Focal Person ng DA-4A RLP, ang mga kasamahan mula sa Agricultural Programs Coordinating Offices ng rehiyon sa hindi matatawarang serbisyo at dedikasyon para sa industriya ngayong taon. Aniya, kinakailangan ang magandang koordinasyon ng bawat isa upang maisakatuparan ang mithiin ng programa.

Accommodation and food services (749,694), and Transportation and storage (490,586).

In the youth category, the unemployment rate significantly dropped to 8.4 percent from 13.4 percent a year ago. Youth underemployment rate likewise improved to 11.6 percent from 16.6 percent last year.

"We anticipate the year to culminate with a resilient labor market as economic activity from the holiday season will further boost domestic demand, helping us achieve our economic growth targets," remarked Finance Secretary Benjamin Diokno.

The government has laid out its plans for economic and social transformation through the

Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028 to further improve the quantity and quality of jobs in the country. Further improvements on business regulations and bureaucratic efficiency will help attract investors that could stimulate the country's labor market.

"The government will continue to implement policies and programs to increase employability, expand access to employment opportunities, and achieve shared labor market governance to fully recover employment losses from the pandemic to protect the country's labor market from the possible global economic slowdown in 2023," said Secretary Diokno. DOF.GOV

# GREAT DEALS AT THE SM STORE MOLINO'S CLEARANCE SALE

Jan 2 - 15, 2023

CLEARANCE

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Up to 50% off on selected items

PERMITS: DTI FAIR TRADE PERMIT NO. F115-15987 SERIES 01 2022

SM CITY MOLINO, CAVITE - Don't miss the first SALE of the year! Score great deals this January 2-15, 2023 at the SM Store Molino's Clearance Sale! Get the trendiest shoes apparels, the coziest and and stylish home accessories, and everything you need for up to 50% off on selected items. Visit The SM Store Molino today and learn more at [smstore.com/](http://smstore.com/). You can also shop at The SM Store anytime, anywhere! Just click [smstore.com/PS bit.ly/ShopSMNow](http://smstore.com/PS.bit.ly/ShopSMNow).

# SM CENTER IMUS MALL HOURS

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10AM TO 9PM

Monday to Sunday

SM SUPERMARKET

9AM TO 9PM

Monday to Sunday

SM CENTER IMUS, CAVITE – Still adjusting after the holidays? Sure it's hard to get back on your routine after long weekends and parties from here and there. Please be guided by SM Center Imus mall hours for your shopping schedule and weekend family bondings! SM Center Imus is open from 10AM to 9PM from Monday to Saturday. Shop at SM Supermarket from 9AM to 9PM for your daily grocery needs. See you there!

# DTI Rizal Awards 30 Livelihood Kits to Morong and Cardona PPG Beneficiaries



29 November 2022 – The Department of Trade and Industry – Rizal Provincial Office through Negosyo Center Morong and Cardona awarded livelihood kits to beneficiaries under the Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon at Ginhawa (PPG) Program at the Municipal Covered Court, San Pedro, Morong, Rizal. A total of thirty (30) sari-sari

stores beneficiaries profiled from Morong and Cardona, Rizal, were awarded livelihood kits worth Php 10,000.00 each.

Negosyo Center Morong Business Counselor Leah Mae L. Clemente facilitated the program and welcomed the participants. DTI Rizal Business Development Division Chief Sharon F. Dico discussed the program overview and gave the beneficiaries a brief background of the program and its achievements in the province.

On behalf of Mayor Sidney Soriano, LGU Morong Human Resources Officer Teodoro S. Trinidad then delivered his welcoming remarks to the audience. He acknowledged DTI Rizal's support in developing the municipality's economic growth and wished for the



beneficiaries to utilize their livelihood kits to their full capacity. TIDS Jonalyn Adaya, PPG Support Staff Jocelyn Ferrer and Michael Avisado, and Negosyo Center Business Counselors Faye Javier and Felipe Fortunato.

Mr. Christian Samiado of MDY Variety Store and Mr. Reynaldo Carlos of Mame Ghay Sari-Sari Store gave testimonials. They shared the struggles they faced amidst the pandemic as well as their gratitude and appreciation towards DTI and the PPG program. Present also in the program are DTI Rizal STIDS Marlene De Luna,

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), Mortgagee,

-versus-  
  
Foreclosure No. 2022-233  
  
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage

LIEZL M. ABRICO married to WILLY B. ABRICO, Mortgagors,  
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### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-judicial Petition for sale (Act 3135 as Amended by 4118 filed by the mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund) at The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg. No. Sen Gil. Puyat Ave. Makati City, and against the mortgagors, LIEZL M. ABRICO married to WILLY B. ABRICO at Bk. 4 Lot 9 Ph 1, Villa Antonina Subd., San Nicolas, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of September 15, 2022, amounts to SIX HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN PESOS & 51/100 (P691,857.51) Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges, but exclusive of other fees incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on January 26, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described properties with all the improvements thereon, to wit;

### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2015033515

" A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 12 BLOCK 5 OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-024535, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 4895 & 4896, IMUS ESTATE AND EXCLUDED AREA, BLOCK 16, PCS-042007, LRC REC. NO. ), SITUATED IN BARANGAY OF SAN NICOLAS, MUN. OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON X X X, CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY FIVE (35) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS"

"All sealed bid must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date."

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on February 2, 2023, without further notice."

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, December 5, 2022.

(sgd.) MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA  
OIC-Clerk of Court V

By: (SGD.) ARTHUR T. SAN MIGUEL  
Sheriff IV

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Lot 12 Bk. 5, Ph. 2 Villa Antonina Subd., San Nicolas, Bacoor, Cavite,

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of Extra-Judicial Sale on or before the date of sale.

Dateline Weekly Newspapers: December 26, 2022, Jan. 2 & 9, 2023

### ERRATUM

This is to correct the publication of Notice of Sale in favor of HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND -versus- DOREEN TOBOLA COLE published in DATELINE Weekly Newspapers dated November 28, 2022, December 5 & 12, 2022. The missing title should be read as :

### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016050431

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that a certain land situated in BARANGAY TIMALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 11 BLOCK 42 OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-025948, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 2929-A, PSD-04-213716; LOT 2931-A, PSD-04-213715; LOT 2930 AND 2932, BOTH OF NAIC ESTATE (VS-04-000597), L.R.C. RECORD NO. 8340), SITUATED IN BARANGAY TIMALAN MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NE ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 11 BLOCK 42; ON THE SE ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 51 (6.50 M. ROW); ON THE SW ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 13 BLOCK 42; AND ON THE NW ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 3 BLOCK 42, ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN. BEING S 35 DEG. 10'E, 2301.45 M. FROM MON. #17, NAIC ESTATE, THENCE; S 25 DEG. 00'E, 10.02 M. TO POINT 2; S 65 DEG. 00'W, 4.00 M. TO POINT 3; N 25 DEG. 00'W, 10.02 M. TO POINT 4; N 65 DEG. 00'E, 4.00 M. TO POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS MORE OR LESS x x x.

Dateline Weekly Newspapers: January 09, 2023

### Ginebra...

Stanley Pringle came up huge down the stretch as he nailed back-to-back triples that sparked the deciding 10-2 run as the Gin Kings survived after the Dragons cut a lead as high as 18 down to five. Justin Brownlee led Ginebra, which can close out the series in Game 6 on Wednesday night at the Smart Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City, with 37 points on 14-of-22 shooting and eight rebounds.

Pringle added 20 points on 6-for-9 shooting from three-point range and five rebounds. Hayden Blankley led Bay Area, which now needs to win Game 6 to send the series to a deciding Game 7 on Friday night at the Philippine Arena in Bocaue, with 29 points, nine rebounds, three assists, and two steals before falling down late with a foot injury. Liu Chuanxing added 10 points and 11 rebounds off the bench. (PNA)

# A basketful of blessings



Forty-six-year-old mother of three Mary Jane Pascua found life's blessings in a native basket called tiklis.

Just like all mothers, Mary Jane Pascua from La Union aspires to give her children the best life. This is why she strived to become a microentrepreneur in order to provide for her children, who she considers her greatest source of inspiration.

The tiklis is a big native basket made of wooden bamboo or rattan splits that is used to store harvested fruits and vegetables. She borrowed from CARD Bank Inc., this time as an investment to purchase the materials and equipment needed to produce this. This is the business that has significantly improved their quality of life. As her allowable loan amount increases, she also started another business: selling of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in their area.

Her tiklis business now supports the education of her two other children, who are now both college students. She is very grateful to CARD Bank because, apart from the educational loan, she also has savings and insurance that she can use at any time of need. "Even if all of my children complete their schooling, I will not leave CARD Bank," Mary Jane remarked.

However, the income from the sari-sari store was usually not enough for their daily needs and the education of her three children. Mary Jane places a high value on her children's education, so she ensures that her children would complete their education. She then took out educational loans to pay for their tuition fees. Finally, her eldest child became an electrical engineer. As such,

