

SMC, gov't forge biggest CSR collaboration to clean up, rehabilitate Luzon rivers



Three years after it launched its landmark river cleanup and flood mitigation initiative—which has led to the removal of over 3 million metric tons of silt and solid wastes from the Pasig, Tullahan, and San Juan Rivers—San Miguel Corporation (SMC) is setting its sights on a more ambitious goal: cleaning up and rehabilitating three major river systems as well as other tributaries and waterways throughout Metro Manila, Pampanga, Cavite, and Bulacan.

Dubbed as “SMC’s Adopt-A-River program”, this initiative is possibly the country’s biggest and most impactful corporate social responsibility (CSR) effort in collaboration with the national and local governments.

The initiative has gained broad-based support from various stakeholders, including national, provincial and city governments, whose localities stand to benefit from the massive undertaking.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga and Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Manuel Bonoan led national government support for the program at the formal signing of the memorandum of agreement. Also present at the signing and joining the effort were Cavite Gov. Juanito Victor Remulla, Pampanga Gov. Dennis Pineda, and Navotas City Mayor John Ray Tiangco.

“This initiative is unlike anything we have seen before. It is perhaps the most extensive environmental effort involving both government and the private sector. In one decisive move, we are cleaning up many major rivers and waterways. We are doing this as a public service, at no cost to the government or taxpayers,” SMC President and CEO Ramon S. Ang said.

He added that:

“It is important to understand that cleaning up rivers is not a quick fix. It is a very important step in the river restoration process. It paves the way for polluted waterways to heal.”

SMC began its river advocacy three years ago spending over P3 billion and removing over three million metric tons of oil and waste from Pasig River, Tullahan River and San Juan River.

The massive initiative covers the following rivers:

- River systems in Bulacan including the Meycauayan, Maycapiz-Talpitip, and Mailad Creek, Marilao River, Sta. Maria River, Guiguinto River, Pamarawan River, Labangon-Angat River, Malolos River, and Hagonoy River.
- Pampanga River

- Maragondon River and other related tributaries in Cavite

- Waterways in Navotas City, including Muzon River, Batasan River, and the Navotas River

- San Pedro River in Laguna

- San Juan River

DENR Secretary Yulo-Loyzaga lauded the company for its continuous efforts to clean up major river systems and the expansion of the program, aligned with government’s environmental objectives.

“This partnership enables DENR to achieve three main mandates by investing and allowing water to flow and impound it correctly where it is needed. Most of all, we are able to fulfill a new role assigned to us by our President when he created the Water Resources Management Office... We are very grateful to San Miguel Corporation for its kind and generous support to our government activities,” Loyzaga said.



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For his part, DPWH Secretary Bonoan said: “We commend SMC for taking this noble initiative, for using your own resources and manpower to rehabilitate rivers that will benefit numerous communities and residents of various provinces. The initiative not only reflects commitment to environment stewardship, but also signifies dedication to preserving our rivers that have suffered the brunt of pollution and neglect and human activities.”

The local government partners also extolled the efforts of SMC to clean up waterways in their areas.

“What they plan to do is solve the problem in Noveleta, Rosario, General Trias, and Imus, which comprise maybe 10% of

the land area, but 90% of flooding. With JICA and San Miguel, we expect to solve flooding in Cavite 100%,” said Cavite Governor Remulla.

“What affects Bulacan affects Navotas, affects Manila, affects Cavite,” Remulla continued. “(Ramon Ang) brings us together to realize there is hope for this country if we act together.”

For his part, Governor Pineda said: “Noong nakaraang kalamidad, talaga pong namorable kami kung paano bibigyang solusyon ang baha sa probinsya. Kaya nagpapasalamat po ang mga Kapampangan kay boss Ramon Ang at sa SMC... Alam ko po na ang gagastusin ninyo dito bilyon, pero wala po kayong inaasahan na kapalit. Hindi

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Young artist ng Naic, Cavite wagi sa Regional On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest ng DA-4A



Itinanghal na kampeon ang labing-dalawang taong gulang na si Alexa Rinoa Aguinardo mula sa Naic Elementary School ng Cavite sa isinagawang Regional On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A).

Mula sa 215 na nagpasa ng litrato ng likhang sining online sa Kagawaran ay 25 mula sa iba’t ibang paaralan sa rehiyon ang napiling sumabak sa nasabing

kompetisyon na isinagawa face-to-face sa Argosino Hall, Lipa Agricultural Research and Experiment Station, Batangas. Dito ay binigyan lamang ang mga kalahok ng mga materyales na ½ illustration board, oil pastel, at pentel pen na kanilang ginamit sa loob ng tatlong oras na pagguhit.

Katuwang ang Department of Education (DepEd) at Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO),

ang aktibidad ay pinangunahan ng DA-4A Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Information Section (RAFIS) sa layon na maipamulat sa mga kabataan ang kahalagahan ng agrikultura at seguridad sa pagkain sa pamamagitan ng sining.

Si Alexa ay nag-uwi ng sampung libong piso (P10,000) bilang Grand Winner na sinundan naman nina

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DOH launches framework to combat mental health stigma



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION EVENT FOR MSMEs. Actor Dingdong Dantes, who is also the entrepreneur behind Dingdong PH powered by Riderko, gives the signature thumbs-up alongside Go Negosyo founder Joey Concepcion at the Digital Sign Up 2023 held at the Ayala Malls Manila Bay last September 23, 2023. Joining them were Undersecretary Rafaelita Aldaba of the Department of Trade and Industry and Undersecretary Jocelle Batapa- Sigue of the Department of Information and Communication Technology, as well as leading content creators, popular social media influencers, and top executives from the country’s most innovative technology companies. The annual digital transformation event is aimed at encouraging MSMEs to embrace digital technology in scaling up their businesses through inspirational talks and informative sessions.

SEN. LAPID: GASTOS SA CAMPAIGN EXPENSES, DAPAT ITAAS!



DISCOVERING LIFE’S TRUE PURPOSE. Senator Kuya Alan Peter Cayetano on Sunday, October 15, 2023 took the stage as the main speaker at The City of The Lord Church’s Dominion School for Life Excellence focusing on the theme of ‘Discovering Life Purpose’. Cayetano stressed that success, while viewed differently by many, should be anchored in the teachings of God. “Y’ung criteria ng success ay nasa Salita ng Diyos, at ‘yan po ay nakadikit sa purpose Niya sa buhay mo,” he said. The senator reminded everyone to consider the real purpose behind their actions, even in the physical world, saying, “Yes, you have to consider the physical world, but it remains tethered to your purpose.” Cayetano concluded his talk by encouraging attendees to actively “create an atmosphere of good soil in Taguig,” inspiring a sense of community and spiritual nourishment



The Lingap at Alagang Bayanihan (LAB for All) was held last October 10, 2023 at the Tagaytay International Convention Center (TICC) through the initiative of the Office of the First Lady.

The primary objective of this initiative was to extend vital healthcare services, notably free laboratory testing for a diverse range of diseases, emphasizing the importance of community health.

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) collaborated with the Philippine Tri-bureau (BJMP-BFP-PNP), offering invaluable support by providing free dental services as part of the LAB for All program. This event was participated by various stakeholders coming together to provide essential medical services to the 1500 identified patients, Barangay Officers, Barangay Health Workers, and Barangay Nutrition Scholars.

This collaborative effort made a positive impact for ensuring the well-being of our communities.

DTI-Laguna Takes Part in Local Products Showcase at “Tara, Pasyal Na!” at Eastwood City

EDITORIAL:

The Philippine Coast Guard is taking another step in the right direction by continuing to beef up its workforce so it can more effectively safeguard our territorial waters in the West Philippine Sea.

News reports indicate a total 4,220 new recruits have started training at various regional training centers of the PCG nationwide, bringing its current workforce to more than 30,000.

The new recruits are composed of 400 Coast Guard Officer's Course trainees under Class 30, and 3,820 Coast Guard Non-Officer's Course trainees under Classes 100 to 107.

They undergo training at the PCG regional training centers in Bataan, Taguig, Misamis Oriental, Aurora, Capiz, La Union, Masbate, and Zamboanga.

Another 300 recruits will undergo a six-month training course at the PCG Regional Training Center Dolores in Eastern Visayas later this month focusing on drills, basic soldiery, and Coast Guard rules and

Fortifying our coastal defenses

regulations.

They will also be given lessons on maritime security, maritime law enforcement, maritime safety, maritime search and rescue, and marine environmental protection.

The PCG plans to recruit 4,000 additional personnel next year and 3,000 more by 2025, which will bring its total workforce to more than 37,000 – a 185-percent increase in its manpower in just six years. In 2019, the PCG only had about 13,000 personnel.

Strengthening the PCG with recruitment of more personnel and acquisition of more patrol vessels has assumed urgency amid tensions between the Philippines and China in the West Philippine Sea.

On October 13, a Chinese Navy warship carried out what our Armed Forces has called "dangerous maneuvers" when it crossed a Philippine Navy transport ship's bow at a distance of 350 yards, the latest aggressive action of Beijing in the West Philippine Sea.

Reports indicate the Philippine Navy's BRP

Benguet was at 5.8 nautical miles southwest of Pag-asa (Thitu) Island en route to Rizal (Commodore) Reef for a regular rotation and resupply mission when it was shadowed by People's Liberation Army Navy ship 621 at a distance of 80 yards and attempted to cross its bow with a closest point of approach at 350 yards.

We agree with AFP chief Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr. that this is another instance of "dangerous and offensive maneuvers by China's PLAN 9 (that) not only risk collision but also directly endanger the lives of maritime personnel on both sides."

The Philippines should now accelerate efforts to strengthen its military outposts on nine reefs and islands in the Kalayaan Island Group in the West Philippine Sea as China's aggressive maneuvers and harassment of our naval vessels are a clear infringement of our sovereign rights and blatant violations of international law. Write to Webster Ace Paginag

SMC, gov't..

po namin makakalimutan itong tulong na binigay niyo."

Navotas City Mayor Tiangco, who lauded SMC's cleanup of the Tullahan River in support of the rehabilitation of Manila Bay, said: Our ultimate goal is to restore the waters surrounding Navotas to a classification fit for fishing, aquaculture, and other recreational water activities. Hence, we fully support San Miguel Corporation's Adopt-A-River program and its noble endeavor to clean up and rejuvenate bodies of water."

Ang said that while the expanded project already covers the major rivers and waterways that significantly contribute to flooding, the initiative may still be expanded as needed, should government request the coverage of more rivers.

He added that SMC has already started conducting bathymetric studies on the rivers, to determine problem areas that have become shallow due to decades of accumulated silt and garbage. DENR and the company will then develop the ap-

propriate dredging plans.

Over the last three years, as it implemented its ambitious P3-billion cleanup effort for the Pasig River, Tullahan River, and San Juan River, SMC has acquired various specialized heavy equipment that enable it to conduct river cleanup efforts in various conditions more efficiently.

Ang said that its cleanup personnel have also gained significant experience and skill in conducting cleanups efficiently and according to

government standards.

SMC's efforts have been credited with lesser incidences of flooding throughout Metro Manila, despite the yearly succession of typhoons, as the removal of millions of tons of solid wastes have deepened and widened once shallow and heavily polluted rivers.

That has complemented the government's continuing flood mitigation efforts, including the putting of pumping stations in critical areas. PR

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Young ...

Georgina Alexi Salvacion ng Trece Martires, Cavite (1st Place) na may limang libong piso (P5,000) at Zachy Dominique Nohay ng Batangas City, Batangas (2nd Place) na may tatlong libong piso (P3,000).

Ayon kay Felipe Ryan Duatin na tagapagsanay ni Alexa, hindi nila akalain na maiuwi ng paaralan ang panalo dahil sa rami ng magagan-

dang obra ng mga mag-aaral. Buo ang kanyang pasasalamat sa malaking oportunidad na ibinigay ng Kagawaran. Irerepresenta ni Alexa ang CALABARZON sa parehong kompetisyon sa nasional na nakatakdang ganapin sa ika-5 ng Oktubre. Ang mga nanalong likhang sining ay ilalagay sa eksibisyon para sa selebrasyon ng World Food Day sa ika-16 ng Oktubre.

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SEN. LAPID ...

Upang matugunan ang epekto ng inflation sa gastusin ng mga kandidato sa electoral campaigns, naghain si Sen. Lito Lapid ng panukalang batas para dagdagan ang campaign expenses sa national at local elections sa bansa.

Sa Senate Bill No. (SBN) 2460, bibigyan din ng mandato ang Commission on Elections (COMELEC) na mag-update o magtakda ng limitasyon sa campaign expenses depende sa pabago-bagong economic condition dahil sa inflation.

Aamyendahan ng SBN 2460 ang Republic Act No. 7166 o ang "Synchronized National and Local Elections and for Electoral Reforms Act of 1991," na nagtatakdang ng campaign expenses ng bawat kandidato sa halalan.

"Mahigit tatlong dekada na po mula

nang isabatas ang R.A. No. 7166, at ang tatlong piso hanggang sampung pisong limitasyon sa campaign expenses kada botante ay wala na pong halaga ngayon," paliwanag ni Supremo sa Batang Quiapo

Sa nakalipas na ilang taon, sumadsad na ang halaga ng piso dahil sa inflation na nagdulot ng pagtaas sa gastusin sa mga aktibidad sa kampanya, kabilang na rito ang advertising, transportation at campaign materials.

"Sa pamamagitan po ng pag-a-update ng mga gastusin sa kampanya, layunin nating gawing mas makatotohanan ang badyet sa kampanya at sumasalamain sa umiiral na presyo ng mga produkto at serbisyo," dagdag pa ng Senador mula sa Pam-panga.

Katwiran pa ni Lapid na matagal ng nakabinbin ang panukala sa

Senado simula pa noong ika-16 na balangkas ng Kongreso.

Kung naisabatas umano ito noon pa, giit ni Lapid na mapapakinabangan sana ito ng mga kandidato sa nalalapit na Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) sa October 30.

Na g b a b a l a si Lapid na ang luma ng batas sa "allowable campaign expenses" ay maghihikayat lang sa mga kandidato at political parties na mag-"underreport" o dayain ang ulat sa kanilang aktwal na gastusin sa kampanya.

Sakaling maging ganap na batas, naniniwala si Lapid na mababawasan ang pandaraya ng mga kandidato o political parties sa pagsusumite ng campaign expenditure reports.

Sa ilalim pa rin SBN 2460, ang campaign expense limits sa bawat

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botante para sa presidential candidate ay P50, vice-president ay P40 at P30 para sa senator, district representative, governor, vice-governor, board member, mayor, vice-mayor, councilor, at party-list representative.

Hindi naman pinalitan sa ilalim ng panukala ang P5 limitasyon sa mga independent candidate.

Para sa political parties, itinaas ang ceiling cap mula sa P5 ay gagawin ng P30 sa bawat botante.

Binibigyan ng mandato ang Comelec, katuwang ang Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) at Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) para magbago ng limitasyon sa campaign expense kada botante base sa inflation rate at consumer price index. (KEVIN PAMATMAT)

DTI-Laguna Takes Part in Local Products Showcase at "Tara, Pasyal Na!" at Eastwood City



Quezon City — The Department of Trade and Industry – Laguna Provincial Office (DTI-Laguna), together with the Provincial Government of Laguna (PGL), formally opened the 6-day Tara, Pasyal Na! at Eastwood City, Metro Manila, last May 26, 2023. This is the first run of the mall tourism campaign roadshow, which is initiated by the Megaworld Lifestyle Malls together with the

Province of Laguna to highlight the Philippines' rich diversity of destinations, cuisine, culture, and one-of-a-kind experiences and promote the country as a premier travel destination, both locally and internationally.

DTI-Laguna and PGL are in-charge for the promotion and showcase of the "Likhang Local" and "Threads of Tradition", as well as in the fashion show. This is to further



promote the creativity of Laguna local designers.

Several key personalities witnessed and showed support during the opening ceremony, including DTI Undersecretary Maria Blanca Kim B. Lokin, DTI-4A OIC Regional Director Marissa C. Argente, DTI-Laguna OIC Provincial Director Christian Ted O. Tungohan, and DTI-Rizal OIC Provincial Director Cleotilde M. Duran.

In her inspirational message, DTI USec Lokin congratulated Megaworld Lifestyle Malls, Department of Science and Technology, PGL, and DTI-4A and DTI-Laguna for organizing a momentous event where local products and tourist destinations are highlighted and featured.

Furthermore, DTI USec Lokin emphasized that we celebrate not just

the beauty of fashion and distinctive taste of food but the opportunity it creates for promoting local tourism. She also recognized the collaborative efforts of DTI-4A, DTI-Laguna, Megaworld Lifestyle Malls, PGL, Laguna designers, and MSMEs toward achieving a common goal.

She quoted, "the Province of Laguna is fortunate for having the best of Filipino food, travel destinations, fashions and arts, which this event, Tara, Pasyal Na!, is showcasing here at Eastwood Mall. Laguna is known for (1) fashion like footwear from Liliw and Binan, embroideries of Lumban, and fashionable bags and accessories in different parts of Laguna; (2) food such as Puto of Biñan, ensaymada of San Pedro, buko pie of Los Baños, bingka of Luisiana, duck-based products of Victoria, and so on; (3)

arts like woodcarvings of Paete (the Carving Capital of the Philippines), Paper Mache of Pangil and Pakil, handicrafts of Mabaitac to name a few; and (4) travel destinations, such as Enchanted Kingdom of Santa Rosa, water falls of Pag-sanjan, Majayjay, Luisiana and Siniloan, seven lakes of San Pablo City, and hot spring resorts of Calamba and Los Baños."

Toward the end of her speech, DTI USec Lokin urged all stakeholders to maximize opportunity such as presented by this event to promote fashion and local tourism. Tara, Pasyal Na! At Eastwood City run from May 26 to 31, 2023. A separate opening and ribbon cutting ceremony to support Laguna food products and to bring the taste of Laguna to the metro was held on May 29, 2023, at the Eastwood Central Plaza.

Overall, twenty-one (21) MSME exhibi-



tors took part in this event.

These MSMEs offered wide variety of products from processed food and other agri-based food products, high-value coconut-based food products, other beverages, innovative Filipino desserts, and coconut-based health and wellness products to furniture and furnishings, gift and household decors, fashion accessories and wearables, and handmade crafts. A total of approximately Php475,000.00 cumulative sales were generated from the event.

Aside from trade

fair and selling exhibitions, DTI-Laguna also showcased the incredible pieces made by local artisans and designers from the province of Laguna at the fashion show component of the "Tara, Pasyal Na!" at Eastwood City entitled "Threads of Tradition: A Laguna Fashion Fusion". The fashion show is also in partnership with PGL and Megaworld Lifestyle Malls - Eastwood City and commenced right after the opening ceremony on May 26, 2023, at Eastwood Mall Open Park, Quezon City, Metro Manila.

This year's Top 5 Ginoong Laguna and Top 5 Binibining Laguna walked the runway wearing modern barong, dress and gowns made by Frederick Berches Barong Avenue and Designers Circle Philippines - Laguna Province, handmade footwear by Ai-She Footwear, earrings by Leny Handy Crafts, and wooden-inspired bags and accessories from Kath's Handicrafts Trading.

Present during the said fashion show were DTI-ROG Assistant Secretary Leonila T. Baluyut, DTI-4A OIC Regional Director Marissa C. Argente, DTI-4A OIC Assistant Regional Director Revelyn A. Cortez, DTI-Laguna OIC Provincial Director Christian Ted O. Tungohan, Laguna LTCATO OIC Department Head Pamela Baun, and Laguna LE- DIPO Designate Fatima Eleanor Villasenor. (IM-Flores, DTI-Laguna)

Establishing roots



Angel Perez stood tall in his farm, showing the greatest result of his unwavering dedication and hardwork.

he willingly and voluntarily does. "If there are things that I can do for my co-members, I initiate it for them as a help", he said.

According to him, a financial institution has helped him in expanding his farm which is why for six years, he stayed as a loyal client of CARD Bank.

He used his loans directly as additional capital

for his farm during planting season and was able to acquire more seeds and plant more crops.

Moreover, he said that he survived the coronavirus pandemic which broke out in 2020 through CARD's financial help. With his loans, he planted crops to meet his needs and earned extra money by supplying veggies to other areas and provinces.

Currently, Angel gives away free rice crops from his harvests to his neighbors as a way to share his blessings. He also intends to build a



Global Sports Brand Decathlon Opens New Store in Santa Rosa, Laguna

Decathlon, one of the world's largest sporting goods retailers, continues to expand its presence in the Philippines as it unveils a new store in Santa Rosa, Laguna, at SM City Santa Rosa. This newly-minted retail facility is the ninth in the Philippines.



L-R: Dave Gonda (Decathlon Philippines Expansion Manager), Angel P. Toreja (AVP Laguna Area - SM Supermalls), Vice Mayor Arnold Arcillas (Santa Rosa Laguna LGU), Hon. Mayor Arlene B. Arcillas (Santa Rosa Laguna LGU), Chloe Leonardo (Decathlon Santa Rosa Store Leader), Danzel Fernandez (Congressman First District of Laguna, Board Member), John Jason Terrenal (SAVP, South Division, SM Supermalls), Julius Tan (Decathlon Philippines City Store Leader - Mega Manila), Nic Roxas (Decathlon Philippines Expansion Leader)

In an exclusive pre-opening event held today, Decathlon Philippines led a ribbon cutting ceremony alongside distinguished guests from the Santa Rosa City Government Mayor Arlene B. Arcillas and Senior AVP, South Division of SM Supermalls, Jason Terrenal. The Decathlon Santa Rosa store will officially open on October 20. With its mission to move people through the wonders of sport, the France-based sports brand seeks to serve more sports lovers and fitness enthusiasts from every walks of life, offering quality, innovative, and affordable gear, apparel and items from over 70 sports and outdoor activities.



Hon. Mayor Arlene B. Arcillas, Santa Rosa Laguna LGU

"Santa Rosa has such a vibrant sporting community which makes it a perfect place for our newest location," said Hans Iff, President of Decathlon Philippines. "And by making products for over 70 sports available to everyone, we would also like to be an avenue for first-timers and adventure seekers to discover their sports passion in our new store. Everyone is welcome in Decathlon; we hope to inspire more communities in our mission to move people through the wonders of sport."

Decathlon Santa Rosa is also the fifth mall store in partnership with SM Supermalls, the biggest

mall chain in the country. Jason Terrenal, Senior Assistant Vice President for SM Supermalls, South Division, shares: "We are happy to be part of the continued growth of Decathlon Philippines, and their impact to the local sport customers and communities. We extend our warmest congratulations to them."

"At almost 2000 square meters, the new store offers new features to give customers the ultimate shopping experience. "This store is designed to be the go-to meet up for sports communities. It is strategically located at the main mall area so our customers can enter our store from both inside and outside the mall. ." Chloe Leonardo, Decathlon Santa Rosa Store Leader, relates. "This concept store will have bigger and more expansive showrooms and display zones for our wide variety of sports products, to encourage sport lovers to test and try out our featured products. Our

Decathlon teammates will also be on hand to guide them, or connect them with the product that they need."

Decathlon members will get to enjoy the same perks and benefits in-store and online. Decathlon City Leader Julius

Tan shares: "By signing up, Decathlon members can enjoy 1-year return and refund, 2-year warranty on most items, as well as extended warranties for our bags and bikes that extend to online purchases as well through www.decathlon.ph. Members

will also have access to member-only promos and events, birthday vouchers, and other perks that will customize and enhance their sports experience. Our message to every Decathlon member – make sport yours."



Decathlon Team Santa Rosa with Chloe Leonardo, Decathlon Santa Rosa Store Leader

Visit Decathlon Santa Rosa at the Ground Floor, Expansion Wing, SM City Santa Rosa, Old National Highway, and Brgy. Manila S Rd, Santa Rosa, Laguna. Shop Online at www.decathlon.ph. Follow Decathlon Philippines on Facebook, Instagram and Tiktok.

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Basic education panel to hold inquiry on MATATAG curriculum

The Senate Committee on Basic Education will conduct an inquiry on the MATATAG K to 10 curriculum to assess the Department of Education's (DepEd) readiness for its rollout, Senator Win Gatchalian said.

The chairperson of the Senate basic education panel pressed the importance of ensuring the effective implementation of the MATATAG K-10 curriculum to improve learners' performance and reverse the country's education crisis. The pilot run of the MATATAG K-10 curriculum started on September 25 this year in 35 schools across seven regions.

Previously, Gatchalian also called on the Teacher Education Council (TEC), which the Secretary of Education chairs, to ensure the alignment of teacher education and training to the MATATAG K to 10 curriculum.

The MATATAG K to 10 Curriculum decongests learning competencies from more than 11,700 to around 3,644. Experts pointed out that the previous congested curriculum prevented learners from mastering essential competencies, which led to the country's poor performance in international large-scale assessments such as the 2018 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA).

The DepEd previously reiterated that the MATATAG K to 10 curriculum focuses on literacy, numeracy, and socio-emotional skills. Peace competencies are also among the features of the MATATAG K to 10 Curriculum.

The said curriculum will have a phased implementation, which will start by School Year (SY) 2024-2025 for Kindergarten, Grades 1, 4, and 7. The curriculum will roll out in Grades 2, 5, and 8 by SY 2025-2026; followed by Grades 3, 6, and 9 for SY 2026-2028. By SY 2027-2028, the revised curriculum will roll out in Grade 10, followed by the full curriculum implementation by 2028.

"Kung epektibo nating maipapatupad ang MATATAG curriculum, matitiyak natin ang pagkatuto ng ating mga mag-aaral at unti-unti nating mawakasan ang krisis sa sektor ng edukasyon," said Gatchalian.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE JENELYN BARIL FIRAZA WHO DIED ON NOVEMBER 9, 2021 AT CHRIST THE KING MEDICAL CENTER UNIHEALTH LAS PIÑAS LEFT A PARCEL OF LAND COVERED BT TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2014018592 HAS BEEN EXTRA-JUDICIALLY SETTLED BY HIS HEIRS THRU EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF THE LATE AS PER DOC. NO. 22; PAGE NO. 5; BOOK NO. 20; SERIES OF 2023, BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. CRISANTO U. PASCUAL, JR.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
CAVITE CITY

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

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. REM 16-23

-versus-

MIGUEL B. AQUINO, married to,
MARIA ANA T. AQUINO,
Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND), with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City, against the Mortgagor, MIGUEL B. AQUINO married to, MARIA ANA T. AQUINO, with postal address at 314/C, Capt. Soriano St., Dulong Bayan, Bacoor City, Cavite or Lot 18, Blk. 17, Jordan Estate Subdivision, San Jose, Noveleta, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 15, 2023, amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE PESOS & 11/100 (Php 884, 379.11) inclusive of interest and other charges, the undersigned will sell at public auction on November 7, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice Building, Plaza Soledad St., Samonte Park Area, Cavite City to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2011021455

A parcel of land (Lot 18, Blk. 17 of the cons./subd. plan Pcs-04-021183, being a portion of Lot 4-A, Psd-64142, Psu-210624 and Lot M Psd-04-021775, (LRC) Rec. No. N-41223, N-8558), situated in the Brgy. of San Jose, Mun. of Noveleta, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. X X X; containing an area of FIFTY-FOUR (54) SQUARE METERS. X X X"

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and place.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on NOVEMBER 14, 2023 without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said property and encumbrance/s thereon, if any there be.

Cavite City, October 2, 2023

(SGD) HENRY M. CRUZ
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:

ATTY. VICTOR S. AUSTRIA, JR.
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358
Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

ATTY. JULIUS VOLTAIRE ROMMEL C. CUBELO
24K Accounts Consultant, Inc.
3rdF Fass Intel College Bldg., No. 11, Pittsburgh St.
Brgy. Silangan, Cubao, Quezon City

MIGUEL B. AQUINO married to,
MARIA ANA T. AQUINO
314/C, Capt. Soriano St., Dulong Bayan,
Bacoor City, Cavite or
Lot 18, Blk. 17, Jordan Estate Subdivision,
San Jose, Noveleta, 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:
October 09, 16 & 23, 2023**

SM Supermalls Launches 100 Days of Christmas Surprising shoppers every day till December 25.



The countdown to Christmas Day begins on September 16 as SM launches a host of fun activities, deals, and surprises for each member of the family.

It starts with surprises each day! From September 16 to December 25, someone lucky will be surprised, one mall at a time, with toys, gifts, groceries and meals on us as SM begins 100 Days of Christmas Surprises. Which mall will delight someone today? Come to SM to find out!

WHAT ELSE IS A-HAPPENIN'?

Breathtaking Spectacles, to mark the festive season, will dazzle you at your favorite SM mall. Your favorite malls will all be dressed with a dazzling display of holiday magic and sparkling Christmas centerpieces await shoppers inside the malls for that IG-worthy moment.

Start your holiday gift shopping early on with a trove of artisan products and services from local MSMEs at the Holiday Bazaars. Toys, games, and collectibles are waiting to make this holiday season unforgettable at the Christmas Toy Fairs, in partnership with Toy Kingdom and Toy Kingdom Express.

Santa Claus is coming to town, and he's bringing his merry squad along! Captivating performances, musicales, ensure there's something for everyone at every visit.

Pets are family too, and SM Supermalls knows it! Bring your furry friends to select SM malls for a paw-some Christmas Pawty packed with games and prizes for furbabies in pet costumes.

Welcome our Overseas Filipino Workers and Families! With the help of BDO Kabayan, SM Supermalls will be bringing holiday cheer to our modern-day heroes at the Pamaskong Handog by BDO Kabayan in SM City Cebu, SM City Fairview, and SM City General Santos with Superstars, prizes, and laughs galore.

Let's not forget that you can make a positive impact on the lives of those in need while enjoying your shopping. Buy one SM Cares' Bears of Joy, and we will donate to one underprivileged child.

And the fun never ends! On News Year's Eve, welcome 2024 with an unforgettable New Year's Eve celebration at SM Mall of Asia, SM Seaside Cebu, SM Lanang, and SM CDO Uptown.

To know more about SM Supermalls' 100 Days of Surprises, visit <https://gosm.link/100DaysOfChristmasSurprises> for daily surprise videos, www.smsupermalls.com, and follow @SMSupermalls on social media for all the Christmas surprises!

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Fourth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 112
City of Bacoor

IN RE:

PETITION FOR ISSUANCE OWNER'S
DUPLICATE COPY OF TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-45935
OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR
THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE

LRC CASE NO. 8843-2023-92

MARCIANA D. BECHAVE, petitioner,
Represented by EDRALIN PEÑA DELA CRUZ
As Attorney-in-fact,
Petitioner.
x-----x

ORDER

This is a petition instituted by Marciana D. Bechave represented by her Attorney-in-fact Edralin Peña Dela Cruz for issuance of Owner's Duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-45935 of the Register of Deeds for the Province of Cavite.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that said petition is set for hearing on November 15, 2023, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. All those interested are cited to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let this Order be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

The Sheriff of this Court is ordered to post copies of this Order in three conspicuous places in the Register of Deeds of Bacoor, City Hall of Bacoor, and Hall of Justice of Bacoor.

Furnish copies of this Order and Petition to Register of Deeds of Bacoor and Register of Deeds of Province of Cavite

SO ORDERED.

In chamber this 7th day of September 2023 in the City of Bacoor, Cavite

(SGD) AMALIA S. GUMAPO-SICABLANCA
Presiding Judge

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2. Office of the City Prosecutor - dcpbacoor@gmail.com
3. Registry Of Deeds of Bacoor City - rdbacoorcity@gmail.com
4. Registry Of Deeds Cavite - Trece Martirez City, Cavite

DATELINE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS:
October 23 & 30, 2023

ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publications of NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE filed by PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK versus SPS. CLARIBEL Z. MALANO and JOHN A. MALANO, represented by CATALINA M. ZAMORA published in DateLine Weekly Newspaper dated Oct. 02, 09 & 16, 2023. In the Mortgagor/s 1st address it should be read as 644 J Marzan, Sampaloc, Manila and not as published.

DateLine Weekly Newspapers:
October 23, 2023

ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publications of NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND versus ROWENA V. LOYAO published in DateLine Weekly Newspaper dated July 31, Aug. 07 & 14, 2023. In the FC CASE NO., should be read as 17965-23 and not as published.

DateLine Weekly Newspapers:
October 23, 2023

ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publications of NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE filed by PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK versus SPS. HIGENIO E. GENTEROY and CRISTINA R. GENTEROY published in DateLine Weekly Newspaper dated OCT. 2, 9 & 16, 2023. EXCLUDING PENALTIES should be read as INCLUDING PENALTIES and not as published.

DateLine Weekly Newspapers:
October 23, 2023

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(PAG-IBIG FUND)
Mortgagee,
-versus-
Mortgagors.
x-----x

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORCLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

KRISTOFFER EDILBERT G. LIWANAG married to
LEAH CHRISTAL LIWANAG,
Mortgagors.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND), mortgagee, with principal place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against KRISTOFFER EDILBERT G. LIWANAG married to LEAH CHRISTAL LIWANAG, mortgagors, with residential postal address at Bik. 22, Phase 4, Kalaw St., Pinag Buklod, Imus, Cavite and/or B7-107 Ground Floor, Urban Deca Homes Hampton, Brgy. Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of JULY 5, 2023 amounts to ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT PESOS AND 00/100 (Php. 1,553,528.00), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on NOVEMBER 14, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in the Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvement therein, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 057-2020000050

"GROUND FLOOR RESIDENTIAL LEVEL, B7-107, CONDO MODEL-2BR, WITH TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF

ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publications of NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND versus RECODILLA B. DELIMA published in DateLine Weekly Newspaper dated Sept. 18, 25 & 31, 2023. In the TCT TITLE NO., it should be read as 057-2015038638, in the tech. terms, 4th line should be read as LOTS 15 to 19, and in the LOT AREA, should be read as THIRTY FIVE (35) SQUARE METERS and not as published.

DateLine Weekly Newspapers:
October 23, 2023

ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publications of NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SALE filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND versus AIMEE L. PAYOPAS published in DateLine Weekly Newspaper dated Sept. 25, Oct. 2 & 9, 2023. In the AREA square meters below it should be read as THIRTY SIX (36), MORE OR LESS and not as published.

DateLine Weekly Newspapers:
October 23, 2023

36.50 MORE OR LESS, OF URBAN DECA HOMES HAMP-
TON

In diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated or TRANSFER OF CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 2017012331 which embraces and describes the land located at BARANGAY BUHAY NA TUBIG, IMUS CAVITE XXX with an area of FORTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE (41,871) SQUARE METERS XXX"

ALL sealed bids 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 NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AT 10:00 o'clock in the morning without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrance therein if there any be.

City of Imus, Cavite, Philippines, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

(SGD) EMMANUELLE H. FRANCISCO
Sheriff IV
Branch 4-FC

APPROVED:

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Dateline Weekly Newspapers:
Oct. 9, 16 & 23, 2023

Simple changes, big impact: ACE creating a more water-efficient home with SM

Water security is a very simple concept - it's making sure we and generations to come have enough clean water to last a lifetime.

Reusing water for cleaning or gardening and turning off the faucet when not in use are great, active ways to reduce water usage at home. Another solution? Turn your home into a more water-efficient one!

Sounds complicated? Not really! In fact, it's so easy to do, you can do it yourself with the help of SM and ACE Hardware! Check out this rundown of the best tools and devices you need to make sure your house is a water-saving one:

1. Hose Nozzles
Are you a plantito or a plantita using a garden hose to water your greens? Consider adding a shut-off valve at the nozzle end to give you more precision and minimize water wasted when moving across sections of your garden.
2. Shower Aerators
If you still prefer a shower over the trusty tabo, install a water-saving shower head with aerators. These mix air with water, which means 50% less water used without compromising your shower experience.



Use any of the nine adjustable spray patterns of this ACE hose nozzle based on your needs.

<https://www.shopsm.com/products/wap-10139172?requestid=87dce899-1657-4434-b47f-3ee97733cb71>



Choose from air-intake shower heads from Rosco, Eco-Sense and Easy Flow at an ACE Hardware near you.

<https://www.shopsm.com/collections/ace-plumbing/products/rosco-water-saving-telephone-shower-set-ro-1808>



IFST researchers participated in Cacao Stakeholders Investment and Research Forum Mr. Romel M. Felismino, Dr. Sheba Mae M. Duque, and Dr. Katherine Ann C. Israel attended the Cacao Stakeholders Investment and Research Forum for MSMEs of Laguna and Quezon earlier today at DOST IVA. This activity aimed to present the current status of cacao production in the region, latest update on the value chain analysis of cacao industry, and possible research areas for the improvement of cacao processing. This activity was attended by different stakeholders from the industry, different government agencies, and academe. This is also a kick off activity for the upcoming collaboration between IFST and DOST CALABARZON for cacao postharvest processing research.

3. Leak Repair Supplies
Even the smallest of leaks can waste a significant amount of water over time. Regularly inspect your plumbing system and keep basic tools like a strong, rubberized and waterproof leak tape that can help you tackle minor leaks asap!



Patch, bond, seal and repair with a waterproof tape like Flex Tape and other sealants.

<https://www.acehardware.ph/products/waterstop-wet-dry-sealant-30g?prprodstrat=copurchase-transfer-learning&prrecid=344173634&prrefpid=6868084719795&prseq=uniform>

4. Toilet Repair Kit

Toilets are notorious for raising your water bill when they develop leaks that go unnoticed. A simple and cost-effective solution is to install a toilet repair kit. These prevent the endless refilling of a leaky tank, and can even "lock" itself to alert you that something needs fixing.



You can transform this 32-Gallon Trash Can into a DIY rainwater harvesting system.

<https://www.acehardware.ph/products/ace-hardware-32-gallon-trash-can-red>

DOH launches framework to combat mental health stigma



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) -- The Department of Health (DOH) has launched its Mental Health Strategic Plan 2024-2028, as part of its bid to promote mental health literacy and address the stigma in seeking professional help.

The Mental Health Strategic Plan is a five-year framework in reducing premature mortality, prevent and treat substance abuse, and reduce the vulnerability of individuals and communities to mental, neurological, and substance use disorders.

According to

gram Outcome Manager of DOH Calabarzon said the community-based approach on mental health helped bring mental health services to the communities by training local health officers diagnose patients. (PB/CO)

Calanog further explains, "It's either sila mismo 'yung tumitingin sa pasyente or minsan bumababa kami na may kasamang psychiatrist from the Quirino Memorial Medical Center and the National Center for Mental Health para mag-supervise. Kasi minsan, kahit trained ka na mayroon pa ring mga agam-agam to diagnose whether this is really a mental health situation."

To further capacitate health workers in addressing the mental health gap in the region, the DOH said they will also conduct post training supervision in the community.

Geneva Calanog, Mental Health Program Outcome Manager of DOH Calabarzon said.

Geneva Calanog, Mental Health Pro-

Water efficiency has always been at the forefront of SM group's advocacies under the SM Green Movement. Aside from fulfilling customers' needs for a more water-efficient home, SM properties have been recycling water since the 1990s resulting to an average of 4 million cubic meters of water saved annually. SM Supermalls conducts regular maintenance of its fixtures and encourages customers to do the same in their homes to minimize water consumption.

"Water conservation is a helpful way to ensure the entire country is water-secure and has an adequate water supply," said Engr. Liza B. Silerio, SM Cares Program Director for the Environment and SM Supermalls Vice President for Corporate Compliance. "We highly encourage everyone to #SaveWaterWithSM and implement these small changes, because even the smallest habit can have the biggest impact in making water resources available to future generations."



Repair kits like the Fluidmaster Toilet Tank Repair Valve helps prevent endless refilling of leaky tanks.

[https://www.acehardware.ph/products/wassernison-njcs109-toilet-tank-repair-kit](https://www.acehardware.ph/products/wassernison-njcs109-toilet-tank-repair-kit?pos=2&sid=97b16b5c6&ss=r)

["Starting] the first quarter next year, we will conduct post training supervision to see if the Municipal Health Officers are practicing the mental health gap. We also need the masterlist of patients for the allocation of psychotropic drugs."

Calanog believes that although mental, neurological, and substance abuse literacy among the general public is improving, patients are still hesitant to seek professional health due to stigma.

"They are ashamed to seek professional help, in fear that they will be judged. Although times have changed, and mental health is freely discussed, stigma [on the issue] still exists." Calanog said.

Health institutions have reported around 2,015 cases of mental health disorders in the region, with Laguna Province recording the highest number of reported cases with 764, followed by the provinces of Quezon (509), Cavite (278), Batangas (243), and Rizal (222). (PB)

Strengthening Juvenile Justice: Duty-Bearers Ensure Detention Facilities Protect the Rights of CILCs