

Enchanted Kingdom receives several government recognitions; and finalist for the IAAPA 2023 Brass Ring Excellence Awards for two categories

Enchanted Kingdom (EK), the first and only world class theme park in the Philippines, garnered three government recognitions this year from the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and the Department of Tourism (DOT) – amplifying the company's steadfast vision to be a world-class integrated attractions destination in Asia, and the Philippine leader in wholesome family leisure and entertainment

EK was recognized by BIR as the Top 2 Highest Value Added Tax contributor in the Biñan - West Laguna District for the first semester of 2023. The said recognition stands as proof of the company's prompt and accurate payments, making a significant contribution to the attainment of the district's revenue goal for the first half of 2023.

EK's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Melissa Y. Monicayo emphasized the company's commitment to pay the right taxes on time to the BIR. "This is in part of EK's obligation to give back to our community, as we recognize our impact to the progress of our region," she explained. In fact, Santa Rosa City Mayor Arlene B. Arcillas acknowledged EK as one of the city's top taxpayers during EK's Giant Parol Lighting held last November.

Last November, the DTI-Bureau of Domestic Trade Promotion (BDTP) gave a special recognition to

Enchanted Kingdom for being the first and longest Go Lokal retail partner during the FlexPinoy: Saludo sa Go Lokal! Retail Partners appreciation ceremony held at the DTI Head Office in Makati City. The event recognized Go Lokal retail partners and store operators who have made significant contributions to the continued success and growth of the innovative market access program of the DTI-BDTP.

According to Ms. Ma. Cherina Consunji, Head of Merchandise Division, Enchanted Kingdom embraced the "Go Lokal" initiative and promotes indigenous products through the establishment of "Pugad" in 2016. "Pugad is EK's local souvenir shop which aims to provide access to new markets and a bigger audience for artisanal products in the country," Ms. Consunji furthered.

And most recently, EK was one of the awardees during the "Mabuhay at Salamat Po! Filipino Brand of Service Excellence (FBSE) Recognition Celebration of Love" held last December 12 at the Makati Diamond Hotel, Makati City. Led by DOT Secretary, Maria Christina Frasco, the event recognized the significant contributions of Enchanted Kingdom and other institutions in advocating the FBSE and contributing greatly to the achievement of training more than 124,000 tourism frontliners for 2023.

As of this writing, 89% of EK's full-time Cast

Members have been trained under DOT's flagship program which is envisioned to enhance and uplift the quality of tourism services in the country aimed at fostering excellent service to tourists as part of our distinct Filipino brand. Pauline C. Barreiro, EK's Learning and Development Manager and a certified FBSE enterprise trainer shared that EK is geared towards training 100% of its full-time Cast Members by next year.

Moreover, Enchanted Kingdom's Chief Operating Officer (COO) Dr. Cynthia R. Mamon also shared that the world-class theme park is a finalist in two categories for the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA) Brass Ring Excellence Award, which recognizes significant achievement in the global attractions industry.

EK is a finalist for the Human Resources Excellence: Best Health and Wellbeing Strategy category and the Games and Merchandise Excellence: Best Retail Visual Merchandise Display category. Winners will be officially announced and the awarding will be in The Venetians, Las Vegas in March 2024.

"The year 2023 is a remarkable year for Enchanted Kingdom, as we recover from the impact of the recent pandemic. We are looking forward to a more magical 2024 as we continue to deliver world-class leisure and entertainment to all Filipinos. As our Anniversary slogan goes, "Be the Magic... Be Enchanted!" Dr. Mamon said.

Cultivating "CREATIVE-ty": DTI-Rizal Champions Creative Industries at Bonsai Art Workshop

As part of the extensive two-month long celebration of Angono Higantes Festival and the implementation of FiestaKucha, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Rizal Provincial office in collaboration with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Angono and the Art Capital Bonsai Club, orchestrated a one-day Bonsai Art Workshop at the Lake-side Ecopark in Barangay San Vicente, Angono, Rizal, on November 27, 2023.

The workshop commenced at 9:00 in the morning with opening preliminaries and an introduction of the resource speaker by DTI Rizal Trade-Industry Development Specialist (TIDS) Jonalyn Adaya. Mr. Nonoy Gutlay of the Art Capital Bonsai Club then delivered an engaging presentation on the history and principles of bonsai, including discussions on bonsai soil preparation and fertilization. Following this, Mr. Romy Cojas demonstrated pruning and wiring techniques which illuminated the artistic side of bonsai cultivation.

DTI-Rizal officials, including OIC Provincial Director Cleotilde Duran, Business Development Chief Trade-Industry Specialist Sharon Dioco, Competitiveness Bureau Representative Judy Anne Chan, and Ms. Christine Querubin from DTI-4A Regional Office, along with LGU Angono Tourism Officer Adonis Antolines, graced the occasion.



At the end of the workshop, some participants left with a carefully potted bonsai and a newfound passion for the art and a connection to a community of fellow enthusiasts.

The event was a testament to DTI's FiestaKucha initiative, locally brand-

ed as "Championing CREATIVE" (Creative Related Efforts and Transforming Into Viable Industries) Rizal. This collaborative effort aimed to cultivate the cultural richness of the Angono Higantes Festival with the transformative potential of creative industries. PR

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SSS implements contribution hike



Umabot sa mahigit 2,000 college students ang tumanggap ng P5,000 halaga ng scholarship grant mula sa pamahalaang lungsod kamakailan. Bahagi ito ng Scholar Ako Ni Denver Scholarship Program na layuning tulungan ang mga Caviteño college students na matustusan ang kanilang pag-aaral. Ayon kay Mayor Denver Chua, tiwala siyang makakatulong ang scholarship grant ng pamahalaang lungsod hindi lamang sa mga mag-aaral kundi maging sa mga magulang ng mga benepisaryong mag-aaral. | via Denver Chua

IMUSEÑO CENTENARIAN, TUMANGGAP NG P100,000 MULA SA LOKAL NA PAMAHALAAN

Tumanggap ng P100,000 at grocery package mula sa pamahalaang si Bb. Virginia Meris na nagdiwang ng kanyang ika-100 kaarawan noong Martes, Disyembre 19.

Mismong sina City Administrator Tito Monzon, OSCA (Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs) Officer-in-charge Luzviminda Elbinias, at IMUS-CAI (Imus Senior Citizen Association Incorporated) President Aida Montemay-



For ang nag-abot ng centenarian gift para sa kanilang kababayan.

Isa si Nanay Virginia sa mga natatanging Imuseño na buong pusong nagsilbi sa kanilang lungsod. Nakapagtapos siya ng kursong Education sa Far Eastern University at kasalukuyang naninirahan sa Barangay Tanzang Luma 1. | via City Government of Imus



Wake up and smell the brew! But First, Coffee is now dripping at SM City Dasmariñas! Sip, chill, and vibe at the Lower Ground Level, Annex. Let's spill the beans together, SM Shoppers!



Sa ikalawang araw ng 2023 National Cluster Summit ng Department of Agriculture Farm and Fisheries Clustering and Consolidation (F2C2) Program noong ika-13 ng Disyembre, apat na huwarang cluster sa bansa ang nagbahagi ng kanilang kwento at kasanayan. Sila ay ang Tabon San Jose Farmers Association, Sultan Kudarat Coffee Council, Lamac Multi-Purpose Cooperative, at Sorosoro Ibaba Development Cooperative. Direkta ring nakapagtalakay sa aktibidad ang mga institusyon gaya ng Land Bank of the Philippines at CARD-Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD-MRI) para sa pinansyal na aspeto, WalterMart Supermarket para sa koneksyon sa merkado, at Peace and Equity Foundation para sa pribadong sektor, upang maigunay sila sa mga cluster. Sinanay pa sa pagpapaunlad ng kooperatiba ang mga Farmers Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) sa tulong ng Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) at University of the Philippines - Los Baños (UPLB) Department of Agribusiness Management and Entrepreneurship Facilitators.

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EDITORIAL:

Reprieve for PUV operators

There's both good news and bad in so far as public transportation is concerned.

The good news for jeepney drivers and the public is that public utility vehicle (PUV) operators who have yet to comply with the consolidation requirement under the government's PUV modernization program will still be allowed to ply selected routes.

The bad? They only have until the end of January 2024 to do so.

Last month, President Marcos stood firm against extending the Dec. 31 deadline for PUVs to join or organize cooperatives that would be issued consolidated franchises in line with the PUV modernization program.

These groups would be entitled to government subsidies, access to credit facilities, and other forms of assistance to help modernize their fleets.

It seems, however, that the month-long reprieve appears to be too short to allow PUV operators adequate time to meet LTRFB requirements for the modernization program.

We can't help but think this is a concession given to PUV operators to placate or mollify them and keep them from continuing their protest actions in the streets.

The inevitable result of the ban on traditional jeepneys by Jan 31 could be a massive public transportation crisis in Metro Manila and elsewhere by Feb 1.

And, with it, more protests from the affected jeepney drivers and operators who stand to lose their source of livelihood.

We do realize the need to modernize the country's transportation system.

CALABARZON...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) -- The CALABARZON Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC), under the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) CALABARZON, extend their commendation to the exemplary dedication by Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils and Offices (LDRRMCOs) for the swift and effective humanitarian

response during natural calamities and crises in the region.

Held at the Twin Lakes Hotel in Laurel, Batangas, on December 20, 2023, the regional awarding of the 23rd Gawad KALASAG Seal and Special Awards for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Humanitarian Assistance became a pivotal moment for the recognition of local disaster response officials, individuals, and organizations in fortifying disaster risk reduction and management efforts.

The Gawad KALASAG (KALAMIDAD at Sakuna LABANAN, SARILING Galing ang Kaligtasan), derived from the Filipino term for shield or 'kalisag,' used historically for protection, stands as the nation's premier recognition scheme for stakeholders involved in designing and implementing Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) programs. These programs aim to safeguard high-risk communities against hazards and enhance their capabilities to address vulnerabilities and cope with disasters.

The ceremony acknowledged 20 Beyond Compliant Local DRRM Councils and Offices across CALABARZON, including the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, and Quezon, and 62 Fully Compliant LGUs in the region including the province of Rizal for their successful implementation of their response programs.

RDRRMC Calabarzon also gave recognition to some schools, individuals, volunteer organizations, hospitals, and government emergency response teams for having been selected in the National Gawad Kalasag Special Awards. This includes the Niogan Elementary School for being a National Finalist in the Public Elementary Schools Category; Tanay Mountaineers, Inc. in the Volunteer Organization Category; Biñan City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office for the Government Emergency Management and Response Teams (Advance) Category; Kasiglahan Village National High School for the Public High Schools Category; Batangas State University The National Engineering University for

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FRANCES FLORENCE GONZALES VILLALON
Represented by DR. VIRGINIA V. DE JOYA,
Petitioner

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ORDER

On December 6, 2023, the Initial Hearing of this case was reset due to Honorable Presiding Judge Gaysol C. Luna attended the Seminar-Workshop for Judges on Finance Crimes (including AMLA). Set the Initial Hearing on February 29, 2024 and March 21, 2024, both 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at which date, hour, and place any all interested persons are required to appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the expenses of the petitioner, in a newspaper of general circulation and posted at the Tanza Public Market, the Municipality and Barangay Hall where the property is situated, as well as on the land itself located at Block 9 Lot No. 21, Barrio Kalinawan, Municipality of Tanza. Province of Cavite, and other copies be furnished to the Registry of Deeds for The Province of Cavite, Office of The Solicitor General, petitioner and her counsel.

The Sheriff of this Court is hereby directed to post copies of this Order accordingly. The petitioner likewise directed to submit a copy of the petition with its annexes to the Registry of Deeds for The Province of Cavite And the Office of The Solicitor General.

Send a copy of this Order to the Regional Trial Court Office of The Clerk of Court (OCC), Trece Martires City, Cavite for raffle of the publication.

SO ODERED.

DONE IN CHAMBER on December 7, 2023 in Trece Martires City, Cavite, Philippines.

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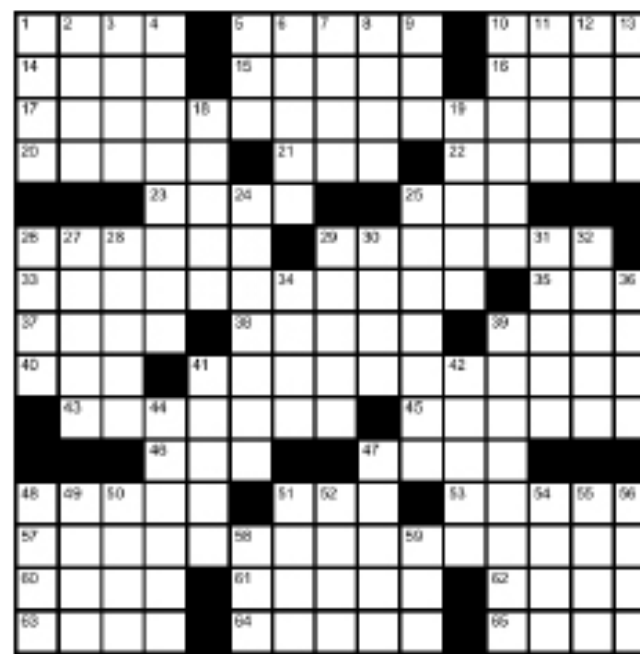
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Crossword Puzzles



ACROSS

- 1. Tibia
5. Respond by changing
10. Mold
14. Yield
15. The original "101"
16. Beach banquet
17. Result
20. Pickle portion
21. Treacherous curve
22. Gives the boot to
23. Hardy heroine
25. Give a single star, perhaps.
26. Miss Vanners' metier
29. Twitchy
33. Water quality

DOWN

DOWN

- 1. Sec 30 down
2. Give a hand
3. Like some hands
4. Denial
5. Member of the colonial army?
6. Saharan fruits
7. Fruity refreshments
8. Bowler's targets
9. Children's chase game
10. Show off and show often
11. Avignon ayes
12. Rave's partner
13. Rumble
18. Last name in Vacuums
19. Treatments for a cow or a celeb
24. Sunday speeches
25. Ideal example
26. Fit
27. Golden Globe category
28. Wheel of fortune buy
29. Buying binge



- 35. Fidel's friends
37. Type of Tennis or bowling
38. She Played Gia on Full House
39. James of Rollerball
40. Suffix with lex-or-morph-
41. Succinet Sahara summary?
43. Former Senator D'Amano
45. Edmonton Skaters
46. Gore and Sharpton
47. Eso Beso balladeer
48. When Macbeth kills Duncan
51. American Uncle



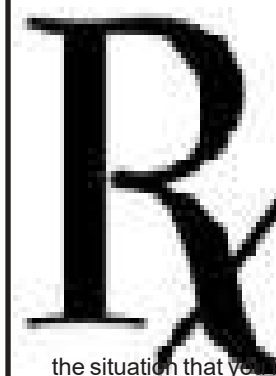
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Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers 5, 9, 4, 6, 9, 1, 7, 9, 1, 2, 3, 7, 6, 8, 1, 4, 6, 2, 2, 3, 8, 5, 7, 4, 3, 1

SUDOKU

Two 5x5 Sudoku puzzle grids with numbers 5, 3, 7, 4, 6, 5, 7, 9, 8, 1, 9, 5, 6, 8, 6, 3, 1, 7, 2, 6, 4, 5, 2, 8, 6, 2, 8, 4, 1, 9, 5, 8, 7, 3, 2, 3, 8, 7, 9, 3

PRESCRIPTIONS



OVERWHELM

Take your life in your own hands, and what happens? a terrible things: no on to blame.

WHEN YOU ARE FEELING OVERWHELMED, stop and ask yourself why you are feeling that way. Who created

the situation that you find overwhelming? If it was someone asking for your help, why didn't you say no? If you feel overwhelmed because of all the things you have undertaken, when will you realize that you have needs too?

Becoming angry or resenting your family, co-workers, and the world in general will not solve anything. Only you can change things by accepting your humanity and asking for what you need. Remember that saying no to others is saying yes to you.

No matter what you learned growing up, there is no reason to feel guilty about caring for yourself you will find much more peace with the world and the people in it. Instead of blaming them for your troubles, you will realize you aere problem and you are also the solution.

Soulution of the Week

Become more aware of your needs. Ask for the help you require, and say no when you need no

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Celebrating Excellence: PGC recognizes 29 Caviteño athletes

In a simple ceremony held on December 28, 2023 at the Ceremonial Hall, Provincial Capitol Building, Trece Martires City, the Provincial Government of Cavite recognized the outstanding performance of Caviteño athletes during the 32nd Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in Cambodia last May 2023. These athletes showcased their prowess, determination, and dedication to their respective sports, earning recognition not only for themselves, but also for the province of Cavite and the country.

Seven (7) Caviteño athletes who clinched the gold at the 32nd SEA Games received a well-deserved reward of P50,000 pesos each; nine (9) silver medalists, who demonstrated exceptional skills and determination received a commendable prize of P30,000 pesos each; and, thirteen (13) bronze medalists, who displayed resilience and tenacity in their competitions, were rewarded with P20,000 pesos each.

The substantial prizes serve as both a token of appreciation and a source of motivation for these athletes to continue pushing their boundaries and inspiring the youth of Cavite to pursue excellence in sports. The acknowledgment likewise emphasizes the value



placed on every achievement, underscoring the importance of hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship.

Mr. Rodel Vincent T. Bae, OIC-Provincial Administrator and Mr. Gerry Olaes, OPG- Executive Assistant V together with the staff of the Office of the Provincial Youth Development Officer were present at the event to welcome the athletes. Mr. Bae and Mr. Olaes also took the opportunity to applaud the athletes for their hard work and dedication. Their visible support at the games not only boosted the morale of the competing athletes but also communicated the importance of sports in the overall development of the province.

The rewards and recognition for Caviteño athletes goes beyond mere monetary incentives. It plays a crucial role in fostering a culture of excellence within the province, inspiring the younger generation to pursue their dreams in sports, promoting an active and healthy lifestyle. - JDP



Formal nang naisalin ng Philippine Statistics Region IV-A sa lokal na pamahalaan ng Magallanes ang mga resulta ng 2022 Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) noong Disyembre 27, 2022. Sa pangunguna nina Chief Statistical Specialist Benigno Perido at Magallanes Municipal Mayor Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista, sinaksihan ng mga kawani ng lokal na pamahalaan at mga bumubuo ng PSA IV-A ang pagsasalin ng CBMS System Data sa lokal na pamahalaan. Ang Community-Based Management System ay isang technology-based data collection, processing, and validating system na kumakalap ng iba't ibang datos mula sa mga komunidad. Ang mga ito gagamitin para sa pagpa-plano, pagpapatupad, at pag-monitor ng mga mga economic programs ng pamahalaan. | via Philippine Statistics Authority – Calabarzon



Leads on the Road CARD Bank

Jennifer Suico takes the lead in operating e-Bikes together with her partner, Limwell Morales. While the COVID-19 pandemic adversely affected some people's businesses, Jennifer Suico, a native of Davao City, experienced the reverse.

When the pandemic restricted conventional transportation options, the demand for alternative modes grew. Seizing this, Jennifer, along with her partner Limwell Morales, introduced e-Bikes to the community.

Initially, they began with just two e-Bikes. Navigating through challenges, they faced resistance from TODA (Tricycle Operators and Drivers' Association). The local area, dominated by padyak tricycles, was hesitant to welcome this new mode of transport. But after five challenging months, Jennifer and Limwell successfully began their e-Bike operation.

With the grow-



ing popularity of e-Bikes, she decided to add more units and even opened doors to sell units from other operators. From just two, their units grew to 17. Transforming the transport landscape further, former padyak drivers became her operators. Aside from earning an income, she also provided employment in their neighborhood.

Operating round-the-clock, they have a team offering transport services from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, with a new team taking over for the night shift.

Apart from e-Bikes, they also have three multi-tenant hous-

es as another source of income. They were able to buy property, send their children to private school, and upgrade their home thanks to her flourishing businesses.

Reflecting on her journey, Suico emphasizes the importance of nurturing one's business. "It is crucial to care for and grow your business because, in time, you will get the sweet taste of success," she said. Journey with CARD

Jennifer's clientship with CARD Bank, a microfinance-oriented rural bank, has become her shoulder to lean on. As a loyal client for over 12 years, she has also become a konek2CARD agent. Serving as a bridge between the bank and the community, she facilitates various transactions including cash transfers, loan payments, bill settlements, and e-loading.

Initially, Jennifer noted that some clients were hesitant about konek2CARD because they found technology intimidating. But they realized the convenience it offers, especially during weekends or holidays.

Jennifer's story is a story of resilience, innovation, and the spirit of community upliftment during challenging times. PR

PhilHealth

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health benefits for outpatient services which includes consultations, diagnostic follow-up, psychoeducation and psychosocial support that will soon be available in mental health outpatient facilities that will be accredited for the purpose.

This support for mental health consists of two packages: general mental health services packages amounting to P9,000 and the specialty mental health services packages amounting to P16,000 per person annually. Individuals must be 10 years and older to be eligible to the aforementioned benefits to the aforementioned psychiatric services. Meanwhile, no age restriction is imposed for those needing neurological services.

As a way forward, the government aims to prevent premature mortality and improve the quality of life of Filipinos struggling with mental disorders. The state agency is also working towards an enhanced delivery of accessible mental health services and to help stop stigmatization and discrimination.

To ensure that this is progressively realized, PhilHealth has issued a call for mental health facilities nationwide to be accredited to ensure that needed mental health services are accessible to the people. "Together, we can promote mental health among our Kababayans not only here in urban but also in rural areas." Ledesma said. END