

Biyaheng South Experiential Tour 2024: Discovering the History and Culture of Cavite



Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), in partnership with the Department of Tourism (DOT) Region IV-A (CALABARZON) and Provincial Government of Cavite, held a successful Bi-yaheng South Experiential Tour 2024. This year's Experiential Tour was proudly co-presented by Taal Vista Hotel and DongFeng Motors PH, with generous sponsorship from World Balance, Sky Ranch Philippines, and Suteki Japanese Restaurant.

Our Ka-biyaheros—comprising a diverse group of influencers and media partners—went on exciting adventure to explore and experience the hidden treasures of South Luzon.

Day 1: Exploring the Rich History of Silang and Tagaytay

The tour started with a visit to the MPT South Hub, the sustain-

able headquarter of CAVITEX and CALAX that is awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification. As part of its green initiatives, its architecture features a solar panel field that contributes to 97% of the hub's energy requirement, a biophilic design that integrates natural elements, and charging station for electric vehicles. The day continued with a cultural immersion at Shambala



ro's Restaurant, providing a perfect relaxing ending to the two-day adventure.

Why We Do This

Biyaheng South Experiential Tour holds great significance in showcasing the vibrant culture, history, and hidden gems of South Luzon. However, we are not only promoting the scenic spots of South Luzon but also supporting the local economies of the provinces.

"This initiative is a testament of economic innovation and sustainable tourism development, enhancing tourism through accessibility and convenience for travelers. The goal is to create an environment where convenience complements the beauty and uniqueness of the destination, resulting in enjoyable, memorable and convenient experiences for all." Department of Tourism Region IV-A Director, Ms. Marites Castro said.

"In honor of National Tourism Month, the Biyaheng South Experiential Tour shows our dedication to drive tourism and economic growth in the South. We are grateful

Silang, where the main attraction is their Tawid Gallery, where guests got to see the indigenous arts and crafts of the region, offering them a glimpse into their rich heritage.

This was followed by a hearty lunch at Siglo Moderno Filipino, known for its modern takes on traditional Filipino dishes. They served the guests a meal they called "Lakbay Lokal Platter"; this special meal contains different local dishes with a twist from the provinces of Cavite: Laing Dinamita, Sisiglaw Salad, Himagsikan wings (a local version of Buffalo wings), and more.



for the continued support of Department of Tourism (DOT) and Cavite Tourism; their partnership and shared vision have been instrumental in making this program a success. Together, let's look forward to fostering sustainable tourism, contributing to the livelihood of local communities, and showcasing the treasures that lie just beyond our toll roads," stated Arlette Capistrano, MPT South's Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management.

Biyaheng South is MPT South's tourism advocacy program that has made a significant impact by promoting its toll road networks, particularly CAVITEX, its C5 Link segment, and CALAX, as gateways to the tourist destinations of Southern Luzon. The program demonstrates how infrastruc-

ture not only can improve connectivity but also can serve as a catalyst for regional economic growth through tourism promotion.

MPT South is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), the infrastructure arm of Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC). Aside from the CALAX and CAVITEX networks of toll roads, MPTC's domestic portfolio includes concessions for the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), the NLEX Connector Road, the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), and the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.

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Awarding of the Stable Internal Peace and Security (SIPS) Seal to Component Cities and Municipalities

On September 16, 2024, Governor Jonvic Remulla graced the awarding of Stable Internal Peace and Security (SIPS) Seal at the Bayleaf Hotel in the City of General Trias, during the 3rd quarter meeting of the Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) and the Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PADAC). The event recognized the efforts of various cities and municipalities in promoting peace and security in their communities.

Governor Jonvic C. Remulla opened the ceremony, stressing the need for teamwork in maintaining peace and order. He praised local government units for their dedication to creating safe environments.

Engr. Danilo A. Nobleza, the Provincial Director of the Depart-



ment of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Cavite, acknowledged the participants and thanked them for their commitment to peace initiatives, highlighting the vital role of local leaders in building secure communities.

Cavite officials including Board Member Ramon Vincent H. Revilla and local chief executives of the different cities and municipalities also attended the event, together with BGEN. Cerilo Balaoro Jr.,

Commander of the 202nd Infantry Brigade, and other distinguished guests. The program showcased the achievements of Local Government Units (LGUs) in maintaining peace and security in their communities. The awarding of the SIPS Seal celebrated these accomplishments and encouraged ongoing efforts to enhance public safety and community welfare throughout the province. - F. Tamio



ARD MBA Rejoins World's 500 Largest Mutual and Cooperative Insurer

Multicabs for the Cities of General Trias and Imus

Cayetano calls for clear prioritization in addressing education challenges

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano on Thursday stressed the importance of addressing the country's education problems one step at a time, emphasizing the need to focus on priorities.

This statement follows the 3rd Quarter Commission Meeting of the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) held on September 12, 2024.

The meeting, part of quarterly discussions, tackled administrative and technical matters for Year 2 (2024).

"As we find out the problems and try to solve them, alamin natin kung ano talaga y'ung



priority of all our priorities because kung maraming priorities, walang priority," Cayetano, who co-chairs EDCOM II, said.

Also chairing the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education, Cayetano highlighted that one of the country's major educational challenges is stunting in children.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), child stunting "refers to a child who is too short for his or her age

and is the result of chronic or recurrent malnutrition."

Stunting, the WHO added, is a contributing risk factor to child mortality and is also a marker of inequalities in human development.

"Stunted children fail to reach their physical and cognitive potential," the WHO said in its website.

Cayetano recalled that Singapore President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, in a recent

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the day, they experienced the thrills of Sky Ranch Tagaytay before enjoying a delightful dinner at Suteki, a restaurant that features contemporary Japanese cuisine, adding a vibrant contrast to the day's Filipino-themed meals.



Day 2: Delving Deep into the Culture of Maragondon

The adventure continued the second day where they took the influencers to the charming town of Maragondon, Cavite, starting with a peaceful lunch at the "Alegria del Rio" Maragondon Balsa River Cruise. After, they went on visited one of the famous tourist spots around the city, the Bonifacio Trial House, where national hero Andres Bonifacio stood trial,

giving them a deeper understanding of the area's role in Philippine history.

To further enrich their experience, the participants joined a hands-on session at the Likhang Maragondon Bamboo Weaving Workshop, where they learned weaving techniques from local artisans using bamboo as a material. Every one of the guests got to create their own placemats out of

bamboo.

Weaving is part of Maragondon's history and culture. As part of the community's way of preserving this tradition, this workshop serves as a bridge between generations, ensuring that the rich heritage of Maragondon's indigenous weaving techniques is passed down to younger artisans.

The day concluded with snacks at Lolo Cla-

EDITORIAL:

Who will defend the defenders?

Global Witness, an international non-government organization that seeks to break links between natural resource exploitation, conflict, poverty, corruption, and human rights abuses, released a report this month saying 17 of the 196 land and environmental defenders across the globe who had been killed or forcibly disappeared were from the Philippines.

Eighty-five percent of the cases were in Latin America: Colombia (79), Brazil (25), Honduras (18), and Mexico (18) top the list.

For the Philippines, which has had 298 documented cases between 2012 and 2023, representing 64% of the total 468 cases in Asia in the 11-year period, this is another distinction which is a source not of pride, but notoriety.

According to Global Witness, 10 of the Filipino victims in 2023 were killed while the remaining seven were disappeared.

A report by Human Rights Watch said the enforced disappearance of land and environmental defenders and indigenous activists is common across the Philippines.

Most of these are called "invisible cases" because little is publicly known about the victims, Indigenous Peoples Rights International executive director Joan Carling told HRW's Carlos Conde.

"Apart from abductions, arbitrary detention, politically motivated prosecution, and murder, environmental defenders and indigenous leaders in the Philippines are also subjected to harassment and intimidation through "red tagging" where authorities accuse them of being sympathizers or supporters of the communist insurgency," according to HRW.

The Philippines has carried the distinction for 11 years, not because this is a relatively new phenomenon but because the documentation and data consolidation only began fairly recently. Imagine countless others in the past who have died or disappeared without having made it to the count, or without having been reported in the first place. These happen, after all, far away from our imperial center.

This administration has to work harder at establishing its sincerity and resolution to address such grievances moving forward. It could begin by heeding the recommendations of Global Witness to create a safe environment for defenders, to systematically identify, document, and analyze attacks against them, and facilitate access to justice.

Addressing environmental concerns has become a popular course of action, but it should never be done for the sake of riding on a trend or of creating a better brand name. There are real people with real high stakes in the environment. They are found in places we do not know exist and which are far removed from the comfortable surroundings we call home.

These defenders are truly valiant for going against all odds, even at the risk of fighting in vain and remaining in obscurity. The least that the government can do is to acknowledge their sacrifices and take the first steps to ensure not just sustainability for the environment, but the safety of those who defend them without counting the costs.

CARD MBA Rejoins World's 500 Largest Mutual and Cooperative Insurers



For two consecutive years, CARD Mutual Benefit Association (CARD MBA), Inc. has earned a spot among the world's 500 largest mutual and cooperative insurers, as recognized by the International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation's (ICMIF) Global 500 report. This ranking is determined based on premium income using the 2022 year-end data.

CARD MBA Chief Executive Officer Jocelyn A. Dequito shared that this achievement underscores the Association's efforts to provide insurance to Filipino families, particularly those in vulnerable segments of society. "Our mission is to offer a safety net and additional protection to ensure they can look forward to a secured future," Dequito stated.

As of April 2024, CARD MBA serves more than 7 million clients and extends insurance coverage to over 24 million individuals nationwide. Microinsurance products are crucial in helping the marginalized become resilient in times of uncertainty.

The Association's position improved to 478th, marking a seven-spot rise from the previous 2021 Global 500 Report by ICMIF. In 2022, CARD MBA reported a premium income of USD 105,907. Notably, only two insurance companies from the Philippines were included in this list.

"This recognition is an honor for CARD MBA. We are committed to enhancing our services to better support the low-income sector, ensuring they have protection against unforeseen events," Dequito added.

She also mentioned that the Association will continue to continue its other community development services, including disaster relief assistance, mass weddings, scholarship programs, and working with other organized groups to provide microinsurance protection to their members.

The 2022 Global 500 list of the world's largest mutual and cooperative insurers comprises 83% (225) companies from America and (190) from Europe, 65 companies from Asia and Oceania, and 20 organizations from emerging markets in Latin America (13) and Africa (7).

The International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation is the only international association dedicated to strengthening cooperative and mutual insurance by supporting its organizational capabilities.

Meanwhile, CARD MBA is a microinsurance Mutual Benefit Association in the Philippines that is 100% owned and managed by its members. PR



ERICA JOY M. GATDULA

Sino Nga Ba ang Dapat Managot?

Papaanong ang isang taong may kaso at subject ng imbestigasyon ay nakalabas ng bansa nang walang bakas? Ang pangyayaring ito ay nagpapakita ng seryosong kakulangan sa ating sistema ng pagbabantay at pagpapatupad sa ating batas.

Sa kabila ng mga hakbang na sinasabing nasa lugar upang pigilang ang ganitong pag-iwas sa hustisya, malinaw na may mga butas na kailangan punan. Hindi maiiwasan ang pag alingawngaw ng isang tanong: Sino nga ba ang dapat managot? Imposibleng mangyari ang ganitong pagtakas nang walang tulong mula sa loob. Kaya't nararapat lamang na panagutin ang mga opisyal na nagpabaya o umaabuso sa kanilang kapangyarihan.

Sa gitna ng lahat ng ito, makikita ang pangangailangan para sa mas matibay at transparent na proseso, upang matiyak na walang makalulusot sa mata ng batas—lalo na't banta ito sa ating tiwalang ibinigay sa mga institusyong itinalaga upang magbantay sa ating seguridad at katarungan.

LEE TO HEALTH OFFICIALS: FAST-TRACK IMPLEMENTATION OF PHILHEALTH BENEFITS INCREASES

With Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) having more than P500 billion worth of investments, Cong. Wilbert "Manoy" T. Lee filed House Resolution No. 2015 urging the Benefits Committee (BenCom) of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) led by the Department of Health (DOH), to immediately convene for the implementation of benefit increases and that the meeting must be livestreamed for public's access.

The measure was filed as soon as the DOH announced the increase in the hemodialysis package rate from P4,000 per session to P6,350—a decision from the recent meeting of BenCom spearheaded by DOH Secretary Ted Herbosa.

"Nagpapasalamat tayo sa pakikinig ng DOH at PhilHealth sa panawagan nating taasan ang coverage sa mga medical treatment tulad ng hemodialysis. Ito yung sinasabi natin na kaya

naman nilang gawin agad. Pero ang tanong pa rin: Bakit patitingi-tingi ang dagdag?" Lee asked.

"If the DOH, through the BenCom, can promptly convene and in-

crease certain PhilHealth benefit packages, why can't it be done with the coverage of other case rates with their enormous available funds," he added. cont. on page 8

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Chinabank wins top governance award a third time

Chinabank continues to be among the best-governed publicly listed companies in the Philippines, winning for the third year in a row the highest recognition for governance excellence, the Five-Golden Arrow Award of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD).

Only five companies received ICD's plum award this year, of which four are members of the SM Group: Chinabank, BDO, SM Investments, and SM Prime Holdings. Chinabank is the only bank to win Five Golden Arrows a third time, a testament to its unwavering commitment to upholding the highest governance standards, according to Chief Finance Officer Patrick Cheng. "We are very proud of the progress we have made, but CBC remains focused on continuously raising the bar, staying ahead of emerging trends, and adapting to the evolving regulatory landscape," he said.

At the Golden Arrow Recognition on September 19, 2024 at the Manila Marriott Hotel, ICD awarded 111 out of



From left: ICD Chairman Pedro Maniego Jr., Philippine Stock Exchange Chief Operating Officer Roel Refran, Chinabank Chief Finance Officer Patrick Cheng and Independent Director Genaro Lapez, Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman & Chief Operating Officer Emilio Aquino, and ICD Vice Chairperson Ida Ceniza-Tiongson and Treasurer Ma. Victoria España.

276 publicly listed companies and 25 out of 115 insurance companies in the country based on the results of the 2023 ASEAN Corporate Governance Scorecard (ACGS) and the Corporate Governance Scorecard, respectively. Companies that scored a minimum of 80 points received a One-Golden Arrow award. The Five-Golden Arrow awardees achieved a

score of 120 to 130 points. ICD is the domestic rating board of the ACGS which aims to ensure that the corporate governance climate in the ASEAN region remains competitive and conducive to business growth. Developed by the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum (ACMF) and the Asian Development Bank, the ACGS evaluates a company's adherence to key cor-

porate governance principles: ensuring the rights and equitable treatment of shareholders, recognizing the role of stakeholders, promoting disclosure and transparency, and upholding the responsibilities of the board.

Chinabank is the

country's fourth largest private universal bank. For its beyond compliance approach, Chinabank was named by ACMF in 2022 as one of the Top 20 in ASEAN and one of the Top 3 in the Philippines in corporate governance and as an ASEAN Asset

Class. The bank also made it in TIME World's Best Companies 2024, a list of the top 1,000 firms across the globe that excel in employee satisfaction, revenue growth, and ESG (environmental, social, governance) performance.

HANS T. SY RECEIVES PHILIPPINE RETAILERS ASSOCIATION (PRA) OUTSTANDING FILIPINO RETAILERS PRESIDENT AWARD



Hans Sy, Chairman of the Executive Committee of SM Prime Holdings, has been honored with the Philippine Retailers Association (PRA) Outstanding Filipino Retailers President Award for his visionary leadership in retail development.

(L-R): PRA Director and Director of SM Retail Jorge T. Mendiola, PRA Vice President and President and COO of Golden, ABC, Inc. (The Penshoppe Group) Alice T. Liu, SM Prime Holdings Chairman of the Executive Committee Hans T. Sy, PRA President and Chairman of Quorum International, Inc. (Toby's Sports) Roberto S. Claudio, and PRA Director and President of Sportshouse Int'l. Leisure, Inc. and proponent of PRA OFR President's Award Mars C. Chua.



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a delicious souvenir you'll want to take home! Join us for the ultimate culinary adventure at the SM Supermalls Foodie Festival! Discover a world of flavors, from street food to gourmet. Don't miss out on this limited-time event. Mark your calendars now and get ready to tantalize your taste buds!

Don't miss out on the hottest new food spots at SM Supermalls! Follow us on Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, and X for the latest updates and mouthwatering pics. Want to know the latest entry guidelines and mall hours? Check them out here. Get ready to tantalize your taste buds! #FoodieFestivalAtSM #SMSupermalls

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DOH...

MANILA – The total Health Emergency Allowance (HEA) obligation of PHP103.5 billion is now 90 percent paid, following the decision of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to fully fund the remaining PHP27.3 billion this year.

In a news release on Saturday, the Department of Health (DOH) said that as implementing agency, it has settled around 14.5 million claims from health workers who served during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In April of this year, the DOH recorded around PHP23.4 billion worth of HEA obligations for 4.3 million claims that could not be paid due to budget constraints. After DOH processed and granted appeals, this number rose to PHP27.3 billion.

Last July, President Marcos instructed Budget and Management Secretary Amenah Pangandaman to no longer wait for the General Appropriations Act of 2025 to pay this amount, and to process it this year.

The DOH said surplus fund balance or excess payments which Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) returned to the national government provided the cash needed.

Health workers from the Gentri Medical Center in General Trias, Cavite also sent a video recording to the DOH where they thanked President Marcos and Herbosa for facilitating the HEA payments.

“Ang sobrang bayad na di naman nagamit at siyang isinaili ng PhilHealth ay naging pang pondo para sa HEA ng ating mga health workers. Lumipat po mula sa bangko, papunta sa tao. Sa ngalan ng ating mga Covid-19 frontliners, maraming salamat po (The excess payment that was not used and that was returned by PhilHealth became a fund for the HEA of our health workers. On behalf of our Covid-19 frontliners, thank you very much),” Herbosa said. (PR)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT TRECE MARTIRES CITY

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-981-24

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

-versus-

MICHELLE PINGOL LAGRADILLA, Mortgagee/s.

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 335, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-ibig Fund), with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagee/s, MICHELLE PINGOL LAGRADILLA with residence and postal address at #0515 MINAHAN INTERIOR MALANDA Y MARIKINA 1805 and LOT 22 BLK. 9 WINTER BREEZE HOMES BRGY. ALINGARAO, GEN. TRIAS, CAVITE to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 15 July 2024 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY NINE PESOS & 14/100 (P401,739.14), including interest, penalties, expenses and other charges of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on October 29, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires 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. 057-2015047857

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 22, BLOCK 9 OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-025313, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF ROAD LOTS 1, 11 TO 21, LOTS 1 TO 10, BLK. 11, BLK. 12 (OPEN SPACE), LOTS 1 TO 14, BLK. 13, LOTS 1 TO 16, BLK. 14, LOTS 1 TO 30, BLK. 15, LOTS 1 TO 9, BLK. 16, LOTS 1 TO 20, BLK. 17, LOTS 1 TO 38, BLK. 18, LOTS 1 TO 10, BLK. 19, LOTS 1 TO 9, BLK. 20, LOTS 1 TO 8, BLK. 21, BLKS 22 TO

24, LOTS 1 (OPEN SPACE) & 2, BLK. 25, ALL OF, PSD-04-101633, LRC REC NO.), SITUATED IN BARANGAY ALINGARAO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 24; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 23; ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 21; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 20; AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY ROAD LOT10, ALL OF THE CONSO-SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED AS “1” ON PLAN XXX CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS XXX

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In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on November 12, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, September 25, 2024

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P10-M halaga ng interbensyon, ipinamahagi ng DA-4A sa Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair sa Batangas

Tinatayang nasa 10,367,095 halaga ng interbensyon ang naipagkaloob ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) sa Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair (BPSF) ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. kasama ang iba pang ahensya ng pamahalaan simula noong ika-24 hanggang ika-25 ng Agosto sa Aboitiz Pitch, Lipa City, Batangas.

Sa pangunguna ni OIC-Regional Director Fidel Libao, isang booth ang itinayo ng DA-4A tampok ang pagkaloob ng mga interbensyon gaya ng punla ng calamansi, mga binhing gulay, pataba, pestisidyo, at iba pa.

Tumanggap ng 5 unit ng combine harvester na nagkakahalaga ng 10



milyong piso ang mga magpapalay na benepisyaryo mula sa Batangas sa ginanap na ceremonial distribution ng BPSF.

Nagkaroon din ng KADIWA ng Pangulo kung saan ilan sa mga Farmers Cooperatives and Associations sa rehiyon ay direktang nakapagbenta sa mga mamimili sa komunidad ng mga produkto sa mas murang halaga.

Upang ipakilala ang mga programa at serbisyo ng Kagawaran, ipinamahagi ang mga babasahin tungkol sa pagtatanim, paghahayupan, at mga programa ng ahensya para sa magsasaka at mga interesado sa sektor ng agrikultura.

Ikinatuwa ni Daisy Pasahol, isang residente mula sa Brgy. Bugtong, ang natanggap na punla ng calamansi lalo pa at kinahiligan niya na rin magtanim dahil sa impluwensya ng mga magulang na magsasaka.



Gatchalian files bill expanding career opportunities for teachers

Senator Win Gatchalian has filed a bill that seeks to institutionalize the Career Progression System for public school teachers, which would expand their prospects for a career path in teaching, school administration, or supervision.

Under the “Career Progression System for Public School Teachers Act,” (Senate Bill No. 2827), teachers may be promoted to Master Teacher II in the teaching career line, School Principal I in the school administration career line, or Supervisor in the supervision career line. The proposed measure also authorizes the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to create the new teaching position titles of Teacher IV, Teacher V, Teacher VI, Teacher VII, and Master Teacher V.

The bill also seeks to raise the present minimum salary grade level of public school teachers from Salary Grade 11 to Salary Grade 13, while the salaries of those in higher positions shall be adjusted accordingly. It further seeks to harmonize the qualification standards for teaching positions in all levels of the public school system.

“Our public school teachers find themselves at the forefront of national development, and they should be accorded appropriate recognition by the government by ensuring their professional development and through adequate remuneration,” Gatchalian said as stated in the bill’s explanatory note.

While the number of public school teachers increased by 61%, from 547,574 in SY 2012-2013 to 881,477 in SY 2022-2023, the pathway provided for under EO No. 500, s. 1978 (Establishing a New System of Career Progression for Public School Teachers), failed to provide a seamless career progression.

Department of Education (DepEd) data shows that 92% of teaching personnel hold the positions of Teacher I to III, with only 8% holding Master Teacher I to IV positions. Thirty-two percent hold Teacher III positions, while only 5% hold Master Teacher I ranks, showing that teachers who qualify for a higher rank and pay are stuck at the Teacher III position given the limited number of Master Teacher I items. Even among the 65,402 master teachers in the country, only 1% or 561 hold Master Teacher III and IV positions.

On June 23, 2022, EO No. 174 was signed to establish the Expanded Career Progression System for public school teachers. The executive order created the positions of Teacher IV, V, VI, and VII and Master Teacher V.

ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publication of NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund) versus LALLEN JETH E. FERRAN published in Dateline Weekly Newspapers dated August 12, 19 & 26, 2024. In the first issue of publication, it published as EJF NO. TG-24-703 where it should read as EJF NO. TG-24-073 and not as published.

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DTI-Laguna Monitors Firms to Safeguard Consumers from Fraudulent Sales Promo Practices

VICTORIA, LAGUNA – The Department of Trade and Industry - Laguna Provincial Office (DTI-Laguna), through its Consumer Protection Division, conducted supervision and oversight of seven (7) sales promotion activities from August 1 to 17, 2024. These activities included competitions, contests, raffle draws, and sales promotions featuring price reductions and free giveaways. The monitored events took place in major trading centers within Laguna, specifically Biñan, Santa Rosa, Calamba, and Santa Cruz.

This monitoring effort aligns with the Department’s commitment in safeguarding consumers against misleading advertisements and fraudulent sales practices, in accordance with the Republic Act No. 7394 (RA 7394), otherwise known as the Consumer Act of the Philippines.

According to the DTI Department Administrative Order No. 2, Series of 1993, which implements RA 7394, sales promotion is defined as a strategy “to increase the sales, patronage, and/or goodwill of a product.” Such promotions typically involve consumer participation and offer “promises of gain” (e.g., prizes) as incentives for purchasing a product or service.

Furthermore, RA 7394 mandates



that establishments planning to conduct sales promotion activities must obtain a permit from the DTI before initiating their promotions. Commonly applied schemes include discounts, premiums, raffles, and contests.

For sales promotion activities to be implemented within the province of Laguna, the sales promo permit may be directly applied at the DTI-Laguna located in Victoria, Laguna. For more inquiries, the DTI-Laguna may be emailed at r04a.laguna@dti.gov.ph. (ALSL- inga, DTI-Laguna)

Multicabs for the Cities of General Trias and Imus



Governor Jonvic Remulla led the distribution of new multicabs from Cavite Provincial Government to the Cities of General Trias and Imus at the General Trias Convention Center on September 18, 2024. The initiative is part of the continuing efforts to enhance public service delivery in the community through transportation

support to the LGUs. In a simple turnover ceremony, General Trias City Mayor Luis “Jonjon” Ferrer and City of Imus Mayor Alex “AA” Advincula thanked the Cavite Governor, affirming that even without asking, he gives and provides for the benefit of Caviteños. Governor Jonvic Remulla, then, remarked

that the units were distributed primarily to enhance the mobility and quicken the response to the concerns of the people. He also mentioned the construction of new Cavite Command Center and the development of 911 application that targets a prompt action and patrolling in the community, particularly during emergency situations.

The turnover of the symbolic key was participated by Governor Remulla, Vice Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, Mayor Jonjon Ferrer, Mayor AA Advincula, 3rd District Board Members Shernan Jaro and Arnel Cantimbuhan, 6th District Board Member Maurito Sison, and the Sangguni- ang Panlungsod members of both cities. -J. Reyes

