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## NEDA sees PH hitting economic growth target of 6%

MANILA – The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) is positive the country will hit the low end of its economic growth target at 6 percent by the end of the year.

“For the year, ang expectation namin is we will hit the low end of the target. If not, close to it (our expectation

is that we will hit the low end of the target. If not, close to it). The low end of the growth target is at 6 percent, so either a 6 or very close to that,” NEDA Undersecretary Rosemarie Edillon said at the Saturday News Forum in Quezon City.

The Philippine economy posted the strongest third-quarter

growth of 5.9 percent among major Asian economies, bringing the gross domestic product (GDP) expansion for the first nine months of 2023 to 5.5 percent.

Vietnam recorded 5.3 percent, Indonesia and China 4.9 percent, and Malaysia 3.3 percent during the third quarter. (Turn to p. 3)

# 27 OFWs from Israel home for Christmas

MANILA – The 11th batch of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) from Israel arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 on Monday afternoon, just in time to celebrate Christmas with their families.

The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) welcomed to the country 27 returning OFWs, composed of 25 caregivers and two hotel workers, who arrived via Etihad Airways flight EY424.

Senior officials and

personnel from concerned government agencies were also present at the NAIA, including the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) led by Deputy Administrator Honey Quiño, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Department of Health (DOH), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Philippine Nation-

al Red Cross.

The DMW said this is in compliance with the order of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. for a “whole of government approach” in helping all OFWs returning from Israel.

Upon arrival, the OFW returnees were asked to fill up their information sheets which will be used for their monitoring, and as bases for the provision of additional services for them.

They also received (Turn to p. 2)



**HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.** The 11th batch of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) from Israel arrive at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 recently. The Department of Migrant Workers said the group is composed of 25 caregivers and two hotel workers. (Photo courtesy of DMW)

## Rice vouchers under 2024 budget to benefit 28M Filipinos

MANILA – Congress has earmarked funds under the PHP5.768-trillion 2024 national budget to implement a government program that would drive down the price of quality rice through monthly rice discount vouchers for almost half for 28 million Filipinos.

“This subsidy program is our strong response to President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s call to the House of Representatives to come up with means to bring down the price of rice for disadvantaged Filipino families in difficult situations. It will benefit seven million families across

legislative districts in the country, or roughly 28 million people,” Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez said in a statement Tuesday.

“This is a recalibration of our Cash and Rice Distribution (CARD) Program, and we made it more sustainable by transforming it into a

rice discount voucher program so that more families can enjoy buying affordable rice,” he added.

Initially dubbed Bagong Pilipinas Community Assistance and Rice Discount (CARD), the new program aims to allow low-income families to buy 25 kilograms



(PNA file photo)

of affordable and good quality rice monthly using CARD as a discount voucher.

The program would use modern technolo-

gy for efficient voucher distribution, tracking, and validation and to safeguard from misuse, he said.

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ter.

Looking at the Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) as one indicator, Edillon said she is optimistic the GDP forecast is achievable.

She also noted the October unemployment data, which fell to 4.2 percent from 4.5 percent during the same month last year.

"Nakita namin na maganda rin naman ang employment numbers natin at 'yung PMI, nakita namin na mataas pa rin naman siya (We saw that the employment numbers and the PMI are high)," she said. "We are actually hopeful for the rest of the year but especially going forward."

Edillon said they observed a rise in the number of jobs generated in accommodation establishments, restaurants, transportation, and the information technology - business process outsourcing fields.

She also pointed out the gradual recovery of sectors severely hit by the pandemic, especially the tourism industry, which already surpassed its targeted 4.8 million foreign visitors.

Before the pandemic, the tourism industry's share in the country's GDP was estimated at 12.7 percent.

**Improved inflation**

In the same forum, she took note of the improving inflation rate, which further eased to 4.1 percent in November from 4.9 percent in October.

Food inflation at the national level decelerated further to 5.8 percent in November 2023 from 7.1 percent the previous month.

"(M)agandang bali-

ta ito kasi, especially iyong mga food item na binabantayan natin -- kunwari iyong pork meat, iyong sugar, iyong mga vegetables -- bumaba po iyong presyo nitong mga ito (This is good news, especially with regard to the food items that we are monitoring - the prices of pork meat, sugar, and vegetable went down)," she said.

Edillon said the cost of rice still rose but this could be attributed to the slowdown in importation due to tightening supply in the world market.

"Iyong sa ibang mga bansa, nag-i-expect kasi sila ng impact ng El Niño. Pero ang tingin naman namin, dahil we think that they have been prepared for this so mukhang it will correct actually (Other countries are bracing for the impact of El Niño. But we think because they're already prepared for it, it will be corrected eventually)," she said.

Still, she said she believes the price cap imposed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. in September contributed to the lower inflation rate.

"Itong mga presyo na ito was actually as of November at alam naman natin na towards the end of September at saka October, nagkaroon na rin ng anihan. So, yes, naghalo-halo na po itong mga factor na ito (These prices were actually as of November and we know that it was harvest season towards the end of September and October. So, yes, these are combined factors)," Edillon said. (PNA)

Cavite greening program continues in Tagaytay City, this time in Barangay Maharlika East and West during the 4th Cavite Arbor Day spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources (OPENRO) recently as part of the conservation and rehabilitation of the Taal Volcano Protected Landscape (TVPL).

The initiative was participated by the employees of selected PGC offices, officers and staff of PGC Employees and Community Multipurpose Cooperative, personnel from PNP and Philippine Army, non-government organizations, private companies and local officials of Tagaytay City. A total of more than 350 fruit bearing and forest trees were planted along the TVPL in the territorial boundary of Barangay Maharlika.---OPIO



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immediate assistance upon arrival and other forms of support.

Each OFW returnee received PHP50,000 financial assistance from OWWA, PHP20,000 livelihood assistance from the DSWD, and PHP5,000 and skills training vouchers from TESDA.

The DOH also extended medical assistance to the OFW returnees.

The repatriates will also receive comprehensive reintegration

assistance and job facilitation services for other employment opportunities, whether here or in another country.

To date, a total of 362 OFWs and 14 children from Israel, and 61 from Lebanon have been repatriated by the Philippine government since the Palestinian militant group Hamas launched their attack in southern Israel on October 7. (PNA)

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The program was formulated in partnership with Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Rex Gatchalian and local government units (LGUs).

It will be operationalized through the DSWD's Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) under next year's national budget.

The DSWD is mandated to formulate further rules and reg-

ulations regarding the program.

The House of Representatives and the Senate have agreed to fund the program during the bicameral committee conference hearings on the 2024 national budget as a way to give life to President Marcos' aspirations of bringing down the price of rice.

The additional AICS funds will cover the necessary budget allocations for the rice discount vouchers. (PNA)

**Kapag nanghihina  
ang loob mo  
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## Nurturing Tomorrow's Entrepreneurs: Highlights from the 2023 Cavite Entrepreneurship Students Conference



The 2023 Cavite Entrepreneurship Students Conference, spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer in collaboration with the Department of Trade and Industry, transpired as a crucial occasion for future business owners of Cavite, showcasing a lively exhibition of cooperation and motivation.

With motivational speeches that emphasized the youth's potential as tomorrow's leaders, Governor Jonvic C. Remulla, Mr. Alvin S. Mojica, Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs, and Ms. Revelyn Cortez, DTI-Provincial Director and OIC-ARD, set the tone for the conference. A solid foundation for the transformative journey ahead was provided by their emphasis on preparing the youth for the business world, with a particular focus on fostering their creativity, artistry, and innovation.

DTI ROG Asec. Dominic Tolentino Jr. took the stage as the keynote speaker, underscoring the youth's innate abilities to turn ideas into reality and dreams into successful businesses. Asec. Tolentino also delved into the Youth Entrepreneur programs of DTI, including the impactful 'BYOB' initiative (Be Your Own Boss). He shared insights into the qualities defining a successful youth entrepreneur and illuminated the path of their entrepreneurial journey.

The oath-taking ceremony for the Cavite Youth Leaders for Entrepreneurship (CYLE) officers for the term 2023–2025 was a momentous occasion during the conference. This ceremony, which was led by Ms. Liza Gabatan, Entrepreneurial Division Head of OPCDO represented the young leaders' dedication to promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, and community development.

In addition, the conference included prominent resource speakers who provided participants with a range of insightful viewpoints. DTI Director Jo-Dann Darong illuminated the enormous potential of the Philippine Creative Industry by examining its dynamics. Inspiring the youth to forge their unique journeys, Ms. Noreen L. Baetiong, Founder and Creative Director of Lit Digital, Inc., shared insights on crafting a creative path in entrepreneurship.

Mr. Joel Caalaman, Intellectual Property Field Operations Specialist of IPOP HL Calabarzon, delved into the crucial aspects of Intellectual Property in the Creative Industry, equipping the attendees with knowledge to protect their innovative creations.

The inspiring success stories of successful entrepreneurs/content creators, Ms. Karla Obispo and Mr. Mark Ivan Liveta were also presented at the conference, showing how creativity and passion can result in business success.

The conference highlighted the announcement of winners in the Most Creative Audio Visual Media Work competition. National University from Dasmariñas City, claimed the top spot with an average of 94.33%, followed by ISHRM in the second position, and PUP Maragondon securing the third place.

In her closing remarks, Ms. Rebecca Tarasona, Business Development Division Chief of DTI-Cavite, extended heartfelt gratitude to the distinguished guests, resource speakers, and representatives from both public



The Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OP-PESM) facilitated a seminar on Anti-illegal Recruitment and Trafficking in Persons on November 30, 2023 at the Ceremonial Hall of the provincial capitol in Trece Martires City. PESO Managers from the different LGUs in the province actively participated in the event, gaining valuable insights to effectively combat these illicit activities.

Director Marivic B. Martinez, the Provincial Director of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), graced the event. Her presence underscored the dedication of governmental bodies to work collectively in combating illicit practices, highlighting the crucial need for a unified approach.

The event featured esteemed speakers who shed light on various aspects of anti-illegal recruitment and trafficking in persons. Atty. Rina Rojas, OIC-Chief, Legal Assistance Division-Department of Migrant Workers (DMW), provided a comprehensive overview of the campaign and delved into the intricacies of laws addressing illegal recruitment and trafficking. Her insights served as a legal compass, guiding attendees through the complexities of these issues.

Mr. Rommel C. Dianito of DMW also took the stage to impart invaluable wisdom on avoiding illegal recruitment and trafficking. His presentation, "10 Reminders to Avoid Illegal Recruitment, Trafficking, Online Scams, and Apat Dapat," was a practical guide to avoid these illegal activities. The inclusion of online scams underscored the evolving nature of these illicit activities in the digital age.

Following the informative sessions, an open forum was facilitated, allowing participants to engage directly with the speakers. This interactive segment provided a platform for clarifications, additional insights, and the exchange of experiences related to illegal recruitment and trafficking.

The OPPESM seminar not only disseminated knowledge but also fostered a sense of community resilience. By empowering individuals with information, the event aimed to create a network of vigilant citizens capable of thwarting attempts at illegal recruitment and trafficking in persons. --- OPIO

and private universities and colleges. Ms. Tarasona also took a moment to congratulate the newly-appointed officers of the CYLE, recognizing their potential to contribute significantly to innovation and entrepreneurship. Emphasizing the unique strengths of the youth, she highlighted their natural inclination towards technology, boundless energy, and innate creativity as the key factors that position them as potential successful innovators, inventors, and business owners. She concluded her remarks with a poignant reminder from the Bible, quoting Matthew 25-28: "Take therefore the talent from him and give it unto HIM which had 10 talents," underscoring the importance of utilizing one's abilities and talents for greater purposes.

The 2023 Cavite Entrepreneurship Students Conference, with its dynamic blend of inspiration, knowledge-sharing, and celebration of creativity, stands as a testament to the commitment of Cavite to foster a new generation of innovative and resilient entrepreneurs who will shape the future of business and creativity in the region. --- OPIO



## PBBM restructures El Niño task force

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Wednesday said the El Niño Task Force has been reorganized, as part of the extensive efforts to ensure food, water, and power security amid the weather phenomenon.

“I have created under the Office of the President a Task Force El Niño. There already exists one pero babaguhin natin ang (we will change its) structure,” Marcos said in a media interview on the sidelines of an event in Lupao, Nueva Ecija.

“I think [of] a more serious and a more extensive effort because we really have to get everybody involved to be able to prepare, to make sure we can minimize, alleviate, and adapt to climate change,” he added.

The El Niño Task Force was reconstituted in May this year, in response to Marcos’ call for a “whole-of-government” and “whole-of-nation” approach to prepare for the possible impact of El Niño.

Marcos said the country may adopt new techniques to ensure water and power security amid the El Niño phenomenon.

“Water is the same thing. We have to be very logical and rational [in] the way we distribute the water, to be able to determine which areas really need the water most,” he said. “As we all know, when the water levels in our dams go down, the energy becomes a scarce resource. We have to be more efficient in the distribution of whatever power that we generate.”

Around 65 provinces are expected to experience drought, while six provinces may ex-



AGRI ASSISTANCE. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (center) attends the turnover of 141 units of wheeled excavators to the National Irrigation Administration in a ceremony at Subic Bay Freeport Zone in Olongapo City, Zambales on Wednesday (Dec. 13, 2023). Marcos also said that he ordered the reorganization of the El Niño Task Force for more extensive efforts to ensure food, water, and power security amid the weather phenomenon. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

perience dry spell by end of May because of a “strong El Niño, Science and Technology Secretary Renato Solidum said in a Palace briefing on Tuesday.

Marcos met with concerned government agencies on Tuesday to discuss several initiatives to mitigate the impact of El Niño, including the implementation of an action plan to ensure water security, food security, energy security, health security and public safety amid the phenomenon.

Marcos sought to raise public awareness on El Niño and its possible effects in the country.

“So, that is one of the few things that we will embark upon in our informational campaign to make people understand what the situation is; what they can do themselves in each household, in the farms, industry; what they can do to help us save water,” he said.

During the turnover of 141 units of wheeled excavators to the National Irrigation Administration’s (NIA) field office in Olongapo City, Zambales, Mar-

cos said the government would exhaust all efforts to ensure the country’s preparedness for El Niño.

Marcos vowed to procure additional excavators and needed equipment to further improve the irrigation system in the country.

This, as he acknowledged that the excavators would be instrumental in maintaining the 257 national irrigation systems and 10,144 communal irrigation systems nationwide.

“As we receive these units today, I enjoin everyone at NIA to continue your collaboration with all the agencies of government,” Marcos said. “I call on you to work closely with the DBM (Department of Budget and Management) to secure the funding for the acquisition of the needed additional machinery.”

He said his administration’s first priority is to make sure there is sufficient food, water and power supply, in case a possible drought hits the country.

“I call on the Department of Agriculture,



Empowering Farmers: Provincial Gawad Saka and Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit 2023 connects People and Agriculture.

Bannering the tagline “Magsasaka’t Mangingisda Kaagapay para sa Kabuhayan, Ating Itanghal at Bigyang Pugay”, the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) spearheaded the Provincial Gawad Saka Awarding, coinciding with the two-day Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit 2023 recently at the OPA Compound, Trece Martires City. The activity aspired to acknowledge the hard work, commitment, and dedication of farmers and fishermen across the province, as well as to showcase a wide range of goods and produce of Cavite MSMEs.

The program opened with a warm welcome from Ms. Lorna Aviñante, OIC-OPA, thanking everyone who came, participated, and supported the event, which she described as a great opportunity to help the agriculture sector. Mr. Bob Bobadilla, Federasyon ng Magsasaka ng Cavite Chairperson, then, expressed his hope for a successful program and congratulated all the awardees.

Subsequently, Mr. Ruben Perlas, Agricultural Program Coordinating Officer for Cavite, discussed the intervention and initiatives for the industry, notably the rice program for the benefit of the Filipino farmers, in improving their lives and ensuring food sufficiency.

Ms. Merlita Dimaranan of the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian shared that when they visited various farms, she saw the determination of the farmers in developing their farms and livelihoods, not just for their family, but also for the community. “Ang mga magsasaka ay tunay na bayani sa industriya ng agrikultura at livestock,” Ms. Dimaranan emphasized.

Meanwhile, Ms. Sherilou Alfaro, Center Chief Director of Agricultural Training Institute, who attended on behalf of Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, and Ms. Leila Cabrerros, OIC-Provincial Director of the Department of Trade and Industry, expressed their delight and honor in being part of the Provincial Gawad Saka Awarding and witnessing the recognition of outstanding farmers and fishermen, including their technical team and partners, who are the representation of commitment in elevating the industry. Ms. Alfaro went on to say, “Sa mga MSMEs, magsasaka, mangingisda na nandito, malaki rin po ang kontribusyon ninyong lahat para sa economic development ng ating lugar.”

Ms. Denesse S. Cajulis, Provincial Information Officer, expressed their commitment to assist in such activity for the common good of the people. “Despite the industrialization, modernization, and digitalization, ang sektor ng agrikultura ay patuloy na pinapahalagahan at patuloy tutulungan sa anumang panahon,” she stated.

Thereafter, Hon. Shernan S. Jaro, 3rd District Board Member and Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, provided an update on the agricultural programs and initiatives in the province of Cavite.

Afterwards, the farmers received training on SAVERS Technology, which would enhance their knowledge and help in increasing their farm productivity and profitability.

Guests had the opportunity to visit the booths and explore the products being promoted by the exhibitors, thereby boosting their market and networking with other consumers.

the NIA to assess the farmers’ needs to accelerate the construction of irrigation facilities from existing water sources. We must be prepared to address the effects of El Niño,” Marcos said.

“We have instructed,

included in this effort, the Department of National Defense, the DENR (Department of Environment and Natural Resources) and the Department of Agriculture para pag-aralan lahat ng ating

kayang gawin upang mapaghandaan ang magiging hamon pagdating nga ng tagtuyot (to study everything we can do to prepare for the challenge when there is drought),” he added. (PNA)



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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
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 Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

ARTEMIO A. GACITA, married to  
 CARMENCITA D. GACITA,  
 Respondent/Mortgagor,

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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against respondent/mortgagor, ARTEMIO A. GACITA, married to CARMENCITA D. GACITA with postal addressess at 56 Commonwealth Ave., Holy Spirit, Quezon City and Lot 55 Blk. 5, City Homes-Resortville, Lancaan Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of October 9, 2023 amounts to TWO HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY TWO PESOS & 07/100 (Php 202,192.07), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **January 18, 2024**, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

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## Cua: PBBM admin ready to give assistance to HIV patients

MANILA – Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) Chairperson Junie Cua on Thursday urged Filipinos infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) not to hesitate to seek treatment as the government, including the PCSO, is ready to provide the necessary assistance.

This after the Department of Health (DOH) announced the establishment of two additional HIV treatment hubs in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) last Dec. 8.

“Our government is taking active steps to ensure that Filipinos infected by HIV are able to seek treatment. I’m sure that President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and the DOH are working so that we can have more treatment hubs across the country amid the rise in HIV cases,” Cua said.

Health Secretary Teodoro Herbosa said there are now about 50 new recorded HIV

cases daily in the country, up from 22 daily cases in 2022.

Cua reminded HIV patients that the PCSO provides assistance for treatment through its Medical Access Program.

“Alam naman po natin na mahal ang HIV treatment. Nais lang natin ipaalala sa ating mga kababayan na nagbibigay ang PCSO ng tulong para sa pagpapagamot ng HIV (HIV treatment is costly, and we want to remind the public that the PCSO provides financial assistance for HIV patients),” he said.

He also urged HIV-positive Filipinos not to hesitate in seeking treatment, as he underscored that treatment could help ensure that people living with HIV (PLHIV) could still have a good quality of life.

“Ang sabi nga ng mga eksperto, hindi na death sentence ang magkaroon ng HIV, ‘di tulad noong nakaraan (As explained by ex-



PCSO chairperson Junie E. Cua (File photo)

perts, being infected with HIV is no longer a death sentence, not like in the past). With early diagnosis and treatment, magkakaroon pa rin tayo ng maayos na buhay (we could still live a normal life),” Cua said.

“Kayat huwag po sana tayong magdadala-lawang-isip na harapin ang HIV, humingi tayo

ng tulong sa mga pamilya at kaibigan natin ng suporta. At maka-kaasa rin po kayo na narito ang PCSO para tulungan din kayo (So don’t hesitate to face HIV, seek support from family members and friends. And be assured that the PCSO is also ready to help you),” he added. (PR)

## Singapore pro-OFW policies worth emulating

MANILA – Countries employing overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) should emulate Singapore and institute pro-migrant workers policies to protect their welfare, according to Senator Raffy Tulfo on Tuesday.

Tulfo made the call following a meeting with Singaporean Ambassador to the Philippines Constance See on Monday afternoon at the Senate.

During the meeting, Tulfo and See discussed the plight of OFWs in Singapore, according to a press release from the senator’s office.

The senator was happy to learn from See that there is a Labor Management Framework implemented in Singapore where labor officers regularly visit migrant workers to check on their conditions and ensure that they are not abused by their employers.



(PNA file photo by Avito Dalan)

He also learned of a law in Singapore where anyone who mistreats or violates the rights of migrant workers will receive a punishment that is one and 1/2 times more than regular crimes.

See pointed out that it is required under their law for employers to undergo seminars and training before hiring migrant workers.

“Singapore can be considered a model country for other countries to emulate. If such laws and policies are implemented in Singapore, it is not impossible to implement them in other places where there are OFWs, such as countries in the Middle East,” Tulfo said. (Leonel Abasola/PNA)

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This is to correct the error made in the publication dated November 9, 16, & 23, 2023 filed the petitioner/mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)**, against respondent/mortgagor, **RAMON S. CARTAGENA, married to IRMA P. CARTAGENA** in the Transfer Certificate of Title No. T832152 it should be **Irma P. Cartagena** not **Irma Cartagena**, it should be **property and not propertyand** in the Copy Furnished it should be **Pinyahan** not **Pinayahan**.

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In the pursuit of promoting economic growth and providing valuable opportunities, the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM) has taken a significant step towards enhancing the capabilities of Cavite PESO managers and staff through a capability enhancement training recently held at Ayuntamiento De Gonzalez Auditorium, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, City of Dasmariñas.

The comprehensive training session featured insights from Mr. Paul Bernard G. Santiago, Labor and Employment Officer II of the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW), and Ms. Avelina Sheryl Briton-Caya, Education and Training Unit Head - Batangas Supervisor of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA). The training aimed to equip Cavite PESO professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the complexities of overseas employment programs effectively.

Mr. Santiago enlightened participants about the various programs and services offered by the DMW. His presentation delved into the department's initiatives geared towards safeguarding the welfare of Filipino migrant workers and ensuring ethical employment practices abroad.

One of the key focal points of Mr. Santiago's discussion was the pre-employment orientation seminars provided by the department. These seminars are designed to prepare prospective overseas workers for the challenges they may face in a foreign work environment, emphasizing cultural sensitivity, legal rights, and safety measures.

Additionally, he shed light on the department's efforts to combat illegal recruitment and human trafficking. Through strict monitoring and enforcement of regulations, the Department of Migrant Workers is actively working to create a safer and more secure environment for Filipino workers seeking employment overseas.

Complementing Mr. Santiago's insights, Ms. Avelina Sheryl Briton-Caya discussed the role played by OWWA in supporting Overseas Filipino workers (OFWs). She provided an overview of OWWA's comprehensive programs and services, all aimed at ensuring the well-being and success of OFWs.

Key topics covered by Ms. Briton-Caya included OWWA's financial assistance programs, which provide support to OFWs in times of need. She also highlighted the importance of the reintegration programs that assist

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returning OFWs in transitioning back to the Philippine job market.

Moreover, Ms. Briton-Caya emphasized the role of OWWA in providing various benefits and services such as education and training assistance for OFWs' dependents, health and wellness programs, and legal assistance for those facing challenges abroad.

Cavite Provincial Administrators, Mr. Rodel Vincent T. Bae and Mr. Alvin S. Mojica, graced the event and voiced their support for the training program, highlighting its significance and affirming its alignment with the province's commitment to advancing the capabilities of its workforce. Their attendance underscored the provincial government's dedication to fostering a skilled and empowered workforce in the province.---OPIO