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DA: assures higher indemnification for ASF-affected hog raisers

MANILA – Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. on Monday assured higher indemnification to African swine fever (ASF)-affected hog raisers in the country amid the resurgence of cases in eight Batangas areas.

“Sa ngayon, meron nga pala tayong bagong policy iyong indemnification. Iyong mga kakatayin na baboy, yung maliit

PHP4,000 per biik (For now, we have a new policy on indemnification. For the small ones condemned, it is PHP4,000 per piglet). Iyong (Those) medium-sized, PHP8,000, iyong malalaki (and for the big ones), PHP12,000,” he said in an ambush interview.

The said amount is higher than the previous PHP5,000 indemnification value

for each condemned ASF-infected hog.

Laurel said the move to raise or rationalize the indemnification policy aims to encourage hog raisers to condemn or surrender infected swine, and prevent the spread of the virus.

For its implementation, he said, the Department of Agriculture (DA) plans to utilize around PHP150 million from the DA's

quick response fund (QRF).

“Kulang talaga iyong pondo para sa indemnification. Kaya if there's a way na madagdagan ito for 2025, napaka-importante (The fund for indemnification is very short. So if there's a way to increase this for 2025, it's very important),” he said, referring to future budget allocation for indem-

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CONDEMNED. African swine fever (ASF)-infected hogs are condemned in Lobo, Batangas in this undated photo. Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. on Monday (Aug. 12, 2024) said there is no need to declare a national state of emergency considering the localized scale of ASF outbreak in some parts of the country. (Photo courtesy of AGAP Partylist Rep. Nicanor Briones)

DSWD committed to enhance programs to combat poverty

MANILA – As one of the partners in whole-of-government approach to fight poverty, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is committed to implement President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s instruction to improve its existing programs for the poor, Secretary

Rex Gatchalian said on Monday.

In a Kapihan sa Manila Prince online show, Gatchalian talked about the ongoing initiatives and updates on the agency's programs and services to mitigate stunting and hunger, upskilling social workers and paraprofession-

als, and reaching out families and individuals in street situations (FISS), among others.

“Tama nga po kayo na hindi naman DSWD lang ang may responsibilidad sa paglaban sa kahirapan. Sabi nga ng ating Pangulo, ang instruction nya, whole-of-government-approach.

Kung hindi nga whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach kasama ang private sector. Pero pag pag-uusapan ang DSWD, gusto ko i-highlight yung instruction ng ating Pangulo, Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. sa DSWD, i-improve yung mga existing natin mga

programa (You are correct that it's not only the DSWD which has the responsibility to fight poverty. Like what our President said, his instruction, whole-of-government approach. If not whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach, including the private sector. But to

speak about DSWD, I want to highlight the instruction of our President, Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to DSWD --to improve our existing programs),” Gatchalian said.

Additional 4Ps grants

Gatchalian said the agency will continue improving the Pantaw- (Turn to p. 2)

P1.53-M agri goods without import permits seized

MANILA – A joint inspection by various government agencies has resulted in the confiscation of PHP1.63 million worth of agricultural products without necessary permits, the Bureau of Customs (BOC) reported on Monday.

In a statement, Customs Commissioner Bienvenido Rubio said

two shipments of agricultural goods brought by Japanese nationals, who were not identified, were seized in separate operations last week at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

The shipments were apprehended for not having the required Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearance

(SPSIC) from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).

The BOC-NAIA, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture's Intelligence and Enforcement Service (IES), intercepted on Aug. 8 a shipment that contained 527.1 kg. of fresh beef, 26.5 kg. of fresh chicken, 57.1 kg. of assorted fruits and vegetables

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nification during the DA's budget hearing for fiscal year 2025.

Besides the increased indemnification, Laurel also cited the up-graded distribution of sows instead of piglets through its Integrated National Swine Production Initiatives for Recovery and Expansion (INSPIRE) re-population program.

Localized spread

Laurel, meanwhile, stressed that there is no need to implement a nationwide state of calamity or emergency considering the "localized outbreak" in Calatagan, Lian, Lipa City, Lobo, Rosario, San Juan, Talisay, and Tuy.

"No need, it's localized. It is spreading a bit but not as fast and mas aware na kasi ang mga tao ngayon kasi nangyari na dati (people are more aware now because of what happened before)," he said, citing stricter biosecurity measures.

Earlier, the DA said it has coordinated with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) for intensified checkpoint operations in Batangas, distributed industrial lime to prevent

further spread, and the continuous conduct of mass testing.

Laurel also ordered the emergency procurement of 10,000 doses of ASF AVAC live vaccines for immediate distribution in Batangas.

"Sana next week, next Friday, mailabas na namin (Hopefully next week, next Friday, we will be able to roll it out)," he said.

The DA has also urged affected local government units (LGUs) in Batangas to declare a state of calamity to speed up the activation of its QRF for indemnification.

To date, the local governments Lobo and Calatagan have already declared a state of calamity.

As of Aug. 8, some 22 provinces in 11 regions have logged ASF cases in the country, according to the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI).

Among the provinces with the highest number of affected barangays include North Cotabato with 62, Occidental Mindoro with 57, Batangas with 38, Sultan Kudarat with 22, Quezon with 17, and La Union with 14. (PNA)

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and 57.1 kg. of fishery products.

On Aug. 9, authorities intercepted another shipment consisting of 140.2 kg. of meat and meat products, 10 pieces of eggs, 165 kg. of assorted fruits, plants, and vegetables, and 235.5 kg. of assorted fishery products.

He added that all

seized products have been turned over to the BAI, BPI, and BFAR for proper disposal to ensure that no potential health risks or harm to the food industry arise from their unauthorized entry.

"These operations are the direct result of the enhanced partnership between the Bureau and the DA, ensuring

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id Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) especially that the program has been effective in its goal of breaking the intergenerational cycle of poverty through the exit of households that are now self-sufficient.

"Pero syempre, hindi tayo natutuwa na kung ano lang yun nandy-an. Gusto ng ating Pangulo, i-improve yung mga hakbang para ma-improve natin yung 4Ps program (But of course, we are not happy with what is there only. Our President wants to improve the plans so that we can improve the 4Ps program)," he said.

Gatchalian said one of the 4Ps enhancements is the "First 1000-day grant" which will provide supplementary cash grants amounting to about PHP350 per month for female beneficiaries who are pregnant and nursing mothers to further improve the health and nutrition of their children during the critical first 1,000 days.

The DSWD, he added, is also reengineering its system to automate and streamline the process of cash grants payouts of 4Ps beneficiaries.

Investing in social workers and paraprofessionals

The DSWD Academy is one of the priority programs of the agency that offers learning

that our borders remain protected from the entry of unauthorized goods which may pose health hazards not only (to) the consuming public but our local industries," Rubio said. (PNA)

opportunities for the development of the competencies of its partner stakeholders that are needed in the delivery of social welfare and development, as well as social protection programs and services.

The Academy is envisioned as the center of excellence in Asia and Indo-Pacific regions that will provide a sustained high-level of social welfare and development practice for social workers, social welfare assistants, community development practitioners, and other paraprofessionals.

Gatchalian ensured that the FISS reached out under the agency's Oplan Pag-Abot Program are provided with necessary interventions.

"Pinupuntahan yan, kinukumbinsi na tumira sa aming temporary shelters at doon namin ginagawa ang necessary na intervention (They go there, convince them to live in our temporary shelters and there we do the necessary intervention)," he said.

He added one of the interventions is Balik Probinsya Program that has livelihood grants.

Gatchalian also called on the public and the media to report cases of FISS to the DSWD. (PNA)

Lawmaker calls for another 30% increase in PhilHealth benefits

MANILA – A House of Representatives resolution is urging the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to implement another round of 30-percent increase in all its benefit packages and coverage.

House Resolution No.1900, filed by Agri Party-List Rep. Wilbert Lee, seeks to determine how PhilHealth can expeditiously increase the current benefits and introduce new benefit packages such as the inclusion of vital diagnostic tests and other essential laboratory exams as outpatient

services.

"PhilHealth shall serve as the national healthcare provider and not as an investment powerhouse. It is mandated and obliged to utilize most of the funds to increase the program's benefits and decrease the amount of members' contributions," Lee said in a media release.

For the best interest of the beneficiaries and contributors, he emphasized the need to increase all benefit packages and coverage of PhilHealth to ultimately lower the out-of pocket costs

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File No. FC-DC-1423-24
 For: **Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118**

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND),
 Petitioner/Mortgagee,
 -versus-

ROMEO S. MANALAYSAY,
 Respondent/Mortgagor,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (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 the respondent/mortgagor, **ROMEO S. MANALAYSAY**, with postal address at #32 J. Ramirez St., Dasmariñas City, Cavite; Lot 29 Blk. 11, Phase 2, Valle Verde Dasmariñas, Brgy. Langkaan 2, Dasmariñas City, Cavite 4114 and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of **25 June 2024** amounts to **NINE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN PESOS & 99/100 (Php 956,917.99)**, exclusive of legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **September 20, 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 the Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 057-2017007858

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in Langkaan II, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 29 Blk. 11 of the subd. plan, PSD-04-220138, being a portion of Lot 3823, Imus Estate, L.R.C. Rec. No. 8843), situated in Brgy. of Langkaan II, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the E., along line 1-2 by Lot 28 Blk. 11; on the S., along line 2-3 by Road Lot 11 (8.00 m. wide); on the W., along line 3-4 by Lot 30; and on the N., along line 4-1 by Lot 19 both of Blk. 11, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being S. 44-07 W., 1121.07m. from MON. No. 149, Imus Estate; Thence S. 00-07 W., 15.00 m. to point 2; thence N. 89-53W., 4.00 m. to point 3; thence N. 00-07 E., 15.00 m. to point 4; thence S. 89-53 E., 4.00 m. to the point of beginning; containing an area of **SIXTY (60) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS**, All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S., CYL. CONC. MONS 15x40 cms; Bearings true; Date of original survey July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908 and that of the subd. survey: March 14-19, 2011 and was approved on June 13, 2011.

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

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **October 4, 2024** at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, July 26, 2024.

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Leptospirosis must be addressed aggressively – lawmaker

MANILA – House Deputy Majority Leader and Iloilo 1st District Rep. Janette Garin on Monday said the sudden surge of leptospirosis cases after massive floods in Metro Manila was due to lack of doxycycline, an antibiotic commonly used to prevent this bacterial infection.

Garin, a former secretary of the Department of Health (DOH), said it is the recurring lapses or failure of the DOH to deliver doxycycline in the provinces before Typhoon Carina and enhanced southwest monsoon hit Luzon.

“Ang problema, may pondo naman para sa libreng doxycycline subalit ang availability on the grounds ay mahirap (The problem, there is fund for free doxycycline but [its] availability on the grounds is difficult),” she said in a news release.

“Ang dapat doon, aggressive, ipadala agad sa lugar at nandoon dapat ang gamot, hindi na pahirapan pa (They should be aggressive, immediately send the antibiotic and don’t



File photo

make it difficult for them to have access to the medicine),” she said.

Garin, a doctor, said those who waded through the flood, even those without wounds should take doxycycline within 72 hours after being exposed in

the flood.

The DOH said there were 67 cases of leptospirosis from July 14 to July 27, bringing to a total number of 1,444 this year, with 162 deaths.

Garin advised the public to seek medical attention if they are ex-

periencing symptoms of leptospirosis.

Among the symptoms include high fever, headache, diarrhea, red eyes, abdominal pain, chills, rash, muscle aches, vomiting and yellow skin or eyes. (PNA)

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of Filipinos for their healthcare needs.

Lee also said that he sent a letter to PhilHealth president and chief executive officer Emmanuel Ledesma Jr. on Thursday, urging the state insurer to implement the increase.

He cited PhilHealth’s availability of substantial funds and the transfer of PHP89.9

billion in excess savings to the national treasury, proving that it is more than able to expand its benefit packages and can even introduce new benefits to cover more of the actual hospitalization costs.

To recall, Lee fervently pushed for the 30-percent across-the-board increase in PhilHealth benefits implemented on Feb. 14.

“Imbes na sa PhilHealth bumawas ng pondo, kunin na lang sa mga GOCCs (government-owned and controlled corporations) na hindi relat-

ed sa social services ang mandato at may iba pang excess funds mula sa kanilang investments at profit (Instead of taking funds from PhilHealth, just get them from GOCCs which are not related to social services and have other excess funds from their investments and profits),” Lee said.

He lamented that PET (positron emission tomography) and CT (computed tomography) scans, and MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) are not PhilHealth-covered services. (PNA)

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The one walking with the wise will become wise, But the one who has dealings with the stupid will fare badly.

Proverbs 13:20

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LRC CASE NO. 6832-095-23

IN RE: PETITION FOR THE ISSUANCE
OF NEW OWNER'S DUPLICATE COPY
OF LOST TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF
TITLE NO. 057-2020005138 OF THE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF CAVITE,

REX GAREATHO A. MAGHANOY,
represented by MAE ANNE CAPACIO,
Petitioner,
-versus-

THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR THE
PROVINCE OF CAVITE, HOME
DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND &
BORLAND DEVELOPMENT CORP.,
Respondents,

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ORDER

Filed before this Court is a verified Petition for the Issuance of New Owner's Duplicate Copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2020005138 in lieu of the said lost title, issued by the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite in the name of **REX GAREATHO ABIERA MAGHANOY**, the registered owner.

After being satisfied that the Petition is sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for initial hearing on **September 5, 2024 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning**, at which date, hour, and place, any and all interested persons are required to appear and show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice of Hearing be published for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the expense of the petitioner, in a newspaper of general circulation and posted at the Tanza Municipal Public Market, Municipal and Barangay Hall where the property is situated as well as on the land itself located at Barangay Sanja Mayor, Tanza, Cavite, Office of the Solicitor General, petitioner and his counsel.

The sheriff of this Court is hereby directed to post copies of this Notice accordingly. The petitioner is 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 Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC) for raffle of the publication.

SO ORDERED.

Trece Martires City, Cavite, March 15, 2024.

GAYSOL C. LUNA
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Marcos eyes nuclear energy tie-up with UAE power firm

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. is hoping that the Philippines could land a partnership with the Emirates Nuclear Energy Corp. (ENEC) as the government looks to add nuclear energy into the country's energy mix.

In a courtesy call in Malacañang Monday, Marcos told Mohamed Al Hammadi, chairman and chief executive officer of ENEC, of the government's openness to explore the possible use of nuclear energy for power generation.

"This is a subject that we have been talking about for a long time. And especially after the pandemic, I'm trying to figure out what are the needs of the government," Marcos told Hammadi.

"And this had become a very high priority topic. I hope we can find ways to help each other in this," he added.

On June 27-29, First Lady Liza Araneta Marcos, along with Pangasinan Rep. Mark Cojuangco, Special Envoy to the United



NUCLEAR ENERGY. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. greets Mohamed Al Hammadi, chairman and chief executive officer of Emirates Nuclear Energy Corp. (ENEC), in a courtesy call in Malacañang on Monday (Aug. 12, 2024). During their meeting, the President expressed the Philippines' intention to add nuclear energy into the country's energy mix. (Photo courtesy of Presidential Communications Office)

Arab Emirates (UAE) Kathryn Yu-Pimentel, Special Envoy to China for Trade, Investments and Tourism Benito Techico, Maharlika Investment Corp. president Rafael Consing Jr., and Ambassador Alfonso Ver to the UAE visited the Arab country and met with ENEC officials.

During the meeting, Cojuangco and Hammadi reported to the First Lady that they had sent an invitation

to the President to join the International Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy –2024 Objectives at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) this September.

The First Lady said she would take this up with the President, adding the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) is currently consolidating inputs from concerned agencies regarding the

Philippines' possible participation.

The International Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy calls for the tripling of global nuclear energy capacity by 2050.

Last May, representatives from the Board of Investments met with UAE companies to discuss possible investment opportunities in the Philippines, particularly those relating to clean energy. (PNA)

FDI inflows reach US\$499M in May

MANILA – Net inflows of foreign direct investments reached USD499 million in May this year, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said on Tuesday.

Data released by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) showed that the FDI net inflows during the month declined by 1.0 percent from the USD504 million inflows recorded in May 2023.

FDIs include investment by a non-resident direct investor in a resident enterprise,



Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (File photo)

whose equity capital in the latter is at least 10 percent, and investment made by a non-resident subsidiary or associate in its resident direct investor.

The BSP said an FDI

can be in the form of equity capital, reinvestment of earnings, and borrowings.

According to the BSP, the decline in net inflows in May emanated mainly from the 31.7 percent drop

in nonresidents' net investments in equity capital (other than reinvestment of earnings) to USD161 million from USD235 million in May 2023.

Reinvestment of earnings also decreased marginally by 3.7 percent to USD97 million from USD101 million.

Meanwhile, nonresidents' net investments in debt instruments increased by 43.4 percent to USD242 million from USD169 million in May 2023.

The BSP said top sources of FDIs during the month include Japan, United States, and

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Responding to the Urgent Needs of Stakeholders, MPT South Delivers Vital Relief to Communities Impacted by Typhoon Carina

In a compassionate display of corporate social responsibility, Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), sprang into action to provide critical aid to communities devastated by the wrath of Typhoon Carina that hit Metro Manila and Cavite. On August 5 and 6, 2024, MPT South delivered a total of 600 relief packages to affected host communities, including Brgy. Pulvorista and Aplaya in Kawit, Brgy. Talaba II in Bacoor, Brgy. Tambo, Don Galo, and San Dionisio in Parañaque, and Barangay 201 in Pasay City.

Recognizing the profound impact of the storm, MPT South also shared 100 relief packages with its valued partners, the Philippine Navy and the Alliance of Concerned Transport Organization (ACTO), underscoring the company's commitment to supporting a wide network of stakeholders.

"We hope these relief packages will help families and communities see that there is always hope, even in these trying times," said Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management at MPT South. "It is essential that we support each other in any way we can."

This swift and compassionate response from MPT South demonstrates the company's unwavering commitment to its corporate mission and re-



sponsibility to support its host communities, especially in times of crisis. MPT South, together with the people who revolve around it, embodies the strong sense of 'Bayanihan' – a uniquely Filipino spirit of community, cooperation, and mutual aid – and is dedicated to sharing this spirit with those in greatest need.

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 network of toll roads, MPTC's domestic portfolio includes the 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.

Niyogyugan Festival 2024, sinimulan na sa Quezon

LUCENA CITY (PIA) — Pormal nang sinimulan ng pamahalaang lalawigan ng Quezon ang selebrasyon para sa Niyogyugan Festival 2024 nitong Agosto 9 sa lungsod ng Lucena.

Pinangunahan ni Quezon Governor Doktora Helen Tan ang selebrasyon sa kapitolyo ng Quezon kung saan pinasinayaan ang iba't ibang kubo o booth na nagtatampok sa mga lokal na produktong gawa mula sa iba't ibang bayan ng Quezon, kagaya ng mga masasarap ng kakanin at iba pang produktong agrikultura.

Ayon kay Tan, layunin din nito na maipakita ang mga produktong mula sa mga bayan sa Quezon gayundin matulungan ang mga small micro-entrepreneurs sa pamamagitan ng pagbili o pagtangkil ng kanilang mga produktong ginawa.

Sa mga susunod na araw, magkakaroon ng Grand Tagayan Day at Niyogyugan Music Fest sa Alcala Sports Complex, Lucena City.

Samantala, mula Agosto 11 hanggang



Agosto 18, tampok ang mga sumusunod na aktibidad: Kulturang Quezonian na gaganapin sa festival stage sa lungsod ng Lucena; Kalusugan sa Niyogyugan sa Quezon Convention Center at Cocozumba dance contest championship sa Perez Park, Lucena City.

Idaraos din ang PESO Jobs fair sa Quezon Convention Center at MLQ Lecture Series and Quiz Bee sa Sti College, Lucena City sa Agosto 13 na naglalayong matulungang magkaroon ng trabaho ang mga kabataang nagtapos ng pag-aaral; Lambanog Summit at Lambanog Mixology contest sa Quezon Convention Center sa Agosto 14; Coco Olympics sa 2024 sa Quezon Convention

Center sa Agosto 15.

Ang iba pang aktibidad ay ang mga sumusunod: Kulturang Quezonian painting contest, float display at Tagayan Dance Ritual Contest sa Agosto 16; Niyogyugan Grand Parade sa Agosto 17 at Niyogyugan Boxing sa Perez Park, Lucena City sa Agosto 18.

Ang selebrasyon ay tatagal hanggang Agosto 19 o Quezon Day kung saan igagawad ang parangal o Quezon Medalya ng Karangalan sa mga mapipiling natatanging anak ng lalawigan ng Quezon.

Inaasahan ang pagdagsa ng maraming lokal at dayuhang turista sa makukulay na aktibidad ng Niyogyugan. (RO/PIA-Quezon)

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These were channeled primarily to manufacturing, real estate, and arts entertainment, and recreation industries.

For the first five months of the year, FDI net inflows grew by 15.8 percent to USD4.0 billion from the USD3.5 billion net inflows reported in January-May 2023.

Top country sources include the United Kingdom, Japan, and the United States, and were channeled to manufacturing and real estate.

In a comment, Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation chief economist Michael Ricafort

said the 1 percent decline in FDI net inflows in May was largely brought about by the geopolitical risks given the unprecedented direct attacks between Iran and Israel from April 1 to 20, 2024.

Ricafort said the FDI data also weighed in recent months by the still relatively higher US and local interest rates that increased borrowing costs for global and local investors and slowed down FDIs.

"Nevertheless, the Philippine economic growth is among the fastest in ASEAN and long-term U.S. and local interest

rates already eased from the immediate highs since November 2023, thereby encouraging more FDIs to come into the country amid favorable demographics and lower long-term interest rates that help spur investments globally, including FDIs into the country," said Ricafort.

"For the coming months, possible cuts in the U.S. and local policy rates later in 2024 and in 2025, especially if inflation remains well anchored within the inflation target of the central bank, could also lead to further pick up in FDIs eventually," he added. (PNA)

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Memorable Paris Olympics: From Seine opening to final-second decider

MANILA – From cruising the Seine River to start the Games to a wild overall championship race that literally boiled down to the final second, the Paris Olympics was nothing short of memorable.

However, some stood out among the others and as the curtains fell on the 33rd edition of the quadrennial event, the Philippine News Agency takes a look back at those moments.

'Meme-ments'

The shooting event became the top source of memes, mainly due to the gear like a specialized goggle that resembled a wearable cross-hair.

Turkish gunner Yusuf Dikec competed with nothing but a pair of reading glasses, small earbuds and his left hand in his pocket.

The comparisons between Dikec and fully geared South Korean shooter Kim Ye-Ji became the template of memes that spanned different topics in and out of shooting.

While Dikec became an internet sensation globally, he is now a star back home as his viral stance earned him a silver, the first time Turkey got a shooting medal.

Another internet sensation came from the host country, Anthony Ammirati.

The former world under-20 champion could have joined the likes of Swedish Mondo Duplantis and Filipino Ernest John Obiena in the finals of the men's pole



DOUBLE GOLD. Carlos Yulo in action at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games in July. He ruled the floor exercise and vault events of the men's artistic gymnastics to become the first Filipino athlete to win two golds in the quadrennial Summer Games. (Photo courtesy of Olympics.com)

vault event.

Needing to clear 5.7 meters just like Obiena, who surprisingly struggled at 5.6, Ammirati thought he had it, but as he was descending to the cushion, his private part caused the crossbar to fall, eliminating him in the process.

Just before the Paris Olympics closed, though, Guerschon Yabusele submitted a late meme entry, his posterizer on Team USA superstar LeBron James during the men's basketball final.

Basketball fans quickly pounced on photos or screenshots of the dunk and turned them into memes.

Some memes, though, showed some resemblance between Yabusele's dunk and that of Vince Carter on Frederick Weis during the 2000 Olympics.

Last run?

James still had the last laugh over Yabusele though as Team USA survived France's gallant stand to win the

gold, 98-87, mainly because of Stephen Curry's clutch heroics.

After settling for bronzes in the 2004 Athens Olympics and 2006 FIBA World Cup, James won in his last three appearances for Team USA, all in the Olympics.

James, now 39 years old, ruled out the possibility of a Team USA return in 2028 Los Angeles.

"I can't see myself playing in LA," the Los Angeles Lakers superstar said after the gold medal clincher, hinting that he might be retiring soon as a national team player.

It is also believed that Curry and Kevin Durant, both aged 36, could have played their last game for Team USA, too.

One athlete who confirmed to have played his last Olympics is marathoner Eliud Kipchoge, who crashed out of the men's marathon.

The former world record holder, for the first time in his career, failed

11 Filipinos to compete in World Masters Athletics 2024 in Sweden

MANILA – Eleven members of the National Masters & Senior Athletics Association of the Philippines (NMSAAP) will compete in the World Masters Athletics Championships 2024 in Gothenburg, Sweden on Aug. 13-25.

Javelin thrower Danilo Fresnido, gold medalist in the 2016 and 2018 editions, will lead the Philippine contingent that arrived in Gothenburg on Aug. 10 for the 12-day biennial competition for athletes 35 years old and above.

Other members of the Philippine team are John Aguilar -- 100m; Severino Alacar -- 10 km road run & 5 km walk; Benigno Marayag -- triple jump & long jump; Drolly Claravall -- hammer throw & discus throw; Riezel Buenaventura -- pole vault; Nhea Ann Barcena -- half marathon; Judith Staples -- pole vault & discus throw; Edward Kho -- 400m; Brenda R. Zinampan -- 100m, 200m, 80m hurdles; and EJ Obiena's father, Edward Obiena -- pole vault and discus throw.

to finish the 42-kilometer course.

Afterward, the Kenyan runner, also aged 39, announced his Olympic retirement.

"You will see me in a different way [in Los Angeles], maybe giving people motivation, but I will not run," Kipchoge said.

LGBTQIA+ community

The Paris Olympics also gave lessons on dealing with the the LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual) community.

The opening ceremonies' use of drag queens led to heated discussions online.

Seemingly depicting a pagan celebration featuring the Greek god Dionysus, at least according to the choreographer, observers thought the production number drew a resemblance to the Leonardo Da Vinci masterpiece "The Last Supper" of Jesus Christ and His disciples.



WORLD MASTERS. Members of the National Masters & Senior Athletics Association of the Philippines arrive in Gothenburg, Sweden for the World Masters Athletics Championships 2024 on Aug. 13-25, 2024. Over 8,000 athletes aged 35 and above will compete in the biennial meet. (Photo courtesy of NMSAAP)

Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) director Merly Ibay will be the official accompanying the team.

After the opening ceremony on Aug. 12, the competition will begin on Aug. 13 with Staples and Zinampan opening the campaign for the Philippines in the women's 100 meters dash, and Aguilar in the men's 100m category events.

"The NMSAAP team is optimistic about their chances of securing medals, drawing confidence from their previous performances. However, they

This led to Christian groups crying foul about the seeming disrespect.

Female boxers Imane Khelif of Algeria and Lin Yu-Ting of Chinese Taipei, both gold medalists, were also accused of being "biologically male."

Wild ending

The overall championship was up for grabs entering the final day of competition on Sunday, hours before the closing rites.

The United States and China remained tight in the medal leaderboard entering the final day, the overall race decided at the final second of the final event -- the women's basketball gold medal duel between Team USA and France.

With China ahead by a gold (40-39) after Li Wenwen won in the women's +87 weightlifting, the Americans escaped with a 67-66 win to match the Chinese.

Team USA clinched the overall title thanks

are also mindful of the challenges and uncertainties that come with competing on the international stage," said Claravall, president of NMSAAP.

The team participation is sponsored by the PSC, Senator Bong Go, PSC commissioner Bong Co, Wrist Pod, Asics, Lacoste, and Edobee Sports, Mas-siv Sports.

The 2024 championships will have a new record of over 8,000 athletes in attendance with host Sweden topping the entries with 1,883 participants. (Alona Cochon/PNA)

to an overwhelming lead in silvers, its final tally showing 40-44-42 gold-silver-bronze.

China had 40-27-24.

Golden double

Of course, it was a historic Olympics for Philippine sports.

Carlos Yulo became the first Filipino athlete to win two gold medals in the Games -- floor exercise and vault of men's artistic gymnastics.

Another adorable moment from gymnastics was when Chinese gymnast Zhou Yaquin bit her winner's medal for probably the first time.

The women's balance beam silver medalist, competing in her first Olympics at age 18, got curious when Italian gymnasts Alice D'Amato, the champion, and third-placer Manila Esposito bit their medals.

Thinking that it was required for the photos, Zhou bit hers, too, leading to a cute winning moment that quickly went viral. (PNA)