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Half-day gov't work, classes on Oct. 31 for Undas 2024

MANILA – Malacañang declared half-day government work and classes at all levels nationwide on Oct. 31 for the commemoration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day on Nov. 1 and 2.

According to Memorandum Circular No. 67, signed by Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin on Tuesday,



work in government offices and classes at all levels will be suspended on Oct. 31, starting 12 p.m. to (Turn to p. 2)

Rains, possible flooding threaten areas under signal no. 2

MANILA – People in areas under Tropical Cyclone Wind Signal (TCWS) No. 2 should take precautions against continuous rains brought by Tropical Storm Kristine that would likely result in floods and landslides, the weather bureau said Wednesday.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said TCWS No. 2 is hoisted over Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, Apayao, Abra, Kalinga, Mountain Province, Ifugao, Benguet, Cagayan including Babuyan Islands, Isabela, Quirino, Nueva Vizcaya, Aurora, Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, Tarlac, Pampanga, Zambales, Bataan, Metro Manila, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, Quezon includ-

ing Polillo Islands, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Albay, and the northeastern portion of Sorsogon (Prieto Diaz, and City of Sorsogon). Gale-force winds will prevail in these areas.

“Areas under signal no. 2 will continue to experience inclement weather. Rains could result in flooding, especially in low-lying areas,” PAGASA assistant weather services chief Chris Perez said, adding that landslides are also possible in areas experiencing continuous downpour.

Strong winds will prevail in areas under TCWS No. 1: Batanes, Batangas, Occidental Mindoro including Lubang Islands, Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon, Calamian Islands, the rest of Sorsogon, and Masbate including Ticao and Burias Is-



TAKE PRECAUTION. PAGASA assistant weather services chief Chris Perez on Wednesday (Oct. 23, 2024) advises people living in areas under tropical cyclone wind signal no. 2 to take precautions against continuous rains that could result in floods and landslides due to Kristine. Gale-force winds will also prevail in areas under signal no. 2. (Screenshot)

lands, Aklan, Capiz, Antique including Caluya Islands, Iloilo, Guimaras, the northern portion of Negros Occidental (Pontevedra, La Castellana, Moises Padilla, Bago City, La Carlota City, Valladolid, Pulupandan, Bacolod City, San Enrique, Murcia, Silay City, City of Talisay, Enrique B. Magalona, Manapla, City of Victorias, Cadiz City,

Sagay City, City of Escalante, Toboso, Calatrava, Salvador Benedicto, and San Carlos City), the northern portion of Negros Oriental (Vallehermoso, Canlaon City, and City of Guihulngan), the northern and central portions of Cebu (Alcantara, Argao, Dumanjug, Sibonga, Pinamungahan, Ronda, Liloan, Cebu City, (Turn to p. 2)

DBM okays DOH purchase of 173 medical vehicles

MANILA – The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has granted the Department of Health (DOH) around PHP454 million for the procurement of some 173 medical vehicles.

Budget Secretary Amenah Pangandaman approved the issuance of an Authority to Purchase Motor Vehicle (APMV) for the DOH on Oct. 17, the DBM said in a statement Wednesday.

The DBM said the APMV allows the DOH to procure 161 units of land ambulance, two units of mobile primary care facility or mobile clinics, four units of sea ambulance, four units of passenger van, one van serving as patient transport vehicle, and

one van functioning as mobile blood donation van.

The approval of the APMV is chargeable against the DOH's Health Facilities Enhancement Program (HFEP) under the 2024 General Appropriations Act, the DBM added.

The HFEP aims to address healthcare delivery gaps and make the country's facilities and services more accessible.

The latest APMV covers the second batch of motor vehicles (MVs) to be purchased by the DOH.

On June 11, Pangandaman also approved the issuance of the APMV amounting to PHP387 million for the procurement of the first batch of 141 units (Turn to p. 2)

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Moalboal, Consolacion, Danao City, Borbon, Carmen, Daanbantayan, Tuburan, City of Bogo, Tabogon, City of Naga, Lapu-Lapu City, City of Carcar, Mandaue City, Catmon, Minglanilla, Toledo City, Cordova, Compostela, San Remigio, Balamban, Aloguinsan, San Fernando, Asturias, Bari-li, Medellin, Sogod, Tabuelan, and City of Talisay) including Bantayan Islands and Camotes Islands, Bohol, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Samar, Leyte, Biliran, and Southern Leyte, Dinagat Islands, and Surigao del Norte including Siargao-Bucas Grande.

Kristine maintained its strength, packing maximum sustained winds of 85 kph near the center and gusts of up to 105 kph.

It was last located 200 km. east of Casiguran, Aurora or 255 km. east of Baler, Aurora. Kristine slightly accelerated, moving north-northwestward

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provide government employees full opportunity to properly observe Undas tradition, allow them to travel to and from different regions in the country, and promote domestic tourism.

“However, those agencies whose functions involve the delivery of basic and health services, preparedness/response to disasters and calamities, and/or the performance of other vital

at 30 kph.

The cyclone is forecast to intensify into a severe tropical storm before making landfall over Isabela on Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, Kristine and the northeasterly wind flow will bring strong to gale-force gusts over Mimaropa, the Visayas, and Mindanao.

PAGASA also said there is a moderate to significant risk of life-threatening storm surge in the next 48 hours over the low-lying or exposed coastal areas of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, Cagayan, Isabela, Zambales, Aurora, Camarines Sur, and Catanduanes.

Gale warning is still hoisted over the seaboard of Luzon and the Visayas.

Sea travel is risky for all types or tonnage of vessels. Mariners must remain in port or, if underway, seek shelter or safe harbor as soon as possible until winds and waves subside, PAGASA said. (PNA)

services shall continue their operations and render the necessary services,” Bersamin said in the memorandum.

Meanwhile, the suspension of work for private companies and offices is left to the discretion of their respective heads.

November 1, Friday is declared a special non-working holiday in observance of All Saints’ Day. (PNA)

PH economy to continue to post over 6% growth

MANILA – The Philippine economy is expected to remain one of the fastest growing economies in the region, with growth likely settling at above 6 percent for 2024 and 2025.

In his economic and market outlook released on Tuesday, BPI senior vice president and lead economist Emilio Neri Jr. said economic growth will likely hit 6.1 percent this year and further accelerate to 6.3 percent in 2025.

“The Philippine economy has been resilient despite significant headwinds like severe El Niño and devastating typhoons, still managing to grow by 6% in the first half of 2024,” Neri said.

“Looking ahead, the Philippine economy will likely continue to outperform in the region, supported by its strong consumer base,” he added.

Neri expects headline inflation to ease to 3.2 percent in 2024 and further decelerate to 2.8 percent in 2025.

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of medical vehicles.

Pangandaman said the purchase of motor vehicles would enable the DOH to provide Filipinos with better and more reliable health services.

“Inflation is expected to be more manageable in the coming year given the improving prospects of food supply. With El Niño now behind us and the potential increase in production, along with tariff reductions, rice may become more affordable,” he said.

Neri said lower inflation may help boost consumption in the coming year, while election-related spending could also further stimulate economic activity.

IMF projection

In a separate report, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said the Philippine economy could grow by over 6 percent in 2024, making the country one of the fastest growing economies in emerging and developing Asia.

In its World Economic Outlook October 2024 update, the IMF forecasts Philippine economic growth to settle at 6.3 percent in 2029.

The projected economic expansion is the

third highest, next to economic growth forecast for Bhutan at 7.2 percent, and Bangladesh and India at 6.5 percent.

For 2024 and 2025, Philippine economic growth projection was maintained at 5.8 percent and 6.1 percent.

In an emailed statement, the IMF said growth in 2024 and 2025 is driven by a pickup in domestic demand, supported by gradual monetary policy easing.

“Consumption growth will be buoyed by lower food prices and the upcoming midterm elections, while investment growth is expected to pick up on the back of a sustained public investment push, and gradually

declining borrowing costs,” the IMF said.

Growth over the medium term at 6.3 percent, meanwhile, is expected to be supported by investment, on the back of an acceleration in the implementation of public-private partnership projects and foreign direct investments.

Risks to the growth outlook include commodity price volatility, escalation of geopolitical tensions, tighter for longer monetary policy in advanced economies, and the weaker-than-projected pickup in private investment if reform momentum stalls or payoffs from reforms generate lower-than-expected returns. (PNA)

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2024 Cavite Parent Summit: strengthening family bonds for a harmonious future

The 2024 Cavite Parent Summit, with the theme “Bridging the Gap among Caviteño Families towards Harmonious Relationship,” facilitated by the Office of the Provincial Population Officer (OPPO) was held recently, at the Ceremonial Hall of the Provincial Capitol in Trece Martires City. The event was attended by employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) who were eager to enhance their parenting skills and create more harmonious family environments.

Ms. Eloisa L. Comia, Officer-in-Charge of OPPO, delivered the welcome remarks, stressing the importance of promoting family welfare through responsible parenting. She reiterated the Provincial Government’s commitment to empowering families to bridge generational gaps and foster stronger relationships.

The summit featured two informative talks by resource speakers from OPPO. Ms. Anna Viela V. Amparo, Population Program Officer I, led the session “Parenting my Children Rated PG,” which focused on effective parenting strategies and the five love languages framework. She emphasized the importance of understanding each child’s emotional needs and tailoring parental love and guidance accordingly, whether through words of affirmation, quality time, acts of service, physical touch, or gifts.

Mr. Ariel G. Jarin, also a Population Program Officer I, presented “Ako Bilang isang Mabuting Magulang,” encouraging parents to be role models of good behavior, fostering respect, trust, and open communication within the family. His talk highlighted the crucial influence parents have in shaping their children’s values and attitudes.

The event provided an opportunity for PGC employees to learn practical and thoughtful parenting techniques, helping them build stronger, more connected families.--- OPIO



Cavite provincial government health mission in Bailen.

The Provincial Government of Cavite under the leadership of Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino, once again demonstrated its dedication to community health by delivering vital medical and dental services to the residents of Brgy. Kaypaaba, General Emilio Aguinaldo, recently. In an inspiring display of care, 311 individuals benefitted from the free services – 268 received medical consultations and check-ups, while 43 patients underwent dental extractions. The mission also offered free haircuts, distributed essential medicines, and provided denture services, creating a truly holistic wellness experience for the community.

The successful mission was made possible through the collaboration of the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) medical mission team led



Coop Month Opening Salvo

The STRIKE Gymnasium in the City of Bacoor was filled with the energy of cooperative members from across the province of Cavite, as they gathered for the much-anticipated Cooperative Month celebration opening salvo recently. Organized by the Office of the Provincial Cooperative Development Officer (OPCDO), the event brought together cooperatives from various cities and municipalities in the province to celebrate unity and collaboration.

Prominent local and national leaders graced the occasion, including Senator Francis Tolentino, Bacoor City Mayor Strike Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena Mendiola Bautista, 7th District Board Member Francisco Gabriel “Abeng” Remulla, 2nd District Board Member Ram Revilla, and 2nd District Representative Lani Mercado-Revilla. Key figures in the cooperative movement also attended, notably Dr. Jose R. Domingo, Jr., Chairperson of the Cavite Provincial Cooperative Development Council (PCDC), Mr. Jose Arnel S. Castillo, Cooperative Development Specialist II, Cooperative Development Authority Region IV-A Director Salvador V. Valeroso, and, Mr. Rodrigo M. Camia, Chairman Emeritus, Cavite PCDC.

Mr. Alvin S. Mojica, head of the OPCDO, expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support and active participation of all the cooperative members. He emphasized the crucial role that cooperatives play in driving local economic development, empowering communities, and fostering inclusivity across Cavite.

Adding to the event’s excitement is the Trade Fair and Exhibits showcasing a wide array of local products from various Cavite cooperatives. The exhibits are evidence of the entrepreneurial spirit of Caviteños, offering everything from handmade crafts and local delicacies to agricultural products, emphasizing the economic potential and creativity of the province.

The program was a vibrant showcase of cooperative spirit, with performances from the “Coop Talent” segment, where members shared their musical skills, proving that cooperatives know more than just business but they also know how to entertain. The Cooperative dancing competition added to the festivity, further displaying the diverse talents and unity of the cooperative community.

Capping off the event, a raffle was held, with participants excitedly awaiting their turn to win prizes, bringing a joyful close to the gathering.

The successful opening salvo marks the beginning of a series of activities designed to strengthen and expand the cooperative movement in Cavite, paving the way for greater collaboration and progress in the months ahead.

by Ms. Sonia M. Santiago, alongside the Office of the Provincial Health Officer.

Tagaytay City Vice Mayor, Dr. Agnes Tolentino graced the event, sparking enthusiasm and inspiration among the organizers and volunteers. The combined efforts of Ms. Mylene D. Quiacos, President of the Kaypaaba Women’s Association, and Brgy. Chairman Gilbert Quiacos, supported by the hard-working barangay health workers (BHWs) and expert medical professionals from the Provincial Health Office (PHO), ensured everything ran smoothly.

This initiative reaffirms the Provincial Government’s steadfast commitment to uplifting public health and extending essential services to even the most underserved communities in Cavite.

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File No. FC-DC-1482-24
**EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
 OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
 UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
 BY ACT 4118**

**HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
 (Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),
 Petitioner/Mortgagee,
 -versus-
 ENRIQUE S. ANONAS, married to
 MA. SOCORRO V. ANONAS,
 Mortgageor/s,**

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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/mortgageor **ENRIQUE S. ANONAS, married to MA. SOCORRO V. ANONAS** with postal addresses at (U 6210) 1198 Vito Cruz Ext. St., Sta. Cruz, Makati City and Lot 2, Block 16, Phase 1, Sta. Catalina Village, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of August 7, 2024 amounts to **TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED FORTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY TWO PESOS & 57/100 (Php 2,941,622.57)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **November 07, 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, Buroil II, 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 building and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

**Transfer Certificate of Title
 No. T-1200905**

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land, situated in the xxx of Dasmariñas Province of Cavite bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 2 Blk. 16 of the cons- and subd. plan, Pcs-04-017801, being a portion of the cons. of Lots 5774-New, Fls-2586,5775, 6581, 6582, 6583, 6584, 6585, 6586, 6587, 6588, 6589, 6590, 6591, 6592, & 6593, Imus Estate, L.R.C Rec. No. (G229) situated in the Bo. of Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot x Blk. 25; on the NE., along line 2 to 5 by Rd. lot 14 on the NE., & SE., along lines 5 xx x by Rd. Lot 16, and on the SW., along line x-1 by Lot 1, Blk. 16, all is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of ENRIQUE S. ANONAS married to MR. SOCORRO V. ANONAS, both of legal age, Filipinos of the cons./subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being S. 34 deg. 40'W., 865.45 m. from Mon. No. 174, Imus Estate, thence N. 03 deg. 33'E., 12.50 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 86 deg. 27'E., 6.00 m. to pt. 3; thence S. 77 deg. 27'16., 1.56 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 59 deg. 27'E., 1.56 m. to pt. 5; thence S. 41 deg. 27'E., 1.56 m. to pt. 6; thence S. 23 deg. 27'E., 1.56 m. to pt. 7; thence S. 05 deg. 27'E., 1.56 m. to pt. 8; thence S. 03 deg. 33'W., 7.50 m. to pt. 9; thence N. 86 deg. 27'W., 11.00 m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO (132) SQUARE METERS**. ALL pts. referred to the indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by Old PS cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x60 cm, and P.S. cyl. conc. mons. 15x40 cm; bearings true, date of orig. survey; Jan. 27, 1921 and that of the cons. and subd. survey; June 4-Sept. 29, 2001 and was approved on June 19, 2002.

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 public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **November 21, 2024** at the same time and place without further notice.

02 October 2024, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

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‘Kristine’-hit members, pensioners can avail of SSS loan programs

MANILA – Social Security System (SSS) members and pensioners affected by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name: Trami) may now apply for salary and pension loans.

“As part of our proactive response to the urgent financial needs of our members and pensioners during natural calamities, the SSS loan programs are readily available to support their recovery,” SSS Senior Vice President for Lending and Asset Management Group Pedro Baoy said in a statement on Thursday.

To qualify for a one-month salary loan, employed, self-employed, and voluntary members must have 36 monthly contributions, six of which should be within the last 12 months before the month of the loan application.

Members who want to apply for a two-month salary loan should have at least 72 posted contributions.

“They must be under 65 years of age at the time of loan application and have not been granted any final benefit like total disability, retirement, or death benefits,” Baoy said.

Baoy said individually paying members must have at least six posted contributions under their current membership type before the month of the loan application.

“Employers’ compliance is crucial in these situations since their updated contribution and loan payments are essential for their employee’s loan eligibility,” Baoy said.

Qualified members can submit their salary loan application online via My.SSS Portal.

Once approved, loan proceeds will be credited to their registered Unified Multi-Purpose Identification (UMID)-ATM Card or active accounts with a Philippine Electronic Fund Transfer System and Operations Network (PESONet)-participating bank.



‘KRISTINE’ AFTERMATH. A drone shot of rice fields submerged in flood following the onslaught of Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (Trami) on Wednesday (Oct. 23, 2024). The Social Security System said members and pensioners affected by Kristine may now apply for salary and pension loans. (Photo courtesy of Naga City Government/ Kairos Poñado CEPPIO)

Members can pay the salary loan in two years through 24 equal monthly amortizations with an annual interest rate of 10 percent.

Retirement pensioners, meanwhile, can apply for SSS pension loans equivalent to three, six, nine, and 12 times their basic monthly pension plus PHP1,000 to a maximum of PHP200,000 additional benefit.

To qualify, the pensioner-borrower must be 85 years of age or below at the end of the month of the loan repayment term; have no deductions from his or her monthly pension; have no existing advance pension under the SSS Calamity Assistance Package; receiving his or her regular monthly pension for at least one month and has an “active” status; and have updated contact information.

“If retirement pensioners availed of the 18 months advance pension, they must be receiving their regular monthly pension for

at least one month,” Baoy said.

Pension loan applications can be submitted online via the My.SSS Portal (www.sss.gov.ph) or over the counter at the nearest SSS branch.

Once approved, loan proceeds will be credited to the pensioner’s UMID-ATM Card or their active accounts with a PESONet-participating bank.

The loan amortization, inclusive of a 10-percent annual interest rate computed on a diminishing principal loan balance, shall be deducted from the monthly pension ensuring a net take home pension of at least 47.25 percent of the basic monthly pension plus the PHP1,000 additional benefit.

The repayment terms are six, 12, or 24 months, depending on the loanable amount. (PNA)

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Barangay Nutrition Scholars gather for 4th BNS General Assembly in Cavite

In a vibrant celebration of nutrition and community spirit, the 4th Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS) General Assembly brought together hundreds of BNS from cities and municipalities across Cavite. This year's theme, "Balik-Tanaw sa Nutrisyon: Gintong Taon ng Pagdiriwang para sa ika-50 Anibersaryo ng Nutrisyon," marked a significant milestone in the commitment to enhancing nutritional programs in the province.

The assembly commenced with an inspiring opening message from Dr. Nelson Soriano, who underscored the crucial role of BNS in promoting nutrition within their communities. His remarks set a positive tone for the gathering, celebrating the dedication of these health partners.

Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino who is staunch advocate of health and nutrition expressed her pride in the accomplishments of the BNS, reaffirming her administration's commitment to improving public health, giving emphasis to the promotion of nutrition and mental health. Supportive messages were also delivered by Borad Members Irene Bencito, Kervy Salazar and Romel Enriquez. Trece Martires City Mayor Gemma Lubigan also graced the event together with the entire Sanggunang Panlungsod headed by Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso, in full show of support as the host LGU. Their messages echoed their support and respect to the BNSs and highlighted the collaborative spirit of the assembly.

Keynote speaker Lourdes B. Orongan, Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator from the National Nutrition Council (NNC) Calabarzon shared her insights on the multi-faceted role of BNSs in ensuring that nutrition and nutrition-related programs are cascaded down and implemented in communities. She also shared how the government is finding ways to somehow honor their hard work and dedication through incentives, trainings and the granting of second grade Civil Service eligibility, to qualified BNS.

Mrs. Teresita Dinglasan, a senior BNS from General Emilio Aguinaldo, inspired attendees with her story retelling the 40 years of dedicated service in the field as she recounted her experiences and her passion to serve.

The assembly also featured exciting competitions that showcased the talents and creativity of the BNS through the BNS Got Talent, Cheering Competition, and BNS Muse.

For the BNS Got Talent, special awards were as follows: Best Videography to Silang; Most Entertaining and Best in Costume award for Tagaytay City; and People's Choice Award to Trece Martires City.

BNS Got Talent Major Awards included: Fourth Runner-Up to Tanza; Third Runner-Up for Dasmariñas City; Second Runner-Up for Tagaytay City; First Runner-Up for Imus City; and, the Grand Champion award which was bagged by Trece Martires City.

The Cheering Competition Results were as follows: 2nd Runner up - Trece Martires City; 1st Runner up - Tanza; and Champion - City of Bacoor.

For the BNS Muse, special awards were as follows: Crowd Favorite - Ms. Cita Nueva of Trece Martires City; Retro Queen Award - Ms. Cristirose Raagas from the City of Bacoor; and Advocacy Award to Ms. Nelly A. Ocampo of the City of Imus. The Major Awards were given to the 2nd runner up - Guillerma Cabuhat of Tanza, 1st runner up - Ms. Irene S. Isaac of Silang, and the BB. BNS 2024 crown was won by Ms. Cristirose B. Raagas from the City of Bacoor.

In closing, Ms. Helen Peñalba, Provincial Nutrition Action Officer extended her heartfelt gratitude to all the partners who have made the event possible and to all the BNS for always giving their full cooperation and dedication to nutrition service.

The assembly highlighted the power of collaboration and the importance of nutrition in fostering healthier communities. Participants were left with renewed energy and commitment to continue their vital work in promoting health and nutrition across Cavite.--- OPIO



DTI Calabarzon boosts MSMEs digitalization program

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) in Calabarzon continues to enhance the competitiveness of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in both local and global markets by providing them access to business digital solutions.

In a recent episode of the Philippine Information Agency Calabarzon's Sulong Calabarzon program, DTI Calabarzon Regional Director Marissa Argente emphasized the MSMEs digitalization program, which addresses the unique needs and challenges faced by local businesses. The program provides targeted support through training, tools, and resources to help these businesses transition to digital platforms.

"We have specific training on how our entrepreneurs can be more digitalized so that they can have access to local and global markets. We teach them how to use digital tools effectively to expand their businesses through credible online platforms," Argente said.

According to Argente, the digitalization program, aligned with the government's vision of fostering innovation and creating an inclusive economy, is a significant step toward achieving a digitally-enabled economy where businesses of all sizes can thrive in a highly competitive and increasingly digital global market.

Among the digital solutions provided to MSMEs is the QR payment system, which enables businesses to accept payments from various e-wallets and banks.

"We also want a QR code system where all the payments are transacted there, so we are partnering with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) so that we can have a QR code system in every market in the region."

She emphasized that the QR code system would empower small businesses in remote areas to participate in the digital economy, bridging gaps in access to formal banking services.

The director added: "It is necessary for us to use the technology that is our way because times are changing. We've taught them how to use online payment systems to offer more convenient options to consumers." (AM/PIA-4A)



FDA: P5.7M worth of unsafe, illegal health products destroyed

MANILA – The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has destroyed 18,000 kilograms of illegal and unsafe health products valued at PHP5.7 million.

In a news release Monday, the FDA said a disposal operation was held from Oct. 15 to 18 at the Biñan Disposal Facility in Laguna as part of the FDA's Oplan Katharos program.

Its Regulatory Enforcement Unit led the initiative to eliminate illegal health products deemed unsafe for consumers by removing these items from circulation.

Oplan Katharos, now on its second year, is tasked with the development and implementation of guidelines for the proper handling, storage and disposal of seized health products.

On Oct. 4, the FDA

said its official website would include comprehensive data on counterfeit and unregistered products seized by Oplan Katharos from January to August 2024.

This new feature aims to promote transparency and provide stakeholders with vital information, including statistics on confiscated counterfeit and unregistered products. (PNA)

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UST seeks to keep immaculate record in Shakey's volleyball

MANILA – Unbeaten University of Santo Tomas will take on Far Eastern University in the second round of the 2024 Shakey's Super League Collegiate Pre-Season Championship at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum on Friday.

UST defeated Ateneo de Manila, 25-11, 25-20, 25-17, on Sunday to extend its winning run after a 4-0 record in the first round.

"We have to play well to win. We are not new to each other; we have played many games all year. Just stick to the system and the rest will follow," UST head coach Kungfu Reyes said Thursday.

Wing spikers Angeline Poyos and Jonna Perdido, opposite hitters Regina Grace Jurado and Margaret Altea, and setter Cassie Carballo will banner the Tigresses, who were last season's runners-up.

FEU, on the other hand, will rely on playmaker Christine Ubaldo, wing spikers



ATTACK. UST's Angeline Poyos (No. 17) tries to score against Ateneo's Takako Fujimoto (No. 9) in the 2024 Shakey's Super League Collegiate Pre-Season Championship at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum on Oct. 20, 2024. Poyos will again lead the Tigresses in their game against the FEU Lady Tamaraws on Friday (Oct. 25, 2024). (SSL photo)

Chenie Tagaod and Gerzel Petallo, and middle blockers Jean Asis and Clarisse Loresco.

The Golden Tigresses will face the Lady Tamaraws at 2 p.m. in Pool F.

Playing at 5 p.m. in Pool E are defending champion National University and College of Saint Benilde.

The Lady Bulldogs will bank on opposite hitter Alyssa Solomon and wing spikers Mhi-

caela Belen and Evangeline Alinsug as they try to recover from their 30-32, 25-14, 22-25, 21-25 loss to De La Salle University on Sunday.

It was NU's first defeat in the SSL since 2022, ending a 28-game streak.

The Lady Blazers also hope to bounce back after losing to the University of the East Lady Warriors, 19-25, 18-25, 23-25, last Sunday. (PNA)

Young booters showcase skills in LaLiga tourney

MANILA – Eighty teams and 1,380 young players competed in front of more than 7,000 spectators in the first edition of the LaLiga Youth Tournament in the Philippines held at the world-class New Clark City Athletics Stadium in Capas, Tarlac on Oct.

18 to 20.

The young generation of Philippine footballers showcased their abilities at a competitive level, with the following emerging champions: Crocs FC Davao, Under-8, Under-10, Under-12; Total FC, Under-14; and White Team

of De La Salle-Zobel, Under-16.

The youth tournament aims to become the benchmark tournament in grassroots football through multiple local editions and to boost football talent throughout the Southeast Asian region.



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There are also plans to hold a larger tournament at regional level.

"It was a celebration of football and the exceptional talent of young players from across Asia. The passion and energy we experienced throughout the tournament were incredible, and it's clear that the future of football is bright," Ed Pasion, president of co-organizer Epic Management Inc., said in a news release.

Pasion said the LaLiga Youth Tournament started in Malaysia four years ago, with the Philippines also sending teams.

LaLiga's Singapore of-



1st Philippines LaLiga Youth Tournament, New Clark City Athletics Stadium in Capas, Tarlac, held Oct. 18 and 20, 2024 (Contributed photo)

office has made the tournament a priority project.

"We aim to work with the highest quality standards and establish the Youth Tournament brand as a reference in the region. Thus we are very proud of the success of

this edition in the Philippines," Iván Codina, director of the Singapore Office, said.

After previous stops Malaysia and Indonesia, the tournament will go to Thailand in November. (PR/PNA)