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Bill allowing post-retirement age work opportunities hurdles House

MANILA – The House of Representatives on Tuesday approved on the third and final reading a proposed measure allowing senior citizens to be employed even after reaching retirement age.

House Bill (HB) 10985 or the Employment Opportunities for Senior Citizens and Private Entities' Incentives Act received 173 affirmative votes during the plenary session.

"Retired or elderly individuals should not just be left to fend for themselves or depend entirely on their monthly pension. It's about time we help ensure automatic employment allocation for Filipinos aged 60 years old and above," Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez said in a statement.

"Senior citizens should also be given the opportunity to be given post-retirement careers, like for example doing menial jobs that are not physically strenuous. Let's allow *(Turn to p. 2)*

DAto boost inspection stations inNCR, province vs. ASF, AI

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Wednesday ordered to further boost its inspection checkpoints or stations in the National Capital Region (NCR) and nearby provinces to prevent the spread of animal diseases, including African swine fever (ASF) and avian influenza (AI).

"These inspection sites should serve as a defensive wall against the spread of animal diseases that threaten not only the local livestock and poultry industries but also public health and food security," DA Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said in a statement.

DA Assistant Secretary Arnel De Mesa said the move is not just intended to ensure a stable supply in December, but also to prevent the spread of diseases in other regions as hogs and poultry animals traverse Metro Manila.

"Very important iy-

ong Metro Manila ma-check para ivong pagpasok, paglabas ng mga baboy at para maiwasan iyong spread ng (Metro Manila is a very important location to check the entry and exit of hogs and prevent the spread of) transboundary diseases," he said, citing plans to set up additional inspection stations.

As of Nov. 5, De Mesa said 532 out of the 11,250 inspected shipments in 14 inspection



sites in Metro Manila and nearby provinces were apprehended.

Besides boosting inspection checkpoints, BAI will also assess gaps within the quarantine points to sustain the stringent measures against ASF and AI.

"Given the severe economic impact on the livestock and poultry industries of bird

DOH launches 'big' catch-up immunization in NCR

MANILA – The Department of Health on Tuesday launched a catch-up vaccination drive to increase the fully-immunized children (FIC) coverage in the National Capital Region (NCR).

Called "Bakuna BayaniJuan: Big Catch-up Immunization", the campaign targets children aged 0 to 23 months who have missed doses of vital jabs such as Bacillus Calmette-Guérin Vaccine for tuberculosis, bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine, Pentavalent, Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine, and Inactivated Poliovirus Vaccine.

DOH Regional Director Rio Magpantay said other important (flu), ASF, and other diseases, it's crucial to implement stringent disease management protocols and strategies to control their *(Turn to p. 2)*

NCR jabs include those for hepatitis B and measles, mumps, and ru-

bella. "We are committed to catching up and ensuring that every eligible child in Metro Manila receives their complete vaccinations," he said.

"We understand that parents may have con-

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First P2P bus service from Imus to NAIA launched



IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Cavite's first point-to-point (P2P) bus service from Imus to all terminals of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport was

launched on Monday, November 18 marking a milestone for Cavite commuters and travelers.

Cavite Third District Rep. Jay Advincula, Imus City Mayor Alex Advincula, Lina Group of Companies Chairman Alberto Lina, UBE Express President Garrie A. David, and Ayala Land Mall Inc. Terminal Senior Associate Manager Ivan D. Bautista led the ceremonial launch. Mayor Advincula

said the premium bus service, which will cater to Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) (Turn to p. 2)

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them to be still productive citizens of the country. If advanced economies can do it, why can't we?"

Once enacted into law, HB 10985 will further amend Republic Act 7432, entitled "An Act to Maximize the Contribution of Senior Citizens to Nation-Building, Grant Benefits and Special Privileges" signed into law by the late President Cory Aquino in April 1992.

HB 10985 mandates the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) through the Public Employment Service Offices (PESO) to provide information and matching services to senior citizens who have the capacity and desire to work or to be re-employed.

All government agencies and private entities shall institute an employment program that promotes the general well-being of senior citizens and ensures access to employment opportunities for those who have the qualifications, capacity, and interest to be employed.

The bill likewise made a list of possible employment for the elderly, which shall include clerical or secretarial works, consultancy, cleaning or janitorial services, event organizing, teaching, kitchen help, sales assistance, BPOs and other jobs or volunteer works.

Private entities that would employ senior citizens upon the effectivity of the law shall be entitled to an additional deduction from their gross income, equivalent to 25 percent of the total amount paid as salaries, wages, benefits, and training provided to senior citizens.

The proposed law likewise prohibits all government instrumentalities, including government-owned and controlled corporations, local government units, and government hospitals from charging fees to senior citizens for documents -- such as birth certificate, police clearance, medical certificate-required for their employment.

"Nothing in this Act shall prevent government agencies and private entities from hiring qualified senior citizens for consultancy and other similar arrangements, or from initiating or providing greater benefits, or improving the working conditions, or terms of employment of senior citizens beyond the minimum requirements provided by applicable laws," the bill stated. (PNA

Proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes his fatherrejoice,But a foolish son is the grief of the mother. Provers 10:1

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cerns, especially in this era of misinformation. That's why part of this campaign is to ensure that they receive accurate, science-based information about the safety and efficacy of vaccines," he added.

Magpantay encouraged parents and guardians to bring their children to the vaccination sites to be

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spread," Tiu Laurel said.

Besides strict biosecurity measures, the DA has been continuously ramping up its government-controlled vaccination among healthy and ASF-negative hogs in Batangas, Bulacan, Tarlac, Pampanga, and Laguna using AVAC live vaccines.

As of Nov. 8, around 465 barangays in the

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and locals, is more affordable than other service platforms and taxi providers.

Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) Administrator Arnell Ignacio, who also attended the event, said the P2P buses will benefit OFWs and local tourists with the special rates offered.

"All who initiated this project—the private sector and city officials—will hold a special place in the hearts of OFWs and their families for providing them with a comfortable journey to every destination where they will work," Ignacio said.

The 34-seater premium air-conditioned bus will have a special rate for OFWs of P150 and a regular rate of P300 per trip.

To commemorate

immunized.

Increased vaccine coverage would improve the herd immunity against vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) in NCR, he said.

The campaign, which was launched in Caloocan City, will run until Dec. 16, 2024 to protect approximately 107,995 children

Cordillera Administrative Region, Ilocos, Calabarzon, Mimaropa, Bicol, and Soccsksargen are still under red zones, or areas with active cases of ASF, according to BAI.

For avian influenza, only one barangay in San Luis, Pampanga has an active avian influenza case nationwide as of Nov. 15. (PNA)

the launch, the first 50 passengers enjoyed complimentary rides provided by the city government of Imus. Additionally, from November 19-24, passengers can continue to avail of free rides sponsored by Congressman Advincula.

UBE Express, Inc. is a human logistics service provider committed to providing a safe, convenient, reliable, and modern bus service, adhering to applicable legal and regulatory requirements set by the government.

They offer point-topoint service to give customers an exceptional bus experience. Additionally, the company provides a tarmac shuttle service for various airlines to transport passengers within the airport facility. (RF/PIA-Cavite)

against VPDs. As of Nov. 17, the National Immunization Program reported that measles-rubel-

la (MR) vaccine and 37,463 Tetanus-Diphtheria (TD) vaccine for Grade 1 students were given through the ongoing School-Based Immunization drive in NCR.

For Grade 7 students, a total of 24,017 got

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priations, proposes accessible and inclusive birth registration services.

It aims to remove barriers that disproportionately affect marginalized communities while improving the integrity of civil records.

Romualdez called on lawmakers in both chambers of Congress to act swiftly on these transformative measures, emphasizing that the Magna Carta for Children and the Civil Registration Bill the MR vaccine and 24,003 received the TD vaccine.

Meanwhile, about 18,635 Grade 4 female students received their human papilloma virus vaccine.

Apart from eligible children, pregnant women will be given TD vaccine.

Adults aged 60 years and above will receive necessary immunizations. (PNA)

represent the nation's commitment to fulfilling its constitutional and moral duties to protect its youngest citizens.

"On this day, let me express the 19th Congress' firm commitment: We will do everything in our power to break the prevalence of violence, end the neglect, and create a safe and equitable Philippines for our children. Their future is our legacy," he said. (PNA)

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PGC brought medical and dental care closer to residents of Brgy. Urdaneta.

Recently, PGC's mission team worked hand in hand with the local officials of Magallanes in facilitating a medical and dental mission at Brgy. Urdaneta, offering free physical check-ups and tooth extractions, as well as prescribed medicines and vitamins to more than 200 residents.

In addition, free dentures were provided, through the help of 8th District Representative Aniela Bianca Tolentino, which brought confident smiles to the locals. Attendees were also treated to complimentary goto, courtesy of Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino.--- OPIO



PGC Brings Essential Healthcare to Residents of San Antonio I, Noveleta

Recently, the Provincial Government of Cavite held a successful medical mission in Barangay San Antonio I, Noveleta, benefiting 255 local residents. The mission offered a range of healthcare services, including free medical consultations, health check-ups, prescribed medications, multivitamins, X-rays, ECGs, and free eye check-ups.

The event was a joint effort of PGC under the leadership of Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, local officials, and a team of medical professionals from RHU Noveleta, showing the value of working together to meet the community's health needs.

Residents were grateful for the initiative, noting its benefit in improving their health, especially for those with limited access to care.--- OPIO

The Son cannot do a single thing of his own initiative, but only what he sees the Father doing. John 5:19



Cavite Career Education Caravan Inspires Grade 10 Students in Rosario National High School

The Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OP-PESM) spearheaded the Cavite Career Education Caravan on November 15, 2024, at Rosario National High School. The event was attended by over 200 Grade 10 students eager to explore potential career paths and gain insights into their future professions.

The initiative aimed to equip young learners with knowledge and guidance to make informed decisions about their academic and career goals. Through engaging discussions from OPPESM staff and Mr. Jesus Barrera, Executive Assistant IV who shared valuable insights on industry trends, in-demand skills, and pathways to success in various fields.

The OPPESM remains committed to its mission of empowering Caviteño youth by providing opportunities for career growth and development. Activities like the Career Education Caravan are vital in shaping the future workforce of Cavite.

Students and school administrators expressed their gratitude for this enriching event, which served as a stepping stone for the students' journey toward fulfilling their aspirations.--- OPIO



Another leg of medical and dental mission in Mendez.

Another leg of the Provincial Government of Cavite's (PGC) medical and dental mission was conducted at Mendez Municipal Covered Court on November 09, 2024.

Around 330 residents were catered, receiving medical consultation and dental extraction rendered by the technical team from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer. The LAB for All Van was also brought to the venue for the free ECG and X-ray examinations. Additionally, medicines and vitamin supplements were provided to patients to compliment the healthcare services they availed.

As the health outreach program was wrapped up, the local officials of the Municipality of Mendez extended their sincere appreciation to the PGC mission team.--- OPIO

Quezon province records zero casualty from Super **Typhoon Pepito**



LUCENA CITY (PIA) - Quezon Province reported zero casualties on Monday following intense rains and winds dumped by super typhoon Pepito (Man-yi) in the province's island towns.

Melchor Avenilla Jr., Chief of the Quezon Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO), attributed the zero casualty to proactive safety measures implemented by local governments and cooperation of residents in moving to safer grounds during the typhoon's onslaught.

Also on Monday, Quezon Gov. Angelina Helen Tan led relief efforts in the island towns of Polillo and Jomalig which experienced heavy rains and

strong winds on Sunday morning.

"We thank the Lord that even if Polillo Group of Islands was a direct hit ... with winds strong and heavy rains.. we did not suffer as much," the Governor told residents assembled in the town's gymnasium.

Tan reminded locals the importance of cooperating with their officials when they ask them to evacuate whenever a storm warning is issued, whether it is a super typhoon or not.

"There might be inconveniences in the evacuation centers. but a little sacrifice, because we prioritize our safety and saving lives," the chief executive added.

She also emphasized



Quezon Governor Angelina Helen Tan led relief efforts in the island towns of Polillo and Jomalig which experienced heavy rains and strong winds on Sunday morning

that the combined efforts of government agencies, extensive

information dissemination, and public cooperation were crucial

Passage of Magna Carta for Children, **Civil Registration bill urged**

MANILA – House Ferdinand Speaker Martin Romualdez on Wednesday urged lawmakers to unite in expediting the passage of House Bill (HB) 10159, or the Magna Carta for Children.

This came as the Philippines celebrates National Children's Day with the theme "Break the Prevalence, End the Violence: Protecting Children, Creating a Safe Philippines".

As the bill's principal author, the leader of the House of Representatives highlighted the measure's potential to address systemic violence and neglect while fostering a nurturing environment for the nation's youth.

"The theme of today's celebration challenges us to confront the realities of violence and neglect faced by millions of Filipino children. The Magna Carta for Children is a proactive step toward ending these injustices and creating a safer, brighter future for our children." Romualdez said in a statement.

Approved by the House Committee on the Welfare of Children last May 13, HB 10159 is now pending for second reading.

A counterpart bill, Senate Bill 2612, has

in averting casualties from the typhoon.

A total of 48,853 families, or 165,410 individuals, who were at risk of storm surges, flooding and landslides observed preemptive evacuation ahead of Pepito. Evacuees have returned safely to their

been referred to the Senate Joint Committees on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality, and Finance, where it has been awaiting deliberation since March 19.

Strengthening Philippine child protection

The Magna Carta for Children seeks to institutionalize a comprehensive and robust framework for protecting, developing, and empowering Filipino children.

Its provisions, which include aligning national laws with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and enshrining principles such as non-discrimination, survival, development, and child participation, leave no aspect of child welfare unaddressed.

Key features of the bill include the elimination of child labor and the designation of children as "zones of peace" in conflict areas.

It also mandates establishing child-friendly spaces, strengthening institutions that serve children and ensuring access to education, healthcare, and legal aid. It likewise promotes positive parent-

homes when storm signals were lifted.

The Philippine Coast Guard, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and members of the police force assisted local governments in enforcing preemptive and forced evacuation.



HEALTH IS WEALTH. Daycare center wards in Quezon City join the 50th National Nutrition Month at the city hall grounds on July 1, 2024. House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez on Wednesday (Nov. 20, 2024) urged lawmakers to unite in expediting the passage of House Bill (HB) 10159, or the Magna Carta for Children. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

ing. "This bill integrates and strengthens existing child protection measures, addressing gaps and ensuring that no child is left behind. It is a testament to our collective commitment to secure the rights and dignity of every Filipino child," Romualdez said.

"By prioritizing their welfare, we prioritize the future of our nation," he added.

Ensuring universal birth registration

At the same time, Romualdez called for the swift passage of the Civil Registration Bill, a critical measure to address the challenges faced by over 3.7 million unregistered Filipinos, including more than 1 million children, according to the Philippine Statistics

Some parts of the Polillo Group of Islands, including Patnanungan and Jomalig, were placed under Signal No. 5, while General Nakar, Infanta, Burdeos, Panukulan, and Polillo were under Signal No. 4.

Authority (PSA).

This bill complements the Magna Carta for Children by ensuring that all children have legal recognition and access to essential services, thereby forming a comprehensive framework for child protection and welfare.

"Universal birth registration is a cornerstone of equality and opportunity. It is unacceptable that so many of our children remain invisible to the State, deprived of access to education, healthcare, and legal protections," Romualdez said.

The Civil Registration Bill, approved by the House Committee on Population and Family Relations and now pending in the Committee on Appro-(*Turn to p. 2*)

The Office of Civil Defense Calabarzon, AFP-Southern Luzon Command, and other provincial officials joined Tan in visiting the island towns to distribute relief goods and assess residents? needs. (CO/PIA-4A)

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Cavite Provincial Jail Celebrates National Correctional Consciousness Week

The Cavite Provincial Jail commemorated National Correctional Consciousness Week on November 15, 2024, with the theme, "Ang Simbahan Katuwang ang VIPs, Kaagapay sa Pagbabagong Punong-puno ng Pag-asa." The meaningful celebration highlighted the vital role of faith, community support, and hope in the lives of persons deprived of liberty (PDLs).

The program commenced with a solemn Holy Mass officiated by Bishop Reynaldo Evangelista, Bishop Emeritus Pedro D. Arigo, and Fr. Arman Tamajo, Priest Animator of the Diocesan Prison Ministry of Imus. Their spiritual message underscored the importance of repentance, forgiveness, and transformation, inspiring the attendees, including the PDLs and their families.

Adding vibrance to the event, PDLs showcased their talents through heartfelt song and dance presentations. The performances symbolized their resilience and aspirations for a brighter future, reflecting the theme's emphasis on hope

MICT sets record container handling driven by foreign trade growth

MANILA – The Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) on Tuesday reported that the Manila International Container Terminal (MICT) achieved a record volume of containers handled in October, underscoring its readiness for the peak holiday season.



Cavite farmers received seedlings and fertilizers from OPA

On November 13, 2024, Cavite's agricultural community marked a significant milestone with the distribution of seedlings and fertilizers to 135 farmers from 10 associations across the province. The initiative, led by the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, aimed to support and empower local farmers in their agricultural endeavors.

The event was graced by Vice Governor Shernan Jaro, who directly engaged with the beneficiaries, and Ms. Anna Pamela Nova, OIC-Provincial Agriculturist, who conducted a brief orientation and gathered updates on the farmers' current practices and challenges.

The beneficiaries represented organizations such as the Cavite Farmers Federation, Coffee Farmers Association, Cacao Farmers Association, Banana Council, Mango Growers Association, Sipag (High Value Crops), Rural Improvement Club, 4H Club, Provincial Agriculture and Fishery Council (PAFC), and Corn Growers Association. Each farmer received a package that included assorted vegetable seeds, one bag of complete fertilizer, one bag of urea, and four bags of compost.

Vice Governor Jaro reaffirmed the provincial government's steadfast commitment to advancing Cavite's agricultural sector and supporting its farmers.

The event's success was also credited to the leadership and dedication of Mr. Rodel Vincent T. Bae, OPG Chief-of-Staff and former OIC-Provincial Agriculturist, whose efforts ensured the program's smooth execution.--- OPIO

and renewal.

To foster harmony among the PDLs, friendly games were also included in the program.

The celebration served as a reminder of the collective responsibility to support the rehabilitation and reintegration of PDLs into society, with In a statement on Tuesday, PPA General Manager Jay Daniel Santiago said the milestone was driven by recent growth in foreign trade, as MICT handled an alltime high of 147,935 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) that is part of 275,028 TEUs tallied in October.

The MICT—the country's sole dedicated container handling facility—is operated by the International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI).

Santiago attributed the accomplishment to the PPA's partnership with ICTSI and the latter's continued investments in infrastructure and equipment.

These recent upgrades include replacing two old quay cranes at Berths 3 and 3 and increasing the number of quay cranes at Berth 6 from five to six.

"Investing in larger, more advanced cranes is aimed at enhancing the terminal's ability to accommodate larger container vessels and meeting the growing market demand," he said.

In addition, the ICT-SI is developing the port's Berth 8, projected to boost the MICT's annual capacity to 3.5 million TEUs by 2027. "These upgrades

the Church and various stakeholders as steadfast partners in the journey.

Cavite Provincial Jail continues its commitment to fostering programs that empower PDLs and promote correctional consciousness among the community.--- OPIO

on ensure our terminals er- are ready to handle n- not only the seasonhe al surge but also the v- long-term growth in

> trade," he said. He highlighted the role of public-private partnerships, such as with ICTSI, in sustaining smooth operations in major terminals.

"ICTSI's management of MICT, North-Port Terminal, and Manila Multipurpose alongside Terminal, Asian Terminals, Inc. (ATI) at the South Harbor Terminal, has Manila's improved port efficiency through automation, real-time tracking, and infrastructure upgrades," he said.

A d v a n c e m e n t s brought on by these partnerships have enhanced vessel productivity by enabling timely docking, unloading, and departure schedules.

Such efficiency, he said, is particularly critical during the holiday season when cargo volume surges.

"With modern infrastructure and close collaboration among stakeholders, our port system is resilient and efficient, prepared to support the economy during the peak season and beyond," he said. (PNA)



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IM Garma notches second win in world senior chess

MANILA – Filipino International Master Chito Garma sustained his winning form Tuesday night, prevailing over Poland's Tomasz Sielicki in the third round of the 32nd World Senior Chess Championships at the Hotel Villa Baleira on Porto Santo Island, Portugal.

Garma, with an Elo rating of 2217, conquered Sielicki (Elo 1976) after 35 moves of the Reti Opening in the 50 and above category.

The 34th-seeded Filipino now has two points in three outings. After losing to Nigerian Paul Obiahiwe (1848) in the first round, he conquered German Michael Hoffman last Monday.

"I'm very happy with this victory," said the 60-year-old Garma, who already has two Grandmaster norms.

Garma is tied with top seed GM Kiril Georgiev of Bulgaria, who bowed to GM Boris



ANOTHER WIN. A photo of Filipino International Master Chito Garma taken on Tuesday (Nov. 19, 2024) before his match against Poland's Tomasz Sielicki at the 32nd World Senior Chess Championships in Porto, Portugal. Garma won after 35 moves of the Reti Opening. (Contributed photo)

Chatalbashev of Denmark, and GM Maxin Novik of Lithuania.

Chatalbashev, GM Victor Mikhalevski of Israel and GM Michal Krasenkov of Poland are on top of the standings with three points.

Meanwhile, Filipino IM Jose Efren Bagamasbad defeated Swiss Hans Joller after 52 moves of the Sicilian Defense, Smith Morra Gambit in the 65 and over category. "It added confidence

on my part for notch-

ing my first win," said the 68-year-old Bagamasbad of Camarines Norte. He is seeking a third norm to become a GM.

In the other match, FIDE Master Mario Mangubat lost to Bart Stam of the Netherlands after 42 moves of the English Opening.

Bagamasbad will be up against Russian Alexander Yakimenko while Mangubat will face Canadian Undriadi Benggawan. (PNA)

Ateneo, UST triumph in UAAP boys' basketball

registered a triple-double as Ateneo de Manila University pulled off a 74-65 victory over De La Salle-Zobel to boost its semis bid in the UAAP Season 87 boys' basketball tournament at the FilOil EcoOil Center in San Juan on Wednesday.

Kallos had 25 points, 20 rebounds, and 10 assists for the Blue Eagles, who recovered from a two-game skid and tied their opponents at 5-6 for fourth place.

"His triple-double is an indication of the well-roundedness of his game. He's not just a scorer, he can pass (and) rebound. He is the glue in our team, especially today, he makes sure everyone is in line with our vision and also being the captain, what more can we ask?" Blue Eagles head coach Reggie Aromin said.

Sky Jazul chipped in 22 points, three rebounds and two steals while YC Lacsamana had seven points and 20 rebounds for Ateneo, which posted its biggest lead at 45-24.

Vince Magan led the Junior Archers with 22 points, four rebounds, and four assists followed



UST, ATENEO WIN. Ateneo's Zane Kallos (No. 7) tries to score against De La Salle-Zobel's Deron Llamas (No. 16) in the UAAP Season 87 boys basketball tournament at the FilOil EcoOil Center in San Juan on Wednesday (Nov. 20, 2024). The Blue Eagles won, 74-65. (UAAP photo)

bý Melvin Tailan with 17 points and eight rebounds.

Meanwhile, Jhon Canapi sizzled with 38 points, including seven triples, as the University of Santo Tomas clobbered Adamson University, 82-65.

Canapi also made six rebounds, five assists, and two steals for the Tiger Cubs, who are in solo third at 8-4.

Nick Cabanero contributed 14 points, nine rebounds, and eight assists while Miguel Jubilado also produced 14 points to go with six rebounds, three assists, and three steals. "I hope that Canapi maintains his performance because every game is crucial. Even if not 38 points, as long as he plays well. That's important because I want him to be consistent, also our other players," commented UST head coach Noli Mejos.

Prince Banate finished with 13 points, 13 rebounds, one steal, and one block for the Baby Falcons, who took their ninth loss against two wins.

Edison Jordan and Keefe Iledan scored 12 points each while Aurelio Fransman had 10. (PNA)



MEET 'N GREET WITH FRIENDS: Photo shows the 23 strong Cavite Association of Publishers and Editors, Inc., (CAPEI) members in their best smile together with Ms. Riza Matibag Muyot, owner of Shambala Silang, known in her health and wellness advocacies; CALAX MPTC SOUTH Team headed by Ms. ARLETTE V. CAPISTRANO, Vice President, Communication and Stakeholder Management, MPT South; Ms. Joann Miranda; Mr. Mhanny Agusto; Mr. Thrd Ybañez Alao, Corporate Communication Supervisor, MPT South and other MPTC SOUTH officers during the Cavite Media Roundtable Lunch last October 18, 2024 held at Shambala Restaurant, Silang, Cavite. WEBSTER ACE C. PAG-INAG