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Over 1.5M kids benefit from DSWD's feeding program

MANILA – Sitting as chair of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Zero Hunger (IATF-ZH), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has led the nourishment of over 1.5 million children nationwide with its Supplementary Feeding Program (Turn to p. 2)



FEEDING PROGRAM. A Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) personnel talks to the recipients of the government's Supplementary Feeding Program in this undated photo. The DSWD on Monday (April 6, 2024) said over 1.5 million children nationwide have benefited from the program for the school year 2023-2024. (DSWD photo)

Marcos hopes PH-EU free trade pack talks finalized by 2027

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. is hoping that the negotiations for the Philippines-European Union Free Trade Agreement (PH-EU FTA) will be finalized by 2027 to boost two-way trade and investment.

Marcos, in a message read by Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin for the 2024 European-Philippines Business Dialogue and

European Investors' Night in Makati City on Monday evening, said the PH-EU FTA is a "crucial step in enhancing the trade partnership between the Philippines and the EU."

"We look forward to negotiations being finalized by 2027 and to elevating trade and investment flows through a comprehensive agreement that includes advanced



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. (Presidential Communications Office File Photo)

provisions for digital trade and intellectual property rights," Marcos said, as quoted by a Presidential Commu-

nications Office (PCO) news release.

Trade Secretary Alfredo Pascual and

European Commission (EC) Executive Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis jointly announced last month the resumption of formal negotiations for the PH-EU FTA, which is expected to boost two-way trade by 6 billion euros (around PHP369.7 billion).

FTA talks were put on hold in 2017 after the EU raised concerns

over alleged human rights abuses in the previous administration.

The Philippine government, Marcos said, is optimistic that the FTA will unlock new opportunities, significantly increasing market access for Philippine goods and services and at the same time, facilitate the flow of investments, tech-

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DepEd: Ensure safety of learners, teachers in end-of-school-year rites

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) on Monday urged school heads to ensure the safety of learners and teachers in the upcoming end-of-school-year (EOSY) moving up and graduation ceremonies amid the high heat index in various parts of the country that is expected to persist until the end of May.

"If possible, these will be conducted indoors with proper ventilation



(File photo)

or sa ating mga (or in our) covered courts," DepEd Undersecretary and Spokesperson Michael Poa said in a zoom interview.

"Kung wala talagang

magagamit na covered courts, pinapaalalahanan lang po natin ang ating school heads na gawin ito sa mga oras ng araw na hindi matindi iyong sikat ng

DA meets with agripreneurs to discuss innovation, trends in agri sector

TAGAYTAY CITY (PIA) -- The Department of Agriculture (DA) IV-A held a forum discussing the vital innovations for agribusiness and the emerging trends, technologies, and best practices in agriculture that will benefit farmers and 'agripreneurs'.

The investment forum focused on marketing the produce that are ready to be harvested by participating farmers. DA said that the program aims to facilitate discussions among key agriculture stake-

holders in the region.

"This forum is one way for the agency to help in creating a better a better administration towards with their respective enterprises, said Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division (AMAD) chief Editha Salvosa.

The forum was attended by 17 farmer cooperatives and associations (FCAs) and 6 Young Farmers Challenge (YFC) Program Awardees as a bid to capacitate them from growing, harvesting, and marketing their

agricultural produce.

The Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization, Department of Science and Technology, Agricultural Credit Policy Council, Landbank of the Philippines, Development Bank of the Philippines, Department of Trade and Industry-Small Business Corporation, Philippine Crop Insurance Center also presented their banner programs that the attendees may utilize and avail.

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nology, and expertise, bringing mutual benefits to both sides.

“The FTA is more than just an agreement; it is a symbol of our shared vision for a future of prosperity and collaboration,” Marcos said.

The country welcomes continued EU investment in key sectors aligned with innovation and sustainability such as in renewable energy, and electronics manufacturing that leverage on the strengths of Philippines’ exports, and emission reduction goals through automotive/e-vehicle investments, said the President.

The IT-BPM sector also offers significant growth potential in data analytics and software, while public-private partnerships (PPPs) in sustainable infrastructure are expanding, Marcos said, adding that the Philippines also offers European companies opportunities in agricultural and fishery processing.

To maximize the benefits of the FTA, he said the Philippine government has enacted significant reforms enhancing the business environment, such as the Retail Trade Liberalization Act, the For-

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workers in the health-care sector),” she added.

MAIP is used for the hospitalization and medical support of indigent and financially incapacitated patients including but not limited to, in-patient, out-patient, com-

prehensive check-ups, and emergency services, as well as drugs, medicines, and professional fees, among others.

\$161-B infra dev’t program

Likewise, the Chief Executive said the country is offering a range of investment opportunities for PPPs under the administration’s “Build, Better, More” program which features 185 major infrastructure projects worth US\$161 billion (around PHP9.2 trillion) to enhance the country’s attractiveness as an investment destination.

“This program is transforming our infrastructure landscape by offering public-private partnerships in renewable energy, waste management, transportation, and disaster mitigation. These initiatives will further enhance the Philippines’ attractiveness as an investment destination,” Marcos said.

Marcos also touted the Maharlika Investment Fund, the Philippine’s first sovereign wealth fund, to provide a platform for private-sector engagement in financing flagship infrastructure projects in the country. (PNA)

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(SFP) for the school year 2023-2024.

Assistant Secretary for Disaster Response Management Group (DRMG) Irene Dumlao said the DSWD has served 1,526,261 children enrolled in Child Development Centers (CDCs) and 33,198 children under Supervised Neighborhood Play (SNP) in 1,169 implementing local government units (LGUs) as of March 30.

“As mandated by the Marcos administration, through the recently signed Memorandum Circular No. 47 which calls for the intensified support for the government’s anti-hunger efforts, the DSWD will continue its collaboration with national agencies, LGUs, and development partners to strengthen our feeding program,” Dumlao said in a news release on Monday.

The SFP is one of the DSWD’s anti-hunger initiatives and the agency’s contribution to the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) program of the government and

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In a message, Reden Terrible, who is also an YFC awardee, expressed his appreciation for the agency’s initiatives in helping agripreneurs improve their businesses.

The DA IV-A likewise

(HEA)/One Covid-19 Allowance (OCA), Special Risk Allowance (SRA), Covid-19 Sickness and Death

Republic Act 11037 or the Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino (Nutritious Food for Filipino Children) Act.

“We are continuously monitoring and fast-tracking the implementation of the program before the school year ends, in partnership with the LGUs,” Dumlao said.

The SFP provides food to children aged 3 to 5 who are currently enrolled in CDCs, while children aged 2 to 4 in SNP are fed using indigenous or locally-produced food equivalent to 1/3 of the Recommended Energy and Nutrient Intake.

Aside from nutritious food provision, Dumlao said the program is also aimed to improve the knowledge, attitude and practice of children, parents and caregivers through intensified nutrition and health education, and sustain the children’s nutritional status.

The DSWD vowed to prioritize programs that ensure food security to bolster government efforts to attain zero hunger in the country. (PNA)

held a discussion with former and current program participants where the latter shared their success stories to inspire co-participants. (JNP/PIA-4A, with reports from DA)

Compensation, and other benefits, such as meals, accommodation, and transportation allowance. (PNA)

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araw at hindi matindi iyong init para sa safety ng ating (If there are no covered courts to use, we are reminding our school heads to conduct these during the time of the day when the heat not so high for the safety of our) learners, teachers and other school personnel, even parents present at that time,” he said.

Poa also reminded school heads of DepEd Memorandum 23, series of 2024, which states that “No DepEd personnel shall be al-

lowed to collect any kind of contribution or fee for the graduation or moving up ceremony.”

All expenses related to the activity shall be charged to the schools Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), he said.

Poa said EOSY rites should also be moved within the school calendar to properly compensate teachers.

Under the memorandum, schools may conduct their EOSY rites from May 29 to 31. (PNA)

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The Cavite Career Caravan, held on April 30, 2024, at Robinson Place in the City of General Trias, showcased a remarkable joint effort spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), under the leadership of Ms. Rizalie P. Enero. Collaborating closely with the Provincial Sangguniang Kabataan Federation, led by Hon. Chelsea Jillian Sarno, and the PESO Manager of the City of General Trias, Atty. Alexander Abraham P. Colina, along with the local government, the event aimed to provide comprehensive support to job seekers in Cavite.

The distinguished presence of Vice Mayor Jonas Glyn P. Labuguen, alongside 6th District Board Members Maurito C. Sison and Kerby J. Salazar, and City Councilors Kyle Jassel J. Salazar and J-M Vergel M. Columna, underscored the collective commitment to addressing employment challenges in the region. Additionally, Ms. Rosalinda B. Talavera, Provincial Director of TESDA Cavite, awarded scholarships to 19 beneficiaries, while Ms. Marivic B. Martinez, Provincial Director of DOLE-Cavite, granted a livelihood grant of 999,945 pesos to the General Trias Dairy Raisers Multi-Purpose Cooperative.

Ms. Camille S. Abundo-Galorio, Labor and Employment Assistant of OPPESM, provided valuable insights on career coaching, aiding new applicants in job interviews and preparation. The primary aim of this collaboration was to offer comprehensive assistance and opportunities to job seekers through career coaching sessions. Participants had the opportunity to engage with 70 employers, presenting a diverse range of job opportunities, attracting a total of 351 applicants.

Moreover, representatives from national government agencies such as SSS, Pag-ibig, Philhealth, TESDA, PSA, BIR, DMW, DOLE and NBI offered essential information and assistance regarding government programs and services relevant to employment and social welfare.

The success of the Cavite Career Caravan was attributed to the unwavering support and collaboration of participating companies and government agencies. The Provincial Government of Cavite expressed gratitude to all contributors for their dedication to empowering job seekers and fostering economic growth and prosperity in Cavite.--- OPIO

DBM OKs P8-B indigents' medical aid, health emergency allowance

MANILA – The Department of Management (DBM) has approved the release of some PHP8.005 billion to cover cash requirements of the Department of Health (DOH) for the implementation of its key health programs, including the medical assistance to indigents and health emergency allowance of health

and non-health workers.

In a news release Tuesday, the DBM said the amount would be utilized for the provision of Medical Assistance to Indigent and Financially-Incapacitated Patients (MAIP) with an allocation of PHP2.439 billion, and for the Public Health Emergency Benefits and Allowances (PHE-

BA) for Healthcare and Non-Healthcare workers with an allocation of PHP5.566 billion.

Budget and Management Secretary Amenah Pangandaman approved the issuance of the Notice of Cash Allocation (NCA) for the purpose on May 3. “As we have committed, we will continue to support programs



PGC's Ugnayan sa Barangay program brings hope and cheer to Cavite communities.

Hundreds of residents across different municipalities and localities in Cavite experienced a renewed sense of hope and happiness as Governor Jonvic Remulla spearheaded another series of successful round of Ugnayan sa Barangay Program for the month April 2024.

Joined by Vice Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, Cavite Board Members, Congressmen, mayors, councilors, and enthusiastic constituents, the event provided a platform for meaningful interaction and dialogue. Residents were given the opportunity to voice their concerns, fostering a sense of community empowerment and solidarity.

Through the collaborative effort, the provincial government reaffirmed its commitment to addressing the needs of Cavite's diverse communities and promoting the overall welfare of its residents.--- OPIO



The provincial government's Medical Mission Team, along with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, orchestrated a highly effective Medical and Dental Mission recently, at Barangay Santol, Tanza. The initiative provided complimentary health consultations and check-ups to 212 patients, with a dedicated team addressing individual health concerns. Notably, 52 patients underwent free tooth extractions, underscoring the importance of dental health. The mission, strategically located within the community, aimed not just to meet immediate health needs but also to foster health awareness and preventive care.

Furthermore, the event saw the presence of the Lab for All truck, facilitating free x-rays for 9 patients and ECGs for 10 patients. Municipal Vice Mayor SM Matro and 7th District Congressman Crispin Diego “Ping” Remulla attended, showing their support for the initiative.

The team expressed gratitude for the collaborative effort, emphasizing the vital role of community engagement in addressing healthcare disparities.---OPIO

that seek to uphold the welfare of our kababayans (countrymen),” Pangandaman said.

“The directive of

President Bongbong Marcos has been very clear since day one -- priority shall be given to healthcare. At kasama po diyan ang

pagkalinga sa mga pasyente at mga manggagawa sa healthcare sector (This includes caring for patients and

PH largest coal miner grows exports by 78% in Q1 2024

MANILA – Coal exports from the country's largest coal producer, Semirara Mining and Power Corp. (SMPC), surged by 78 percent in the first quarter (Q1) of the year compared to the same period in 2023.

SMPC held its annual stockholders' meeting Monday, reporting its performance from January to March 2024.

The total coal exports of the listed firm in Q1 rose to 2.7 million metric tons (MMT) from 1.5 MMT in Q1 2023.

The robust coal outbound shipment has driven up SMPC's total coal sales, which grew by 37 percent to 4.8 MMT in Q1 this year from 3.5 MMT in the previous year.

Domestic shipment also grew by 6 percent to 2.1 MMT from 2 MMT.

SMPC said it reached its highest overall plant availability at 92 percent, backing the uptick in internal sales.

"While we faced some pricing challenges this quarter, our robust export sales and improved plant performance demonstrate the resilience and adaptability of our operations," SMPC president and chief operating officer Maria Cristina Gotianun said.

"Global coal indices declined due to weak demand from developed countries, driven by changes in energy policies, a shift toward renewable sources and slowing economic activities," SMPC said

in its disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange.

SMPC also uses its own coal to fuel its power plants, the lone power producer in the country that integrated its coal mining and power operations to create a local value chain.

SMPC's power plants increased their electricity sales volume by 3 percent in Q1 2024 to 1,281 gigawatt hours (GWh) from 1,241 GWh.

"This growth was primarily due to higher bilateral contract quantity sales, which offset the decline in spot market dispatch for the period," the firm said.

Meanwhile, SMPC's net income fell by 28 percent to PHP6.5 billion for the January to March 2024 period from PHP9 billion in the same period a year ago.

The company's lower profit in the first three months of the year is due to lower coal prices in the global market and lower selling price in the electricity spot market.

As a coal miner and power company, SMPC remits royalty payment to the government that benefits both national and local government units that are hosting the firm's facilities. (PNA)

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Dividends from GOCCs to reach P100B in 2024

MANILA – Department of Finance (DOF) Secretary Ralph Recto said he expects dividend collections from government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs) to reach PHP100 billion this year.

"We anticipate the total to reach PHP100 billion by year-end," Recto said during the GOCC Day held at the Philippine International Convention Center on Monday.

As of May 6 this year, the DOF has so far collected PHP88.56 billion from 47 GOCCs.

The amount represents an 11-fold increase from the PHP8 billion recorded during the same period last year.

Seventeen of the GOCCs contributed at least PHP1 billion of their 2023 net earnings

"These dividends form a major source of non-tax revenues for the government, making possible our goal of raising funds without the need to impose additional taxes on our people," Recto said.

The top GOCCs that contributed at least PHP1 billion were the Land Bank of the Philippines (PHP32.1 billion); the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PHP10.7 billion); the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (PHP9.2 billion); the Philippine Ports Authority (PHP5 billion); the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PHP4.6 billion); the Manila International Airport Authority (PHP3.5 billion); the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (PHP3 billion);



GOCC DAY. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin (middle) and Finance Secretary Ralph Recto lead the Government-Owned- or Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) Day celebration in Pasay City on Monday (May 6, 2024). The GOCC Day aims to acknowledge the top-remitting GOCCs that significantly contributed dividends to the national government. (Photo courtesy of DOF)

the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PHP2.7 billion); the Philippine National Oil Company (PHP2.6 billion); the National Transmission Corporation (PHP2.2 billion); and the PNOC Exploration Corporation (PHP2 billion).

Also belonging to the billionaires' club were the Clark Development Corporation (PHP1.8 billion); the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PHP1.4 billion); the Philippine Guarantee Corporation (PHP1.1 billion); the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (PHP1.1 billion); the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PHP1 billion); and the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (PHP1 billion).

Recto praised the GOCCs for not just remitting their contributions on time but many of them have also increased their dividend payments to the national government from the mini-

mum of 50 percent to 75 percent.

"Notwithstanding the diversity of your missions, every peso of your contribution will ultimately go back to benefit every Filipino," he told GOCCs.

Recto said the GOCC's PHP100-billion contribution by year-end will build 1,600 kilometers of farm-to-market roads; construct more than 8,000 new public classrooms; irrigate an extra 25,000

hectares of farmland; and extend a lifeline to more than 208,000 kidney 52,000 cancer patients with a month's worth of free dialysis and chemotherapy treatments.

"All of these can be achieved by your generous contribution of PHP100 billion – big enough to transform the lives of our people and secure their future. But we can do so much more," he said. (PNA)

Clark scorches with 50°C heat index

MANILA – The heat index in Clark, Pampanga hit 50 degrees Celsius on Monday, state weather bureau PAGASA (Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration) reported.

The past four days, the reading from the Clark International Airport ranged from 39°C to 41°C.

Dagupan, Pangasinan recorded 47°C.

Pasay City and Quezon City felt the heat

at 43°C and 42°C, respectively. The same indices are expected in the two National Capital Region cities the next two days, PAGASA said.

La Trinidad, Benguet was the lone area with a below-caution index at 26°C while Baguio City was at a "hotter" 28°C.

Muñoz, Nueva Ecija had the highest actual temperature of 39.8°C while Tuguegarao City, Cagayan was at 39°C. (PNA)

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NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE
CORPORATION (NHMFC),
Mortgagee,
-versus-
BELEN M. MAQUIRANG,
Mortgagor/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, **NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)**, a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against mortgagors, **BELEN M. MAQUIRANG** with postal address at (1) Lot 30 Blk. 18, Golden City, Dasmariñas, BO. Salawag, Dasmariñas, Cavite and (2) Blk. 2 Lot 4, Orion Drive, Ph. III, Countryside Vill., Sun Valley, Parañaque, Metro Manila and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of **FEBRUARY 29, 2024** amounts of **ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY TWO PESOS AND 65/100 (Php 1,144,442.65)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **JUNE 11, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-442124

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

A parcel of land (Lot 30 blk. 18 of the subd. plan Psd-042106-061602, being a portion of lot 5777-A-4, Psd-042106-057898, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by lot 29; on the NW., along line 2-3 by lot 28 both blk. 18, on the NE., along line 3-4 by Alley 14 & on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 32, blk. 18, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, being S. 71 deg. -21'E., 818.07 m. fr. Mon. 171, Imus Est. thence N. 10 deg. 57'W., 3.75 m. to pt. 21 thence N. 79 deg. 03'E., 9.50m. to pt. 3; thence S. 10 deg. 57'E., 3.75 m. to pt. 4; thence 8.79 deg. 03'W., & SIXTY TWO Sq. DEC. (35.67). All ptn. referred to are indicated on the plan & are marked on the ground by PS cyl. conc. mons. 15x60cm., bearings true; date of orig. survey, July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908 & that of the subd. survey, Feb. 1-20, 1993 & was approval on Mar. 11, 1993.

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

In the event that the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **JUNE 25, 2024** at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, April 29, 2024.

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PAGASA cites limitations in heat index forecast locations

MANILA – Forecasting the heat index in every municipality across the country is impossible at the moment due to budget and manpower limitations, an official of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said Monday.

PAGASA Deputy Administrator Marcelino Villafuerte II said putting up stations would require a lot of resources to install instruments, apart from additional manpower.

Villafuerte, who is in charge of heat index forecasts, was asked for his comment on Senator Sherwin Gatchalian's suggestion that PAGASA should come up with more "granular and location-specific heat indices" to help local government units and schools decide if they should cancel face-to-face classes.

"Currently, that's near impossible because there are only 82 PAGASA stations, mostly located in the cities and over 100 automatic stations," Villafuerte said in an interview with PNA.

A station is only capable of forecasting the heat index in the area where it is located, and is not capable of detecting the heat index in nearby cities, he added.

For example, the station in Quezon City cannot forecast the heat index in Mandaluyong City.

PAGASA's list of areas with forecast high heat indices are actually incomplete, Villafuerte said.



DEHYDRATED. A man walks on dried grass at the University of the Philippines Sunken Garden in Diliman, Quezon City on April 24, 2023. At least 30 areas are forecast to experience danger level heat index, while the country will continue to experience fair weather with isolated rain showers, the weather bureau said Monday (May 6, 2024). (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

"What we told Senator Gatchalian is that PAGASA is currently exploring two alternatives --the numerical weather prediction

model and the satellite-derived information," he said.

"We're already trying these two methods and

include these in forecasting. Research and development, however, usually takes three to four years." (PNA)



More than 400 Gentriseños benefit from the PGC's health program. Recently, a medical and dental mission took place in Barangay San Francisco, General Trias City serving more than 400 beneficiaries. The activity organized by the provincial government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Governor in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and the local government of Gen. Trias City addressed the healthcare needs of residents, especially medical and dental care.

The medical team, comprising doctors, nurses, and support staff, offered a wide range of services including medical check-ups, consultations, and the provision of prescribed medications. For dental care, services such as dental check-ups, tooth extractions, and oral health education were provided, addressing various dental concerns and promoting preventive measures for oral hygiene.

Board Members Morit Sison and Kerby Salazar, some local officials and community leaders expressed their gratitude to everyone involved in making the mission a success. Likewise, they commended the collaborative efforts and reaffirmed the city's commitment to promoting health and wellness initiatives for its residents. Barangay Captain Clodualdo Mendoza

also extended his appreciation to the organizers and volunteers for their dedication and hard work in serving the community.

The health event was a testament to the collaborative efforts of the local government, healthcare providers, and volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the mission.--- OPIO

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PH to participate in 2024 Korea Expo drone soccer

MANILA – The Philippines will send a drone soccer team to the 2024 Korea Drone Exposition to be held at Songdo Convensia in Incheon, South Korea on May 9 to 11.

“This is the first time ever the Philippines will take part in this international drone soccer competition wherein the players will use remote control drones to score a point,” Mechatronics and Robotics Society of the Philippines president Nastaran Nazar Zadeh said in an interview with the Philippine News Agency on Saturday.

Nastaran said 30 teams, including the United States, France, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, United Kingdom, Canada, Indonesia and Vietnam, will participate.

The event that combines radio-controlled drone flying with soccer is sanctioned by the Federation of International Drone Soccer Association.

“The drone soccer game is an emerging technology that can also be used in various fields such as surveillance in agricultural



KOREA-BOUND. Members of Team Philippines bound for the 2024 Korea Exposition drone soccer pose for a photo in this undated photo. The competition is part of the May 9 to 11 expo in Songdo Convensia in Incheon, South Korea. (Contributed photo)

plantation, construction to collect data,” Nastaran, a lady electronic engineer, said during an interview at her office in Quezon City Saturday.

“I believe Filipinos can excel in this new drone soccer game competition,” she added.

Drone soccer pits two teams with five players each aiming to score the highest number of goals in their opponent’s goal, explains the World Air Sports Federation.

“Only one player on each team -- the striker -- can score by fly-

ing his or her drone through the circular goal post placed 3m to 3.5 m above ground. The remaining players must help their striker or prevent the opposition’s striker scoring by protecting their goal,” the federation said.

The expo will feature the current state of Korean drone industry’s development and future endeavors and provide successful business showcases and support program for companies seeking to expand into the international market. (PNA)

I have seen something further under the sun, that the swift do not always win the race, nor do the mighty win the battle, nor do the wise always have the food, nor do the intelligent always have the riches, nor do those with knowledge always have success, because time and unexpected events overtake them all.
Ecclesiastes 9: 11



Medical and Dental Mission Benefits 358 Residents.

The provincial government of Cavite organized a commendable medical and dental mission on April 30, 2024, in Brgy. Capipisa, Tanza, Cavite, benefiting 338 individuals.

The event received support from 7th District Board Members Francisco Gabriel “Abeng” Remulla and Raymundo Del Rosario. Esteemed officials including Vice Mayor Archangelo “SM” Matro, Councilor Maricel del Rosario Morales, ABC President Peter Aricayos, SK Federation President Patrick Bocalan, Capipisa SK President Jaira Caringal, and Punong Barangay Chairperson Tony Matro, actively participated.

The success of the program was attributed to the collaborative efforts of medical and dental practitioners from GEAMH, RHU Tanza, OPG’s medical mission team, and local officials, including BHWs and staff. This joint endeavor underscores the commitment to enhancing healthcare accessibility and promoting community well-being in Tanza, Cavite.--- OPIO

61 OFWs from Israel coming home

MANILA – Sixty-one overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) from war-torn Israel are set to arrive at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) on Thursday.

The group is the biggest number to avail of the government’s voluntary repatriation program since hostilities broke out in October last year between Israel and the militant Palestinian group Hamas, Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) Secretary Hans Leo Cacdac said in an advisory Monday.



SAFE. Freed Hamas hostage Gelienor Pacheco (carrying child), a caregiver in Israel, is reunited with his family at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1 in Paranaque City on Dec. 18, 2023. He spent 49 days in captivity in conflict-torn Gaza. (PNA file photo by Yancy Lim)

Cacdac will be joined by DMW and other government officials in welcoming the OFWs when they arrive at the NAIA Terminal 3 in Pasay City.

Since October 2023, the Department of Foreign Affairs has not lifted Alert Level 2, which is issued if

there are real threats to the life, security, and property of Filipinos arising from internal disturbance, instability, or external threats.

DMW data showed that as of January this year, 463 OFWs in Israel have already availed of voluntary repatriation. (PNA)