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Cavite Participates in the Tourism Guidebook Rollout



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ENSURING that local plans are aligned to the National Tourism Development Plan, the Department of Tourism CALABARZON conducted a seminar on Tourism Guidebook last September 15, 2023 at the View Park Hotel Tagaytay. The event was attended by the tourism officers and planning coordinators of Cavite.

The Tourism Guidebook Rollout highlighted the shared responsibilities of stakeholders as well as the dif-

ferent aspects to be considered in tourism development such as disaster risk reduction, gender and development, climate change adaptation, zoning, infrastructure development, and statistical data. This training also discussed the step by step guide on work plan preparation, site evaluations, goals setting, and strategies in developing and packaging a destination which can be useful in creating a local

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Online scam victims turn to cyber-crime response team in Calabarzon

By Anna Mole

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) – The Philippine National Police's Regional Anti-Cybercrime Unit (PNP-RACU) in Calabarzon said more victims of online scams have been filing complaints since the creation of cybercrime response teams in the provinces.

Police Major Rainier Sison Julio, assistant chief PNP Calabarzon's RACU, said complainants have been reporting cybercrime incidents since the creation of the Provincial Anti-Cybercrime Response Teams (PACRT) in Cavite, Laguna and Rizal.

"Many victims are now reporting cybercrimes in the region since we operationalized the PACRT," he said.

From January 1 to August 31, 2023, RACU IV-A recorded a total of 3,384 cybercrime cases where online swindling or estafa accounted for the highest number of cases, with 2,151 reported incidents.

Online swindling or estafa is a cybercrime that involves fraud, deception, or misrepresentation to cause financial harm or other damage.

Data interference and illegal access of data were the second and third most reported cybercrimes, with 306 and 255 incidents respectively.

Among the provinces, Cavite logged the highest number of cyber-related incidents, with 1,815 cases while Quezon had the lowest number

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Comelec wraps ballot printing, gears for deployment

By Stephanie Sevillano

MANILA – The Commission on Elections (Comelec) on Thursday finished the printing of the official manual ballots and other forms needed for the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) on Oct. 30.

"Kanina po ay pormal nang tinapos ng Comelec at

National Printing Office ang aming pagpi-print ng ating mga manual ballots, manual election returns, certificate of canvass, statement of votes, at summary statement of votes (The Comelec and the National Printing Office earlier concluded the printing of manual ballots, manual election returns, certificate of canvass, statement of votes, and sum-

mary statement of votes)," Comelec spokesperson John Rex Laudiangco said during an interview over state-owned PTV's Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon.

Laundiangco said about 92 million ballots were printed, 480,000 of which have been delivered to the Comelec.

He said the ballots are being readied for distribution starting October.

In a Viber message, Laudiangco told the Philip-

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Cavite prelate praying Taal Volcano calms down for residents' sake

By Ferdinand Patinio

MANILA – Imus, Cavite Bishop Reynaldo Evangelista on Tuesday offered prayers for the safety of the people against the harmful effects of Taal Volcano's unrest.

He is also praying that the condition of the volcano will subside completely and not cause adverse effects on public health.

"Let's all be careful and I hope we pray especially that the Taal Volcano doesn't erupt so it doesn't harm many people. I hope that every family, every citizen will take all actions to protect health," Evangelista said in an interview with Church-run Radyo Veritas.

Evangelista encouraged the faithful to similarly say prayers for residents affected by the volcano's unrest.

The Department of Health has reminded the public to limit outdoor activities for now and keep wearing face masks to reduce exposure to volcanic smog (vog).

Last week, Taal's emission of more than 4,500 tons of sulfur caused thick vog which affected the provinces of Batangas, Cavite and Laguna.

On Monday, the Batangas provincial government said it was already conducting air quality assessment tests in towns closest to Taal Volcano amid its continuous emission of vog.

Dr. Amor Banuelos-Calayan, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Manage-

ment Office head, said a thin layer of vog still hangs over the town of Agoncillo, but was

notably much less dense than in previous days. (PNA)



VOG. Low visibility of Taal Lake, as seen from Tagaytay City on Sept. 22, 2023. Taal Volcano emitted high levels of hazardous sulfur dioxide last week, prompting class suspensions in the city and in nearby towns of Batangas province. (PNA photo by Benjamin Pulta)



Photo courtesy of Cavite.gov.ph

Ear Care Awareness and Free Hearing Test

IN a commitment to the well-being of its employees, the Provincial Government of Cavite organized a special Ear Care Awareness and Free Hearing Test event on September 22, 2023 at the Ceremonial Hall of the Provincial Capitol in Trece Martires City.

The event was made possible through the collaboration of the Office of the Human Resource Management Officer and the Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer. They sought the services of Manila Hearing Aid Center, Inc. in providing free hearing tests to all employees in attendance. With a team of skilled audiologists on-site, participants

were assured of accurate and professional assessments of their hearing capabilities.

Mr. Mark Gabriel G. Santos, an expert in the field of ear care, had an informative session that not only emphasized the importance of ear health but also equipped participants with practical tips for maintaining optimal ear care, from the significance of regular check-ups, to everyday practices for preserving hearing.

A total of 72 employees received free hearing tests. This not only underscores the proactive approach of the Provincial Government of Cavite towards employee health but also highlights the willingness of employees to prioritize their own well-being.

EU...

as its registry, invalidated China's historic claims in waters situated within its "nine-dash line" in 2016.

These claims, the tribunal said, exceed the geographic and substantive limits of China's maritime entitlements provided for by the UNCLOS.

During the meeting, the Philippines and EU also agreed to work closely to promote a rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific.

These include standing up for the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity and non-aggression as protected by the UN Charter.

They expressed seri-

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ous concern over "unilateral actions" that endanger security and stability in the region, including recent incidents in the Philippines' exclusive economic zone.

"Such activities also include those which damage the seabed and marine environment, interfere with the livelihoods of fishing communities and undermine the Philippines' food security," the DFA said.

"They emphasized the importance of non-militarization and self-restraint in the conduct of all activities by claimants and all other states, including those mentioned in the 2002 Declaration on

the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea that could further complicate the situation and escalate tensions," it added.

In addition, the two discussed possible areas of maritime cooperation, especially on sustainable development, ocean governance and connectivity.

The Philippine delegation was headed by DFA Assistant Secretary Maria Angela Ponce and EU's European External Action Service Acting Managing Director for Asia and the Pacific Paola Pampaloni.

The next subcommittee meeting will take place in Manila next year. (PNA)

Clearing...

in Europe, the movement has since evolved into a mission to reclaim our streets from the clutches of cars and reduce their detrimental effects on our environment.

The Power of a Car-Free City

World Car-Free Day serves as an eye-opening illustration of what our cities could be without the constant presence of cars.

On this day, cities worldwide encourage residents to ditch their automobiles in favor of walking, cycling, using public transportation, and other sustainable modes of travel. It provides a tangible glimpse of cleaner and quieter urban spaces while highlighting the significance of reducing cars on our streets.

Ways to Take Part in World Car-Free Day

Here are creative ways to participate in World Car-Free Day and contribute to the prevention of haze and smog in Metro Manila:

Choose Sustainable Transportation: Leave your car at home and opt for eco-friendly alternatives like bicycles or public transport for your daily commute. By doing so, you can help alleviate traffic congestion and reduce air pollution, key contributors

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to haze and smog.

Embrace Unconventional Transportation: Think outside the box and explore unconventional modes of transportation. Scooters, skates, or skateboards not only offer a cool vibe but also contribute to cleaner air.

Prioritize Physical Activity: Instead of driving, consider walking around your neighborhood or to your workplace if it's within walking distance. Incorporating exercise into your daily routine not only benefits your health but also reduces the need for short car trips.

Support Local Businesses: Instead of driving to distant malls, walk or cycle to the nearest local shops. This sustainable choice not only supports your community but also reduces traffic-related emissions.

Connect with Nature: Escape the confines of shopping malls and opt for the tranquility of parks. Spend quality time outdoors with friends and family, breathing in the pollution-free air that World Car-Free Day offers.

Explore Car-Free Zones in Metro Manila:

Several cities in Metro Manila are actively participating in World Car-Free Day by closing certain roads to cars. Join the festivities and enjoy outdoor activities without the interference of automobiles. Metro Manila Cities Leading the Way

Several cities in Metro Manila are paving the path toward cleaner air and a car-free future. Here are a few notable examples: Pasig City

Known for its continuous "Peoples Street," Pasig City temporarily closes several roads every Sunday, inviting residents to engage in activities such as cycling, jogging, and leisurely strolls. This initiative not only fosters a sense of community but also reduces local air pollution. Navotas City

The City of Navotas established a Family Zone in 2018, closing a part of the southbound lane of R10 every Sunday from 5:00 am to 8:00 am. This measure provides residents with a dedicated space for jogging, walking, biking, and other activities, contributing to a cleaner and healthier urban environment. Makati City

Makati City invites everyone to enjoy car-free

Marcos...

Marcos said the visit of the French ministers could pave the way for the discussions on the outcome of the 10th Philippine-France Joint Economic Commission (JEC) meeting last June.

"We can work on what was just held last June, the 10th Philippine-France Joint Economic Committee Meeting. And many of the businessmen from France were able to speak to our ministers and some of the local businessmen as well," he said.

"And so if your ministers will come to visit the Philippines then that will be the next step from that beginning," Marcos added, as he expressed his gratitude for the long-standing bilateral ties between the Philippines and France.

During the 10th JEC meeting, the Philippines and France discussed and committed to boost bilateral cooperation

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in areas of infrastructure and transportation, aeronautics, energy, agriculture, electronics, maritime industry and shipbuilding.

Marcos said both the Philippines and France are taking their discussions seriously to ensure a favorable outcome for the two countries.

"This is all the product of our meetings in Bangkok and I am very happy that ... Well, we have been working assiduously trying to make sure that what we discussed, we follow up, and we come to a good conclusion," he said, citing the 75th anniversary celebration of the two nations' diplomatic relationship and their meeting during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Economic Leaders' Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand last year.

Marcos said the Philippines will make close diplomatic contact with Fontanel, while everything is being discussed. (PNA)

Sunday mornings on Ayala Avenue throughout September. By temporarily closing Ayala Avenue to cars, people have the opportunity to engage in various outdoor activities such as cycling, walking, and jogging, all while reducing vehicular emissions.

As we prepare to celebrate World Car-Free Day, let's reflect on the positive impact it can have on our cityscape and the prevention

of haze and smog in Metro Manila. By embracing sustainable transportation alternatives and supporting car-free initiatives, we can collectively work toward a greener, healthier, and haze-free future for our beloved metropolis.

Join us in celebrating World Car-Free Day and share your stories of sustainability and cleaner air! (PIA-NCR)

YOU SHOULD NEVER REGRET ANYTHING IN LIFE. IF IT'S GOOD, IT'S WONDERFUL. IF IT'S BAD, IT'S EXPERIENCE.

PBBM distributes 1,200 sacks of rice to 4Ps beneficiaries; P1.577-million DA assistance to farmers in Cavite

By PCO

MANILA - President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led on Friday the distribution of 1,200 sacks of rice to 1,200 Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the distribution of assistance from the Department of Agriculture (DA) to farmers in General Trias, Cavite.

The 1,200 sacks of rice distributed to 4Ps beneficiaries in General Trias are part of the 42,180 sacks of smuggled rice recently confiscated by the Bureau of Customs-Port of Zamboanga. The seized smuggled rice were eventually donated to DSWD after the importers failed to comply with the legal documents from the BOC.

In his speech, President Marcos, who is also the concurrent secretary of the DA, gave his assurance that the government is working hard to provide affordable staple food in the market, as he vowed to develop the agricultural sector in the Philippines.

"Ngayon, sa agrikultura, ang kailangan niyong gawin, ang kailangang gawin ng pamahalaan ay pagandahin ang produksyon, pagandahin ang ani at tulongan ang pag-process ng mga produkto ng agrikultura. Iyon ang isang panig doon sa problema na

'yan," President Marcos said, referring to agricultural problem in the country.

"Kailangan din namin na higitan ang pagbantay sa illegal na importation ng lahat ng agri-products kaya't 'yan ang aming ginawa at binigyan ko ng instruction ang Bureau of Customs at sabi ko sa kanila imbestigahan niyo nang mabuti at hanapin niyo ang mga illegal importers, ang mga smuggler ng bigas," he added.

Before the distribution of rice to 4Ps beneficiaries, President Marcos also distributed PhP1,577,000 worth of various assistance from the DA to at least 217 farmers and other beneficiaries assembled at the General Trias Sports Park.

President Marcos distributed PhP557,000 worth of assistance under the Maunlad na Agrikultura sa Nayon Rice Production Program of the DA to 126 rice farmers led by Avelino Formes, president of the San Francisco Damayan, Kapit-Kamay Farmers Association.

The President also led the distribution of PhP106,000-worth of assistance under the Corn Production Program to five corn farmers led by Ronilo Ala, a member of the General Trias Upland Farmers Association.

President Marcos

Online...

ber of cybercrimes.

Julio noted that the absence of PACRT in Quezon and Batangas may explain the lower number of cybercrime incidents in those provinces compared to Cavite. Plans are underway for the creation of PACRT in Batangas and Quezon.

He urged the public to promptly report any cybercrime incidents even as the PNP's ACG continues to enhance their knowledge and skills to protect the region's cyberspace.

"We want to assure you that RACU 4A will continue to support and assist the people in preventing cybercrimes. We will continue to provide services and strengthen our knowledge and capabilities to prevent and safeguard our community," he

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added.

Julio said RACU IV-A has been mobilizing personnel in partnership with the local governments to ensure citizen's protection from online scams.

"Our PACRT disseminates information to provide tips to the public and use mass media to raise awareness on how to avoid falling victim to cybercrimes," he added.

Julio warned cybercriminals: "We have already arrested and imprisoned many cybercriminals in the past months. For online scammers out there, they should stop because the PNP Anti-Cybercrime Group is watching them." (AM/PIA-4A)

Cavite...

tourism development plan.

The activity was also attended by resource persons from the DOT Main Office-Planning Division and from the Tourism Infrastructure

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and Enterprise Zone Authority who discussed how LGUs can avail of the tourism infrastructure project grants from TIEZA.

also distributed PhP810,000-worth of assistance under the High-Value Crops Development Program to 66 beneficiaries led by Roberto Bataclan, president of the Samahan ng Nagkakaisang Maggugulay ng Lungsod ng General Trias.

The chief executive also distributed PhP104,000

worth of assistance under DA's National Urban and Peri-Urban Program to 20 Peri-Urban Practitioners led by Pedro Arendain, President of the Homeowners Associations.

The President earlier distributed the smuggled rice seized by the Bureau of Customs in Zamboanga City And

Zamboanga Sibugay. The sacks of 25-kg rice were part of the 42,180 sacks confiscated by the Bureau of Customs-Port of Zamboanga, which were subsequently donated to the Department of Social Welfare and Development. (PND)



Photo courtesy of FB City Government of Imus

Comelec...

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pine News Agency (PNA) that about 68,197,135 ballots have been earmarked for the barangay elections, and 23,857,839 ballots for the Sangguniang Kabataan polls.

In terms of deployment, the Comelec will prioritize the delivery of the official BSKE ballots to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) that groups the provinces of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi.

Laudiangco said Batanes would also be among the provinces to be included

in the earliest batch of manual ballots deployment.

On the other hand, the National Capital Region (NCR), Central Luzon, and Calabarzon will be scheduled last, he said.

Automated BSK elections Aside from manual ballots, the Comelec and NPO also printed about 6,000 test ballots for the pilot automated BSKE in select areas in Dasmariñas City, Cavite and Quezon City.

Laudiangco said the ballots for the automated elections would be printed in the

coming days and would be completed within a week.

Earlier, Comelec announced the conduct of automated BSKE polls in Barangay Pasong Tamo in Quezon City's 6th District, which has about 60,766 voters; along with Barangay Paliparan III and Barangay Zone II in Dasmariñas City, with 51,435 and 1,475 registered voters, respectively.

In total, the poll body will print 86,165 official ballots for the barangay elections and 27,511 ballots for the SK elections for the three villages. (PNA)

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EDITORIAL

Balancing growth, fiscal responsibility

While government expenditure can stimulate economic progress, it also raises concerns about the sustainability of the country's debt levels.

In recent years, the Philippines has experienced a significant increase in its national debt, mainly attributed to a policy of increased government spending aimed at driving economic growth and development.

Like many emerging economies, the country has a compelling drive to achieve sustainable economic growth and development. A key strategy to achieve these goals is increased government spending on infrastructure projects, social programs, and public services.

In view thereof, the government has launched ambitious infrastructure projects under the "Build, Build, Build" program to improve transportation, energy, and other critical sectors. These projects require substantial funding, often through loans and bonds.

Increased government spending can stimulate economic activity, leading to higher GDP growth, job creation, and improved living standards. Investments in infrastructure can enhance productivity, attract foreign investment, and improve connectivity, ultimately fostering economic development.

On the other hand, expanded social programs contribute to a more equitable society by reducing poverty, improving education, and providing essential services to vulnerable populations. Meanwhile, adequate spending on disaster preparedness and response is crucial for safeguarding lives and property during natural disasters.

But while government expenditure can stimulate economic progress, it also raises concerns about the sustainability of the country's debt levels.

Rapidly accumulating debt can strain government finances, leading to higher debt servicing costs and potential fiscal crises. It can also be concluded that the effectiveness of spending depends on proper project management and oversight. Inefficiency and corruption, it goes without saying, can lead to wasteful expenditure. An excessive increase in money supply to finance government spending can lead to inflation, eroding the population's purchasing power.

A high debt-to-GDP ratio can also affect the country's creditworthiness, making it more expensive to borrow in the future. To navigate the challenges associated with higher debt due to revved-up spending, the Philippines, therefore, must adopt a balanced fiscal strategy. The government should closely monitor its debt levels to ensure they remain sustainable. Effective debt management practices are also essential, including refinancing at favorable terms.

Efforts to combat corruption and improve spending efficiency are critical to maximizing the benefits of investments. Reducing reliance on external borrowing by tapping into domestic sources of revenue and investment can enhance fiscal stability. Implementing structural reforms to enhance the business environment, attract investment, and boost productivity can lead to sustainable growth. Maintaining reserves for disaster response and pandemic preparedness can reduce the fiscal impact of unforeseen crises.

While such spending can drive economic growth, improve infrastructure, and enhance social welfare, it also poses risks to fiscal stability and debt sustainability. To strike a balance between promoting growth and maintaining fiscal responsibility, the government must exercise prudence in debt management, ensure efficient use of funds, and implement structural reforms to bolster the economy.

In so doing, the Philippines can harness the benefits of increased spending while mitigating the associated challenges, ultimately leading to a more prosperous and resilient nation.



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Payag ka ba sa Palit-ulo?

Ito ang tanong na narinig ko noong isang umaga sa isang estasyong AM. Payag daw ba ang mga mamamayan - o ang tagapakinig ng programa - na dahil nanginginidnap ang Abu Sayyaf ng mga sibilyan, kidnapin na rin ang mga asawa, kamag-anak at ibang mahal sa buhay ng mga miyembro nito. Para daw mapalaya ang mga bihag ng grupo.

Syempre, karugtong ito ng pagpapalaya kay Eugenio Vagni, volunteer ng Red Cross, nitong nakaraang mga araw. Napalaya daw siya dahil sa "pagtatalak" ng mga misis ng mga miyembro ng Abu Sayyaf sa kanilang mga mister matapos kidnapin - ng militar! - ang mga ginang.

Nakakabagabag ang alab ng damdamin ng komentarista sa radyo: Pabor na pabor siya. At dahil siya ang nagtatangka ng tono ng programa, kauna-unawang bumuhos ang tawag ng mga tagapakinig na ganoon din ang opinyon - bukod pa sa mayroon naman talagang malaganap na galit sa Abu Sayyaf dahil sa mga aksyon nitong bumibiktima sa mga sibilyan.

Naalala ko tuloy ang isang kakilalang dating naglingkod na media officer sa isang makabayang organisasyon. Kapag napapadawal ako sa opisina nila, lagi ko siyang makikitang galit na galit, nakakunot ang noo at parang unmuok ang ilong. "Andaming dapat ituro sa mga taga-midyang iyan!" nasabi niya minsan. Sa pagkakaatong ito, naisip ko, tama siya.

Sa isang banda, ang hirap magsabing tutul ka sinasabi niyang "palit-ulo." Matagumpay nga naman ang ginawa ng militar at, sabi nga, walang nakikipagtagalo sa tagumpay. "Epektibo" ang hakbangin nila, dahil napalaya nga naman si Vagni. Kahit sa hanay ng mga komentarista sa pulitika, parang walang nagwala laban sa panganginidnap ng militar.

Pero mapanganib ang palit-ulo. Paglabag ito sa karapatan ng mga sibilyang kaanak

at mahal sa buhay ng mga miyembro ng Abu Sayyaf, kahit pa sabihing terorista sila. Paano kung magmatigas ang Abu Sayyaf at hindi palayain ang bihag? Paano kung patayin nila ang bihag? Ano ang gagawin sa mga kinidnap? Hindi rin papalayain? Ikukulung? Papatayin?

Bukod pa diyari, hindi malayong pasaklawin ng gobyerno at militar ang lohika ng palit-ulo. Dahil hindi kinikilala ng gobyerno at maraming komentarista ang mga lehitimong grupong rebelde tulad ng New People's Army at Moro Islamic Liberation Front, pwede silang idamay sa lohikang ito. Kahit lehitimong pakikidigma sa gobyerno ang ginagawa nila, pwedeng ituring na panganginidnap ang mga prisoners of war na nadadakip nila.

Naalala ko tuloy ang isang babaeng magsasakang na-interbyu ko minsan. Kilala kasi ang asawa niyang lider ng NPA sa probinsya nila. Pana-panahon, pinupuntahan siya ng militar, kinukulit na ilabas ang mister niya o ituro kung nasaan ito. "Hindi ko nga alam," lagi niyang tugon. "Alam naman ninyong makilos sila, hindi tumitigil sa isang lugar."

Minsan daw, hahamunin pa niya ang militar: "Hanapin ninyo siya sa gubat. Kapag nakita ninyo, makipagbarilan kayo." Ang punto lang naman niya. "Siya ang nag-arms, hindi ako. Bakit ako ang kinukulit ninyo?" Pero lagi din siyang may pahabol: "Basta kapag napatay ninyo, ang hiling ko lang, isauli naman ninyo ang katawan sa akin. Bibigyan namin siya ng disentang libing." Naalala ko tuloy ang nobelang Widows (1983) ni Ariel Dorfman, manunulat na Chileano, na uminog sa paggigiit ng mga kaanak ng mga pinatay ng militar na ilabas ng militar ang mga katawan ng napatay nila.

Matagal nang usap-usapan at paniniwala ng marami na nakikipagsabwatan ang gobyerno sa Abu Sayyaf. Pwedeng balikan ang napakaraming pahayag ng mga opisyal ng gobyerno na malapit na

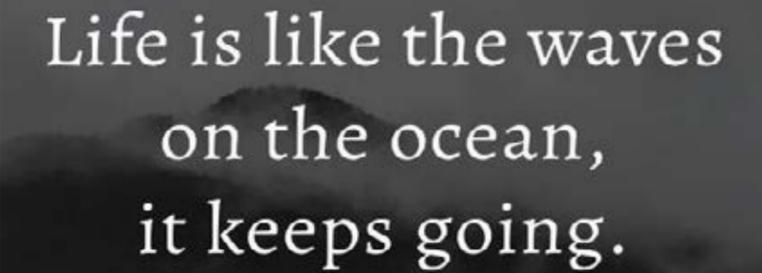
itung malipol. Pero lagi pa rin itong nakakahulagpos, nakakatakas. Minsan, ang sabi, hindi na lalampas sa 100 ang bilang nila, at napapalibutan na ng 3,000 sundalo. Pero hindi pa rin sila nadurog. Sa kabila ng nakadeklarang patakaran ng gobyerno na hindi makikipag-negosasyon sa mga terorista, lagi may aling-gasgas ng pagbibigay rito ng pera ng gobyerno, kahit "pang-yosi" nitong huli.

Ito ang dapat alalahanin at kondenahin ng mga komentarista. Kung gusto ng gobyernong durugin ang Abu Sayyaf, mayroon itong paraan, at makikita ng publiko ang resulta. Kaso wala. Hindi nito kailangang lumabag ng karapatan ng mga sibilyan para magpalaya ng bihag. Hindi pupwedeng ang kagustuhan ng mga komentarista na magkamit ng kongkretong resulta ay nakapatay sa historikal na amnesia o pagkalimot sa kasaysayan ng sabwatan. Dahil kung hindi, mukha nga silang desidido, pero mapaminsala ang opinyon nila. Iniindorso nila ang paggamit ng terorismo kontra sa terorismo.

Sa kasong ito, makikita ang isa pang gamit ng Abu Sayyaf sa gobyerno, bukod sa paghahasik ng lagim sa Mindanao kapag kailangan, sa pagpapabango ng pangalan - sa pagpapalaya ng mga bihag bago ang State of the Nation Address ng pangulo, halimbawa - kapag kailangan, at sa pagtutulak na dagdagan ang badyet ng militar at suportang pinansyal dito ng ibang bansa. Nagagamit din ang Abu Sayyaf para pasamain ang mga lehitimong grupong rebelde at gawing lehitimo ang paggamit ng dahas laban sa kanila.

Iyan ang pakinabang ng gobyerno ni Gloria. Huwag naman sanang bumuntot, dahil sa pagkalimot o kawalan ng kritikal na pagsusuri, ang mga komentarista.

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Epekto ng Taal Volcano Smog, Tinutukan sa City, Municipal DRRM Officers Meeting sa Kapitolyo

Sa pangunguna ni Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer, Dr. Amor Calayan, isang pagpupulong ang

isang pagpupulong ang isang pagpupulong ang mga kinatawan ng Department of Education (DepEd) Batangas Province, Lipa City at Tanauan City Divisions. Binigyang-diin dito ni James Angelo Año ng DepEd Batangas Province ang nakasaad sa DepEd Order 37, Series of 2022 o ang Guidelines on the Cancellation or Suspension of Classes and Work in Schools in the Event of Natural Disasters, Power Outages / Power Interruptions, and Other

ng Bulkang Taal, bunsod sa naging epekto ng smog o vog sa kanilang mga bayan.

Ayon sa ulat ni Balete MDRRM Officer Jocelyn Tangpuz, nakapagtala sila ng anim na senior High school students na nakaranas ng pangangati ng balat, hirap sa paghinga at, ang ilan, atake ng asthma. Nabanggit din nito na pumalo na sa P1.9 Milyon ang tinatayang pinsala sa agrikultura.

Ilang mga paaralan naman sa Bayan ng Agoncillo at Laurel at Lungsod ng Tanauan na apektado ng smog ang bumalik muna sa

CAVITEVIEW

PBBM: Unilever's P4.7-B Cavite plant to create more jobs

By Christopher Hedreyda

GENERAL TRIAS, Cavite (PIA) -- President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led on Friday the inauguration of Unilever's P4.7 billion-personal care facility in General Trias, Cavite, which he said was a result of his trip to Belgium.

The President said the state-of-the-art-facility is one of the results of his trip to Belgium during the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-European Union (EU) Summit in December last year.

"I would like to note that this major investment is amongst the pledges that we received during our trip to Belgium for the ASEAN-EU Summit last December," President Marcos said in his speech during the inauguration of Unilever's New Beauty, Well-Being, and Personal Care Factory (BWPC).

The President is hopeful that Unilever's largest personal care facility in the world will generate over 5,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities for the people.

"It is a truly welcome development for all our shared efforts to strengthen our manufacturing sector and to ultimately create jobs and gainful opportunities for our

people. This manufacturing plant is projected to produce nearly 90,000 tons of various personal care products annually. And this is to meet the export demands for Unilever products," the chief executive adds.

The BWPC factory will house the company's production of daily beauty and hygiene needs such as shampoo, hair conditioners, deodorants, and face creams and will export products to Southeast Asian countries, Australia, New Zealand, and Kenya.

Benjie Yap, Unilever Philippines Chairman and CEO, noted that the company's investment in the new factory is anchored on its purpose to meet the needs of consumers and a direct response to the government's call for inclusive growth through countryside opportunities.

"Emerging markets contribute 59% of Unilever's global turnover, and the Philippines remains an important market and a growth driver for [the] company," he added.

According to Yap, Unilever intends to continue investing in the talents of the Filipino workforce with the hopes of adding more jobs for Caviteños.

"We are proud to be one of the very few consumer goods companies to continue to manufacture locally more

Calamities. Sa nasabing Order, binibigyan ng otoridad ang mga High School Principals maging ang mga Local Government Units na magsuspinde ng klase sa oras ng kalamidad, kabilang ng pagaalburuto ng Bulkang Taal.

Nananatili sa Alert Level 1 ang Bulkang Taal, na nagpapahiwatig ng abnormal na kondisyon at patuloy na potensyal sa posibleng pagkabigat ng PRRMO sa mga nanihirahan sa palibot ng Taal Lake, umiwas muna sa mga hindi mahahalagang aktibidad sa labas ng bahay upang

makaiwas sa ibinubugang Sulfur Dioxide ng bulkan. Paalala naman ni Dr. Calayan, gumamit lamang ng standard N95 masks, na may code na 1860, upang makasigurado na mabisa at mapoprotekhan laban sa mapaminsalang smog at sa mga maaaring maging epekto nito.

Nakiisa rin sa pagpupulong sina Provincial Administrator Wilfredo Racelis at PRRMO Assistant Department Head Fernandez.

Vinson Roi De Chavez - Batangas Capitol PIO

initiatives such as the Unilever Sustainable Living Plan, Malasakit for All, and Zero Waste Program. These intend to lessen the environmental carbon footprint, deliver basic goods and services to vulnerable sectors, and address plastic pollution."

With increased manufacturing efficiencies and its optimal location in Cavite, Unilever boasts that they have significantly reduced their carbon footprint with less waste, less fuel usage, and 25% less plastic use for deodorant products, usage of wastewater treatment facility, and geothermal and solar power for their electric supply.

The President commended the multinational consumer goods company for utilizing innovations and for their corporate social responsibility efforts for the environment.

"Through our coordinated and synergized efforts, this will lead towards the realization of this administration's socio-economic agenda. I have faith that we can actualize the goals of boosting employment, adapting research, development, and innovation, and shaping a blue and a green economy," the President said.

PBBM added: "Unilever Philippines has pioneered green programs through its



ASEAN Secretary-General Dr. Kao Kim Hourn said the ASEAN member states' continuing support to the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) will guarantee the protection and enrichment of forests, wetlands, marine and coastal waters, and other natural resources for the nearly 700 million people in the region. (CO/PIA-4A)

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee,

-versus-
JOSEPHINE L. AMBALONG for herself and as Atty. -in-Fact of her husband JENET B. AMBALONG, Mortgagors.

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118 FC Case No. 17849-23

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG Fund), mortgagee, with principal place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against JOSEPHINE L. AMBALONG for herself and as Atty. - in-Fact of her husband JENET B. AMBALONG, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at Blik 12 Lot 55, ACM Woodstock, Ph. VI, Alapan I-A, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 1 Blik 34, Greengate Homes, Ph. 2, Malagasang 2-A, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 15, 2023 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE PESOS AND 48/100 (Php468,339.48), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney’s fees, sheriff’s fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on October 17, 2023 at 10:00 o’clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC - Imus Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2013037801
*A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 1, BLOCK 34 OF THE CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-023999,

BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 1846-B, PSD-28429; 1848-B-2, (LRC) PSD-358499 & LOTS 1847 & 1849, IMUS ESTATE, L.R.C. RECORD NO. 8843), SITUATED IN BARRIO OF MALAGASANG 2, MUNICIPALITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SW ., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 3, BLOCK 34; ON THE NW & NE ., ALONG LINES 2-3-4-5-6 BY ROAD LOT 14; ON THE NE ., ALONG LINE 6-7 BY ROAD LOT 15 AND ON THE SE ., ALONG LINE 7-1 BY LOT 2, BLOCK 34 ALL OF THE CONS - SUBD. PLAN. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF FORTY FIVE (45) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. X X X”

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, it shall be held on October 24, 2023 at 10:00 o’clock in the morning without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said properties and encumbrance therein if any there be.

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, April 11, 2023

DWIGHT ALDWIN S. GERONIMO, JD
Sheriff IV, RTC Branch 121

APPROVED
ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI

COPY FURNISHED:
HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG Fund)
The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

JEFFREY A. RAMIENTAS, C.P.A
GREATSOURCE CORPORATION
2546 A. Bonifacio St., Bangkal, Makati City

JOSEPHINE L. AMBALONG and JENET B. AMBALONG
Blik 12 Lot 55, ACM Woodstock, Ph. VI, Alapan I-A, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 1 Blik 34, Greengate Homes, Ph. 2, Malagasang 2-A, Imus, Cavite

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JOANNA THERESE S. ARGUELLES for herself and as Atty.-in-Fact of her husband EFREN D. ARGUELLES, JR., Mortgagors.

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118 FC Case No. 18344-23

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Pag-IBIG Fund), mortgagee, with principal place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against JOANNA THERESE S. ARGUELLES for herself and as Atty.-in-Fact of her husband EFREN D. ARGUELLES, JR ., mortgagors, with residence and postal address at Block 12 Lot 30, Parklane, Ph4, San Francisco, Gen. Trias, Cavite 4107 and/or Lot 60 Blik 11, Greengate Homes, Ph. 1, Ext. Brgy. Malagasang 2-A, Imus, Cavite 4103, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of March 31, 2023 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY THREE PESOS AND 69/100 (Php500,543.69), Philippine Currency including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney’s fees, sheriff’s fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on October 24, 2023 at 10:00 o’clock in the morning or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC - Imus Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2013025142
*A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 60, BLK. 11 OF THE SUBD.

PLAN PSD-04-199624, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 1872, IMUS ESTATE, L.R.C. REC. NO. 8843), SITUATED IN BRGY. OF MALAGASANG-2, MUN. OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE ., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 59, BLK. 11; ON THE SW ., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 62, BLK. 11; ON THE NW ., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY RD. LOT 4 AND ON THE NE ., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 58, BLK. 11 ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY SIX (36) SQ. METERS, MORE OR LESS. X X X”
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, it shall be held on October 31, 2023 at 10:00 o’clock in the morning without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said properties and encumbrance therein if any there be.

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, July 31, 2023

DWIGHT ALDWIN S. GERONIMO, JD
Sheriff IV, RTC Branch 121

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ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI

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Lot 60 Blik 11, Greengate Homes, Ph. 1, Ext. Brgy. Malagasang 2-A, Imus, Cavite 4103

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coach asked me to run because we have no entry in that event. I am happy,” SAID the 19-year-old Ponce, who prevailed over Luke Salamante (25.1) and Ken David Montesa (25.3).

The six-foot Ponce, who hails from Batanes province, was silver medalist in the 400m hurdles at the Private Schools Athletic Association National Championships in Zamboanga City last July.

Jaymark Balicha and Jesamae Licup earlier dominated in the Philippine Army category.

Balicha, an Information Technology student at the Don Mariano Marcos State University in San Fernando, La Union, won the men’s event in 23.46 seconds.

Licup, a BS Criminology freshman at the University of Baguio, ruled the women’s division in 26.7 seconds.

In women’s volleyball, Tarlac State University clobbered Grandby Colleges of Science and Technology 25-7, 25-7, 25-13; Mariano Marcos State University outclassed Don Honorio State University 25-0, 25-0, 25-0; and Kurios Christian Colleges Foundation demolished Asian Institute of Science and Technology, 25-0, 25-0, 25-0, at the CAVSU gymnasium.

The ROTC Games is a joint collaboration of the Commission on Higher Education, Department of National Defense, Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine Sports Commission. (PNA)

Cavite University kickboxer reaches ROTC Games gold medal round

By Jean Malanum

CAVITE – Maria Reina Bantaya of Cavite State University barged into the gold medal round of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) Games Luzon kickboxing competition at the Tagaytay Combat Sports Center here.

Bantaya scored a technical knockout against Maria Gwynneth Puno of Tarlac State University in the women’s 52kg semifinal bout on Wednesday to arrange a meeting with University of Baguio bet Bety Mae Churping in the championship round.

Churping earlier scored a 3-0 victory over Jheykye Aguinoas of Don Mariano Marcos State University South La Union campus.

Bantaya clobbered Queen Dhylan Ortega of the University of Batangas-Lipa, 3-0, in the quarterfinal round.

In the men’s division, Aaron Carl Recinto (University of Batangas) and Dominique Boligan (University of Baguio) won their matches to arrange a final showdown in the 63.5kg class.

Recinto conquered Kryss John Dumangeng (Kalinga State University), 2-1, while Boligan demolished Julius Cezar (John Paul College), 3-0.

Christopher John Manipon (University of Baguio) and Novem Lozano (PLT College, Inc.) will dispute the gold medal in the men’s 57kg class.

Manipon routed Paul Bula-ey (St. Luis College Bolanao-Kalinga), 3-0, while Lozano beat Bryan Shane Febrada of Colegio de Amore, 2-1.

Richerstone Angelo Fesetan (Tarlac State University) and John Colin Tanada (Liceo de San Jacinto Foundation, Inc.) also clinched final berths.

Fesetan won over Arnold Cestina (Tiwi Community College) via TKO R-1 1:56s in the 60kg class while Tanada beat Mark Jesther Ventura (Northwestern University) via TKO R-2 1:33s in the 63.5kg class in the Philippine Navy category. (PNA)

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee

-versus-
JOSEFINA N. SAENZ,
Mortgagor,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118 FC CASE NO. 18318-23

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND), mortgagee, with principal place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City 1200, against JOSEFINA N. SAENZ, mortgagor, with residential and postal address at Lot 38 Blik 4 Meadow Ville Subd., Brgy.

Anabu, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of April 28, 2023 amounts to THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY FOUR PESOS & 79/100 (P381,444.79), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney’s fees, sheriff’s fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale the undersigned will sell at public auction on OCTOBER 24, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements therein, to wit: TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-827690
*A parcel of land (Lot 38, Blik. 4 of the subd. plan, Psd-042109-064615, being a portion of Lot 5615, Imus Estate, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Anabu, Mun. of Imus, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE ., along line 1-2 by Lot 40, Blik. 4; on the SE ., along line 2-3 by Road Lot 2 (8.00 m. wide); on the SW ., along line 3-4 by Lot 36; and on the NW ., along line 4-1 by Lot 37, both of Blik. 4, all of the subd. plan. x x x containing an area of FIFTY FIVE (55) SQ. METERS. ? ? ?”

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, it shall be held on NOVEMBER 7, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. without further notice.
Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate

for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances therein if any there be.
Imus, Cavite, September 19, 2023.

WILMAR M. DE VILLA
Sheriff IV
BRANCH 21

APPROVED:
ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI
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The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City 1200

JOSEFINA N. SAENZ
Lot 38 Blik. 4 Meadow Ville Subd., Brgy. Anabu, Imus, Cavite

ATTY. RIZALDY F. DE LEON
Attorney-in-Fact, Bernales & associates
Suite 6 Third Floor, A. Francisco Gold Condominium 1, 784 EDSA West Kamias District, Quezon City 1102

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF CAVITE
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT & EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
NEW JUSTICE HALL, J.P. RIZAL AVENUE,
KAYBAGAL SOUTH, TAGAYTAY CITY**

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION, (in its capacity as successor-in-interest of RCBC Savings Bank, Inc.) represented by Atty. Maria Cielito R. Santos, Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. BERNARDO ESPINELI PEJI AND MA. CONCEPCION GARCIA PEJI,
Respondents-Mortgagors, x

EJF NO. TG-23-016

FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act No. 3135, As Amended by Act No. 4118
X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as amended, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION, (in its capacity as successor-in-interest of RCBC Savings Bank, Inc.), a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at 28th Floor AT Yuchengco Centre, 25th & 26th Sts., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Mortgage (“MORTGAGE”) executed and notarized on September 15, 2021 by Respondents/Mortgagors, BERNARDO ESPINELI PEJI MARRIED TO MA. CONCEPCION GARCIA PEJI, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 152 Zamora Calubcob St. Asis, Mendez, Cavite Philippines and (2) Block 3 Lot 25 Camella Silang Brgy. Buho, Silang, Cavite, Philippines, in favor of RCBC SAVINGS BANK, INC. (RSB), which the same has been assigned in favor of Petitioner/Mortgagee as a result of merger, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021001782 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Borrowers/Mortgagors in the amount of TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND NINETY-EIGHT PESOS AND 87/100 (Php2,641,098.87) exclusive of any penalties and interests, as of February 28, 2023, the undersigned Clerk of

Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Sheriff Rhiz Sañel C. Toledo, will sell at public auction on November 7, 2023 at 10:00 o’clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager’s Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021001782
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

“IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF MALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 25 BLOCK NO: 3. PLAN NO: PCS-04-029211

PORTION OF: LOTS 4-E-5 & 4-E-6, PSD-04-014942; 5482-B, 5482-C, 5482-E & 5482-F, PSD-04-025526; LRC RECORD NO. 52606

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF MALABAG, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SE	ROAD LOT 2, PCS-04-029211
2-3	SW	LOT 36 (ALLEY), BLOCK 3, PCS-04-029211
3-4	NW	LOT 11, BLOCK 3, PCS-04-029211
4-1	NE	LOT 24, BLOCK 3, PCS-04-029211

TIE POINT: BLLM NO. 1, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	S. 09 ° 44’ W	9861.87 M.
1-2	S. 71 ° 32’ W	10.55 M.
2-3	N. 03 ° 14’ W	11.40 M
3-4	N. 71 ° 32’ E	7.56 M.
4-1	S. 18 ° 28’ E	11.00 M.

AREA: ONE HUNDRED SQUARE METERS (100), MORE OR LESS

DESCRIPTION: ALL POINTS ARE REFERRED ON THE PLAN BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CMS
BEARINGS: TRUE

DECLINATION:

BJMP Tanza offer TESDA courses to upskill PDLs

TANZA, Cavite – The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) said Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) here can look forward to a skills training program that they can use when they return to their communities.

Jail chief Inspector Harry Ballon, BJMP Tanza officer-in-Charge, said negotiations are ongoing with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) on possible courses to be offered.

He added that the program will be very beneficial for PDLs who want to upgrade their skills.

“This is still a proposal. If the program materializes, it will be a huge help for PDLs. They will have skills that they can use outside,” Ballon clarified.

The BJMP will provide a venue inside the Tanza Municipal Jail for the skills training.

“Teachers and instructors will come to our jail. We will supervise security and provide assistance to our instructors,” Ballon said.

The project is part of the BJMP’s aftercare program, which seeks to provide welfare and developmental programs to PDLs. It includes livelihood and education programs that will provide PDLs with certifications that they can use for job-hunting or setting up a business when they return to their communities.

The program also provides referrals to community resources, local government units, non-government organizations, and the business sector to facilitate employment and livelihood assistance,

DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: APRIL 5-11 & MAY 31, 1937
DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY: JULY 1-5, 2014
DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY: AUGUST 14, 2014
GEODETIC ENGINEER: MARIETTA D. ESPIRITU
NOTES:

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: SPOUSES BERNARDO ESPINELI PEJI AND MA. CONCEPCION GARCIA PEJI, BOTH FILIPINO, OF LEGAL AGES
Address: 152 ZAMORA STREET ASIS MENDEZ CAVITE”

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on November 14, 2023 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021001782 the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, September 13, 2023.

ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
RHIZ SANEL-C. TOLEDO
Sheriff-In-Charge

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28th Floor, AT Yuchengco Centre, 25th & 26th Sts ., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City,

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educational/vocational training, scholarships, and medical and psychological interventions.

“Due to lack of education, many of our fellow citizens end up in the fringes of society. Some lose their way and end up in jail. That’s why one of BJMP’s programs is to provide services that will help them reintegrate into the community,” the jail official explained.

BJMP Tanza currently offers various skills training, including painting and handicrafts which provide PDLs a source of income while in jail.

“All programs are intended to equip them to return to the community. They are ready to face their responsibilities again because we have provided education, skills, and imparted moral values.” (PB/PIA-4A; with reports from BJMP Tanza)

Navy cadets sweep 200m golds in ROTC Games Luzon leg

By Jean Malanum

INDANG, CAVITE – Philippine Navy cadets John Andre Ponce and Faye Jemima Domingo swept the gold medals in the 200-meter events of the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) Games Luzon leg at the Cavite State University (CAVSU) Don Severino

delas Alas campus track oval here on Monday.

Ponce, a BS Marine Transportation sophomore at the University of Cagayan Valley in Tuguegarao City, clocked 23.8 seconds in the men’s division while Faye Jemima Domingo of Northwestern University topped the women’s division in 29.9 seconds.

“I reserved my energy in the last 90 meters. It’s actually my first time to compete in the 200m. My

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-versus-

GIL M. CATALON MARRIED TO NARCISA D.L. CATALON,
Respondent/Mortgagor.

File No. FC-DC-1010-23
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118
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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 respondents/ mortgagors, GIL M. CATALON MARRIED TO NARCISA D.L. CATALON with postal address at (1) 19 3rd St., Pildera II, NAI, Pasay City; and 2) Lot 11 Blk 50, Mabuhay Homes 2000, Dasmariñas Paliparan, Dasmariñas, Cavite 4114 and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of MAY 16, 2023 amounts to ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN PESOS AND 44/100 (Php 177,147.44), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on NOVEMBER 07, 2023 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-541960-

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in the Mun. of Dasmariñas bounded and described as follows:
A parcel of land (Lot 11 blk 50 of the subd. plan, Psd-042106-074555, being a portion of lot 1, Pcs-042106-008804, L.R.C. Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. Paliparan, Mun. of Dasmariñas,

Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., along line 1-2 by lot 10; on the SE., along line 2-3 by lot 13, both blk 50; on the SW., along line 3-4 by FootPath 45; & on the NW., along line 4-1 by lot 9 blk 50 all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being, S. 10 deg. 56'E., 2028. 15 m. fr. Mon. 163, Imus Estate; thence S. 3 deg. 51'E., 5.00 m. to pt. 2; thence S. 86 deg. 9'W., 8.60 m. to pt. 3; thence No. 3 51'W., 5.00 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 86 deg. 9'E., 8.60 m. to the pt. of beginning

"is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of GIL M. CATALON, of legal age, Filipino, married to Narcisa D.L. Catalon. Entry Nos
Containing an area of FORTY THREE (43) SQ. M.

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 that the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on NOVEMBER 21, 2023, at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Cavite, September 11, 2023.

ARLYN P. BARCELON
Sheriff IV

ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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GIL M. CATALON MARRIED TO
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**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE**

MIA AMERY O. CUADRADO,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

ROSALINA S. LANCETA,
Respondent/Mortgagor.

File No. FC-DC-1029-23
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE
MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118
X----- X

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, MIA AMERY O. CUADRADO, with postal address at No. 43 Topaz Street, Greenheights Subdivision, Parañaque City against respondent/ mortgagor, ROSALINA S. LANCETA with postal address at Lot 35, Block 37, Diamond Village, Brgy. Salitran, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of May 25, 2023 amounts to THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND PESOS & 00/100 (Php3,440,000.00), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on October 26, 2023 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-988672

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

A parcel of land (lot 35 of the subd.plan, Psd-042106-072989, being a portion of Lot 5-B Psd-042109-059004, LRC Rec. No.

) situated in the Brgy. of Anabu II (now Salitran) Mun. of Imus (now Dasmariñas) Prov. of Cavite, - Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 34, of the subd.plan; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Blk. 38 Pcs-04-006191; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 36 of the subd. plan; and on the NE., along line 4-1 by Rd. Lot 29, Pcs-04-00 6191. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being, S., 74 deg., 31' E.; 756.75 m. from Mon.123, Imus Estate; thence S., 18 deg., 09'W., 19.88 m. to pt. 2; thence S., 89 deg., 24'W., 5.29 m. to pt. 3; thence N., 18 deg., 09'E., 21.59 m. is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of ROSALINA S. LANCETA, of legal age, filipino, single to pt. 4; thence S., 71 deg., 45'E., 5.00 m. to pt. of; beginning, containing an area of ONE HUNDRED THREE SQ. METERS & EIGHTY SQ. DECIMETERS (103.80) SQUARE METERS. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S. cyl.con. mon. 15 x 60 cm; bearing true date of original survey July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908 and that of the subd. survey Feb. 12, 1993 and Approved on Aug. 12, 1994.

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

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on November 09, 2023 at the same time and place without further notice.

11 September 2023, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

RODRIGO ESTOGERO, JR.
Sheriff IV

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Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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PH, US navies to hold naval warfare drills in October

By Priam Nepomuceno

MANILA – The Philippine Navy (PN)'s warfare capabilities are expected to get a boost in a two-week drill with its US Navy (USN) counterparts, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) said Wednesday.

Lt. Col. Enrico Gil Iletto, AFP public affairs office chief, said this year's "Exercise Samasama" slated from Oct. 2 to 12 would be held at the Naval Forces Southern Luzon area of operations, with the opening rites at the PN headquarters in Naval Station Jose Andrada in Manila.

"'Samasama' is a bilateral exercise between the USN and the PN that aims to further strengthen international defense cooperation and advance a rules-based international order," he said in a statement.

Iletto said these naval activities are designed to further enhance the PN's naval warfare capabilities, including the fundamentals of anti-submarine, anti-surface, anti-air and electronic warfare.

These capabilities are now being provided by the two Jose Rizal-class missile frigates, the BRP Jose Rizal (FF-150) and BRP Antonio Luna (FF-151), which are considered the PN's most modern warships to date and were delivered in 2020 and 2021, respectively.

Interoperability exercises with the USN will focus on warfighting serials, he added.

"The training will also strive to further improve maritime integration and combined interoperability with the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force (JMSDF), Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Royal Canadian Navy (RCN), and the United Kingdom's Royal Navy (RN) through subject-matter expert exchanges (SMEEs) and humanitarian assistance and disaster response table-top events," Iletto said.

He said the French Navy and RAN will send personnel to join the SMEEs while the Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) and Indonesian Navy would join as observers.

Participating personnel for "Exercise Samasama" include 733 from the PN; 632 from the USN; 244 from the RCN; 169 from the JMSDF; 34 from the RN; seven from the French Navy; three from the RAN, two from the Indonesian Navy and one from the RNZN.

Meanwhile, participating ships include the BRP Antonio Luna from the PN, the USS Dewey and USNS Wally Schirra of the USN, the RN's HMS Spey, RCN's HMCS Vancouver, and the JMSDF's JS Akebono. (PNA)



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- Maintain contract-related documents, correspondence and those in progress
- Keep track of contracts and extend, renew or close them out
- Managing the commissioning of works
Managing the timelines and milestone of the project in view of its targeted completion date
- Managing the cost of the project, including adjusting the contract sum
- Provide concise contract review summaries of the observe risk items in light of company policies

Requirements:

- Bachelor's/ college Degree in Commerce, Business, Marketing, Engineering or equivalent
- Experience in reviewing and drafting professional service agreement while adhering to company policies and procedures
- Strong in logical thinking and analytical skill, Meticulous and pay attention to details
- Minimum of 10 years contract experience in construction or engineering preferred;
- Fluent in oral and written both in English and Mandarin Language;
- Must be Mandaring speaking, excellent negotiation skills, excellent communication skills, interpersonal and leadership skills

LTO issues show cause order vs. car owner in viral road rage video

MANILA – The Land Transportation Office (LTO) has issued a show cause order (SCO) against the registered owner of a vehicle whose driver figured in a viral road rage video in a subdivision in Imus, Cavite.

The registered owner of the white Honda CRV with licensed plate REN123 is a female but the driver in the road rage incident is male.

Under the SCO dated Sept. 25, the registered owner was asked to explain in a notarized affidavit why she should not be penalized in connection with the incident.

"You are directed to submit your response under oath within five days from the receipt hereof why no disciplinary action should be taken against you," the SCO read.

The violation she is facing is Reckless Driving under Section 48, Article V of the Republic Act

4136, or the Land Transportation and Traffic Code.

The incident has gone viral, with the videographer saying that the driver appeared to be under the influence of liquor.

In the video, the Honda CRV was seen swerving on a public road in an apparent bid to block the vehicle from behind to pass. Later, the driver of the Honda CRV stopped the vehicle and confronted the driver behind him. The driver was also heard cussing at the occupants of another vehicle.

In the investigation ordered by LTO chief

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Duties and Responsibilities:

- Evaluating RFPs and tender documents
- Developing procurement strategies that are inventive and cost-effective.

- Sourcing and engaging reliable suppliers and vendors
- Negotiating with suppliers and subcontractors to secure advantageous terms

- Ensure processes and procedures are fully documented as appropriate.
- Building and maintaining long-term relationship with vendors and suppliers.
- Controlling the procurement budget and promoting a culture of long-tem saving on procurement cost.
- Translate all procurement documents from english to chinese and vice versa

Requirements:

- Bachelor's/ college Degree in Commerce, Business, Marketing, Engineering or equivalent
- Minimum of 5 years relevant experience in the infrastructure construction industry
- In-depth knowledge of preparing and reviewing contracts, invoicing and negotiation terms.
- Ability to analyze and manage contracts at all levels
- Multi-tasking and time management skills, with the ability to prioritize tasks.
- Ability to manage multiple projects ans stakeholders simultaneously
- Highly organized and detail-oriented
- Fluent in oral and written both in English and Mandarin Language;
- Strong math skills and budgeting abilities
- Must be Mandaring speaking, excellent negotiation skills, excellent communication skills, interpersonal and leadership skills.

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Looking for qualified applicant:

Position: Commercial Manager

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Develop relationship with clients to establish new contracts and develop strong relationships with different departments to ensure everyone is working towards the same targets and goals
- Develop pricing structures and responsible for overseeing staff, suppliers, and contractors to ensure deadlines are met. Resolve any issues arise as not to affect the schedule
- Development of financial plans including budgeting and forecasting of project cost
- Develop corporate contracting strategy, bidder prequalification, RFP and contract scope standards, tender evaluation/clarification, negotiation, sub-contract award including progress and productivity assessment

- Managing budgets, expenses and pricing and commercial contracts
- Analysing the business performance, including the profitability, revenue, pricine and cost of proiect
- Support Marketing department by conducting analysis of commercial opportunities
- Translate all Commercial Documents from english to chinese and vice versa

Requirements:

- Bachelor's/ college Degree in Commerce, Business, Marketing, Engineering or equivalent
- Organized negotiator who are extremely motivated to hit targets and goals
- Strong commercial awareness and good understanding of the state of the current market
- Minimum of 10 years Extensive Commercial Management experience in the infrastructure construction industry
- Quality deliverable with ability to attend to detail
- Fluent in oral and written both in English and Mandarin Language;
- Must be Mandaring speaking, excellent negotiation skills, excellent communication skills, interpersonal and leadership skills.

Vigor Mendoza II, it was found that the driver of the Honda CRV was not the owner as the vehicle was registered to a woman from Rizal.

The ongoing investigation also seeks to identify the driver and to know if he has a valid driver's license. (PNA)



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Clearing the Air: How World Car-Free Day Could Prevent Haze and Smog in Metro Manila

By Jumalynne Doctolero

Amidst the ever-expanding urban landscape of Metro Manila, an annual global event has been gaining ground, that could serve as a breath of fresh air, quite literally, for the National Capital Region.

Each year, around September 22, cities worldwide come together to celebrate World Car-Free Day, encouraging motorists to park their cars for a day and embrace more sustainable modes of transportation. The movement not only paints a picture of what our cities could

look like without cars but also sheds light on a critical issue - preventing the occurrence of haze and smog in our bustling metropolis.

A Brief History of World Car-Free Day

The roots of this global movement date back to 1956, but it wasn't until September 2000 that the first official global Car-Free Day was established. Carbusters, now known as the World Carfree Network, played a pivotal role in launching and promoting this environmental advocacy. Initially driven by the oil crisis

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Photo courtesy of PLA-NCR

Marcos, Macron tackle security issues in WPS

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. discussed with French President Emmanuel Macron on Wednesday security issues in the West Philippine Sea (WPS).

Presidential Communications Operations (PCO) Secretary Cheloy Garafil confirmed Thursday that Marcos had a phone call with Macron.

"In the initial part of their phone conversation, the two leaders discussed the security issues facing the Philippines in the West Philippine Sea," Garafil said in a statement.

During the phone call, Marcos told Macron that the Philippine government is exerting all efforts *"to maintain the peace, to maintain the stability, keep the shipping lanes open and airways open"* in the WPS.

"But may I thank France for all the support that you have given us in terms of our shared values, in terms of following the international law, especially UNCLOS (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea) and it has been of great help the messages of support and even when you sent French vessels to come and patrol. So I have to thank you, Mr. President, and France," Marcos, as quoted by the PCO,

said.

The WPS issue was tackled amid the apparent tensions between the Philippines and China because of Beijing's presence in the Philippine waters.

In a forum in Makati City on Wednesday, Western Mindanao Command chief Vice Adm. Alberto Carlos said the military is looking at "three lines of efforts" to further enhance the Philippines' presence in the WPS.

Carlos said the initiatives include effective occupation of all islands now occupied by the country in the WPS, establishment of a stronger naval presence and enhancement of maritime domain awareness.

Invitation to visit PH

Marcos invited Macron to visit the Philippines whenever he made a state visit to Asia, Garafil said.

Before this, French Ambassador to the Philippines Marie Fontanel on Sept. 20 also relayed Macron's renewal of invitation for Marcos to embark on a state visit to France.

Macron told Marcos that a group of French ministers would visit Manila before the end of the year, as part of the efforts to strengthen the two nations' bilateral ties and forge more cooperation.

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EU stresses 'validity' of 2016 ruling at inaugural PH maritime meet

MANILA – The European Union (EU) has underscored the finality and validity of the 2016 arbitral award on the South China Sea in its first-ever maritime cooperation meeting with the Philippines, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said Wednesday night.

The agency said the Philippines and the EU held their first Subcommittee on

Maritime Cooperation meeting on Sept. 27 in Brussels.

"They underscored the importance of respecting the sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction of states, and their maritime entitlements in accordance with the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and its dispute settlement mechanisms," it said.

The two parties, it added, have reaffirmed their commitment to freedom of navigation and right of innocent passage and overflight in the South China Sea under UNCLOS.

The South China Sea Arbitral Tribunal, with the Hague-based Permanent Court of Arbitration serving

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