

Women's Welfare Program launched in Cavite



Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, on Friday, November 15, 2024, led the launch of the provincial government's Women's Welfare Program, celebrating women and their multifaceted role in society. Gathering two thousand women from the City of Carmona and another two thousand from the City of Dasmariñas, the Governor joined the festive gathering and led the distribution of Php 2,000 in cash assistance to the women beneficiaries who belong to the indigent groups from the two cities.

In the City of Carmona, Governor Tolentino was joined by Senator Francis Tolentino in reaching out to Carmona's women. They were warmly welcomed by 5th District Representative Roy Loyola, City Mayor Dahlia Loyola, and the City Council, who expressed their gratitude for the assistance provided to their women constituents. Mayor Maricel Torres of General Mariano Alvarez was also present to share in the momentous event.

The celebration continued in the City of Dasmariñas during the afternoon leg of the Women's Welfare Program, where Governor Tolentino was joined by City Mayor Jenny Barzaga, 4th District Board Members Nickol Austria and Jun Dela Cuesta. The gathering of women beneficiaries from the city was filled with excitement and a sense of solidarity, as they received the much-needed assistance.

Governor Tolentino emphasized the importance of empowering women, recognizing their crucial role not only within families but also as drivers of social change and progress. She encouraged all women to continue striving for their dreams and assured them that the provincial government would remain committed to supporting initiatives that uplift women's welfare.

The Women's Welfare Program is set to continue throughout the province, aiming to reach even more women and provide them with the assistance they need to thrive. **(E. Reyes)**

SM Supermalls in Cavite Grand Magical Christmas Parade Spreads Festive Spirit at SM City Dasmariñas



The Grand Magical Christmas Parade spreads festive spirit at SM City Dasmariñas, following its successful debut at SM City Bacoor. Featuring over 80 enchanting characters, including Santa, elves, reindeer, and fairytale royalty, the parade brings seasonal joy to families, friends, and shoppers. The celebration will continue across SM malls in South Luzon. For updates and highlights, visit and follow SM City Dasmariñas' social media accounts. #FeelGoodAtSMDasma #MerriestChristmasAtSM #SMChristmasParadeAtDasma

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DOST Teams Up with Wadhvani Foundation to Accelerate Filipino Innovation

Signing of MOA



The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Wadhvani Operating Foundation have signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to launch the Ignite Technopreneurship Program, a pioneering initiative designed to provide DOST personnel with essential entrepreneurial skills aimed at driving innovation and boosting economic growth across the Philippines.

The signing ceremony, held at the DOST OSEC Conference Room on November 14, 2024, brought together leaders from both organizations. DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. emphasized the partnership's **▶ DOST TEAMS • 4**

DOST-PCCI innovation hub to boost enterprises' growth

In a landmark collaboration aimed at bolstering the nation's innovation and economic growth, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) partnered with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) for the inauguration of the DOST-PCCI Technology, Innovation, and Business hub in Fort Bonifacio in Taguig City.

The state-of-the-art hub, which opened on November 18, is envisioned as a transformative platform where science, technology, and business will converge to provide solutions to propel Filipino industries toward global competitiveness.

Mr. Ferdinand A. Ferrer, PCCI executive vice president and director for Science, Technology, and Innovation, highlighted the importance of the hub and underscored its potential to empower businesses and transform industries.

"This innovation center offers a vital channel for the government to help the private sector progress and survive, benefiting over 900,000 businesses," Ferrer said.

Consul Eunina V. Mangio, PCCI president, described the hub as "where science meets business, and research becomes not just a knowledge generator but a producer of tangible solutions that can transform our industries

toward global competitiveness."

DOST leaders also expressed their shared vision for the hub, with Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. affirming its alignment with national goals: "This collaboration is a cornerstone of our Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 and Ambisyon Natin 2040. Together, DOST and PCCI will ignite a transformative ecosystem that catalyzes growth, sparks creativity, and propels Philippine enterprises toward global competitiveness."

Assistant Secretary Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo Jr. echoed the vision, saying: "This collective effort aims to position the Philippines as a leader in science, technology, and business innovation."

The inauguration marked a significant step in strengthening the public-private partnership in innovation. The hub will serve as a center for collaborative projects, fostering creativity and enabling businesses to



adapt to evolving market demands.

By bridging science and

enterprise, the DOST-PCCI Technology, Innovation, and Business Hub

symbolizes a unified commitment to harnessing innovation as the key to

economic resilience and national development.

(Nelson Santos)

Indang residents unite for environmental awareness in Kalinga sa Kalikasan Program

Barangay Banaba Cerca in Indang, Cavite, became a hub of environmental advocacy on November 13, 2024, as thousands of residents gathered to participate in the provincial government's Kalinga sa Kalikasan program. Organized with the aim of promoting cleaner surroundings and proper waste disposal practices, the program drew widespread support from the community, eager to learn and contribute to the sustainability of their town.



Leading the initiative was 7th District Representative Ping Remulla and Board Member Abeng Remulla, who, along with the local officials of Indang, joined the residents in the

collective effort to care for the environment. Volunteers led cleanup drives around the barangay, clearing areas of litter and sorting recyclable materials.

The local officials of

Indang expressed their pride in the residents' enthusiasm and high turnout, applauding their dedication to improving the barangay's cleanliness and environmental health.

They noted that the Kalinga sa Kalikasan program serves as a powerful reminder of the community's capacity to enact positive change when united by a common purpose. (OP10)

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TECHNO GABAY PROGRAM SUMMIT 2024

Vibrant coconut industry to take center stage at ATI CALABARZON's TGP Summit 2024, first-ever coco expo On its 8th year of consistent implementation, the Techno Gabay Program (TGP) Summit will come back bigger and grander as the DA – Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) CALABARZON integrates its first-ever Coconut Expo with the program.

On November 18-22, Lucena City in Quezon province will become a melting pot of coconut farmers, implementing agencies, local government units, and even the public.

Culture and the arts, as well as science and technology related to the vibrant coconut industry in the region, will merge to celebrate the 8th Techno Gabay Program Summit and 2024 Coconut Expo, with the theme: "Kultura, Sining, at Agham tungo sa Makabagong Industriya ng Pagniniyugan." Implemented by ATI CALABARZON, the TGP Summit is a gathering of TGP implementers in the region, including Magsasaka Siyentista (MS) and Farmers' Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers' personnel in various provinces, cities, and municipalities, who are partners of the agency in responding to agricultural information and technology needs and bridging the digital divide.

Meanwhile, the agency's first Coconut Expo is aimed at advancing the modernization and sustainability of the coconut industry in CALABARZON by integrating culture, arts, and science.

The event will empower

coconut farmers and implementers, bringing innovation and sustainable practices to the forefront of the region's coconut industry.

The said Coconut Expo will house for two days (November 18-19) at the Atrium (ground floor) of Pacific Mall Lucena. It will be open during mall hours from 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM. Invited guests for the opening and ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the Coconut Expo are: Sen. Cynthia A. Villar (Chairperson, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food); Gov. Angelina "Doktora Helen" Tan (Quezon); Rep. Wilfrido Mark M. Enverga (Chairperson, House Committee on Agriculture and Food); Mayor Mark Don Victor B. Alcala (Lucena City); Dr. Frederick T. Villa (University President, Southern Luzon State University); Engr. Remelyn R. Recoter (Director IV, ATI); Mr. Fidel L. Libao (Director IV, DA CALABARZON); Dr. Rolando V. Maningas (Center Director, ATI CALABARZON); Mr. Bibiano C. Concibido, Jr. (Regional Manager III, Philippine Coconut Authority IV-A); and Ms. Julieta L. Tadosa (Provincial Director, Department of Trade and

Industry – Quezon).

Up for selling, products to be showcased range from the TasteAtlas' second-best spirit in the world which is lambanog, bio-waste converter technology, coco pot-making machine, coco sugar, virgin coconut oil, mouth and nasal spray, soap, cooking oil, and even delicacies such as buko pie, among others.

Exhibitors will be cooperatives and small-scale coconut enterprises in the region namely: (1) Yakap at Halik Multipurpose Cooperative, (2) Samawin Coconut Farmers Agriculture Cooperative, (3) Alabat Island Farmers Producers Cooperative, (4) Makaisang Samahan ng Magniniyog at Maglalambanog Ilayang

San Roque – Liliw Chapter (CocoLambda), (5) Quezon Federation and Union of Cooperatives, (6) Mang Ed Handicraft, (7) Prosource International, Inc., (8) Ecological Solid Waste Solution, Inc., (9) Pasciolco Agri-Ventures, and (10) Ilayang Talim Agriculture Cooperative. Simultaneously, there will be technology forum at the Activity Center (third floor) of Pacific Mall Lucena. It will cover topics such as good agricultural practices (GAP) for coconut and its importance to agribusiness, potential and innovative agricultural products from coconut, empowering coconut farmers through product development and enterprise, coconut soap-making, and unlocking the potential of coconut

byproducts.

Meanwhile, the 8th TGP Summit will follow on November 20-22 at Ouan's The Farm Resort with 250 expected participants. ATI CALABARZON and the team leaders of various Farmers Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers from the five provinces in the region will share the notable accomplishments of their respective initiatives in bridging the digital divide in agriculture for 2024. A technology forum will also be held, underscoring coconut hybridization and marketing, and lambanog production and economic aspects.

On top of these, best performing FITS Centers across the region will be awarded for various categories such as Highest

Number of Knowledge Products Developed and Disseminated, Highest Number of In-house Training, and Best Techno-based IEC Material to name a few.

Spearheaded by ATI CALABARZON under the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP), the 8th Techno Gabay Program Summit and 2024 Coconut Expo is in collaboration with the Provincial Government of Quezon, SLSU, PCA IV-A, DTI Quezon, and Pacific Mall Lucena.

Should you have additional inquiries on this matter, you may contact one of our staff from the Information Services Section, Mr. Archie Linsasagin at 0994 692 4533 or via email at iss_rtc4a@ati.da.gov.ph.



Cavite Provincial Jail Celebrates National Correctional Consciousness Week

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

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



the attendees, including the PDLs and their families.

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

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

The celebration served as a reminder of the collective responsibility to support the rehabilitation and reintegration of PDLs into society, with the Church and various stakeholders as steadfast partners in the journey.

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

Cavite Extends Financial Aid to 90 Newborn Screening Patients

The Office of the Provincial Governor provided financial assistance to 90 patients with existing medical conditions identified through newborn screening in a simple distribution activity held at the Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health on November 19, 2024



The event, organized by the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and the Newborn Screening Continuity Clinic-Cavite, in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development,

aimed to support families in addressing the medical needs of their children.

During the program, the Provincial Health Officer highlighted the Newborn Screening Program's vital role in ensuring that every child born have access to the procedure that will determine medical

conditions present at birth which will guide their parents and families with the proper care or treatment for them to live healthy, normal lives. A representative from the Department of Health Region 4A commended Cavite's proactive approach to supporting the medical management of these patients through financial aid.

The Newborn Screening Continuity Clinic team emphasized that the assistance provided must be utilized strictly for the treatment and care of the patients. Meanwhile, the

Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development reassured attendees of the Governor's unwavering commitment to sustaining support for the program and enhancing the quality of life for the beneficiaries.

Grateful families expressed heartfelt thanks to the Newborn Screening Program and the Office of the Provincial Governor for their continued dedication and assistance. This initiative reflects Cavite's commitment to prioritizing public health and the well-being of its residents. **(R. Dones)**

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alignment with DOST's mission to foster wealth creation, resource protection, well-being, and sustainability through innovation. "True innovation goes beyond technical advancements; it is a mindset that challenges the status quo, encourages collaborative problem-solving, and embraces new approaches," he stated. "By empowering our regional offices and innovation actors, we aim to equip MSMEs, SETUP clients, inventors, grassroots innovators, and startups with the mentorship and resources needed to bring valuable products to global markets." DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Engr. Sancho A. Maborang, further highlighted the collaboration's strategic importance, noting that it enhances the commercialization of local innovations, helping MSMEs, startups, SETUP clients, and inventors address regional needs while supporting DOST's

broader goals for a vibrant innovation ecosystem across the Philippines.

As part of their collaboration, DOST and the Wadhvani Foundation will focus on strengthening the Philippine entrepreneurial ecosystem and enhancing the impact of DOST's key programs. Through capability-building initiatives such as workshops, mentorship, and training, the partnership aims to equip both aspiring and experienced entrepreneurs with essential skills. In addition, the collaboration supports DOST's Smart and Sustainable Cities and Communities program by promoting digital transformation initiatives that leverage technology for urban solutions and encourage stakeholder partnerships. Another focal point is the enhancement of DOST's Technology Business Incubation (TBI) program, where best practices and specialized training will be introduced to improve TBI effectiveness, expand

networking opportunities, and help technology startups move from ideation to market-ready products.

This comprehensive approach aims to contribute to a resilient and inclusive Philippine innovation ecosystem, enabling growth and sustainability across the country.

The event was attended by Mr. Lucrecio Delgado Jr., Regional Director of Wadhvani Entrepreneur Southeast Asia, DOST Undersecretary for Scientific and Technical Services, Ms. Maridon O. Sahagun, and Mr. Meetul Patel, President of Wadhvani Entrepreneur and Government Digital Transformation, each of whom gave messages underscoring the importance of the partnership.

This collaboration reinforces DOST's commitment to cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset among its personnel and supporting the country's technopreneurs, contributing significantly to sustainable economic progress. **(Nelson Santos)**

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(Sgd.) EMMANUEL R. LEDESMA, JR.
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date signed: November 11, 2024

AGRI PL CALLS TO FAST-TRACK EXPANSION OF CROP INSURANCE COVERAGE

With succeeding typhoons hitting the country, AGRI Party-list urged the immediate enactment of a measure expanding crop insurance coverage to protect the livelihood of farmers who lose their hard-earned crops every time a calamity hits.

AGRI is the principal author of House Bill (HB) No. 7387 which seeks to expand the services of the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) and encourage private sector participation in agricultural insurance.

HB 7387 was approved by the House of Representatives on third and final reading in March 2023, and is now pending in the Senate.

"Nananawagan tayo sa mga kapwa natin mambabatas sa Senado

na agarang maisabatas ang panukalang ito dahil kulang na kulang sa proteksyon sa kabuhatan ang ating mga magsasaka. Alam naman po natin na tuwing may kalamidad, walang natitira sa kanila maliban sa utang at pangamba na lalong malubog sa kahirapan," AGRI Party-list Representative and Senatorial Aspirant Manoy Wilbert "Wise" Lee, said.

Under the measure, the PCIC shall provide insurance coverage for all

agricultural commodities, instead of being limited to palay crops.

Further, the proposed measure shall also include other non-crop agricultural assets, such as but not limited to livestock, aquaculture and fishery, agroforestry, forest plantations, machineries, equipment, transport facilities, and other related infrastructures.

"Bilang mga itinuturing natin na "food security soldiers", deserve ng ating mga magsasaka ang

suporta ng gobyerno para siguruhin ang kanilang kita. Nararapat lamang na pagaanin ang pasanin ng pinagmumulan ng mismong mga kinakain natin!" the AGRI Party-list said in a statement.

AGRI also called on the PCIC to intensify its information campaign to encourage more farmers to enroll in crop insurance and urged it to be more proactive in reaching out to farmers by deploying mobile offices in areas most affected by the successive typhoons in the past weeks.

"Imbes na maghintay sa mga opisina, kailangan

ang gobyerno mismo ang gumawa ng paraan para ilapit ang mga serbisyo at benepisyo para sa ating mga magsasaka. Hindi na dapat pahirapan ang mga nasalanta nating kababayan o kaya naman ay parang sila pa ang nakikiusap o nagmamakaawa na sila ay tulungan," the party-list stressed.

More than alleviating the financial woes of farmers due to uncompensated losses during calamities, AGRI Party-list underscored the importance of expanded insurance coverage in achieving food security.

"Ang pinakamabisang paraan para makamit ang murang pagkain at seguridad sa pagkain ay dagdag na suporta sa agrikultura," AGRI stated.

"Kapag naprotektahan ang kabuhatan ng ating mga magsasaka at mga local food producers at natiyak ang kanilang kita, magsisilbi itong insentibo para pataasin ang kanilang produksyon na magpaparami naman ng supply sa merkado.

Kapag nangyari ito, bababa ang presyo ng pagkain at iba pang mga bilingin kung saan panalo ang sambayanang Pilipino!" it added.

DOST-CALABARZON to conduct CEST Forum 2024 during this year's National S&T Week in CDO

As part of the 2024 National Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (NSTW) celebration, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-CALABARZON will conduct the CEST Forum 2024: Green Innovation Towards an Inclusive and Sustainable Green Economy on November 27, 2024, at the Limketkai Center, Cagayan de Oro City.

The forum aims to emphasize the critical role of science, technology, and innovation (STI) in facilitating the transition to a sustainable and inclusive green economy. It seeks to enhance participants' awareness and understanding of the transformative potential of STI in addressing challenges and creating opportunities within the green economy.

The event will feature prominent speakers from diverse fields, each bringing a wealth of expertise and experience in green innovations:

* Dr. Richard S. Abendan, Chief of Party, U.S.-Philippines Partnership for Skills, Innovation, and Lifelong Learning (UPSKILL) Program

* Dr. Rowena Cristina L. Guevara, Undersecretary of the Department of Energy

* Ms. Judit Alday-Mangmang, Business Development Manager, Batangas Egg Producers Multipurpose Cooperative

* Mr. Michael S. Caballes, Chief Farmer and Owner, Bukid Amara Agri Farm

The Community

Empowerment Through Science and Technology (CEST) Forum is one of DOST's flagship initiatives aimed at delivering sustainable development to communities across the nation. By leveraging targeted S&T interventions, CEST addresses five critical areas: Livelihood, Health and Nutrition, Environmental Protection and Conservation, Education, and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management.

Interested individuals can explore the full NSTW General Program of



Activities at <https://bit.ly/3CLDPv> and register via

the NSTW app, available for download on the Play

Store. (By: Harley G. Margallo)

Bus from NAIA to Imus, Cavite launched in time for Christmas travel

A new airport bus route from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3 to Imus, Cavite has opened in time for the influx of passengers this Christmas.

In Marisol Abdurahman's report on "24 Oras" on Monday, operations at the airport resumed after some flights were canceled due to the inclement weather.

Authorities are also bracing for the influx of passengers in NAIA as joyful reunions are expected when some overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) return home for the holidays.

Among them is Hasheya Lopez, whose flight from Dubai was delayed so she had to rebook her flight to Davao. Despite that, she can stay in the lounge dedicated to OFWs.

"Parang first time namin

naka-encounter ng ganto. Parang naging safe siya unlike before," Lopez said.

(It's the first time we encountered this. It feels safer than before.)

Jay Maliao, who came from Saudi Arabia, was also delighted with OFW Lounge, especially since he had to wait for a long time before his flight to Cagayan de Oro.

"Hindi tulad dati na tambay-tambay lang dyan sa ano diba? Ito may mapapahingaan ka ng tama, malamig pa," Maliao said.

(Unlike before, when you just had to hang around somewhere, here you have a proper place to rest and it has air conditioning.)

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) is also proud of its lounge having a chef.

"The food will be extra special for our OFWs," OWAA Administrator Arnel Ignacio said.

"Enhancement in terms of Immigration counter, that's part of the plan," said Eric Castro, acting general manager of the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA).

For those OFWs traveling to Cavite, an airport bus going to Imus is an additional gift this Christmas.

This is not an ordinary bus since these are the kinds used inside the airport that take passengers to airplanes.



"Namo-monitor po yung bus through online. Pwedeng makita saan na 'yung bus [The bus can be monitored online]," said Garrie David, UBE Express president.

The fare is P300 but OFWs can get a 50% discount.

"Pag lumabas sila ng

airport, dati di nila malaman saan sila sasakay eh. Eh nabibiktima sila lagi ng mga mapagsamantalang nagda-drive dito. Pagkauupo, sisingilin sila ng P2,500 hangang PITX lang," Ignacio said.

(In the past, OFWs did not know which bus to take

when they got out of the airport. They would be victimized by opportunistic drivers. They are charged P2,500 just going to the Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange.) —

Maribel Celine Serquiña/BM, GMA Integrated News

276 na mag aaral ng CCI nagpasiklaban ng galing sa Showcasing Skills

Iba't ibang technical at vocational skills ang nasaksihan ng 48 Imuseñong bumisita sa ginanap na Showcasing of Skills "Sa TechVoc Angat Ang May Alam" ng City College of Imus (CCI) noong Huwebes, Nobyembre 14, 2024, sa Lotus Central Mall.

Nagpasiklaban ang 276 na mag-aaral ng CCI sa mga kompetisyong cuts and color, commercial make up for beauty pageants, nail art and design, non-alcoholic mixing, coffee making, up cycling of old clothes, up cycling of polo, icing and cake decoration, artisan bread making, pastry making, appetizer making, bedding arrangement, towel folding, at engine preventive maintenance.

Naghandog din ang CCI ng libreng masahe, gupit, manicure, at iced coffee.

Nagbigay rin ng isang inspirasyonal na mensahe

si Konsehal Mark Villanueva bilang Committee Chairperson on Labor, Employment, and Industrial Peace.

Regular na isinasagawa ng CCI ang Showcasing of Skills bilang bahagi ng pagtatapos ng mga mag-aaral nito.



MOHS acquires... (FROM PAGE 8)

pharmaceutical categories it is present in, and it is poised to introduce 5 more brands in the coming months.

This acquisition follows MOHS's purchase in early 2024 of a controlling stake in Zenfro Corporation, a distribution company with a strong and expanding network in South Greater Manila Area handling top food, beverage, home and personal care products.

The acquisitions are in line with MOHS's 5-year road map to grow into one of the major fully integrated health and wellness companies in the Philippines.

MOHS got a jump start in business by being among the first to bring in

affordable test kits and equipment at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the decline of the COVID business, MOHS quickly pivoted to affordable point of care and home test kits for the early detection of diseases such as urinary tract infection, dengue and malaria. From this platform of and experience with affordable health care products, MOHS has diversified into other areas of health care, including healthcare software and technologies, and point of care innovative systems.

"Vertical integration of our health care business allows MOHS to better control costs to make our products more affordable

and our business more sustainable," says Michael B. Hortaleza, MOHS's Chairman and CEO. "Our acquisitions this year follow our strategy of engaging in businesses that add value to Philippine society, by making a wide range of affordable health care products accessible to Filipinos nationwide. This is in line with the Philippine Government's thrust of Universal Health Care and emphasis on primary and preventative health care."

"Remed's strategic partnership with MOHS will enable synergies as the strengths of both companies complement each other," says Remedios A. Rivera, Remed Chairman and President. "Remed can tap MOHS's distribution

expertise in channels it is not currently accessing, while MOHS can tap Remed's field marketing force to push its health and wellness products to medical professionals. Such a strong partnership will unlock significant growth for Remed both locally and globally."

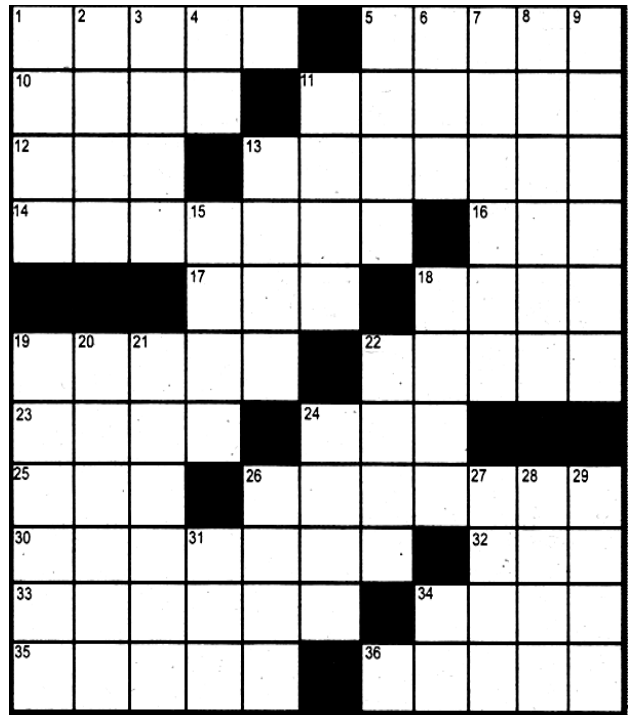
"The entry of MOHS into pharmaceuticals through Remed creates synergies from a strategic and financial viewpoint. With our professional operations and automated systems, we have the capability to fully realize these synergies," says MOHS SVP and Group CFO Dr. Kenji M. Asano, Jr.

For more information on Remed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., you can visit their website at <https://remedpharmaph.com/>.



Signing from Left to Right: Dr. Kenji M. Asano, Jr. (MOHS SVP & Group CFO), Remedios A. Rivera, (Remed Chairman and President)

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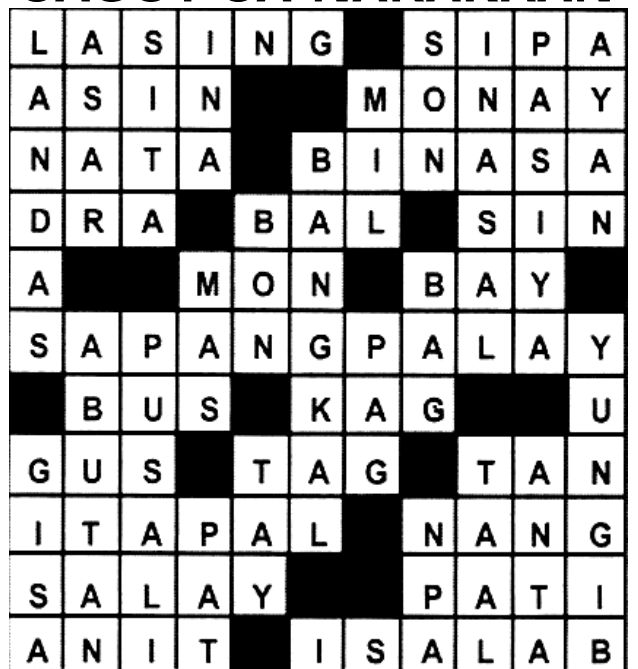
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SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



MOHS acquires major pharma company

In pursuit of its strategy of vertical integration of its flagship healthcare and wellness business, MOHS Analytics has acquired majority ownership of Remed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a research and development driven company founded in 2002 by pharmaceutical industry pillar Remedios A. Rivera.



Remed Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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Standing from Left to Right: Dr. Kenji M. Asano Jr. (MOHS SVP & Group CFO), Remedios A. Rivera, (Remed Chairman and President), Michael B. Hortaleza (MOHS Chairman and CEO), Jocelyn M. Aberin (Remed VP-Operations)

Remed owns established brands covering products in four different pharmaceutical categories—Vitacare, Respicare, Pediacare and Gastrocare with over 20 brands in its portfolio. These products are distributed through some 4,500 outlets in major national and regional drugstores and pharmacy chains. Remed has grown to leadership position in some of the **► MOHS ACQUIRES • 7**

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DOST brings nat'l science, technology, and innovation week in Cagayan de Oro City

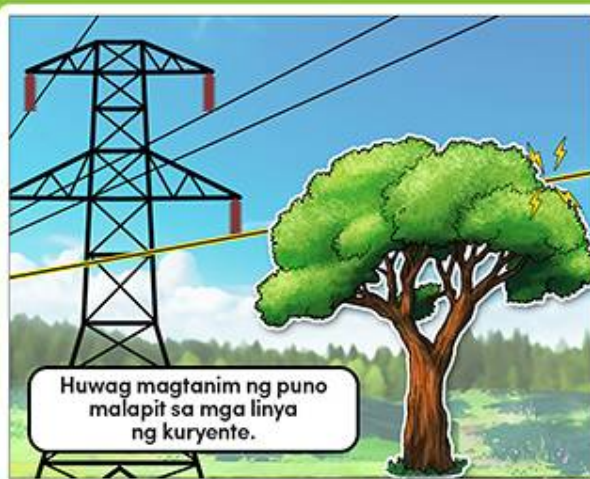
The Department of Science and Technology is set to hold the 2024 National Science, Technology, and Innovation Week celebration in Cagayan de Oro City from November 27 to December 1—a first in Mindanao. The NSTW highlights the significant contributions of science and technology to national development and has become a platform for heralding S&T advocacy in the country.

This year's celebration is anchored to the theme "Siyensya, Teknolohiya, at Inobasyon: Kabalik at Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Kinabukasan" and the subtheme "Providing Solutions and Opening Opportunities in the Green Economy."

The five-day event will showcase the DOST's initiatives across four strategic pillars: promotion of Human Well-being, Wealth Creation, Wealth Protection, and Sustainability. DOST will also recognize awardees as critical contributors to Science, Technology, and Innovation. It is expected to attract over 10,000 attendees, including local government units, startups, enterprises, legislators, executives, students, and the general public.

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