Cavite PESO and TESDA Join Forces to Empower Job Seekers Through Contact Center Services NC II Training





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Gov. Athena Tolentino WWP in the Municipalities of Ternate and Tagaytay City

The provincial government of Cavite under the leadership of Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino spearheaded the Women's Welfare Program in the municipalities of Ternate and Tagaytay City on December 20, 2024, as part of her administration's continued efforts to uplift and empower women in the province of Cavite.



Held at Poblacion I, Ternate and Tagaytay International Convention Center, the program distributed ?2,000 cash assistance to 2,000 women in each location, showcasing a strong commitment to fostering economic resilience and promoting women's welfare.

The event was graced by Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino in Ternate, while Tagaytay Mayor Bambol Tolentiono and Vice Mayor Agnes Tolentino led the event in Tagaytay City. They emphasized the importance of empowering women as a way to build stronger, more inclusive communities and invest in the future of society. Governor Tolentino highlighted that the initiative is part of her administration's broader mission to ensure that Caviteñas have access to resources and opportunities to improve their quality of life.

The Women's Welfare Program reflects the provincial government's dedication to inclusive and sustainable development, ensuring that women's voices are heard and their contributions recognized. Governor Tolentino's initiative has inspired many to take active steps toward personal and collective empowerment, fostering a brighter future for all Caviteños. *(OPIO)*

In a bid to create opportunities for jobseekers, the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, in partnership with TESDA Cavite Provincial Office, has successfully concluded the Community-Based Training on Contact Center Services NC II.

The program, held from November 27 to December 20, 2024, combined 13 days of online learning with 5 days of in-person training at the Cavite Provincial Capitol compound in Trece Martires City. Participants, including displaced POGO workers, OFWs, OFW dependents, and unemployed individuals, were trained to become certified customer service professionals, equipped with the skills to thrive in the fast-growing contact center industry.

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Designed to address unemployment and skill gaps, the training program aimed to open doors to new career paths while fostering personal and professional growth. By empowering participants to meet industry standards, this initiative serves as a stepping stone for many toward financial stability and meaningful employment.

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The program culminated in a graduation ceremony on December 20, 2024, at the Ceremonial Hall which featured inspiring messages from key leaders, including Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, PESO Manager, Ms. Evangeline E. Plazo, TESDA Cavite Officer-in-Charge, Mr. Earl Jim D. Sumaoang, University and Community Partnership Supervisor - Foundever Philippines Corporation, and Mr. John Ray B. Malaca, President/TVI Head of IExcel School of Communication and Technical Skills, Inc., emphasizing the importance of education and perseverance in achieving success.

This collaborative initiative highlights the shared commitment of OPPESM and TESDA to uplift communities by providing life-changing opportunities through skill development and job placement. (R. Tanael)



2024 SETUP PRAISE Awards Recognize Excellence The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Regional Office 1 recognized the 2024 SETUP PRAISE Awardees during Regional SETUP In MSMEs Across Region 1 The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Regional Office 1 recognized the 2024

SETUP PRAISE Awardees during Regional SETUP & CEST Summit at the DMMMSU-International Convention Center in Bacnotan, La Union, on December 9, 2024.

The PRAISE Awards for MSMEs celebrate outstanding micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) that have excelled and flourished through the support of the SETUP program.

Leading this year's winners is Costales Rice Mill from Magsingal, Ilocos Sur, hailed as the 2024 Regional SETUP PRAISE Awardee. The earned this prestigious recognition for its outstanding technological innovations, unwavering resilience, and commitment to sustainable practices. Costales Rice Mill's efforts in modernization and its significant contributions to the community made them the trend-setter of rice mill facility in the region.

The following winners were recognized in various categories:

Provincial Winners

Ilocos Norte: Bakers Ph **Ilocos Sur: Costales** Rice Mill La Union: Jaypee's Bakeshop

Pangasinan: Net Atlas Printers Plus **Most Productive**

Ilocos Norte: Laring's

Meat and Processed Food Products Retailing Ilocos Sur: Niks Printing Shop

La Union: Mae Wood Crafts Manufacturing Pangasinan: Elisha Bay Dagupan Bangus and Seafoods

Most Resilient Ilocos Norte: Citipoint Metalcraft Ilocos Sur: Manang Cora Sugarcane Products Manufacturing La Union: JC Laroco Rice Mill Pangasinan: Dizon's Welding Shop Most Agile Ilocos Norte: Lucky Theo Food Products Ilocos Sur: Royal Maharlika Wellness and

Livelihood Training Center, Inc. La Union: Jaypee's

Bakeshop Pangasinan: Toning

Digital Printing Most Innovative:

Ilocos Norte: Niña Leather Ph Ilocos Sur: Wynn's Food Products La Union: Calica's Fruit

Products Pangasinan: Net Atlas **Printers Plus**

Most Sustainable Ilocos Norte: Adams



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Inuwayan Food Products **Ilocos Sur:** Malakas Farm Livelihood Development Center La Union: Dr. Ronald Alwit Farm Pangasinan: Mama Cili Enterprises

(Alyzza Jane N. Gapuz and Ryan Christian A. Manzano)



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Ika -2 Pandaigdigang Kumperensiya Sa Nangangawa ang Ika-2 Pandaigdigang Kumperensiya sa Nanganganib na Wika na ginanap noong 9-11 Oktubre 2024 sa Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas. Maynila katuwang ang Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas. Maynila katuwang ang Pamantasang

Matagumpay na isinagawa ang Ika-2 Pandaigdigang Kumperensiya sa Nanganganib na Wika na ginanap noong 9–11 Oktubre 2024 sa Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas, Maynila katuwang ang Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas-Sentro sa Pag-aaral ng Wika (PNU-LSC), Departamento ng Filipino ng Pamantasang De La Salle (DLSU-Filipino), at Departamento ng Linggwistiks ng Unibersidad ng Pilipinas (UP-Lingg).



Nilahukan ito ng 267 na kalahok mula sa iba't ibang katutubong pamayanan, lider ng indigenous cultural communities (ICCs), Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representatives (IPMR), ahensiya, institusyon, mag-aaral, at mga organisasyon. Sa unang araw ay nagtanghal ng ritwal ang Bugkalot. Nagbigay ng mainit na bating pagtanggap si Denmark L. Yonson, PhD, Vice President for Student Success and Stakeholders Services ng Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas.

PNU Kislap Sining Dance Troupe bilang pampasiglang bilang. Matapos nito ay nagbigay ng panayam ang Pamaksang Tagapanayam na si Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Direktor ng Tebtebba kaugnay ng karapatan na dapat tinatamasa ng mga katutubo.

Sinimulan naman ni Tagapangulong Arthur P. Casanova, PhD, ang panayam sa plenaryong sesyon na tumatalakay sa "Estado ng mga Nanganganib na Wika sa Pilipinas at Programa sa Pagpapasigla ng Wika ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino." Endangered Languages Project ang "Lumalaking Network ng Pagpapasiglang Pangwika sa Kabila ng mga

Hanggahan."

Sa ikalawang araw ay nagbigay ng mensahe si Deborrah S. Anastacio, PhD, Tagapangulo ng Departamento ng De La Salle. Ibinahagi din ni Marites T. Gonzalo, Direktor, IP Education Ministry ang "Pagtuturo ng mga Katutubong Kaalaman" at ginagawa ng kanilang organisasyon para sa kanilang komunidad na Tagakawlo.

Sinundan ito ng pagbabahagi ni Frederick



Lord Jane Caballero-Dordas, PhD, Sugidanon.

Nagkaroon din ng bahagian sa sesyong pararalel kaugnay ng mga papel-pananaliksik pangwika. Ibinahagi naman ni Siripen Ungsitipoonporn, PhD, Mahidol University ang pag-a-archive ng mga wika (Language Archiving) at nagawang website at mga materyal.

Sa ikatlong araw, nagbigay ng mensahe si Maria Kristina Gallego, PhD, Tagapangulo ng Departamento ng Linggwistiks. Nagbahagi naman ng mga papel sa plenaryong sesyon ang mga tagapanayam mula sa katuwang na institusyon.

Sinimulan ni John

Amtalao, Pamantasang De La Salle ang "Ang Sampung Libong Salita ng Tuwali-Ifugao sa Lente ni Padre Hubert Lambrecht: Repleksiyon sa Pagbubuo ng Identidad ng Aralíng Kordilyera." Sinundan ito ni Voltaire M. Villanueva, PhD Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas na "Pagtatampok sa mga Kalinangang Bayan sa Aralín at Pagsasanay tungo sa Preserbasyon ng Wika at Kultura (Bongabong)."

Nagkaroon din ng pagbahagi sa mga papelpananaliksik sa paralel na sesyon. Huling nagbigaypanayam si Jesus Federico C. Hernandez, Unibersidad ng Pilipinas sa "Quo Vadis: Muling Pagsipat sa

Diskurso ng Panganganib at Pagpapasigla ng mga Wika sa Pilipinas." Pinangasiwaan naman ni Komisyoner Melchor E. Orpilla, PhD, Komisyoner ng Wikang Pangasinan, ang Resolusyon sa mga kalahok hinggil sa pagkakaisa ng mga ahensiya at institusyon sa pangangalaga ng mga nanganganib na wika sa bansa na nilagdaan ng mga kalahok.

Sa huli, ay nagbigay ng pampinid na pananalita si Komisyoner Jose Kervin Cesar B. Calabias, PhD, Komisyoner ng mga Wika ng Kahilagaang Pamayanang Kultural kaugnay ng naganap na tatlong araw na kumperensiya.



Nagbahagi rin ng mensahe si Secretary-General Ivan Henares, PhD sa pamamagitan ni Gng. Kaye S. Nagpala ng Philippine National Commission for UNESCO. Nagtanghal naman ng katutubong sayaw ang Sinundan ito ng paralel na sesyon tungkol sa dokumentasyon at mga pag-aaral sa wika mula sa iba't ibang institusyon. Sa ikalawang plenaryong panayam naman ay tinalakay ni Anna Belew, PhD, Direktor ng Barcelo, Bugkalot, sa "Pagsasalin ng Bibliya bílang Paraan ng Pangangalaga ng Wika" ng kanilang wika. Hinilawod Epic Chant Recording naman ang ibinahagi nina Felipe P. Jocano Jr., Unibersidad ng Pilipinas at



LEE MARKS 2024 WITH BIG WINS, VOWS TO CONTINUE FIGHTING FOR BETTER SERVICES FILIPINOS DESERVE

Manoy Wilbert "Wise" Lee is elated over the productive year in fighting for meaningful measures to ease the burden and allay the concerns of Filipinos, especially the vulnerable sectors.

Nagpapasalamat po mundo," he added. tayo, unang-una sa Panginoon, sa mga biyaya at tagumpay na nakamit natin nitong nagdaang taon, sa pagsusulong ng mga polisiya at batas para mapagaan ang pasanin ng ating mga kababayan, lalo ng mas nangangailangan," Lee said.

"Sa kabila po ng mga hinaharap nating hamon darating pang pagsubok, sama-sama nating salubungin ang Bagong Taon na puno ng pag-asa, tatag ng loob at malasakit sa iša't isa. Patuloy po sana tayong magtulungan para mabawasan ang pangamba ng bawat Pilipino, kasama ang mga kababayan nating nakikipagsapalaran sa iba't ibang panig ng

The Bicolano lawmaker also took the time to thank his colleagues in the House of Representatives and his staff saying, "I thank all of you for your support for our shared causes.

There may have been hardships, like in any other endeavor, but without your solidarity and compassion, we would not have been able to reach this point."

As a staunch health advocate, Lee cemented his legacy in fighting for the needed increase in benefits provided by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

As the lawmaker who first exposed the hundreds of billions of funds of PhilHealth in outpatient emergency

made great strides as he successfully pushed for the 30% increase in PhilHealth benefits, implemented last February 14.

Through his persistent efforts, PhilHealth also implemented more benefits enhancements such as free dialysis and the increase in coverage for breast cancer treatment from P100,000 to P1.4 million.

Lee also prevailed in including free eye checkup, free cataract extraction and free prescription glasses and another round of 50% increase in PhilHealth benefits, and pushing for expanded benefits on heart ailments, new benefit packages for

September 2023, Lee care services and kidney transplant.

> "Marami na tayong napagtagumpayan ngunit hindi po dito natatapos ang ating paniningil at pangangalampag sa Deparment of Health (DOH) at PhilHealth hanggang maging libre na gamot pagpapagamot. Dahil ang ipinaglalaban ko: Gamot Mo, Sagot Ko!" he stressed.

> AGRI Party-list, under Lee's leadership, also doubled down in championing legislative measures to protect the livelihood of farmers, fisherfolk and local food producers, to provide long-term solutions to rising prices of food, and achieve food security.

Among Lee's principally



passed into law this year are Republic Act (RA) No. 11985 or the "Philippine Salt Industry Development Act", RA 12022 or the "Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act" and RA 12078 or the "Agricultural Tariffication Act (RA 12078)".

AGRI Party-list, likewise, continues to push for the passage of the "Cheaper Rice Act," "Post-harvest Facilities Act," Kadiwa Agri-Food Terminal Act" and "Fishing Shelters and Ports Act".

2025, Lee For expressed hope for authored legislations that continued strength, optimism and compassion in achieving the Filipino's

"Nagpapasalamat po tayo sa lumalawak pang suporta ng ating mga kababayan sa ating mga ipinaglalabang dagdag na serbisyo at benepisyo na karapatan at deserve nilang matanggap. Sa patuloy po ninyong tiwala at pakikipagtulungan, marami pa tayong mapagtataġumpayan sa mga susunod na taon," the solon from Bicol said.

"Wishing you a Grace-filled and Happy New Year! God bless us all!" he concluded.

ONLINE KUWENTUHAN

"MY MINI VLOG: HOW I GOT MY MOST MEMORABLE **REWARD STAMP" CONTEST MECHANICS**

"MY MINI VLOG: HOW I GOT MY MOST MEMORABLE REWARD STAMP"

CONTEST MECHANICS



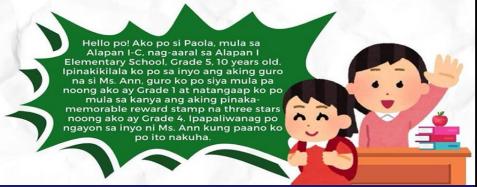
5. Cumawa ng Mini Vlog kung paano mo natanggap ang pinaka-memorable na reward stamp mula sa iyong guro.

Mga dapat ipakita sa video entry:

- Pagpapakilala ng iyong sarili: pangalan, barangay, eskuwelahan, baitang at edad.

Pagpapakilala ng iyong guro: pangalan, baitang kung kailan mo siya naging guro at baitang kung kailan mo natanggap mula sa kaniya ang pinaka-memorable mong reward stamp.

Pagkukuwento ng iyong guro kung paano mo natanggap mula sa kaniya ang pinaka-memorable mong reward stamp.



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1. I-like ang aming FB page: City of Imus Public Library



- 2. I-like at i-share ang ating video na pinamagatang "Ang Paghihintay ni Islaw sa Bulalakaw".
- 3. Sagutan ang Online Kuwentuhan Feedback Form ng storytelling session ni Ate Rose.
- 4. I-screenshot at i-message ang shared post at like proof ng storytelling video ni Ate Rose, like proof ng aming FB page at acknowledgement receipt ng Online Kuwentuhan Feedback Form ng kaniyang storytelling session sa aming FB page.

- 6. Ang video entry ay hindi lalagpas ng 2 minuto.
- 7. Kalakip ng pangalan, barangay, baitang at edad, i-comment ang iyong video entry sa storytelling video ni Ate Rose.
- 8. Upang maging valid ang inyong mga entry, kalakip muli ng inyong pangalan, barangay, baitang at edad, i-message sa aming Facebook page ang kopya ng inyong mga video entry.
- 9. Ang contest na ito ay bukas para sa mga batang Imuseño hanggang January 12, 2025 (11:59PM).



Researchers eye more partners to test hand-writing tool research Local researchers have developed a handwriting assessment tool, are looking to get more partners to conduct more tests across the country. yung kakulangan natin ng occupational therapists at



Look. Student journalists from Lipa City Colleges convened as the two-day Science Journo Ako went to Lipa City to enhance their skills in creating science content across multimedia platforms on 21-22 November 2024. (Photos by Andrea Mei B. Resane, DOST-STII)

The Intelligent Stroke Utilization, Learning, Assessment, and Testing (iSULAT) is an intelligent pen that provides a practical solution for assessing children's handwriting to provide objective evaluation based on the most common handwriting tools, such as tests of Visual-motor skills, Minnesota handwriting assessment, and an evaluation tool for children's handwriting.

The iSULAT has a microcontroller within the pen, which transmits data to a mobile application. The raw signal undergoes filtering, feature scaling, engineering data, and analyses before it is forwarded to occupational therapist for diagnosis.

Through the pen, the occupational therapist can efficiently assess one's handwriting based on the alignment of letters,

spacing, and consistency.

A separate report mentioned that the number of handwriting problems in developing children reached an approximate 5 to 25 percent range. Handwriting is still the most immediate form of graphic communication and failure to attain proficiency during the school-age year may result in far-reaching negative effects on both



the academic success and self-esteem of a child.

This project was funded by the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD), with a budget of PHP3.2 million for its initial

"Yung mga ganitong invention, kailangan niyan ng testing. Hindi lang isa. Dapat tine-test siya ng mas marami para mas macheck kung accurate or kung maganda na yung pine-perform prototype," said Engr. Jomel Herras, Project Manager of iSULAT.

Engr. Herras added that his team is looking for more enthusiasts and partners "Basically ina-address na problem ni iSULAT is

who will help them promote iSULAT to gain more users from various locations

The iSULAT is one of the technologies featured in the recently concluded 2024 National Science and Technology Week, held in Cagayan de Oro City from 26 November to 01 December 2024.

According to DOST-PCHRD, standardized assessments of children with developmental delays are quite expensive and must be done with the aid of an occupational therapist or handwriting experts. The therapy usually runs from 20 minutes up to one hour.

mahal na cost ng therapy," said Engr. Herras. "Siguro yung pinaka rootproblem ay yung problema ng mga bata sa kanilang handwriting. They do it in their everyday lives. Nagsusulat sila even in Math, Arts, and English subjects. Yung ibang mga bata, hindi sila enthusiastic kaya akala natin tamad lang sila magsulat."

With the help of iSULAT, children with handwriting problems can undergo simultaneous testing in batches or groups.

During phase I, the project team conducted pilot testing for children ages 6-10 in three sites across Luzon namely Villa Maria Elementary School in Porac, Pampanga; Juan Sumulong Elementary School in Metro Manila; and Bulacan Montesorri School Inc. in Bulacan.

Herras said that phase I of the project started in 2022 and ended last 31 October 2024.

"Hopefully by 2026 ay mayroon nang phase II na kung saan ay maiaapply na natin ito hindi lang para sa mga bata," Herras explained. He added that the project targets those with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or ADHD and autism.

This year, the project team has secured a partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) Division of Metro Manila for future testing. (By Claire Bernadette À. Mondares, DOST-STII)

Barangay Synergy: Gender Awareness and Sensitivity TrainingLevel1ByLGU GMA, Cavite

Tama at sapat na serbisyo para sa lahat! Mahalaga ang papel ng ating Barangay at SK Officials bilang frontliners ng pamahalaan. Ang Gender Awareness and Sensitivity Training Level 1 na inorganisa ng lokal na pamahalaan sa pangunguna ni Mayor Maricel Echevarria Torres, kasama si Konsehal Mike Virata at ang buong 1GMA, ay naglalayong palakasin ang inyong kakayahan sa pagbibigay ng inklusibo at epektibong serbisyo sa ating mga mamamayan.



Magsama-sama tayo sa pagtahak sa landas ng progreso at pagkakaisa, tungo sa isang mas maayos at mas maunlad na komunidad. Mabuhay ang GMA, Cavite, at ang Ika-5 Distrito ng Cavite! #AmaNgCarsigma #19thCongress



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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)

Mortgagee,

-versus-

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

EDGAR A. MAURILLO,

Mortgagor,

FC Case No. 18804-23

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 Avenue, Makati City, against EDGAR A. MAURILLO of legal age, Filipino citizens, mortgagor, with residential and postal address at Lot 53, Block 1, One Lancaster Lane Subdivision, Alapan, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 53, Block 1, One Lancaster Lane, Alapan 2-C, Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 9, 2023 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVEN PESOS AND 60/100 (Php412,307.60), 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 January 14. 2025 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. T-1308068

A parcel of land (Lot 53, Blk. 1 of the consol-subd. plan Pcs-04-223573, being a portion of Lots 1622 & 1623, Imus Estate, situated in Bo. of Alapan 2-C, Mun. of Imus, Prov. Of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE.., along line 1-2 by Lot 1621, Imus Estate; on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 52, Blk. 1; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Road Lot 5; and on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 54 Blk. 1 all of the cons-subd. plan. x x x containing an area of FORTY THREE (43) SQ. METERS, more or less. x x x

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

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

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DTI Rizal hosts Successful Orientation for Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay (NSB) Program The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Rizal successfully conducted the Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay (NSB) Program Orientation for 34 beneficiaries from the municipalities of Tanay, Jala-

jala, Pililla, Baras, Morong, and Cardona.

The event, held on December 19, 2024, at the MSWD Activity Area of Tanay Municipal Hall, brought together sari-sari store owners from marginalized sectors of these municipalities. The activity was attended by DTI Business Development Division Chief Ms. Sharon F. Dioco, Trade-Industry **Development Specialist** Ms. Noralyn Halimao, and Negosyo Center Business Counselors (NCBC) Ms. Faye Javier (Cardona), Ms. Leah Clemente (Morong), Ms. Karla Reynes (Tanay), Ms. Cristine Joy Padayao (Sampaloc-Tanay), and Mr. Jerome Montealegre (Pililla/Jala-jala).

The Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay (NSB) program, previously known as the Livelihood Seeding Program -Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay (LSP-NSB), is an initiative by DTI aimed at promoting entrepreneurship and fostering economic development at the grassroots level. The program's primary goal is to support micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) by bringing business resources, services, and information directly to the barangay level. This initiative helps reduce poverty and encourages sustainable economic growth by



equipping local businesses with the skills and resources needed for success.

Ms. Sharon F. Dioco, DTI BDD Chief, delivered an inspiring message to the attendees, emphasizing department's commitment to supporting local entrepreneurs. "Nandito lamang po ang DTI Rizal para umalalay sa

inyo. Hangad po namin na makatulong programang ito para mas lalo pa ninyong mapalago ang inyong mga negosyo," she said.

The event also featured discussions on various DTI programs and services by Mr. Jerome Montealegre, while Ms. Faye Javier gave an overview of the Barangay Micro Business

Enterprise (BMBE), lastly, Ms. Leah Clemente provided in-depth insights into the opportunities and benefits of the NSB program.

The orientation session concluded leaving the participants with valuable knowledge and resources to help grow their businesses and contribute to their community's economic development.

Year End...

showcasing the importance of DOST SETUP in supporting MSMEs to achieve innovation and

In her keynote message, Director Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera underscored the power of collaboration and sustained efforts in fostering development.

"We are proud of how far we've come this year, but our journey doesn't end heré. Togéther, we can achieve even greater

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stated. business growth.

Regional economic

milestones in advancing regional growth," she

Dr. Bilgera also extended heartfelt gratitude to the RTEC members for their dedication and invaluable contributions. "Your expertise and commitment have been instrumental in the success of our programs," she added.

Ms. Mary Ann D. Carpiso, Supervising Research Science Specialist and SETUP Center Manager, presented

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accomplishments of the RTEC in 2024 and outlined the new SETUP Guidelines for RTEC endorsement and approval.

In her closing remarks, Ms. Carpiso thanked all stakeholders and participants for their vital contributions to the program's success.

"SETUP İS collaborative effort, and every success celebrate today is the result of teamwork, dedication, and a shared vision. Let's continue this momentum and transform lives through science and technology," she said.

As the ceremony concluded, attendees reflected on achievements of 2024 and shared their aspirations for the future. Through this year-end gathering, DOST Region 02 reaffirmed its commitment to fostering innovation, supporting MSMEs, and driving economic growth in Cagayan Valley.

By emphasizing the importance of thorough evaluation and collaboration, the region looks forward to an even brighter future for its enterprises communities.

Jubilee...

Assumption in Maragondon

town; St. Michael, the

Archangel, Sto. Niño de Molino in Bacoor; St.

in Naic; Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Binakayan, Kawit; Our Lady of Immaculate Conception in Dasmariñas City; Our Lady of Lourdes in Maharlika Highway, Tagaytay City; Our Lady of

Augustine Parish in Mendez-Nuñez town; Our Lady of Holy Rosario in Rosario town; Nuestra Senora de Porta Vaga (San Roque Church) in Cavite City; St. Joseph Parish in Carmona City; Nuestra Señora de Candelaria in Silang town; St. Francis of Assisi in General Trias City;

St. Mary Magdalene in Kawit; St. Jude Thaddeus in Trece Martires City; and St. Augustine Church (Santa Cruz Church) in Tanza.

These churches were declared Jubilee pilgrim churches and will serve as places of pilgrimage for the special "time of spiritual renewal and grace for the universal Church," emphasizing the call of Pope Francis to strengthen and revive faith through pilgrimages in local churches and shrines during the Holy Year of Hope.

Since many cannot travel to Rome for a pilgrimage, bishops worldwide designated their cathedrals and shrines as special places of prayer for pilgrims. (By Dennis Abrina)

Lipa students learn science storytelling basics "Effective storytelling is key to science writing," this was how Ingrid Espinosa, a science communication practitioner supports.

Ingrid Espinosa, a science communication practitioner sums up her lecture to student journalists from Lipa City Colleges (LCC) in Lipa City, Batangas.

browsing science alerts, doing investigative projects in school, or observing local communities, storytelling is always easy to entertaining, understand, memorable, and relevant.

Additionally, she also highlighted that human interest, recency, locality, surprise, the power elite, follow-ups, shareability/relatability, controversy, novelty, and bad/good news are what shape news stories.

The lecture was part of the Science Journo Ako (SJA) science

Espinosa shared that whether ask questions about Buddybetes, an application that helps manage blood sugar.

She commended the students for their active participation and ability to apply the interviewing techniques.

One participant asked whether quotations should be direct or paraphrased. Espinosa responded that direct quotations should be used when the statement is noteworthy and "magandang pakinggan" (pleasant to hear) in one





held in Lipa City, Batangas held last November. The SJA is a science communication advocacy of the Department of Science and Technology through its Science and Technology Information Institute. The program aims to expand science communication at the grassroots to capacitate young communicators to dive deeper into science and technology by creating awareness and communicating its benefits to the public.

She offered additional tips, such as focusing on positive notes and offering solutions, emphasizing the balance of compelling factors with accuracy, and the use of case studies to support data.

The structure of a news story should be an inverted pyramid. Make sure to include quotations, further explanation, and the context of the topic," Espinosa said.

Additionally, Espinosa provided tips for student interviews: "It's important to do your research and plan. Don't be afraid to ask simple questions. Summarize to confirm, recheck quotes, and keep questions short and easy to understand."

As part of the participants' immersion, Espinosa prepared a mini press conference for the students, allowing them to



Look. Student journalists from Lipa City Colleges convened as the two-day Science Journo Ako went to Lipa City to enhance their skills in creating science content across multimedia platforms on 21-22 November 2024. (Photos by Andrea Mei B. Resane, DOST-STII)

sentence. Paraphrase when the quote is used for an explanation.

Another participant inquired about the ideal length of a news article. Espinosa explained that news articles are typically 300 to 500 words long, while feature articles range from 500 to 800. "Anything beyond that is considered a long-form article," Espinosa emphisized.

When asked if there is a pattern in feature writing, Espinosa clarified that features do not follow the inverted pyramid structure of news articles and are usually freeflowing. "You can tease a bit more and be playful,"

she said.

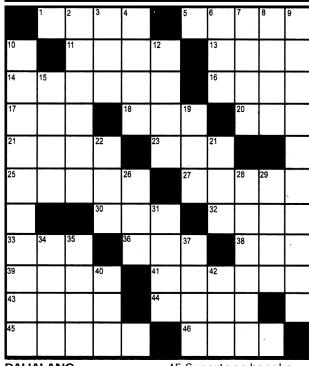
Lastly, Espinosa reminded the students to consider various factors when writing articles, including diversity, background, power, interest, sensitivity, SOGIE (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression), and stigma, as these aspects may affect readers' reactions.

She also reminded the participants to answer the questions, "Who is my audience?" and "What do I want them to do/feel?"

Espinosa was one of the three resource speakers that included Rosemarie Señora, Science Research Specialist I who discussed mobile photography and

photojournalism, and Allan Mauro Marfal, Information Officer III both of the DOST-STII who lectured on the topic social media content creation.

The second day of the event included a site visit, where participants gathered data and interviewed tne beneficiaries of DOST Enterprise Small Technology Upgrading Program in Lipa, learning about the technologies, products, and services offered by these firms, which they could use to write science articles and produce photos and reels for the workshop. (By Ryan Spencer Secadron, DOST-STII)



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SAGOT SA NAKARAAN





Year End 2024 RTEC Meeting cum SETUP iFund Awarding Ceremony Showcases Progress and Innovation

December 27, 2024 — The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region 02 concluded 2024 on a high note with the Review and Technical Evaluation Committee (RTEC) Meeting cum SETUP iFund Awarding Ceremony. The event celebrated the year's achievements while laying the groundwork for an impactful 2025.

One of the event's highlights is the awarding of P5.7 million in SETUP iFund support to three exemplary Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) - two from Cagayan Province and one from Isabela Province.

Additionally, the event recognized the contributions of RTEC members from various sectors for their invaluable efforts in the program's success. The iFund support and awards were presented by Regional Director Dr. Virginia G. Bilgera and Assistant Regional Director Dr. Laila A. Taguinod, who commended both the awardees and beneficiaries for their unwavering dedication to fostering innovation and excellence. The event also served as an opportunity to engage with RTEC members, discussing observations and recommendations to enhance SETUP implementation for even greater impact.

Dr. Laila A. Taguinod, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Operations Services, opened the event with her welcome remarks, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in driving technological innovation. She highlighted how the evaluation of proposals plays a vital role in aligning SETUP interventions with the specific needs of MSMEs for sustainable growth. She further emphasized that the activity promotes meaningful collaboration with RTEC members, fostering the identification of challenges and the development of effective strategies to enhance program implementation and ensure its ongoing relevance and impact. She also acknowledged the awarded SETUP iFund beneficiaries, \(\rightarrow YEAR END \cdot \cdot \)



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Jubilee pilgrim churches in Cavite identified

IMUS CITY, Cavite — Church officials have identified 20 Catholic churches in the province that are part of the Jubilee Celebration this year.



IMUS CATHEDRAL The Shrine of Our Lady of the Pillar or Imus Cathedral is one of 20 Jubilee churches in the province of Cavite. PHOTO BY DENNIS ABRINA

Bishop Reynaldo Evangelista officiated the kickoff celebration on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024, at the Diocesan Shrine and Parish of Our Lady of the Pillar-Imus Cathedral in Barangay Poblacion here.

Evangelista spoke before parish priests of eight cities and 15 towns of the province including the upland towns of Magallanes, Bailen, Maragondon and Ternate for the opening of the yearlong Jubilee Celebration.

"The Jubilee Year comes once every 25 years, so your sacrifices are not for naught by coming to the cathedral. We don't know if we will still be alive in 2050, the next Jubilee Year," he said in Filipino.

2025 is a Catholic Holy Year, also known as Jubilee, which is considered a time of peace, forgiveness and pardon.

The list of the Jubilee Churches in Cavite declared by the Jubilee 2025 - Diocese of Imus for the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 are Our Lady of Pillar Cathedral in Imus; Our Lady of La Salette in Silang; St. Gregory, the Great in JUBILEE • 6











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