

## DBP lends P500M for pioneering hospital in Cavite town

STATE-owned Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) has granted P500 million in funding support to a Cavite-based health care institution for the construction of a hospital facility to meet growing demand for health care services in Cavite and nearby towns, a top official said.

DBP President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel Herbosa said the credit assistance to Ridgeview Hospital and Medical Center Inc. (RHMC), under the bank's Strategic Health-care Investments for Enhanced Lending and Development (Shield) program would be used to finance the construction for the first level 2 hospital in Alfonso, Cavite.

"DBP's credit support to RHMC affirms the bank's unique role as a catalyst for a more competitive

health care sector in the country," Herbosa said. "The bank is ready to bridge the gap in quality medical facilities in the fledgling

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Photo shows Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel Herbosa (seated, 3rd from left) with other key officials of DBP and Ridgeview Hospital and Medical Center Inc. during the signing of the memorandum of agreement between the two institutions. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## DOH 4A W.I.L.D. project initiates with Carmona LGU

TRECE MARTIRES, Cavite (PIA) – The Department of Health-Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD) CALABARZON initiates the "ProtektoDOH Laban sa W.I.L.D! Kalusugan ay Sigurado!" program with the turn-over of anti-water-borne and foodborne illnesses, influenza-like illnesses, leptospirosis, and Dengue or W.I.L.D. diseases equipment to the Municipal Government

ness against WILD diseases. DOH CALABARZON Regional Director Ariel I. Valencia led the turn-over of the equipment and other sup- SEE PAGE 3....

of Carmona held at the Carmona Elementary School this November 10.

The activity solidifies the department's partnership with the LGUs as it pushes the KonsulTayo Campaign which aims to encourage Filipinos to get the care they need to avoid adverse health outcomes and increase public aware-



## P175-billion Bataan-Cavite bridge construction to start in 2024

Construction of the P175 billion inter-island bridge connecting Cavite and Bataan will start in the first quarter of 2024, according to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

The 32 kilometer project is a cable-stayed bridge to be built over Manila Bay, to reduce the travel time between Bataan and Cavite from five hours to just 40 minutes, senior Undersecretary Emil Sadain said.

"This mammoth project is a priority project under the Marcos administration's Build, Better, More (BBM) program that aims to boost the country's economic growth

project was finally realized," he said.

The bridge will permanently connect the two



through increased investments in public infrastructure.

"It is only under this administration that this

provinces in Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog region, dramatically reducing the travel time and alleviat-

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## Agri Extension Workers trained in farm management

TRECE MARTIRES, CAVITE (PIA) – The Department of Agriculture – Agriculture Training Institute (DA-ATI) – Calabarzon recently held a three-day skills training entitled, "Training on Farm Management".

to manage a farm to make it productive and profitable.

OIC Training Center Superintendent II/Center

Around twenty (20) Agriculture Extension Workers (AEWs) from different provinces of the region and selected employees of the DA-ATI 4A participated in the skills training activity held from October 26-28.

Spearheaded by the Career Development Management Section (CDMS) of ATI-Calabarzon the training program aims to provide



basic knowledge and skills SEE PAGE 7....

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**Mahapdi ang sikmura? Saging**  
**at tinapay ang lunas**



LAHAT tayo ay nakararamdam ng paghapdi ng sikmura. Kapag nalipasan tayo ng pagkain o dili kaya ay na-stress sa trabaho, parang makulo ang ating tiyan. Naglalabas kasi ng sobrang acid kaya humahapdi ang sikmura. Ang tawag dito ay gastritis at kung lumala ay puwedeng maging ulcer.

Hindi lang gamot ang solusyon sa paghapdi ng sikmura. Sa aking pananaw, mas maigi ang pagkain ng wasto:

1. Kumain sa tamang oras – Kumain ng pakonti-konti pero madalas sa isang araw. Halimbawa, kumain ng 7:00 ng umaga. Mag-saging ng 10:00 a.m. Mag-lunch ng kaunti lang. Magmer-yenda ng tinapay ng 4:00 ng hapon. Mag-dinner ng 7:00 ng gabi. Kahit busy ka sa trabaho, huwag kalimutang kumain sa oras. Ingatan ang tiyan.
2. Saging at tinapay ang lunas – Napaka-healthy ng saging. Bukod sa madaling baunin at kainin, ang saging ay parang gamot na rin dahil natatapanan nito ang ating sikmura. Ang pandesal din ay maayos sa sikmura at nakakabusog pa. Araw-araw, saging at pandesal ang baon ko kapag maingay ang sikmura ko.
3. Uminom ng tubig pakonti-konti – Malaki ang naitutulog ng pag-inom ng tubig sa paglinis ng acid sa tiyan. Ang tamang pag-inom ay ang paglagok ng konting tubig bawat 20 minutos. Sa ganitong paraan, mahuhugasan at malilinis ang acid sa tiyan.
4. Umiwas sa pagkaing nakakahapdi ng tiyan – Umiwas sa maasim at maanghang. May mga pagkaing sadyang nakakahapdi ng tiyan. Umiwas sa mga sobrang spicy na pagkain. Ang sili, kalamansi, suka, sinigang na sobrang asim at pinapple juice na puro ay puwedeng magdulot ng paghapdi ng sikmura. Ang sobrang lamig na inumin ay nakakairita din ng tiyan.

Sa aking palagay, hindi na kailangan ng gamot sa ordinaryong paghapdi ng sikmura. Kumain na lang ng mga pagkaing ikaka-relax ng ating tiyan, tulad ng saging, tinapay, kanin, lugaw at gulay. At mag-relax din habang kumakain para hindi ma-stress ang ating tiyan!

**'PARA SA PANGARAP'**

Hinangaan ng marami ang 4th year college student na si Francis Noel Soledad na nagbebenta ng graham balls sa tabi ng Universidad De Manila upang kumita ng pera para sa kaniyang thesis at pagpapagamot.

Kasalukuyang nag-aaral si Francis ngayon ng kursong print media technology sa Technological University of the Philippines-Manila.

Ayon kay Francis, ginagawa niya ito dahil gusto niyang makapagtapos ng pag-aaral at matulungan din ang kaniyang mga kapatid.

Aminado rin daw siya na minsan ay nakararamdam siya ng hiya ngunit isinasantabi na lang niya ito para sa kaniyang pangarap.

"[W]ala na akong ibang way or chance kundi magtinda ng graham balls, sa kahit saan. Aminado ako na mukha akong kawawa kapag namamalimos ako sa paghinggi sa mga taong 'di ko kilala," kwento ni Francis.

Kasalukuyang iniinda rin ni Francis ang sakit siyang "atelectasis" kung saan isang baga na lang niya ang gumagana.



Bagama't maraming pagsubok na pinagdadaanan, hindi ito nating hadlang sa pag-abot ng kaniyang pangarap.

"[K]ahit ikamatay ko 'yung sakit ko, magdrama ako nang ilang beses sa social media, ayos lang basta mananatili akong nakatindig para maabot ko 'yung mga pangarap ko," ayon kay Francis.

**EDITORIAL-**  
**Closing in on P20/K rice**

Consumers always welcome low prices especially of basic commodities. Last Wednesday, the government rolled out rice at Kadiwa outlets, priced at P25 per kilo. President Marcos said it brings prices closer to his campaign "aspiration" of P20-a-kilo rice, as he noted that the National Food Authority bought the rice from farmers at cost. How long the NFA can sustain this remains to be seen.

There were long lines at the Kadiwa outlets, which are also selling refined white sugar at the government-subsidized aspiration price of P70 a kilo, with each consumer limited to only a kilo. The start of the sugar harvest season and arrival of the 150,000 metric tons of imported sugar have yet to bring down refined white sugar prices to P70 from the current average of over P80 to P130 a kilo.

Sustainability has always been the problem in state subsidies, especially in a country with limited resources and so many subsidized programs requiring massive funding such as education from kindergarten to college. There isn't even enough funding for the full implementation of the Universal Health Care program, which has to be gradually rolled out through several years – and this was before the country found itself drowning in debt for the COVID pandemic response.

It's unclear if the NFA's P25 buying price at cost refers to palay or milled rice. Agriculture experts and the Federation of Free Farmers have noted that a kilo of palay produces only 0.65 kilos of rice after milling. At the palay buying price of P19, a kilo of milled rice costs P29, the FFF said. The President, who is concurrently the agriculture secretary, did say that the NFA is selling the P25-a-kilo rice at a loss.

Farmers have been saying that the better approach to ensuring a stable supply of rice at reasonable prices, which benefits local farmers and consumers alike, is to bring down the cost of production and improve profitability for domestic rice producers.

Prices of fertilizer, which the country sources mostly from abroad, are currently sky-high because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The FFF is suggesting a package that includes not only assistance in obtaining fertilizer but also covers seeds, irrigation, credit access, farm machinery, technology, post-harvest facilities and marketing support.

Outside Kadiwa outlets, milled rice is being sold at an average range of P38 to P50 a kilo, and higher for special varieties. The prices are dictated by the natural market forces of supply and demand. When the most affordable variety of milled rice goes down to the aspired-for price of P20 a kilo, it should not be because of state subsidies or other unnatural causes that are challenging to sustain. The President and agriculture chief has said the country is getting there.

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**P175-billion Bataan-Cavite.....**

ing traffic congestion in Metro Manila.

Sadain said that they were looking to complete the detailed engineering design (DED) works for the project by the first quarter of 2023.

The design of the bridge has been drawn from the sea, surrounding mountains, and Manila's skyline. The 32.15 km-long Bataan-Cavite bridge is being constructed with two lanes in each direction, connecting Bataan and Cavite provinces, located northwest and southwest of the capital Manila.

The bridge will start at Barangay Alas-asin in Mariveles, Bataan, crossing Manila Bay, and end at Barangay Timalan in Naic, Cavite.

The project will involve the construction of two cable-stayed navigation bridges, the North Channel Bridge with a main span of 400m and the South Channel Bridge with a 900m main span, standing at a water depth of approximately 50m. Land viaducts, marine viaducts, and ancillary buildings will also be constructed under the project.

"Marine geophysical surveys and geotechnical investigations in evaluating underground conditions and site characterization over the waters of Manila Bay are ongoing with an overall accomplishment at 55 percent to date," he said.

Sadain said the geological aspects of the site have to be studied in detail given the nature of the project before the commencement of construction activities for said infrastructure flagship project, which was started by the past administration.

He added the project would be fast-tracked and would be completed under the Marcos government.

The Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge will introduce new expansion and economic growth opportunities outside of the metropolis with investors now setting up industries leading to the route of promising new land and marine viaduct highway to be built between Regions 3 (Central Luzon) and 4A (Calabarzon).

Implemented by DPWH Unified Project Management Office-Roads Management Cluster 2 (Multilateral), the project is being developed with funding from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) with the DED contract awarded to the joint venture of TY Lin International and the Republic of

Korea's Pyunghwa Engineering Consultants, working with Switzerland-based Renardet and the Philippines' DCCD Engineering Corp.

**MPTC Goes Blue.....**

develop programs that will promote children's rights."

"MPTC prides itself in providing safe and convenient roads and highways, and necessarily, children accompanied by their parents who use our facilities. It is our responsibility to promote the right program that would protect and enhance the convenience of these children," added Franco.

In November 2021, MPTC signed a multi-year agreement with UNICEF to help promote the safety of children on the road by supporting 100 schools in high-risk areas, potentially reaching 20,000 children. (RBF/PIA-Cavite with reports from MPT South Management Corp.)



**DBP lends.....**

town of Alfonso."

DBP has been the eighth largest bank in the country in terms of assets, providing credit support to four strategic sectors of the economy: infrastructure and logistics; micro, small and medium enterprises; environment; and social services and community development.

RHMCI, a startup private corporation, has been owned by practicing medical professionals and business experts in Cavite. The new facility would be strategically located in the Metro Tagaytay area and would be accessible to nearly 500,000 residents of the district and nearby municipalities such as Emilio Aguinaldo, Magallanes, Maragondon, Mendez, Naic, Ternate, Amadeo, Indang, Trece Martires, Silang, Tagaytay and Nasugbu, Batangas.

Herbosa said under the agreement, P395 million will be utilized to partially finance the construction of a five-story, level 2 hospital.

**Agri Extension Workers .....**

Director Rolando V. Maningas, PhD commenced the program with a video message to the participants.

Serving as a key speaker in the training program was Mrs. Gloria "Ka Gigi" Morris, Farm School Director of the Moca Family Farm Learning Center.

Ms. Morris discussed and shared methods and techniques for planning, organizing, leader entrepreneurship, controlling, and other farm management strategies.

Ms. Aurelyn Tolentino, an AEW from Sta. Cruz, Laguna ex-

pressed her gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of the training and learn additional knowledge on farm management.

"Ako po ay nagpapasalamat sa lahat ng bumubuo ng pagsasanay na ito at madami po akong natutunan. Training like this made me confident that I will be equipped in all the learnings that I will be needing to be a good AEW," said Tolentino.

Moca Family Farm RLearning Center is one of ATI-Calabarzon's accredited Regional Service Providers. (Ruel Francisco, PIA-Cavite with reports from DA-ATI Calabarzon)

**GUHIT NG KAPALARAN**

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) Feeling happy ka iyong paggising. Ito ay sign na nasa magandang mood para tapusin ang lahat ng gawain. Magagawa mo ito ng magaan ang pakiramdam at hindi napapagod. Happy ka! Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 15, 55, 45, 33 at jade green.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) Gamitin ang iyong will power para mabigyang-katuparan ang mga layunin na nasimulan na. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 55, 41, 11, 26, 32 at vanilla brown.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) Ang pag-kontrol sa damdamin ay magandang hakbang para mai-apply ang humility practice sa iyong buhay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 31, 43, 51, 11 at ivory white.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) Alagaan mo ang iyong health. Dahil kahit ma-ging winner ang business, kung poor ang health, hindi ka happy. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 35, 55, 22, 11, 42 at brandy yellow.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) Mararanasan ang tagumpay. May dara-ting na surprise na ikaliligaya. Possible ang kasalan ngayon taon. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 41, 53, 25, 33, 11 at kidlat red.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) Mararanasan ang pagsisisi dahil hindi ka pa rin nadadala. Kung gustong mabago ang buhay, magbago ka na. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 13, 31, 23, 55, 43 at dollar green.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) Masaya dahil nasimulan ang bagong negosyo. Hindi agad ito magbu-boom pero huwag mawalan ng pag-asa. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 21, 11, 39, 45, 51 at mango orange.

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) Malalasp mo ang tamis ng tagumpay. Panatilihin ang pagpapakumbaba, para lalong pagpalain. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 47, 53, 33, 11, 22 at electric blue.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) I-celebrate ang saya na nararanasan sa piling ng mahal sa buhay. Magandang idea ang mag-out of town. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 43, 51, 33, 11 at ultra violet.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) Gawin ang dapat, huwag kumompromiso dahil tiyak na pagsisisihan mo ito sa huli. Ingatan ang valuables. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 32, 23, 56, 45 at cyan blue.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) Masaya ka ngayon dahil nakausap mo siya sa internet. Ma-ging maagap lang sa gawain. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 55, 11, 25, 36, 46 at mango orange.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) Buksan ang puso para matamo ang true love. Bigyan ng pagkaka-taon ang iyong manliligaw. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 15, 45, 22, 33, 31 at crimson red.



## PBBM, Cambodian PM eye cooperation on digitalization, 3 others

PBBM gov't reiterates call for climate justice; says claims of shrinking civic space unfounded

MANILA -- The administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has reiterated its call for climate justice and accountability from developed countries to accomplish global climate change initiatives.

The call was made by Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla at the United Nations Human Rights Council's (UNHCR)'s regular Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in Geneva, Switzerland, on Wednesday.

"The Philippines reiterates its call for climate justice – for developed countries to increase financing for mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage for developing countries. We expect nothing less from our friends and partners that have been the beacon of human rights and justice the world over," said Remulla.

In the conference, Remulla said the Philippines has always believed in the "indivisibility and interdependence" of all human rights.

No other challenge demonstrates this better than climate change and its



adverse and compounding impacts on human rights, according to the justice chief.

"Environmental rights defenders are partners in promoting climate goals, and their freedom and safety should certainly be protected. But let us not lose sight of the bigger issue,

which is, that all countries must faithfully and urgently fulfill their international obligations on climate action," said Remulla.

President Marcos earlier made the call before the UN body in New York City, citing climate change adaptation as one of the top agenda of his administration.

Moreover, on the issue regarding the safety of human rights defenders and journalists, Remulla said the Philippines remains a vibrant democracy where freedom of expression and the right to peaceful assembly are protected.

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## MPTC Goes Blue in support of UNICEF World Children's Day celebration

TRECE MARTIRES, CAVITE (PIA) – In celebration of World Children's Day, the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) together with its family of companies is one with UNICEF in the commemoration of the anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on November 20.

will light NLEX Drive and Dine in blue. In the Visayas region, the iconic CCLEX will be lit blue to represent CCLEX's solidarity to UNICEF's advocacy.



To show its support as an ally of UNICEF, MPTC structures owned by its subsidiaries will be lighted blue to celebrate World Children's Day.

North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) Corp., will go blue by lighting its headquarters at Balintawak,

Caloocan City; MPTC's subsidiary for South Luzon expressways CAVITEX and CALAX will light up its LEED Gold Certified green headquarters MPT South Hub in Imus, Cavite; MPT Mobility, MPTC's arm for smart and sustainable expressway mobility services,

MPTC President and CEO Rodrigo Franco said, "MPTC's support to UNICEF in celebrating World Children's Day is a milestone for our company. This highlights the responsibility of businesses like ours to adopt policies and

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## Home Travel News Silang, Cavite to host first Home Travel News International Ecotourism Mart

Team Out of Town BlogHub (Outoftownblog.com) – The municipality of Silang, Cavite, will take the global environmental stage as it plays host to the International Ecotourism Travel Mart (IETM), the world's first-ever and biggest ecotourism-themed expo set on March 29 to April 2, 2023.

In line with the event, the International School for Sustainable Tourism (ISST), the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB), and the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) recently forged a memorandum of understanding for the hosting of the said expo.

International Institute of Rural Reconstruction International Institute of Rural Reconstruction According to ISST president Mina Gabor, the



International Ecotourism Travel Mart MOU signing

five-day fair will share best practices on ecotourism from global experts and provide networking avenues with ecotourism authorities and specialists.

Organized by the Ja-

pan-based Asian Ecotourism Network, the IETM will promote the world's ecotourism sites, indigenous practices, and

culture and push for measures to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

The gathering will also bring together global delegates and exhibitors worldwide to showcase

## Twin Lakes Tagaytay



First day of Pintor Kulapol's Painting Exhibit! ?????  
See the masterful paintings and inventive works of Pintor Kulapol's talented artists at 9am to 5pm tomorrow at the garden area. Plus, don't miss the opportunity to witness their portrait demo! ??