

SANGLEY POINT RIDES ON GLOBAL SUCCESS STORIES

The development of Sangley Point International Airport in Cavite to relieve the pressure off the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) is inspired by successful experiences of other countries that resorted to reclamation for the expansion of their respective international gateways to handle increasing air traffic.

SPIA development is a huge undertaking that would require reclamation of at least 1,400 hectares of land off Manila Bay.

It could be recalled that during the inauguration of the SPIA development project last February 15, 2020, President Rodrigo Duterte stressed he would not allow massive reclamation in Manila Bay initiated by the private sector but those connected with government projects may be allowed to proceed.

"I will only allow maybe plans of whatever reclamation if it's in connection with the government projects," Duterte said.

According to reports, the Provincial Government of Cavite had awarded the initial phase of the Sangley Point International Airport



(SPIA) project to the consortium of state-run China Communications Construction Co. Ltd. (CCCC) and MacroAsia Corp. of Taiwan Lucio Tan.

Under the joint venture between the Cavite gov-

ernment and the private sector, the government will reclaim the land and lease it to the winning bidder while the private partner will build the airport and facilities.

Many of the world's (see page 7)



Sa ngalan ng PNP Carmona at lokal na pamahalaan, isa pong karangalan para sa Bayan ng Carmona ang maging host ng Regional Director's Forum on Community Mobilization Project ng PNP.

Maraming salamat po sa pagbisita sa aming bayan PBGEN VICENTE DANA JR (Regional Director, PRO 4A), PLTCOL MICHAEL SECILLANO (OIC, RCADD PRO 4A), PCOL MARLON SANTOS (OIC, Cavite PPO), PLTCOL VIRGILIO RUBIO (Chief PCAD, Cavite PPO), pati na rin sa ating mga speakers na sina PCPT MARY ANNE CRESTER TORRES, IA IV BILLY VIRAY, at PLT RAJIC BASNIC at sa lahat ng ating kapulisan na walang sawang pinapaiting ang kapayapaan at seguridad ng ating mga pamayanan.

Mabuhay po kayong lahat!

Coop iCreate Ladderized Training for Cooperatives Graduation Ceremony 2020

Coop iCreate, a successful ladderized training for cooperatives provided by the Provincial Cooperative, Livelihood and Entrepreneurial Development Office (PCLEDO) reached its culmination when 12 participating coops finished the last session and graduated with flying colors on February 18, 2020 at Aqua Mira Hotel and Resort, Saddle and Clubs Leisure Park, Tanza, Cavite. The training aims to identify potential entrepreneurs and provide them with comprehensive support to establish and operate a competitive, profitable and sustainable business.

The participants were partnered with the business coaches who later paneled them in the Business Plan Presentation and recommended some strategies to improve participants' business plan. Panelists included Mr. Zandro Catacutan, Faculty Researcher, CvSU Main Campus; Mr. Alan G. Reclusado, Owner, Aqua 4a and Reclusado Marketing; Mr. Reginold Delos Reyes, AVP, New Business, MBS Solve Insurance Agency; Mr. Rod Steven O. Vasquez, Managing Partner, AQubic, Co. & Supprin Co.; Ms. Rowena S. Fruto, Provincial Cooperative Development Specialist, CDA Region 4A and Mr. Oliver N. Getalla Cooperative Development



Specialist 2, CDA Region 4A.

Ms. Liza Gabatan, PCLEDO Entrepreneurial Division Head warmly congratulated the graduates while Atty. Khervy B. Reyes, Officer-in-Charge, gave his short message of congratulations and cited the continuous support of the provincial government for cooperatives' growth through their

office. He assured that another batch of trainees will undergo the same program. Dr Aldrin P. Antivola, Co-op iCreate Resource Person was grateful for the success of the training and encouraged the graduates to use what they have learned, to be determined and have the

spirit of success. The awarding of certificates of appreciation to resource speaker and business coaches and certificates of completion to attendees concluded the event. A special award was also given to CAFFMACO who bagged the Best Business Plan coached by Mr. Zandro Catacutan. --Rebecca Patricio

In Fight Against Plastic Pollution, Sikkim Introduces Bamboo Water Bottles For Tourists

A quaint town of Sikkim is set to introduce bamboo water bottles for tourists in a bid to completely stop the use of plastic water bottles and littering.

Lachen, arguably the first town to completely ban



packaged drinking water bottles, is introducing bamboo bottles as an alternative.

Lachen draws lakhs of tourists each year for its snow-capped peaks and picturesque views. As tourism in the town grows, so does plastic water bottles left behind by tourists.

The plastic bottles left behind by tourists prompted the local community to introduce the ban. The bamboo water bottles have been ordered from Assam through Sikkim Rajya Sabha MP Hishey Lachungpa.

It was in 1998 when Sikkim took first steps towards banning plastic water bottles. In 2016, it banned the use of packaged drinking water in government offices as well as at all government events.

There are random checks for tourist vehicles along the way to make sure no one brings plastic water bottles Lachen.

GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) Ang munting suliranin sa minamahal ay hindi dapat dalhin hanggang sa pinagtatrabahuhan. Isang lihim ang hindi inaasahang matuklasan. Iwasan ang alitan at baka humantong sa tampuhan. Huwag pilitin ang sarili kung may pag-aalinlangan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 11, 29, 39, 41 at oak brown.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) Taglayin ang kahinahunan at pang-unawa dahil magiging malapitin ka ng mga taong pikon at mainitin ang ulo. Huwag magpabigla-bigla at pairalin ang mahabang pasensya. Iwasan ang pangako at mangako. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 9, 14, 32, 33 at pink.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) Nasa magandang pakiramdam ang katawan upang tapusin ang lahat ng trabahong nakaatang. Isang tawag mula sa mahal ang makadaragdag ng kaligayahan. Magiging masaya at mapayapa ang tahanan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 20, 25, 33, 34 at green.

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) Mag-ingat dahil mabigat ang timbang ng pagkakamali. Ang mga pagkakamaling nagawa ay malamang maulit. May kaunlarang matatamo kung positibo ang nasa isip. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 15, 30, 40, 41 at neon green.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) Ang paglilibang ay magdudulot ng kaligayahan pero iwasan ang labis na gastos. Mahalaga ang magplano sa bagay na gustong simulan. Makakatulong ang isang matalik na kaibigan sa suliranin. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 39, 40, 42 at aqua blue.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) Madaling pakitunguhan ang mga kamag-anak o mga kaibigan. Mapagtitibay ang relasyon sa tahanan. Maayos at walang balakid ang takbo ng mga gawain. Bagong pag-ibig ang makakagulo sa isipan at kalooban. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 13, 22, 35, 39 at brown.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set. 23) Maganda ang palatandaan tungkol sa pag-ibig. May babalang gusot na mangyayari mula sa kamag-anak o sa tahanan. Isang kaibigan ang hihingi ng tulong, payo o manghihiram ng pera. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 11, 22, 33, 40 at jade green.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) Ang dapat desisyunan ay pag-isipan muna bago pumalaot. Kung maga-apply ng trabaho, sa umaga lakarin at tiyak matatanggap kung tama ang posisyon na kailangan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 17, 26, 30, 42 at electric blue.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) Tanggapin kung nagkamali kalakip ang kaluwagan ng kalooban. Mahalaga ang magtiyaga. Ang payo kung gustong isaalang-alang ay pag-aralan muna ng mabuti. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 2, 17, 23, 40 at orange.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) Taglay ang kasiglahan su-balit madaling mapipikon, magiging mainitin ang ulo at madaling magalit. Tampuhan at hinanakit ang mapapala kung hindi pairalin ang pagkamahinahon at pagpapakumbaba. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 18, 27, 36, 40 at bold yellow.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) Taglay ang pambihirang talas ng isip sa pagsasaliksik. Makakatawag ng pansin sa kausap upang pakinggan. Magagawang makumbinsi ang kahit makulit o makitid ang isipan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 8, 24, 34, 38 at mint green.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) Iwasan ang mga tsismosa at pakialamera para hindi masangkot sa gulo. Bigyang halaga ang kalusugan. A-yusin kaagad at huwag ipagwalang-bahala ang suliranin sa bahay o trabaho. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 6, 19, 25, 37 at sky blue.

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biggest and busiest airports like Singapore's Changi Airport Singapore, which is voted as the World's Best Airport 2019 by international air travellers for the seventh consecutive year, were constructed on reclaimed land.

About 870 hectares of land reclaimed were from the sea off the eastern tip of Singapore to accommodate the Changi Airport.

As of December 2019, Changi Airport is serving more than 100 airlines flying to 380 destinations in around 100 countries and territories worldwide. Each week, around 7,400 flights arrive or depart at the airport.

Likewise, the construction of Hong Kong International Airport, located on the Chek Lap Kok Island in the western waters of the territory, required the reclamation of 1,248 hectares of land. The San Francisco International Airport, as well as the Kansai International Airport and the Tokyo International Airport in Japan, also involved reclamation to expand their operational capacity.

Aside from reclamation activities directly related to the SPIA development, the Cavite provincial government earlier stressed that additional reclamation is necessary.

"In fact, the Sangley Point has been shown to be the most feasible area for the airport-seaport complex with enabling reclamation component. With this, it is necessary for Cavite to provide large parcels of land to accommodate the envisioned developmental growth," the provincial government said in its application for Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for the proposed, 1,331-hectare Cavite Reclamation Project (CRP).

Bacoor City, also in Cavite, has likewise proposed a 420-hectare reclamation project that could provide the needed additional space and features

congruent with the SPIA development.

Bacoor is strategically-located being less than 30 kilometers away from Sangley and just around 20 kilometers away from NAIA and would provide an ideal location for the planned road connectors to both airports.

With mixed use development that includes residential, commercial, hotel and recreation, tourism, as well as a Science Park, the Bacoor reclamation projects would be able to accommodate a large portion of the foreign arrivals at SPIA.

In addition, the Bacoor reclamation projects are also meant to attract investments and new businesses, both foreign and local, whose operations would involve shipment of goods and travel of personnel utilizing either SPIA or the NAIA.

Bacoor City leaders believe the proposed reclamation project would propel the city's rise as a new growth center adjacent to Metro Manila, generate at least 700,000 new jobs for its residents and those in nearby areas and enable the city government to improve the delivery of basic services for its people.

The reclamation project was pushed to provide additional land space necessary for new developments and accommodate the projected growth of the city's population of around 600,000 that is expected to double by 2025. As of today, at least 73 percent of the city's land area is devoted to residential use.

Bacoor leaders said the project will also hasten the Manila Bay clean up drive in compliance with the 2008 mandamus of the Supreme Court with the in-city relocation of ISFs who are at risk in coastal areas. ISFs will be relocated at "Ciudad Kaunlaran in Molino II, while affected families of fishermen will be resettled at the "Fisherman's Village" in Brgy. Alima.

The Bacoor city gov-

DOST launches 'SPARTA' for data analytics training

MANILA – The Department of Science and Technology's (DOST) "Smarter Philippines Through R&D, Training and Adoption" (SPARTA) program, which aims to produce 30,000 data scientists via online learning, was officially launched on Monday in Makati City.

"In 1992, I was a scholar of DOST at a university in Michigan. I studied signal processing, and part of our work was AI (artificial intelligence). When I came back in 1997, I taught many students on signal processing and AI, but there was no job for them. They ended up going abroad," remarked DOST Undersecretary Rowena Cristina Guevara.

She said the DOST is developing human resources through SPARTA which was designed to retain the trainees in the Philippines.

About 30,000 will be trained in data science and analytics, she said, adding that this will be a breakthrough of a "knowledge economy".

Guevara noted that people use data every day -- to move around traffic, to order food or clothes online, among many others.

Director Enrico Paringit, of DOST's Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology (PCIEERD), emphasized that AI aims to develop smart solutions to the challenges that various industries are facing. These industries include the health and education sectors, information technology (IT), and business process outsourcing (BPO).

Data science, on the other hand, will provide op-

ernment also cited the studies conducted by leading international experts show the project poses no significant adverse environmental impact on Manila Bay and the adjacent areas.

Incorporating deep water channels connecting to

opportunities for innovation, he added.

The DOST developed the SPARTA program, in partnership with the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), Analytics Association of the Philippines, and CourseBank.

DOST Secretary Fortunato dela Peña earlier said the agency has allotted PHP50.84 million for this project that would run for three years.

He added that DAP was tasked to choose the trainees.

On Monday, dela Peña said he was told that priority would be given to those working in the BPO sector, government workers who use data analytics in their jobs, and the academe.

"This program intends to create 30,000 data scientists, he reiterated.

Dela Peña continued, "Data can fast-track Philippine growth, in every aspect. In the ease of doing business, for instance, we could do many things using data".

Meanwhile, those interested to undergo the training must first create an account at www.coursebank.ph.

A link to "become a SPARTA scholar" would appear upon registration. Follow the step-by-step guide for application. (PNA)

Manila Bay, the reclamation project is also intended to complement the anti-flood projects of the government through the Department of Public Works and Highways to mitigate the perennial flooding in the city that is identified as a catch basin of Cavite.

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on the Activities & Programs of
Carmona

Carmona LGU and MERALCO holds joint meeting

The Municipal Government of Carmona as led by the Engineering Office conducted a joint meeting on February 19, 2020 with MERALCO representatives, Barangay Captain Gaudencio "Gode" Legacion of Barangay Cabilang Baybay, and residents of the said barangay. The agenda of the meeting include projects such as rural electrification or construction of electric posts and power lines at Barangay Cabilang Baybay.



Carmona celebrates National Oral Health Month

As National Oral Health Month is held during February, the Carmona Municipal Health Office (MHO) spearheaded the celebration on February 21, 2020 where 135 beneficiaries were taught on how to properly take care of their teeth as well as the proper way to brush teeth. The Carmona MHO distributed dental kits containing a toothbrush, toothpaste, towel, and tumbler. ROHM Electronics Philippines, Inc. also distributed face towels and soap to the participants of the event.



Cavite Mayors convene for the Cavite Mayors' League meeting

On February 21, 2020, the Cavite Mayors' League meeting was held at Carmona Community Center where local chief executives from different cities and municipalities in the province of Cavite met and tackled the current issues and events in their respective jurisdictions.



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Carmona Cavite to host International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta 2020

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The Flying Carnival 2020 is ready to take off from San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite. Photo of Clark, Pampanga balloon fest on PIHABF Facebook.

It's confirmed. The new venue of the Philippine International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta (PIHABF), earlier teased as South of Manila, is in Carmona, Cavite.

The balloon best, traditionally held in Clark, Pampanga, is set to take off as the "Flying Carnival 2020" at San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona.

PIHABF announced the new venue of the longest-running sports aviation event in Asia on January 8, 2020, five days after it announced its return to the Philippine skies after a one-year hiatus in 2019.

The San Lorenzo Lei-

at Php 3,500 per person/day
First Class tickets at
Php 6,500 per person/day
Tickets are also available on the event day at the Fiesta Info Booth Gates and ticketing booths which will



sure Park is a 77-hectare mixed-use, world-class development at Carmona, Cavite. It is the home to the prestigious Manila Jockey Club, the premier horse racing club in the country and one of the oldest in the Asia Pacific region, first established in 1867 in Sta. Cruz, Manila until it transferred its operations in 2003 to the South and opened the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

The "Flying Carnival 2020: A Weekend of Almost Everything that Flies" is described as a 3-day spectacle

of hot air balloons, helicopters, and air sports events, combined with aviation career seminars, fly markets, food booths, and family entertainment. Events begin at 5:30 AM until 9:30 PM.

Tickets for the 23rd Philippine International Hot Air Balloon Fiesta ticket rates will be available this coming week on Ticketnet and the PIHABF website priced as follows:

Economy Class tickets (General Admission) at Php 500/person/day
Business Class ticket

open by 4:00 a.m. VIP, Seminar, and Discovery Flight tickets will also soon be available on the PIHABF website. The province of Cavite is also the home of the Paghilom Art Camp and Festival that champions art-ist empowerment.

The Cavite-Manila ferry service began in December to offer faster travel time via the waters of Manila Bay.

SEND cheers to the hot air balloon fest enthusiasts and host Cavite for the upcoming Flying Carnival 2020!

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