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Pope Approves Coronation of 'Our Lady of Fatima de Binakayan' in Cavite

Story by CBCP News

A revered Marian image in the Diocese of Imus, south of Manila, will soon receive the honor of canonical coronation.

Bishop Reynaldo Evangelista announced Thursday that Pope Francis, through the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, has approved their petition for the pontifical crowning of Our Lady of Fatima de Binakayan. The image, also

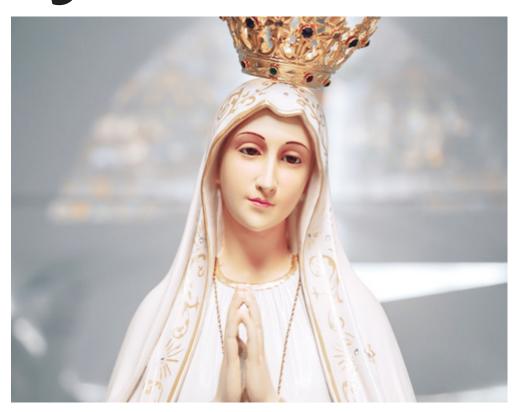
Teen Arca goes up against experienced foes in Oaminal chess tourney

By Zaldy De Layola

FIDE Master Gian Karlo Arca seeks another title in the 3rd Gov. Henry Oaminal Open Chess Festival in Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental on Nov. 4 and 5.

The 15-year-old pride of Davao del Norte will be up against Grandmasters Rogelio Antonio Jr., Darwin Laylo and Daniel Quizon in the event to be held at Asenso

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NHA Halts Housing Payments for 'Kristine' **Victims**

The National Housing Authority (NHA) implementing a one-month moratorium on housing amortization for borrowers affected by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name Trami) nationwide.

In a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon interview Monday, Department Manager A of the NHA' Corporate Planning Department (CPD) and NCR South Sector Office concurrent officer in charge Cromwell Teves said the

First Gen to build Cavite solar facility for HCG

Story by Lisbet K. Esmael

Lopez-led First Gen Corp. has clinched the deal to construct a solar power facility for the Philippine operations of Taiwan-based sanitary ware manufacturer

In a statement, the renewable energy firm said the plant would have a capacity of 660 kilowatt (kW) and would be built within the 10-hectare facility of HCG in Dasmariñas,



First Gen to build Cavite solar facility for HCG © Provided by Inquirer

Marcos Urges Agencies to **Enhance Disaster Preparedness**

By Darryl John Esguerra

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday directed concerned government agencies to strengthen their disaster preparedness and response efforts after the recent spate of typhoons.

Speaking at the distribution of government assistance to typhoon victims in the towns of Talisay and Laurel in Batangas, Marcos provided specific assignments to government agencies to intensify the country's disaster preparedness measures.

"Layunin natin na hindi na maulit ang pagkawala ng buhay dahil sa kalamidad. Totoo na mas matindi ang mga bagyo ngayon - mas malawak, mas malakas, mas

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Filipino Elderly Week, Ipinagdiwang sa Bacoor



Sa pagdiriwang ng Filipino Elderly Week noong October 30,2024 dito sa Strike Gymnasium, buong pusong binabati kayo ng inyong Pamahalaang Lungsod, sa pamumuno ng ating 24/7 City Mayor Strike B. Revilla, katuwang ang Sangguniang Panlungsod. Sa inyong malasakit at aktibong

New Cavite PNP acting director assumes post

BY CARLA BAUTO DEÑA

CAVITE - Col. Dwight E. Alegre officially assumed as acting Provincial Police Office (PPO) director in a transition of command ceremony in Camp Gen. Pantaleon Garcia in Imus City on Monday, October 28.

Alegre replaced outgoing Cavite PPO Director Col. Eleuterio M. Ricardo Jr.

Present during the event were Police Regional Office 4A director Brig. Gen. Paul Kenneth T. Lucas, who officiated the ceremonial turnover of command, and guest of honor Cavite Gov.



Col. Dwight E. Alegre officially assumed the role of acting Cavite PPO director on October 28 (Photo from Cavite PPO/ MANILA BULLETIN)

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mabilis ang pagbabago (Our goal is to prevent the loss of life due to calamities. It's true that storms are more intense today - wider, stronger, changing faster)," Marcos said during the ceremony in Talisay.

"Kaya inuulit ko ang mga kautusan sa mga ahensya ng pamahalaan (So I repeat the orders to the government agencies)."

The President directed the Department of Science and Technology to improve warning systems and establish a standard procedure for the gradual release of water from dams before typhoons to reduce flood risks.

The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Environment and Natural

Resources (DENR) and other agencies are ordered to revise flood control master plans to expand the capacity of infrastructures to handle increasing flood risks.

The President further underscored the importance of modern, climate-resilient designs for roads and bridges, ensuring these structures are safe, durable and adaptable to the changing climate.

"Isinusulong din natin mga makabagong ang disenyo para sa proteksyon ng mga kalsada at tulay, at tinitiyak na ang mga ito ay maging matibay at angkop sa ating klima (We will also promote innovative designs for the protection of roads and bridges, and ensure that they are durable and suitable for our climate)," he said.

Meanwhile, Marcos

First Gen to build cavite << P1

Cavite. HCG is focused on producing bathroom fixtures and solutions that cater to different needs, market segments and facilities.

The firm did not disclose estimated cost of the project.

This new deal marks the strengthened partnership of the parties, as HCG also tapped First Gen in 2020 for the supply of 850 kW of clean energy from the Bacon-Manito geothermal power plant in the Bicol region.

First Gen said the pact remained in effect under the system of retail competition and open access, which allows power customers consuming at least 500 kW a month to purchase cheaper electricity from retailers other than the existing distributors in their area. "We look forward to a growing partnership to lower HCG's carbon emissions by using clean energy to power operations and integrating energy efficiency solutions,"

Mark Malabanan, assistant vice president for solar of First Gen.

Eugene Philippines senior president and officer in charge, also said the group continued to explore ways to cut its impact on the environment.

"Over the years, we have completed several initiatives that contribute to our decarbonization objectives and we are committed to

First Gen is the leading power generation firm in the local market, with 3,697 megawatts of total installed capacity from a portfolio of 33 power facilities. It also has the largest portfolio of plants that run on geothermal, wind, hydro and solar energy.

using green energy," Lin said.

The company has been raking in deals for the supply of clean energy for different companies in the Visayas and

Mindanao. INQ

NHA halts housing payments << P1

moratorium will be from Nov. 1 to 30, and the payment of amortization and lease payments will start on Dec. 1.

"Dagdag pa dito, walang ipapataw na delinquency o karagdagang interes sa panahon ng moratorium hanggang Nov. 30, 2024. So anumang penalties at interes na naipon bago Nov. 1 ay muling magsisimula lamang sa (In addition to this, no deliquency or additional interest will be charged during the moratorium period until Nov. 30, 2024.

So any penalties and interest that accumulated will start only on) Dec. 1, 2024," he said. Tai said members need not apply for the moratorium and lease payments as they reflect automatically in NHA's system.

The NHA has over 80,000 housing units in its 85 pipeline projects to date.

More than 3,500 families are set to benefit from the first batch of housing projects in the provinces of Laguna and Quezon.

Tai said these projects

will continue in the Bicol Sorsogon and Region province.

"Idagdag na natin diyan ang mahigit 1,500 na housing units na ating itatayo para sa mga pamilya na nasalanta ng pagsabog ng Taal Volcano noong 2020 at nung 2023. Atin na lamang pong inaantabayan ang pag-release ng pondo mula po sa (Let's add to that the 1,500 units for families who were victims of Taal Volcano eruption in 2020 and 2023. We're just waiting for the release of funds from) the Department of Budget ang Management," he added.

Apart from housing, the NHA is also creating communities sustainable through its Peoples Force Caravan that brings the services of the government and private sector to beneficiaries nationwide. A total of 28,450 beneficiaries has received services from this initiative.

Since its establishment in 1975, the NHA has created at least 1.2 million housing units from over 2,700 projects nationwide. (PNA)

ordered the DPWH to prioritize repairs for the Bayuyungan Bridge and the roads in Agoncillo.

He assured that Batangas would recover, supported by the completion of the Taal Lake Circumferential Road Lobo-Malabrigo-San Juan Laiya Road.

Recognizing that infrastructure quality is crucial, Marcos assigned the Department of Trade and Industry to ensure that all construction materials meet standards for quality, safety and climate adaptability.

Meanwhile, Environment Secretary Maria Antonio Yulo Loyzaga emphasized the importance of proactive water resource management to mitigate the risks posed by severe weather disturbances. "The decision to release water from dams before the onset of heavy rainfall is an anticipatory technical procedure aimed at managing reservoir levels to prevent overflow during heavy rainfall events," Loyzaga said. "Disaster prevention not safeguards lives, livelihoods and properties. It also helps maintain the integrity of our ecosystems for services we critically need," she added.

Loyzaga affirmed that the DENR is aligned with the President's proactive approach, describing the planned dam releases as a vital technical measure. (With a report from Marita Moaje PNA)

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partisipasyon sa iba't ibang larangan, tunay kayong inspirasyon sa ating bayan. Sa pagmamahal ni Senador Bong Revilla sa mga senior citizens, siya ang nanguna sa pagpasa ng Expanded Centenarian Act of 2016, na naglalaan ng dagdag na PHP 10,000 na benepisyo para sa mga senior citizens na edad 80, 85, at 90. Ganap na itong batas sa pagpirma ni Pangulong Bongbong Marcos noong Pebrero 26,

Dito sa ating lungsod, mayroon din tayong mga ordinansang naglalayong palawakin ang inyong mga oportunidad at benepisyo, tulad ng Senior Citizens and PWD Employment Incentive Ordinance of Bacoor, na naghihikayat sa mga negosyo na tumanggap ng mga seniors at PWD bilang empleyado. Nariyan din ang City Ordinance 319-2023, na nagbalik ng libreng sine para sa inyo, at iba pang programa tulad ng Kalinga sa Matatanda, senior discounts, at mga serbisyo sa medical assistance at social services.

Kami po sa pamunuan ng Bacoor ay patuloy na maghahatid ng serbisyo at pagmamahal para sa inyo. Maging masaya at mabunga nawa ang inyong pagdiriwang!

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up against << P1 Teen Arca goes

Misamis Occidental Sports and Cultural Center.

"I hope to do well in the Oaminal Open," the Grade 10 student of Panabo City National High School said.

He is coached by Arena Grandmaster Ramil Langamon.

joining are International Masters Michael Concio Jr., Rolando Nolte, Ronald Bancod, Joel

Pimentel, Rico Mascarinas, Kim Steven Yap and Eric Labog Jr.; FIDE Masters David Elorta, Roel Abelgas, Austin Jacob Literatus, Victor Lluch, Anthony Makinano, Alekhine Nouri, Sherwin Tiu and Jason Bandal; and National Master Almario Marlon Bernardino Jr.

Arca was the Juniors and Girls Chess

Championships in Cavite in October, placing eighth overall. Two weeks ago, he swept

the seven-round standard event in the Under-17 boys' division of the National Youth and Schools Championship in Alicia, Isabela.

The 3rd Gov. Henry Oaminal Open Chess Filipino finisher at the Asian Festival offers P428,000 in cash prizes, with the Open

champion earning P50,000. The top 20 finishers, the winners in the U13, U17 and blitz categories, and the top Misamis Occidental player will also get cash prizes.

Hall of Famer and Asia's first GM Eugene Torre will do the ceremonial moves, along with Oaminal, Antonio, Laylo, Quizon and Arca. (PNA)

Pope approves coronation << P1

known as "Imang" to her devotees, is enshrined in the Diocesan Shrine and Parish of Our Lady of Fatima in Binakayan, a barangay in Kawit, Cavite.

"I hope that the devotion to the beloved Virgin of Fatima continues to spread. May we attract more people to this devotion and bring them closer to God in a life of holiness," Evangelista said during Mass at the shrine.

This will be the third Marian image in the diocese to receive canonical coronation. The other two are Our Lady of the Pillar, the patroness of the diocese, and Nuestra Señora de la Soledad de Porta Vaga, which is enshrined at her diocesan shrine in Cavite City.

According to the parish, the image originated in Portugal and was gifted to the late Cardinal Rufino Santos of Manila in 1966 by an American couple, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Coneley.

cardinal then The presented the image to the late Bishop Artemio Casas, the bishop of Imus at that time, coinciding with the establishment of the parish in Binakayan.

Imang has since become a cherished icon of hope, inspiring faith through numerous reported miracles, according to the parish.

In 2009, the image received a crown from the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal, which was used for its episcopal coronation, officiated by then-bishop of Imus, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle.

Fr. Julius De Sagun, the shrine rector and parish priest, said that preparations are underway for the pontifical coronation, tentatively set for mid-2025.

This highly anticipated event is expected to be a landmark celebration for Catholics in Cavite and throughout the country, reflecting the region's rich tradition of Marian devotion.

Pope recognition is also seen as a tribute to the deep-rooted faith of the Filipinos and their enduring reverence for the Virgin Mary.

"This papal approval not only honors the role

of Our Lady of Fatima as a powerful intercessor but also amplifies her message of repentance and conversion to Christ, a message that has resonated globally since her apparitions," Fr. De Sagun

"The coronation will stand as a spiritual milestone for the faithful and a source of enduring inspiration for future generations," he said.

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ACT-CIS donates drugs vs. leptospirosis to ex-VP Leni's foundation

By Zaldy De Layola

House of Representatives Deputy Majority Leader Erwin Tulfo and ACT-CIS party-list on Wednesday donated 50 boxes, or 5,000 capsules, of Doxycycline that treats leptospirosis, to the Angat Buhay Foundation of former vice president Leni Robredo.

The medicines are intended for distribution to victims of Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name Trami) in the Bicol

In a statement, Tulfo said most of the calls they received in their office were problems regarding leptospirosis because of the residents' prolonged exposure to flood waters in many parts of the region.

He said many parts of Camarines Sur are submerged in flood waters, particularly Naga City, and the medicine is to protect the affected residents against the

Earlier, the ACT-CIS and the Erwin Tulfo Action Center donated 2,000 sacks of rice and PHP1 million from their personal fund to Kristine-hit families.

About 500 sacks of rice were also delivered to the Angat Buhay Foundation, apart from another 500 sacks of rice sent to Iriga and other towns in Bicol.

Tulfo also PHP50,000 cash for the typhoon victims in San Guillermo Parish in Talisay, Batangas.

Meanwhile, he said they are focused on areas that

dangerous bacterial infec- could possibly be affected by Super Typhoon Leon (international name Kong-Rey) along its predicted route.

Tulfo's Action Center and ACT-CIS Party-list Reps Edvic Yap and Jocelyn Tulfo committed that they would continue to help so long as there are people in need of assistance.

"Kaya tuloy lang ang monitoring natin para agad tayong makapagpadala ng mga ayuda sa mga nangangailangan nating mga kababayan (That's why we are continuously monitoring the situation to immediately send assistance to our countrymen)," he said. (PNA)



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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as APG-IBIG FUND), Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

PABLITO HOLGADO JR., MARRIED TO **TEODORA HOLGADO,**

Respondent/Mortgagor.

File No. FC-DC-1505-24 **EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE** OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE **UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118**

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against respondents/mortgagors, PABLITO HOLGADO JR., MARRIED TO TEODORA HOLGADO with postal address at (1) 262 Matimtiman St., Tondo, Manila; and 2) Lot 4 Blk. 9, San Marino North, Phase 1, BO. Salawag, Dasmarinas, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged det which as of SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 amounts to TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PESOS AND 29/100 (Php200,250.29), exclusive if all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on DECEMBER 17, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmarinas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Burol II, Dasmarinas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

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Buntis Congress 2024 Celebrates Expectant Mothers in Bacoor



Bacoor City, October 29, 2024 - The City Government of Bacoor, led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, held a special "Buntis Congress" yesterday at the Strike Gymnasium, celebrating and supporting the city's expectant mothers.

The event, organized by the Office of the City Health Services (OCHS), led by Dra. Ivy Marie Yrastorza, and the City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD), brought together over 300 pregnant women, beneficiaries of the F1k program in Bacoor City.

The event was graced by Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, Coun. Reynaldo Palabrica, Coun. Simplicio Dominguez, and members of Team Revilla, including Kuya Noly Galvez, Pastor Mike Bautista, and former Kapitan Udoy Brillantes.

The Buntis Congress aimed to provide joy and recognition to expectant mothers. The event featured gift-giving and free medical services from the OCHS.

The event showcased the City Government's commitment to providing comprehensive support and care to pregnant women in Bacoor, ensuring their well-being and the health of their future chil-

Cash Aid for Oil Spill-Affected Fisherfolk and Families in **Bacoor City**



On the last series of PAFF distribution, the Provincial Government of Cavite drove to the City of Bacoor to extend the aide for the affected fisherfolk and families on October 23, 2024.

Cavite Board Members Abeng Remulla and Ram Revilla were present, assuring the Bacooreños of the constant support from PGC. More so, BM Remulla gave an update on the on-going and future initiatives of the provincial government to elevate the welfare of the people.

The act of solidarity and coordination in Cavite amplified as the program concluded succesfully.--- OPIO

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Athena D. Tolentino. During safety and security of the the event, Lucas presented Ricardo with an award recognizing his contributions to the province's peace and order initiatives.

Ricardo thanked the Cavite police for their support, dedication, and diligence in carrying out their mandate.

meanwhile, Alegre, pledged his commitment to continue upholding the to you)," Alegre said.

"Makaakaasa po kayo na ang PNP Cavite sa ilalim ng aking pamumuno ay mananatiling nakahandang maghatid ng maayos at epektibong serbisyo sa inyo (You can count on the Philippine National Police Cavite under my leadership to remain ready to deliver efficient and effective service

STORM WE MUST PREPARE BEFORE IT **COMES**

THE typhoon that has hit the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) in recent months has hit us one after the other and we have been greatly affected by the typhoon because many areas have been devastated.

Some of the typhoons and tropical cyclones that ravaged the country previously are the following



Aghon, Carina, Julian, Kristine and others. In this incident events caused by the typhoons and raging floods in the country disturbs all of us. With that, many people who were affected by the typhoon, a little rain suddenly plunged floodwaters in any low-lying area.

Those in high places are lucky because the households that are not affected by the flooding are spared from the intensity of the flood water's whip that is impartial when it flows in every corner that has a leak.

Following this, the practical thorough observation is done by the authorities in the government to look at the situation and what is the possible reason why it flooded.

Another angle that should be carefully focused and analyzed by those in charge of the project that the government has entrusted to the politicians in their area is to focus on the flooding that would have prevented the damage caused to the people of the town whose livelihoods have been greatly affected.

Let political leaders prioritize the service in their respective areas to give due time and attention to whether the projects that are being carried out are "good or bad" because the people's money from the tax was used to fund the project that flood water can be solved.

So the blocked drainage canals must be maintained to clean off it and fixed so that the flood water can flow directly without overflowing the canals and roads without disturbing the residents.

May the government officials take action on the pending projects in case something is stopped and see the work against the dangerous flood that should be pro-

Like flood control, it is a big help in preventing floods in low-lying areas so that people's lives are not flooded and disturbed when there is flood control in their area.

We are doubly careful when a disaster comes to the country such as a typhoon, tornado (ipo-ipo/buhawi), and other challenges of nature while we live on the surface of the earth.

It is difficult to be unprepared during the deluge that will happen because people who are not prepared for the tragic storm will suffer great damage and will only lose all the hard work that has anything in life.

Therefore, the typhoon must be prepared immediately before it arrives and ravages the country, so make it a habit in your heart and mind to be prepared at any time so that we are all safe and the tools that keep the investment alive are blood, fatigue, and sweat.



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SM City Bacoor Lights Centerpiece, **Kicking Off Holiday Season**

Bacoor City, October 30, 2024 - SM City Bacoor officially kicked off the Christmas season yesterday with a dazzling Christmas Centerpiece Lighting Ceremony. The event, organized by SM, brought together community leaders, mall officials, and special guests for a festive

Cong. Lani Mercado Revilla, Coun. Adriel Gawaran, Coun. Levy Tela, Mr. Ritzgerald T. Gonzalez (SM South Luzon Senior Assistant Vice President for Marketing), Mr. Lorenzo A. Calingasan IV (SM South Luzon 1 Asst. Vice President for Operation), and Mr. Mark Anthony I. Caballero (SM City Bacoor Asst. Mall Manager) were among the VIPs present to witness the lighting of the magnificent centerpiece.

The event also featured performances by SM Little Stars and the SPED Class of Gov. P.F. Espiritu Elementary School, adding a touch of joy and festivity to the occasion.

The lighting of the Christmas centerpiece marks the start of a season filled with exciting events and promotions at SM City Bacoor. The mall is set to host a variety of activities, including holiday sales, special events, and festive decorations, to spread Christmas cheer throughout the community.

Medical and Dental Mission Benefits 466 in Poblacion I, Ternate



The Provincial Government of Cavite under the leadership of Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino successfully conducted a medical and dental mission in Barangay Poblacion I, Ternate on October 29, 2024, serving a total of 466 beneficiaries. This initiative, part of the province's ongoing commitment to enhance community health services, offered a range of medical and dental services at no cost to

residents. Residents received essential medical check-ups, dental consultations, and procedures, including tooth Additionally, extractions. free prescribed medicines were distributed to address common ailments, making immediate relief accessible to those in need. The mission brought together healthcare professionals from the Provincial Health Office and local volunteers who worked collaboratively to ensure

each patient received quality

Community members expressed their gratitude for the services provided, emphasizing the positive impact of these missions on families who may otherwise face barriers to healthcare access. Local officials thanked the medical mission team for their dedication and the resources provided to improve the health and well-being of the locals of Ternate.--- OPIO

UNDAS HISTORY: A CATHOLIC BELIEF AND PRACTICES

FILIPINOS celebrate every year, the two-day tradition that commemorates the lives of the saints and the souls of the departed are said to be two Christian festivals in the months of November 1 and then November 2.

It is known in the superstition of Catholic belief/faith and practices that there is often what is called "pangangaluluwa", which means Halloween, on the last day of the month of October before UNDAS.

The special holiday "UNDAS", is derived from the Spanish word "honras" which means "honors". UNDAS is the Filipino term used for the religious celebration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day that originated in Spain.

UNDAS can also be an acronym for the Spanish UNos Dias de las Almas y de los Santos, translated into Tagalog as "Days of Souls and Saints".

So to quickly pronounce the Filipino people's call for the country's annual tradition is called UNDAS.

According to tradition, Filipinos visit the graves of their deceased loved ones every UNDAS to clean and repair the pantion or tomb they were buried around.

Others offer flowers, candles, food, incense and pray for the departed souls through mass and benediction.

Those who visit the cemetery may spend the whole day with some families at the gravesite when there is a small feast for food and fun while spending the day with loved ones who have passed away.

Meanwhile, the practiced belief of devout Catholics for UNDAS is a combination of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. (Joseph Elias Bontogon)



TUPAD program for Cavite City residents a success

On October 30, 2024, the Department of Labor and Employment, in coordination with Palawan Express and the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), under the supervision of Ms. Rizalie Pinpin Enero, spearheaded the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantage/Displaced Workers program payout for residents of Barangay 5 and Barangay 7 in Cavite City, benefiting 841 individuals. The event received support from Board Member Abeng Remulla, BM Ram Revilla, BM Romel Enriquez, and Kawit Councilor Jygs Gandia, as well as Cong. Brian Revilla, who provided unwavering assistance to his constituents in the district. Also in attendance were City Mayor Denver Chua, Vice Mayor Raleigh Grepo Rusit, and Team Unlad of Cavite City. Governor Athena Tolentino's support was also instrumental in making the TUPAD payout successful.

DOLE's TUPAD program is an essential step in helping displaced or disadvantaged workers in the community, providing them with opportunities for better livelihoods and improving their quality of life.--- OPIO

OPA Organic Farming Demo in Trece Martires City



On October 22, 2024, the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) conducted a site visit to the innovative Technology Demonstration Project for Vegetables and High-Value Crops located at the OPA Extension Office in Barangay Osorio, Trece Martires City. Spearheaded by Mr. Mario Rotairo, Agriculturist II, the project stands as a model for sustainable and productive agriculture on sloping terrain through the use of Sloping Agricultural Land Technology (SALT).

The project features a

diverse range of vegetables and high-value crops cultivated organically, including cucumber, eggplant, okra, papaya and ginger, demonstrating that sustainable farming can thrive even on challenging landscapes. Vermicast is used as the primary fertilizer, while wood vinegar and Effective Microorganisms (EM) serve as the supplementary treatments to promote plant health and act as natural insect repellents. This organic approach not only enhances soil fertility but also reduces the depen-

dency on chemical inputs, fostering a more environmentally-friendly approach to farming.

Through Mr. Rotairo's efforts and the OPA's commitment to sustainable practices, the demonstration site has become a valuable resource for local farmers. It showcases practical, eco-friendly methods that can increase productivity and support food security across Cavite, inspiring more communities to adopt resilient agricultural practices.---