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BFAR conducts sensory testing in Cavite coastal areas

Regular Seaborne Monitoring Patrol, isinagawa sa Bacoor

Nagsagawa ng Regular Seaborne Monitoring Patrol ang mga kasapi ng Bacoor City- Office of the Agricultural Services, City Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council, City Environment Services Department at Philippine Coast Guard. Agosto 6, 2024, sa ating pagmo-monitor WALANG SIGHTINGS ng LANGIS na nakita sa Territorial Waters ng Bacoor Bay. At inikot ng grupo ang mga lugar na nilagyan ng mga Improvised Oil Spill Booms(IOSBs)

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By: Patricia Bermudez, Ruel Francisco

KAWIT, CAVITE (PIA) – The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) is conducting sensory testing in municipalities of Cavite with coastal areas of Cavite City, Noveleta, Rosario, Tanza, and Naic.

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The testing was conducted after the degree of petrochemicals was reported in random fishes caught in the area.

"Blindness: Education and Awareness" Program Highlights White Cane Safety Day in General Trias

On August 2, 2024, the Pavilion Hall at the Senior Citizen Office in the City of General Trias, buzzed with activity as it played host to a significant event titled "Blindness: Education and Awareness." Organized by the Office of the Provincial Governor - Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer (OPG-OPPDO) in collaboration with the City Government of General Trias, the program was held in celebration of White Cane Safety Day. White Cane Safety Day is an important event

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Public hearing on Calabarzon minimum wage adjustment set Aug. 8

By Ferdinand Patinio



The Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board (RTWPB) - Calabarzon held a public consultation on a possible minimum wage adjustment in the region last week. In an advisory, the wage board said the public consultation was held on Aug. 8 at 10 a.m. at the 2nd

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DOH warns of health risks from MT Terra Nova oil spill

By Anna Mole

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – The Department of Health - Center for Health Development (DOH-CHD) Calabarzon advised residents of coastal towns in Cavite to take necessary precautions to avoid possible health risks associated with the reported oil spill near Manila Bay.

In an advisory released on Wednesday, DOH Assistant Secretary and concurrent Calabarzon Regional Director Ariel Valencia discouraged

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Okada Foundation joins groundbreaking of new PH Red Cross Cavite Chapter HQ

OKADA Foundation Inc.'s (OFI) President James Lorenzana was among the dignitaries at the recent groundbreaking ceremony of the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) Cavite Chapter's soon to rise headquarters in Imus City, Cavite.

OFI donated P60 million to the PRC for the construction of the building in June. "The foundation

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Philippine Red Cross (PRC) officials and dignitaries attend the groundbreaking ceremony of the PRC Cavite Chapter's new headquarters at the Vermosa Complex in Imus City, Cavite. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

DTI, Smart to empower 1M sari-sari stores with digital solutions

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has partnered with Smart Communications, Inc. to equip 1 million sari-sari (general merchandise) store owners across the country with knowledge on digital solutions.

On Tuesday, Smart said it has forged a memorandum of understanding with DTI to support the latter's Tindahan Mo, e-Level Up Mo Program that will support the growth of sari-sari store owners by providing them knowledge on new digital solutions and products, financial and marketing tips, and sustainable practices for store operations via free webinars through the DTI's official Facebook and YouTube accounts. "The Sari-Sari Store Advancement

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382 Residents of Tanza Receive Essential Healthcare Services



On August 2, 2024, the provincial government of Cavite organized a successful medical mission at the covered court of Brgy. Daang Amaya 2 in Tanza, Cavite. A total of 382 residents received essential healthcare services. The initiative was a collaborative effort between local officials of Tanza and a dedicated team of medical professionals from RHU Tanza and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, emphasizing the power of community partnerships in addressing public health needs. The medical mission ensured that residents, especially those with limited access to healthcare, received the necessary attention and treatment. Residents praised the initiative, emphasizing its importance in improving their overall well-being. The successful turnout and positive impact of the event have inspired plans for future medical missions in other barangays. --- OPIO

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mula sa Silangan paikot sa Kanluran hanggang looban at Mangrove Area ng Bacoor Bay.

Kumuha din ng mga Mussel at Oyster samples ang grupo upang buksan at tignan kung may makikitang

obvious "Physical Manifestation" ng Langis sa mga kalakal ngunit wala pa din silang nakita rito. Maging ang mga Oil Spill Booms natin na nakalatag sa karagatan ay walang senyales ng langis. Oil Free pa din

ang ating karagatan at ligtas pa rin sa mga Agrifisheries Prime Commodities

Patuloy pa din gagawa ang City Government of Bacoor ng mga IOSPBs na idadagdag sa strategic areas ng Bacoor Bay.

Maraming salamat sa mga nag DONATE ng mga used Plastic Bottles napakalaking tulong ang inyong mga naibigay.

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Floor Locator's Hall of the First Cavite Industrial Estate (FCIE) Administration Office in Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

Calabarzon is composed of the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and Quezon.

"The purpose of this consultation is to obtain comprehensive feedback from both management and labor representatives to ensure the formulation of fair and effective wage policies for Calabarzon," the wage board said.

The RTWPB-Calabarzon called on all stakeholders including labor

groups, employers to join the public consultations.

The last wage adjustment in Calabarzon took effect on Sept. 24, 2023.

Wage Order No. IVA-20 provided a wage increase ranging from PHP35 to PHP50 for private sector workers.

The increase brought the new minimum wage rates in the region to PHP385-PHP520 in the non-agriculture sector; PHPP385-PHP479 in the agriculture sector; and PHPP385 for retail and service establishments employing not more than 10 workers. (PNA)

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residents from eating any fish, shellfish, and other marine food items from their areas as these may have been contaminated by the oil spill.

"We are reminding the people of Cavite to be careful. As much as possible, don't eat any sea food for now. The fish may have been affected by the oil spill, which may cause food poisoning," Valencia said.

He also advised the public to avoid areas affected by the oil spill as exposure to contaminated water and air may lead to a variety of health issues including skin irritation, blisters, burns, peeling skin and dermatitis.

The oil spill caused by MT Terra Nova, which sank on July 25, continues

to spread to the sea coast of Cavite, affecting the municipalities of Kawit, Noveleta, Rosario, Tanza, Naic, Maragondon, and Ternate, as well as the cities of Bacoor and Cavite.

Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla has declared a state of calamity in the affected areas. Additionally, a No-Catch Zone for all shellfish directive has been implemented to avoid any potential health risks to the public.

"The province is declaring a State of Calamity in these areas. The province is also declaring a No-Catch Zone for all shellfish (mussels, crabs, crabs, halaan) in our vicinity. The Cavite government is

currently meeting for the immediate distribution of relief goods for the 25,000 affected fishermen," Remulla announced in a social media post.

Meanwhile, the Cavite Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (PDRRMC) convened together with officials of the nine affected coastal local government units and laid down measures to address the ongoing oil spill crisis. These measures

are aimed at mitigating the impact of the spill, protecting public health, and ensuring effective response to the crisis.

Office of Civil Defense (OCD) CALABARZON Regional Director and RDRRMC Chairperson Carlos Eduardo E. Alvarez III assured the province of their full support and assistance to lessen the impact of the oil spill. (AM/PIA-4A; with reports from HEPU DOH CHD Calabarzon)

Blindness: Education and << P1

dedicated to recognizing the achievements and independence of people who are blind or visually impaired. It serves as a reminder of the significance of the white cane as a tool for mobility and independence, promoting the rights and capabilities of blind individuals.

The program commenced with a warm welcome from Ms. Rebecca Generoso, the City Social Welfare and Development Officer of General Trias City. She greeted the beneficiaries and guests with heartfelt words, expressing gratitude for their attendance and emphasizing the importance of unity and support in fostering an inclusive society.

Following the welcome remarks, Mr. Ariel Mugol,

Officer-In-Charge of the Persons with Disability Affairs Office (PDAO) of General Trias City, took the stage. Mr. Mugol delivered a stirring speech filled with inspiration and encouragement for the blind community. He underscored the power of resilience and the importance of providing equal opportunities for persons with disabilities to thrive. The program featured an enlightening session led by Ms. Carolina C. Sam, the Chief Operating Officer of ATRIEV IT Center, who is an inspiring figure within the blind community. Ms. Sam captivated the audience with her remarkable journey, sharing her personal experiences, hardships, and achievements despite

her blindness. Her story of perseverance and triumph over life's obstacles resonated deeply with everyone present, serving as a beacon of hope and motivation.

Ms. Sam also discussed the critical role of the white cane in the lives of blind individuals. She emphasized how the white cane not only serves as a mobility aid but also as a symbol of independence and empowerment, allowing blind individuals to navigate the world with confidence and dignity.

The program concluded on a high note with the distribution of white canes to 30 deserving beneficiaries from various cities and municipalities of Cavite. This gesture symbolized

the commitment of the organizers to support and uplift the blind community, providing them with essential tools to enhance their mobility and independence.

The "Blindness: Education and Awareness" event was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on all attendees. It underscored the importance of education, awareness, and community support in promoting the rights and well-being of blind individuals. Through inspiring talks, meaningful discussions, and the generous distribution of white canes, the event highlighted the collective effort needed to create a more inclusive and accessible society for all.---

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After the testing, fish samples from Noveleta and Rosario were proven tainted with petrochemicals. Meanwhile, samples gathered from Cavite City, Tanza, and Naic remain free from contamination.

"Nevertheless, the Bureau maintains that as a precautionary measure, fish harvested from areas where oil slicks are observed be deemed unsafe for human consumption," the BFAR announced in a bulletin. Days ago, Cavite Governor

Juanito Victor Remulla already signed Executive Order No. 38, series of 2024, where the provincial government declares Kawit, Noveleta, Rosario, Tanza, Naic, Maragondon, and Ternate, as well as the cities of Cavite and Bacoor as no-catch and no-sell zones for shellfish. "There is a need to declare a no-catch and no-sell zone in the coastal areas in the province to ensure the health and well-being of Caviteños and the consuming public [from the

effect of the oil spill]," the EO reads. Fisherfolk who were affected by the ban, on the other hand, were given

aid by the Cavite provincial government. (PIA-4A; with reports from Cavite PIO/BFAR)

Notice of Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate With Waiver of Rights, Donation and Absolute Sale

NOTICE is hereby given that the late Meliton Alcazar and Socorro Alcazar Generoso, who died intestate on April 12, 2000 and July 10, 1997, respectively, in Alfonso, Cavite, left a parcel of land situated in Barangay Lucsuhin, Alfonso, Cavite covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 076-2022008024, which had been the subject of an "Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate With Waiver of Rights, Donation and Absolute Sale" before Notary Public Atty. Jose H. Liwag Jr. as per Doc. No. 274; Page No. 55; Book No. 2; Series of 2024.

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2024 Cavite Nutrition Awarding Ceremony Highlights Commitment to Better Nutrition

The 2024 Cavite Nutrition Awarding Ceremony and Nutrition Month Culminating Activity was held on July 30, 2024, at the CCCPH Building in Trece Martires City. With the theme "PPANalo ang Lahat sa Nutrisyon!", the event celebrated the achievements in nutrition and the ongoing efforts to improve the health and well-being of Caviteños.

Dr. Nonie John L. Dalisay, Provincial Health Officer and Co-Chairperson of the Cavite Provincial Nutrition Committee, warmly welcomed and acknowledged the awardees and guests. His address set a positive tone for the day's activities, emphasizing the importance of collective efforts in achieving nutrition goals.

Mr. Louel Golfo, Local Legislative Officer, delivered an inspiring Nutrition Month message on behalf of Vice Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, highlighting the role of nutrition in overall health and community development. His speech was a reminder of the shared responsibility in promoting good nutrition practices.

An inspirational talk on nutrition was shared by Ms. Kelsey Mae Tardacilla, who underscored the personal and societal benefits of maintaining a nutritious diet. Her talk motivated attendees to con-



tinue their commitment to healthier lifestyles. Ms. Helen Angeles, Provincial Nutrition Action Officer, led the Pledge of Commitment for the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2023-2028 which reaffirmed the dedication of all stakeholders to work towards the goals set out in the PPAN, ensuring sustained efforts in improving nutrition across the province.

The highlight of the event was the awarding ceremony, where various municipalities and individuals were recognized for their outstanding contributions to nutrition programs:

- Provincial Outstanding Municipal Nutrition Committee (MNC) (3rd Year Green Banner Seal of Compliance): Municipality of Tanza
- Provincial Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Committee (BNC): Barangay San Agustin, Magallanes
- Provincial Outstanding District Nutrition Program Coordinator (DNPC): Ms. Liberty M. Guzman
- Provincial Outstanding Municipal Nutrition Action Officer (MNAO): Dr. Ma. Cecilia N. Sargento, Municipality of Alfonso
- Provincial Outstanding Municipal Nutrition Program Coordinator (MNPC): Ms. Teresita L. Bendo, Municipality of Alfonso
- Provincial Outstanding Municipal Nutrition Program Coordinator (BNS): Ms. Jonalyn E. Desingano, Barangay Kaytitinga III, Alfonso

These awards recognized the exemplary efforts and dedication of individuals and communities in promoting nutrition and health. Each awardee's contribution has significantly impacted their respective areas, setting a benchmark for others to follow.

Dr. Nelson Soriano, Provincial Health Officer, closed the program with a heartfelt message of gratitude and encouragement. He acknowledged the hard work of all participants and urged them to continue their efforts in making Cavite a model province for nutrition and health initiatives.

The 2024 Cavite Nutrition Awarding Ceremony was a testament to the province's unwavering commitment to improving nutrition and health for all its residents. With continued dedication and collaboration, the vision of a healthier, well-nourished Cavite is within reach.--- OPIO

DTI, Smart to empower << P1

Program, entitled Tindahan Mo, e-Level Up Mo, adopts a multifaceted approach to uplift our micro retailers, focusing on digital transformation, financial literacy, sustainable business practices, and consumer protection. Our goal is clear: to make our sari-sari stores more resilient, innovative, and competitive in the digital economy," DTI Undersecretary Jose Edgardo Sunico said.

According to Smart, together with Maya, it will take part in Module 3 of

the program, which will tackle ways to expand store owners' capital through digital products and services, particularly Smart e-load.

Prior to this engagement, Smart has been supporting the DTI's regional cascades in Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Pangasinan, La Union, Pampanga, Cavite, Albay, Negros Oriental, and Leyte.

"The sari-sari stores have been our key partner since day one, particularly in Smart electronic load distribution, and we are proud to support and launch initiatives that

can help grow and benefit this channel. Together with industry partners and the DTI, we share the mission of empowering our sari-sari store owners and customers by assisting them in their digital transformation journey," Smart vice president and head of channel management Jac Bocalan said. Smart e-load is one of the world's pioneering innovation in mobile communication, marking the birth of prepaid services.

Also, Smart e-load has been one of the fastest selling

products for sari-sari stores since it was introduced in 2003. "We are excited to share with our Ka-Partners how to level up their businesses and how digital devices like a smartphone can accelerate their income with boundless opportunities. We are also looking forward to working with the DTI and industry partners in pushing forward these progressive programs that uplift the lives of Filipinos," Bocalan added.

The DTI launched its sari-sari store advancement program last May. (PNA)

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was happy to know that our donation would be immediately realized," said Lorenzana. "We're hoping to see the building rise soon and begin serving our fellow Filipinos."

The three story headquarters will house the PRC's state-of-the-art Blood Center, which would host large blood drives and serve as the facility for blood processing, testing and collection along with round-the-clock emergency response services and many other functions.

Once complete, the facility would also be a

training center for medical professionals in transfusion medicine. "One of our foundation's main goals is to execute or contribute to projects for health and education and we consider the [PRC] as one of our primary partners in this objective," Lorenzana remarked.

Leading the ceremony were PRC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Richard Gordon, Secretary General Gwen Pang and Cavite Chapter Chairman Gilbert Remulla — alongside other dignitaries, including the mayors and

representatives of Cavite's municipalities and cities.

According to Gordon, the new building will be "another step forward for the Red Cross as [it extends its] blood, health and welfare services to more people in Cavite, and build a stronger Red Cross network in the country." "Providing greater access to blood for Filipinos from all walks of life is one of our lifelong missions, and we will make sure that no request for blood is turned away and all blood needs are met," he added.

"This will also improve the Red Cross' capacity to

deliver services to the people of Cavite and other nearby regions. Together, we are building a future where support and aid are readily available to people," said Pang.

"On behalf of the Okada Foundation, I congratulate the [PRC] for this milestone," said Lorenzana.

"We hope that with the construction of this facility, it makes your mission more manageable and effective. We look forward to strengthening our partnership with you and collaborating on more projects in the future," he concluded.

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File No. FC-DC-1407-24
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
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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, IMELDA MONGADO MARRIED TO JOHNNY MONGADO both are represented by Attorney-In-Fact, VERONICA TAN with postal address at (1) 172B 4th St., Cor. Road 3, Pildera II, NAIA, Pasay City; and 2) Lot 79 Block 1, San Marino South 1, BO. Salawag, Dasmariñas, Cavite 4114 and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of May 07, 2024 amounts to THREE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE PESOS AND 58/100 (Php335,375.58), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **SEPTEMBER 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, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

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STT Cavite 1 data center gets design certification

By Manila Standard Business

ST Telemedia Global Data Centres Philippines (STT GDC) announced Monday that the STT Cavite 1 data center was awarded the Uptime Institute Tier III Certification of Design Documents (TCDD).

The company said this marks a significant milestone in the Philippines' technology and capability within the global digital infrastructure landscape. It also underscores the company's commitment to delivering world-class data center infrastructure and solidifies its trajectory towards becoming an industry leader.

The TIER III certification involves rigorous assessments of a data center's design and construction. Unlike TIER I and TIER II, a data center certified with Uptime TIER III Constructed Facility Certification does not permit shutdowns during maintenance or replacement.

The certification provides reassurance that the stated level of resilience of the critical infrastructure has been validated on site to meet the stringent requirements of the Uptime Institute, making it an ideal choice for organizations with mission-critical applications and demanding uptime requirements.

"The Uptime Institute's TCCF certification for STT Cavite 1 marks an achievement for us in the Philippines, showcasing our nation's growing expertise in the data center industry," said STT GDC Philippines president and chief executive Carlo Malana.

Pierre Albert San Diego, head of construction and design at STT GDC Philippines, spearheaded the design of STT Cavite 1. He is the country's first Accredited Tier Designer of Uptime Institute in 2015. "This achievement demonstrates

the team's ability to deliver to world-class standards. I am proud to have played a part alongside our exceptional team. STT Cavite 1 is committed to ongoing innovation, and we look forward to pushing boundaries in future projects," said San Diego. The certification was recently awarded to STT GDC Philippines at its main office in Makati City, with Malana, San Diego and Patrick Chan, vice president, Asia of Uptime Institute, present.

"We are pleased to award STT Cavite 1 with the Tier III Certification of Design Documents, the first step toward the important Tier Certification of Constructed Facility award. This Certification reflects STT GDC's dedication to global standards, beginning with the first set of design documents criteria set forth by Uptime Institute," Chan said.

STT GDC Philippines,



ST Telemedia Global Data Centres Philippines' STT Cavite 1 data center is awarded the Uptime Institute tier III certification of design documents (TCDD). This provides reassurance that level of resilience of the critical infrastructure meets the stringent requirements of the Uptime Institute, making it an ideal choice for organizations with mission-critical applications and demanding uptime requirements. Attending the awarding ceremony at STT GDC main office in Makati City are (from left) STT GDC president and CEO Carlo Malana; STT GDP Philippines head of design and construction Pierre Albert San Diego and Uptime Institute vice president for Asia Patrick Chan.

a fast-growing provider of carrier-neutral data center solutions in the country, continues to expand its data center footprint, underscoring its commitment to enhancing the digital infrastructure in the region through state-of-the-art, hyperscale ready

facilities. STT Cavite 2, a two-story building spanning over 4,500 square meters, engineered to deliver up to 6 megawatts of total IT capacity is under construction. Also under construction is the STT Fairview data center campus, designed to become

the largest, most-interconnected, carrier-neutral, and sustainable data center in the Philippines. The facility covers over 83,000 square meters across four buildings, with the potential to offer 124 megawatts of IT load capacity once fully built out.

PNP's community immersion yields more surrenderees

By: Patricia Bermudez



Citing the law that created the Philippine National Police (PNP) as a civilian agency, cops in the Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon) region have found a better way to address local insurgency—going deep into communities and offering government programs for rebel returnees.

During the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas, Calabarzon PNP regional chief Brig. Gen. Kenneth Lucas cited the need for fellow cops to revisit the PNP mandate, embarking on its nature as a civilian agency.

As such, Lucas said that the PNP's role should be primarily focused on establishing rapport with the communities alongside the Calabarzon Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) to maintain the region's peace and order.

"With all the interventions undertaken by the Philippine National Police, in coordination with our counterparts like the Armed Forces of the Philippines, many have already surrendered through government programs like ELCAC," Lucas said.

Regional Mobile Force Battalion acting chief Lt. Col. Norman Rañon highlighted the surrender of more than 60 members of rebel groups.

"Here in Calabarzon, we have cleared [areas] through the hard work of the AFP and the PNP," Rañon was quoted as saying during the forum.

"Through our Regional Director [Lucas]'s leadership, we were able to convince families of people who went underground. We have programs supporting them [former rebels] like the Alternative Learning System by sending them to college with the support of other stakeholders."

RTF ELCAC has been working with various stakeholders to relay government programs to rebel groups and sympathizers. (PB/PIA-4A)

Career Caravan in Kawit

On August 5, 2024, the Cavite Career Caravan took place at Mana Town Center in Kawit, Cavite. The event was a joint effort led by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), under the leadership of Ms. Rizalie P. Enero, and Cavite SK Federation President Chelsea Jillian G. Sarno. The event was conducted in collaboration with Mana Town Center management and was supported by the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of Kawit.

The Cavite Career Caravan attracted 187 job seekers and 27 companies, offering numerous employment opportunities to attendees. By the end of the day, 35 individuals secured employment on the spot, showcasing the event's effectiveness in connecting job seekers with potential employers. Notably, one of the on-the-spot hires was a participant from the Government Internship Program (GIP) under the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM).

The event was further enriched by the presence of



representatives from several national government agencies. These agencies included the Social Security System (SSS), PhilHealth, Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Pag-IBIG Fund, and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA). Their participation provided valuable information and assistance to job seekers regarding employment and social welfare programs.

The Cavite Career Caravan served as an excellent platform for job seekers to explore various employment opportunities and gain insights into different career

paths. It also highlighted the commitment of the local government and partnering organizations to address unemployment and support community members in securing gainful employment.

Overall, the event was a testament to the power of collaboration between government agencies, local organizations, and the private sector in creating positive change and empowering individuals through meaningful employment opportunities.

The success of the Cavite Career Caravan in Kawit underscores the importance of such initiatives in fostering economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents in Cavite.--- OPIO