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#### 2019 ORAL HEALTH MONTH CELEBRATION CONTINUES IN ROSARIO

With this year's National Oral Health Month theme, "Ngiping Malusog at ProtektaDOH, Masaya at Maningning na Ngiti ang Hatid sa Mundo," 1,300 more pupils from 22 daycare centers in Rosario benefited from the free fluoride application on February 20, 2019 during another leg of dental caravan. The program to promote zero cavity in the province was led by the Provincial Health Office-Dental Department headed by Dr. Mary Ann Montenegro in collaboration with Colgate-Philippines and MHO-Rosario. The children along with their parents were also provided lecture on proper oral healthcare and sets of toothbrush and toothpaste as freebies.SOURCEPROVINCIAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



# **Cavite declares state of calamity** due to measles outbreak

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite -- The Cavite provincial government has declared a state of calamity due to the increasing number of measles cases in the prov-

In an advisory from Provincial Information and Community Affairs Division (PICAD) on Friday, the declaration is by virtue of Sangguniang Panlalawigan (Provin-



Cavite Gov. Crispin Remulla

The proponents of

the Best 6 Projects are set to

the recipients of the Gokongwei

Brothers Young Scientist

use that as a stumbling block to

### 2019 Nat'l Science and Technology Fair recognizes young innovators' top sustainable solutions to community challenges Thetreatment Of Phosphate

#### TAGAYTAY CITY-

-Six innovations that explore the sustainable development and preservation of the country's natural resources topped the 66 research projects by 126 student-researchers in the 2019 National Science and Technology Fair (NSTF) held from February 18 to 22 at the Tagaytay International Conver tion Center in Tagaytay City.

"This is an auspicious day for all the delegates as this ceremony marks the culmination of, not just a showcase of sheer talent but also hard work that you have put in pursuit of groundbreaking innovative research. . . I have often said that if the K to 12 advocates were to look for products of the K to 12 Program, the delegates of this contest are living

proof what the K to 12 Program has promised," Department of Education's (DepEd) Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD) Director and Fair Director Jocelyn DR Andaya remarked in her message to the

(team and individual), in no E'van Relle M. Tongol (Angeparticular order, are:

#### • Life Science:

- John Eric P. Aggarao, Kathleen Chloie C. Antonio, and Anna Beatriz A. Suavengco (Taguig Science High School, National Capital Region) for "Isolation, Characterization, And Screening Of Endophytic Bacteria For Biocontrol Potential Against Brown Eye Spot In Coffee"

- Maria Isabel L. Layson (Iloilo National High

School, Region VI) for "Bioactive Component, Antioxidant Activity, and Antidiabetic Properties of Muntingia calabura Linn. An In Vitro

#### • Physical Science:

- Neil David C. The Best 6 Projects Cayanan, Shaira C. Gozun, and School, Region III) for "Hibla: An Alternative Sound Absorption Material"

- Nathaniel N. Reyes (Quezon National Science High School, CALABARZON) for "Ex-Situ Evaluation Of Magnetic And Non-Magnetic Zea Mays L. Stalk Biochar Composites:

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Leonille A. Acain, Lester John T. Sabadao, and Lia Denise T. Tan (Cagayan National High School, Region II) for "Automated Temperature and Humidity Monitoring System for Quality Content, Drying, and

Contaminated Aquaculture

Rice Varieties" - Maryjoise Karla A. Buan (Pangasinan National High School, Region I) for "Arduino-based Solar Powered Anti-illegal Logging and Anti-Kaingin Alerting Device Through Global System for

Mobile Communications"

NSIC RC132H, and Hydra

undergo a rigorous review and Ponds' • Robotics and Intelligent a boot camp to ensure alignment with international stan-**Machines:**  Alpha Kassandra dards. After which, the final delegates of the Philippines to the 2019 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) will be selected who, henceforth, will be known

Storing of PSB RC82, RC152, Award. "The goal of the Gokongwei Brothers Young Scientist Award is to respond to your call for opportunities and to recognize our globally competitive young scientists who, amid adversity and the challenges in our country, did not

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'PAHIMIS' FESTIVAL 2019 OPENING - The anticipated annual 'Pahimis' Festival of this 'Coffee Capital of the Philippines' town in Cavite rolls out its three-day festivities as regional, provincial and local officials, together with Amadeo's outstanding farmers gesture the traditional ceremonial toast during the opening rites at the Amadeo Municipal Covered Court on Friday (Feb. 22, 2019). (Photo by Gladys S. Pino)

AMADEO, Cavite -- The Department of Tourism (DOT) 4-A (Calabarzon) on Friday urged the local government of Amadeo to declare a "fixed" date to celebrate its "Pahimis" coffee festival so the department could fully promote the

"For DOT to fully promote and include the celebration in our calendar of activities, we need a fixed date -- is it February or March?" Marites T. Castro, DOT 4-A director officer-in-charge, asked in her speech opening the three-day festival at the Amadeo municipal covered court.

Castro was referring to the varied dates of celebrating the festival in the past, which were based on the incumbent local officials' prerogative.

She said a fixed date would also avoid confusion among the traveling and coffee-loving public.

Local tourism officer Jam Medina Tibavan said the celebration of the festival has been moved back to February in time for the harvest season of coffee beans.

The festival aims to promote Cavite coffee for domestic and worldwide consumption, revive the farm-

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# Have a fixed date for 'Pahimis' fest: DOT to LGU

ers' interest in coffee farming, enhance coffee yields, and attain a competitive coffee price in the market, she added.

Castro commended the "Coffee Capital of the Philippines" for its local produce.

She also committed DOT's support for the

MANILA

Health Secretary Francisco

Duque III on Thursday

urged mothers to use their

expanded maternity leave

in having their newborns

hindi magpabakuna ng

kanilang mga anak dahil

mayroon na silang mas

mahabang maternity leave

na (There's no more reason

for mothers not to vacci-

nate their children as they

now have longer maternity

leave of) 105 days," he said

On Wednesday,

in a press briefing.

"So, wala nang

on ang mga nanay na

immunized.

promotion, training, and marketing needs to further boost the town's coffee yields and the farmers' welfare.

"The DOT, with the Department of Agriculture, can do a lot of support under the Farm Tourism Development Law (Republic Act No. 10816) that promotes the development of farm tourism as a profitable business proposition to farmers and farm owners by converting their farms into a tourist farm destination," she said.

Castro said the departments of science and technology and trade are also collaborating with the DOT to help market and identify the packaging needs of the coffee indus-

"Pahimis" Amadeo's word for "pasasalamat" (thanksgiving) traces its origin when coffee farmers gave

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### Use longer maternity leave to vaccinate babies: Duque

the law was signed by the President Rodrigo Duterte. It seeks to grant a 105-day paid maternity leave for expectant working mothers in both public and private sectors, with an option to extend an additional 30 days without pay.

The law also applies to all instances of pregnancies, removing the four-pregnancy cap under the present law.

In an earlier interview, Duque said babies



can already receive the first doses of important vaccines from their birth up to two months.

"Nanawagan ako sa mga nanay dahil napalawig ang inyong maternity leave pwedengpwede na ninyong dalhin ang mga anak ninyo sa (I'm calling on all moms because your maternity leave has been expanded you can now bring your children to the) health centers," he said.

## DOST ROADSHOW 2019 SHOWCASES INVENTREPINOYS

MANILA – Marking the milestone of effectively delivering 'Science for the People' to communities, the Department of Science and Technology, the DOST – National Capital Region (DOST-NCR), in partnership with the Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc. (PAPI) conducted its 2-day DOST-NCR RoadShow 2019 at the PAMAMARISAN and CAMANAVA areas on February 19 and 21.

As part of the Roadshow opening activities, DOST officials, together with their media partners first visited the Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP) to appreciate the institution's innovative inventions and showcase their own.

The TIP faculty and students presented their new technology in artificial intelligence applications on medicinal drug discovery to DOST Secretary Fortunato de la Pena who lauded Dr. Drandreb Earl O. Juanico, the project leader, and his collaborative partners Engr. Paul Paul Vincent Nonat, TIP students Jericho Rull, Desiree Laurente, Angelica Lapitan and Niel Jon Carl Aguel for advancing the country's technology in drug discovery the pharmaceutical industry can significantly benefit from.

"This is an important development and with it, we have a future in medicine. This will be categorized to artificial intelligence application for medicinal drug discovery," Dela Pena said, referring to the TIP invention. "Our local pharmaceutical companies will further advance their more standardized and efficient methodology and production capabilities," he added.

Making the Roadshow even more meaningful, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) beneficiaries of DOST's Small Enterprises Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) were also visited. Among them were the TJ Milky Mushroom Co.,

Twinville Urban Garden, Bristol Shoes and Aretei Foods Corp, Chicano's Nata de Coco, E.G. Energy Corporation, Dolor's Kakanin in Marikina and Valenzuela City.

The DOST team hailed the Chicano's Nata de Cocos of Valenzuela City for its CocoPatch, an innovative product extracting 'nata de coco' cellulose from coconut for wound dressing applications which are all natural and effectively soothe, heal and protect wounds.

Dr. Acel Chicano, a surgeon, and her nurse husband, Denver Chicano who invented CocoPatch, described their scientific invention as a vitro-engineered revitalizing moisture absorbent covering patch. Chicano's Nata de Coco is one of the beneficiaries of SETUP.

SETUP is the nationwide strategy of DOST designed to encourage and assist micro, small and medium enterprises to adopt technological innovations to further improve their products and process operation.

Inspired by SETUP's success and to help educate the public in science and technology, DOST-NCR Regional Dir. Jose Patalinjug III has conceptualized a cluster management system for his region, under which they will have cluster managers and staff assigned to personally attend to the S&T needs of people in their respective areas.

"I saw poor young students from CAMANAVA (Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas, Valenzuela) applying for DOST scholarship grants while we were in Bicutan and Taguig. That motivated me to conceive the idea of dividing NCR into four major cluster areas – PAMAMAZON, CAMANAVA, PAMAMARISAN and MUNTAPARLAS to ease their burden, Patalinjug shared.

"Our mandate is to bring science for the people to help them triumph over constraints and problem and achieved their breakthrough," Patalinjug added. DOST-NCR has already launched a series of symposia in Metro Manila and will continue its second batch of S&T Roadshow by April.

The Publishers Association of the Philippines (PAPI), has commended DOST-NCR Director Jojo Patalinjug and DOST Secretary de la Pena, for their tireless and strong commitment to bringing science and technology to the people and for their impressive accomplishments.

"Indeed, our Inventrepinoys (Filipino inventor-entrepreneurs) are real. They are exemplars out of the ordinary," PAPI National President Nelson Santos said.

# Cavite declares... from p1

cial Legislative Council) Resolution No. 1165 which was passed last February 18.

The resolution was approved upon **Cavite Governor Jesus** Crispin Remulla's request after the Provincial **Disaster Risk Reduction** and Management Council convened in an emergency meeting to discuss its plan of action following the Department of Health (DOH) declaration of a measles outbreak in several parts of the counincluding Calabarzon region.

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

Remulla also asked the legislative body to authorize the release of PHP5.904 million from the 5 percent Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management fund for the provision of drugs and medicines, medical supplies and rice to address the cases.

It will also be used to promote vaccination against measles in the province, the governor said.

Dr. Gilberto llog, Cavite Provincial Health Officer, said the Provincial Health Office (PHO) already formed a Measles Outbreak Team to ensure that all emergency protocols are enforced, and necessary response is carried out.

In the latest Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit report provided by PICAD, there are 424 recorded cases of measles from January 1 to February 22, which is 2,550 percent higher compared to last year's 16 cases for the same period.

The city of Bacoor posted the most reported number of cases with 104, followed by the cities of Imus with 61, Gen. Trias with 55, and Dasmariñas at 52.

The provincial government has enjoined all local government units in the province to be vigilant in addressing the alarming health issue in their localities.

It also encourages all local chief executives to guarantee that all health stations will conduct measles vaccination services for their residents to contain the measles outbreak.

The DOH in Calabarzon, in its mass immunization drive, will be launching its in-mall measles vaccination post at the Serin Mall, in Tagaytay City on Sunday. courtesy(PNA)/G.Pino



The City Government of Bacoor, City Social Welfare and Development Office, and the Bacoor City Nutrition Council launched the dietary supplementation program for nutritionally at risk pregnant women today. The Search for Healthy Preggy Mommy was held on the same occasion. Present during the occasion were Provincial Board Member Aba Gawaran and City Councilor Alde Pagulayan.

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT** FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION **BRANCH 23** TRECE MARTIRES CITY

**EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION,** Mortgagee,

-versus-

RICKY AVENIDO VALMORES represented by his Atty-in-Fact SYRA AISA DIAZ GAYLON, Mortgagor/s,

#### **NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

**Upon Extra-Judicial foreclosure sale under** Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, EAST-WEST BANKING CORPORATION, with business address at East-West Corporate Center, The Beaufort, 5th Ave. cor 23rd St., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, against mortgagor/s, RICKY **AVENIDO VALMORES represented by his Atty-in-Fact** SYRA AISA DIAZ GAYLON, with residence and postal address at Block 12, Lot 25, Kensington 17, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias, Cavite and/or 32 Kalayaan C, Batasan Hills, Quezon City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 30, 2018 amounts to ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO PESOS & 77/100 (P1,544,182.77), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges as of said date but excluding the foreclosure and other necessary expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on March 19, 2019 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements thereon,to wit:

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in ensuring the continual advancement in serving our constituents with quality public service.

Present in the activity were Provincial Board Members, Department and Unit Heads, Officers-in-Charge, Quality Management Representative, PGC-Quality Management System Committee Chairpersons, Consultants, and Secretariat (Cavite Quality Management Office), and other staff.

Joining them was Mr. Manuel Q. Gotis, Regional Director of Department of the Interior and Local Government-Region IV-A, who congratulated PGC for passing the 2018 Seal of Good Financial Housekeeping (SGFH) and for being Rank 1 Provincial Peace and Order Council (POC) during the 2017 POC Performance Audit.

Also in attendance was Ms. Eloisa G. Rozul, DILG-Cavite OIC-Provincial Director, who together with Dir. Gotis awarded a plaque of recognition to Gov. Remulla in acknowledgement of his extensive efforts and support to the effective implementation of peace and order and public safety activities within the province.

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away their last batch of harvest as a sign of thanksgiving, believing that it would bring luck and abundance in the next harvest season.

The festival's opening salvo rolled out with the traditional ceremonial toast, led by Mayor Conrado Viado and Vice Mayor Leo Angelo Bayot, and featured the trade fair and coffee farm tour.

Friday's event also served as a venue to award the town's most outstanding coffee farmer and the top payers in business and real property taxes.

Succeeding activities will include a thanksgiving mass during Sunday's Day 3 celebration.

Amadeo town boasts of 4,508 hectares of coffee farm land, the largest land area devoted to coffee farming in the entire upland Cavite, thus considered the biggest coffee producer in the province.

Senator Cynthia Villar, former Special Assistant to the President Christopher Lawrence "Bong" Go. and former Presidential Political Adviser and Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) chairperson Francis Tolentino were invited to the event. (PNA)



#### KALINGA SA KALIKASAN WITH SENIOR CITIZENS OF AMADEO

With the desire to participate in community activities, over three thousand senior citizens of Amadeo who still have the capacity to work and help save the environment joined the Kalinga sa Kalikasan program of the provincial government on February 25, 2019. Cavite Governor Boying Remulla conveyed his message that inspired the seniors, providing them a sense of belongingness and involvement to the community through the cash for work program. Amadeo Mayor Conrado Viado along with Vice Mayor Junnel Bayot and members of the Sangguniang Bayan expressed appreciation to the senior citizens for their cooperation. Ecoaides from the Provincial Government-Environment and Natural Resources Office (PG-ENRO) were also present to assist the seniors. Other guests in attendance to the event were visiting former Special Assistant to the President Bong Go, Governor Jonvic Remulla, Bacoor City Mayor Lani Mercado, Board Member Ryan Enriquez, Tanza Muncipal Councilor Lito Langit, Indang Municipal Councilor Ping Remulla and former Provincial Administrator for Community Affairs Engr. Redel Dionisio. SOURCEPROVINCIAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY **AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT** 



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"Before the products reach mainstream groceries, supermarkets, department stores, and concept retail stores, including 'Go Lokal!', it is apparent that these products need a well-branded, reliable, and managed outlet where end consumers can easily find these products," he added.

Although trade fairs and bazaars also help promote MSMEs, a regular outlet and space where OTOP products can be found will increase market visibility and reach, Perez said.

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achieve great work and excellence in STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics]. I think that represents not only great intelligence but strength of character as well," Gokongwei Brothers Foundation (GBF) Executive Director Grace Colet shared.

The Department's conduct of the NSTF was in cooperation with GBF, who committed to support this year's winners in their journey to Intel ISEF in Phoenix, Arizona, USA in May.

"I wish to profusely thank Gokongwei Brothers Foundation, who did not hesitate to support this endeavor and committed to continue to support this in the future," Andaya stated.

Showcase of awareness, solutions

The NSTF also recognized the creativity and innovativeness of more student-researchers through several specials awards. More than showcasing skills, these projects highlighted the level of awareness that the learners have about the challenges Filipinos face and the solutions that these young minds can already offer. Following are the winners of special awards, in no particular order:

Top 3 Projects (per category):

• Life Science (individual):

- Maria Isabel L. Layson (Iloilo National High School, Region VI)

- Erika T. Minguez (Valencia National High School, Region

X)

 Angela Mae Apolonio (Las Piñas National High School-SHS, NCR)

· Life Science (team):

 Pristenz Honey M. Corpuz, Franzine Anne V. De Guzman, and Lyanne Nicole M. Castillo (Juan R. Liwag Memorial High School, Region III)

Arielle A. Estrella, Edwin F. Umiten, and Anton Matthew B.
 Quilantang (Ilolilo National High School-Special Science, Region VI)

 John Eric P. Aggarao, Katheleen Chloie C. Antonio, Anna Beatriz A. Suavencgo (Taguig Science High School, NCR)

Beatriz A. Suavencgo (Taguig Science High School, NC
 Physical Science (individual):

 Mikael C. Sagun (Muñoz National Science High School Main-JHS, Region III)

- Nathaniel M. Reyes (Quezon National High School, CALABARZON)

- Carmelo A. Fidelino (Landy National High School, MIMAROPA)

Physical Science (team):

 Neil David C. Cayanan, Shaira C. Gozun, E'van Relle M. Tongol (Angeles City Science High School Region III)

- Betti Mae C. Mendoza, Neil Ian V. Magalang, Aurora Blanca

M. Lalo (MIMAROPA Regional Science High School-SHS, MIMAROPA)
 Rozel M. Bonaobra II, Hanz Joshua M. Salvacion, Noel Irvin
 M. Titonq (Masbate National Comprehensive High School, Region V)

Robotics and Intelligent Machines (individual):
 Maryjoise Karla A. Buan (Pangasinan National High School,

– maryjoise karia A. Buan (Pangasinan National High School Region I)

– Allysa Ericka P. Alcaide (Holy Infant Academy, MIMAROPA)
 – Sheris Angel P. Casurao (Negros Occidental High School,

Region VI)
• Robotics and Intelligent Machines (team):

- Alpha Kassandra Leonille A. Acain, Lester John T. Sabadao,

Lia Denise T. Tan (Cagayan National High School, Region II)

Keilah S. Bagares, Kyle Anthony F. Nierras, Felmark Ian P.
 Villamayor (Western Leyte College of Ormoc City, Region VIII)

Jeanne Loise S. Pempeña and Allan Jey C. Torres (Digos City National High School, Region XI)
 Best Presenter (per category):

 Life Science (individual): Maria Isabel L. Layson (Iloilo National High School, Region VI)

• Life Science (team): Anna Beatriz A. Suavengco (Taguig Science High School, NCR)

School, NCR)
• Physical Science (individual): Carmelo A. Fidelino (Landy National High School, MIMAROPA)

Physical Science (team): Jade Karrie S. Palma (Iloilo National High School, Region VI)

 Robotics and Intelligent Machines (individual): Allysa Ericka P. Alcaide (Holy Infant Academy, MIMAROPA)
 Robotics and Intelligent Machines (team): Quinn Adrienne Fabresis

Robotics and Intelligent Machines (team): Quinn Adrienne Fabresis (Iloilo National High School-Special Science, Region VI)

 Innovation Expo: Kyla Czarina Q. Cello (Muntinlupa National High School, NCR)

Best Project Poster Display (per category):

Life Science (team): Mark Michole S. Hernandez, Florence Mae M.
 Recesio, and Hannah Loise M. Del Castillo (Immaculate Heart of Mary

Academy-JHS Department, MIMAROPA)

- Life Science (individual): Maria Isabel L. Layson (Iloilo National High School, Region VI)
- Physical Science (individual): Carmelo A. Fidelino (Landy National High School, MIMAROPA)
- Physical Science (team): Jade Karrie S. Palma and Maezelle W. Ferrer (Iloilo National High School, Region VI)
- Robotics and Intelligent Machines (individual): Allysa Ericka P. Alcaide (Holy Infant Academy, MIMAROPA)
   Robotics and Intelligent Machines (team): Angelique Kyla P. Ramirez.
- Robotics and Intelligent Machines (team): Angelique Kyla P. Ramirez, Gianna Marinela R. Vega, and Kyla P. Reyes (Mindoro National High School, MIMAROPA)

Best Shoutout: CARAGA Best Regional Poster: Region II Sponsors stepping up for STEM

The first Gawad AGLITEKNO [Agham, Likha at Teknolohiya] by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was also awarded to remarkable projects exhibited during NSTF's first National Innovation Expo. Following are the recipients, in no particular order:

Bianca Ma. Krista M. Angeles and Jan Mackenzie G. Guese (Information Communication Technology High School, Region III)

• Haris A. Engka, Haikal C. Kasim, and Ronnie Joy S. Moabon (Canizares National High School of Arts and Trade, Region XII)

• John Lloyd V. Balantac, Rodge Carl R. Vea, and Regine A. Parico (Bacarra National Comprehensive High School, Region I)

One Meralco Foundation, Inc. also surprised the student-researchers with the Excellence in Energy Research and Innovation Award. Its president, Mr. Jeffrey Tarayao, led the recognition of eight projects, each awarded a certificate and cash prize worth P10,000. In no particular order, the winners are the following:

• Rozel M. Bonaobra II, Hanz Joshua M. Salvacion, and Noel Irvin M. Titong ((Masbate National Comprehensive High School, Region V))

 Haris A. Engka, Haikal C. Kasim, and Ronnie Joy S. Moabon (Canizares National High School of Arts and Trade, Region XII)

 Joriz D. Booc, Kamille A. Buenafe, and Psalm Avery M. Pagarigan (Iligan City East National High School, Region X)

 John Rey V. Ramos, Raybert O. Cruz, and Faye Aila A. Lagan (Narra National High School, MIMAROPA)

Neri H. De Asis, Jr. (Davao City National High School, Region XI)

Bianca Ma. Krista M. Angeles and Jan Mackenzie G. Guese (Information Communication Technology High School, Region III)

• Maryjoise Karla A. Buan (Pangasinan National High School, Region I) for "Arduino-based Solar Powered Anti-illegal Logging and Anti-Kaingin Alerting Device Through Global System for Mobile Communications"
• Jeremy P. Fortaleza (Pangasinan National High School, Region I)

The Fair Director expressed her gratitude to NSTF's constant supporter: "I also thank One Meralco Foundation for stepping up when we needed help again. We also look forward to meaningful engagement with you in the coming years."

Research for inclusivity, objectivity

Amid the cheers and tears, Andaya prompted all the participants to not lose sight of their vision as researchers: "Let me remind you to allow STEM to be one of the platforms you use to advocate for issues close to your heart, such as searching for truth, even fighting fake news, inclusivity, and advocacy for the preservation of cultural heritage, our nature's wonders, helping our community, among others. . . Continue to do research and be advocates of objectivity, fairness, and unity. I bet, win or lose, when your hair has turned gray and your hands have wrinkled, you will always relive this experience and say 'this is one of the highlights of my high school life'."

Likewise, Colet reiterated GBF's commitment to nurturing the country's future in the field of STEM: "I really feel hopeful about our future when I hear all of you, lalo when I heard you defend your projects. . . In our own little way, we hope to be part of the challenge of raising our future scientists, especially after seeing how much we need to do to give you more opportunities and more mentoring. We, at Gokongwei Brothers Foundation, are committed to doing that with DepEd and all of you."

The researches and innovations were reviewed and deliberated by the following members of the Board of Judges: Dr. Myra Tansengco, Dr. Rey Donne Papa, and Prof. Jonathan Barcelo (Life Science-team); Dr. Rosario Sagum, Dr. Arvin Diesmos, and Dr. Esperanza Maribel Agoo (Life Science-individual); Dr. Ma. Natalia Dimaano, Dr. Mario Tan, and Dr. Christian Mahinay (Physical Science-team); Dr. Jade Dungao, Prof. Emil Punzalan, and Dr. Felicidad Ramirez (Physical Science-individual); Engr. Charles Valencia, Prof. Marlon Musngi, and Dr. Von Anthony Torio (Robotics and Intelligent Machines-team); Dr. Ryan Vicerra, Dr. Argel Bandala, and Dr. Danilo Mercado (Robotics and Intelligent Machines-individual); Dr. Matthew George Escobido, Mervin Matulac, and Engr. Limuel Razo (Innovation Expo).



# **Arts Month events** to be staged at Cavite museum

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# 1ST CALABARZON OTOP.PH HUB TO OPEN IN TAGAYTAY IN MARCH

TAGAYTAY CITY, **Cavite -- The Department** of Trade and Industry (DTI) 4-A (Calabarzon) will open its first "One Town, One **Product Philippines**" (OTOP.PH) hub -- a regular outlet showcasing the most promising products from different regions -- at the D' Banquet Bake Shop and Restaurant, located at this city's Arnoldus Road on March 8.

**Trade Secretary** Ramon M. Lopez is invited as guest of honor and speaker during the launch.

DTI Calabarzon OTOP.PH focal person Aizel S. Perez told the Philippine News Agency (PNA)

on Friday that the Tagaytay hub, a 60-square meter store with OTOP-prescribed and brand-compliant shelves, will showcase various food and non-food products of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

The MSMEs went

through the needed product development phase under the OTOP Next Gen Program of the DTI to level up MSME products and services through a set of assistance that would enhance the design, quality, production and marketability of each product.

In 2018, DTI 4-A assisted 248 MSMEs

through various training sessions and seminars while some 139 MSMEs had been assisted on product development.

The series of activities resulted in the development of 208 product prototypes that would further boost the growth of the MSMEs.

The fourth phase of the program is dubbed as "Sell, Sell, Sell: Marketing and Distribution of OTOP Next Gen 2018."

The Calabarzon OTOP.PH hub hopes to address the market access challenge by several MSMEs, Perez said.

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DTI CALABARZON OTOP.PH LAUNCH. Trade Secretary Ramon F. Lopez will be the guest of honor and speaker at the opening of the first Calabarzon "One Town, One Product Philippines" (OTOP.PH) hub at the D' Banquet Bake Shop and Restaurant in Tagaytay City on March 8, 2019. The hub will showcase food and non-food products of micro, small and medium enterprises. (Photo courtesy of DTI Calabarzon)

# **Provincial Government of Cavite Executive-Legislative Top Management Review**

Crispin C. Remulla led the Quarterly Top Management Review of the Provincial Government of Cavite which was held on February 8, 2019 at Summit Ridge Tagaytay, Tagaytay City, Cavite.

The activity became a venue for the Executive-Legislative Officials to discuss about the different aspects of the Quality Management System such as the Internal Quality Audit Results, Trends of Customer Satisfaction and Feedback, and Workplace Organization Inspection Reports from the first to fourth quarter of fiscal year 2018, which are vital in the alignment of the strategic directions of the prov-

This event also served as a platform for the different offices to present their accomplishments in the past year, and for the top management members to talk about the next PGC Surveillance Audit, the Cavite's Provincial Governance Reform Roadmap (PGRR), and the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) Indicators for 2019.

Governor Remulla took this opportunity to share an inspiring message about "future-proofing" the Province of Cavite. He said that it is a term that talks about the things we will leave behind so that the next leaders who will take over the administration will have a sense of direction to guide them in the future. He added that it may be a difficult task but it is not exactly impossible. He also acknowledged the unswerving dedication of the PGC offices

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### Divine Mercy Reflection **Humility, Simplicity** and Sincerity

There are three words to ponder today: humility, simplicity and sincerity. Humble souls see and know God because they do not turn to themselves in their need. They recognize that God is everything and, without Him, they are nothing. Simple souls do not get caught up in the complications of life. They are able to cut through the countless distractions and live a childlike trust in God. Sincere souls are honest souls who are pure in heart and pure in their intentions. Be honest and truthful in your Christian walk and God will overwhelm all that is not of Him in your life (See

Ponder these three gifts today: humility, simplicity and sincerity. How well do you live them in your life? If one stands out as the most challenging, then sit with that for a while. Let God speak to you as you



open your heart to His

Lord, I open my self to the gifts of humility simplicity and sincerity Help me to see each of them as a precious gift that You wish to bestow upon me. May my mind comprehend them and my will embrace them. Jesus I trust in You.