

Mass Transportation technology inspires new course offering in Bataan State University

The Automated support to the project to Guideway Transit (AGT), promote innovations in an alternative mass transportation technology designed and developed by the Department of Science and Technology – Metals Industry Research and Development Center (DOST-MIRDC), is the most important factor that led to the decision of the Bataan Peninsula State University (BPSU) to offer Railway Engineering as an additional program under its College of Engineering and Architecture.

The DOST, DOST-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD), and the BPSU signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the installation of the AGT at the BPSU on 27 January 2022. During the MOA signing, DOST-MIRDC expressed its full support to the project. "I am proud to say that I am from Balanga. Balanga is my hometown. I am really proud that we will have here railway engineering using the AGT," Dir. Dizon said. He shared with the



The construction of rail track, electrical room, and coach storage, testing and module development will be completed by December 2022. With this, the AGT laboratory facility will be launched also in December 2022. Incidentally, the Railway Engineering program of the BPSU will be offered to students by August 2023. DOST-MIRDC Executive Director expressed the Center's full support to the project. "I am proud to say that I am from Balanga. Balanga is my hometown. I am really proud that we will have here railway engineering using the AGT," Dir. Dizon said. He shared with the audience the hope that eventually, we will see the real AGT plying around Balanga.

For more information about the AGT and other technologies developed by the Center, please contact the Technology Information and Promotions Section, Technology Diffusion Division, DOST-MIRDC at telephone numbers (02) 8837-0431 to 38 local 463, (By: Zalda R. Gayahan, 8837-0479 or email DOST-MIRDC) mirdc@mirdc.dost.gov.ph and also visit their website www.mirdc.dost.gov.ph.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

27	67
new cases	new recoveries

26,056	25,275	507
Total confirmed cases	Total confirmed recoveries	Deaths

274 ACTIVE CASES
As of February 08, 2022

95	Asymptomatic
172	Mild
6	Moderate
1	Severe
0	Critical

Top Barangays with active cases:

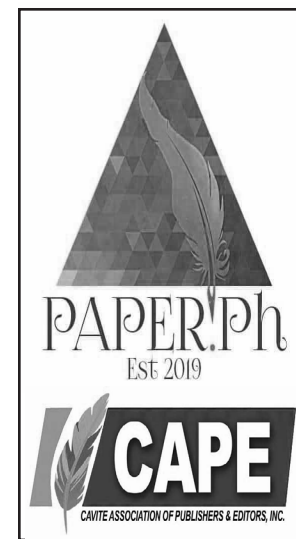
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2. ALAPAN 1-A: 24	5. CARADANG BAGO 2, MALAGASANG (1-F, 2-A): 8
3. MALAGASANG 1-G, PASONG BUAYA 2: 15	

64 Barangays with active cases

VACCINATION STATUS

Fully Vaccinated: 118
Partially Vaccinated: 0
Non-Vaccinated: 156

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More grade levels to be allowed for face-to-face classes

The Department of Education (DepEd) has authorized schools to include other grade levels in the progressive expansion phase of face-to-face classes for public and private schools. "With the expansion phase, we would like to give that opportunity and chance to the other grade levels so that mag-umpisa na yung setting of the consciousness among our learners and teachers na talagang time will come na talagang school-bahay ang learning at teaching process natin," Assistant Secretary Malcolm Garma said during the EduAksyon: Aksyon at Solusyon para sa Edukasyon press conference on February 4.

Asec. Garma emphasized, however, that the inclusion of more grade levels should be based on the capacity of the participating qualified schools to ensure adherence to health and safety protocols. Initially, only Kindergarten, Grades 1 to 3, and Senior High School were allowed to participate in the pilot implementation of in-person learning.

"It's really up to the schools, our divisions, and regions to make that right combination of what grade levels can be included in the expanded limited face to face," he added.

City Government of Bacoor

Our pediatric vaccination for children 5 - 11 years old has started. Vaccination operation was conducted at SM Bacoor and Southeast Asian Medical Center today.

Children 5-11 years old can register in <https://ceir.bacoor.ph/pediatric>



IN THE NEWS

DEPED ALLOWS MORE GRADE LEVELS TO JOIN PROGRESSIVE EXPANSION OF FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES

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DOH reports additional COVID-19 variant cases detected

The Department of Health (DOH) reports that the Omicron (B.1.1.529) variant cases (94.35%) and nine Delta (B.1.617.2) variant cases (1.21%) were detected in the whole genome sequencing run last January 30, 2022. In addition, 936 samples from the sequencing run of UP-PGC Diliman, UP-PGC Visayas, and research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) last February 6, 2022 yielded 867 Omicron variant cases (92.63%) and seven (0.75%) Delta variant cases. The DOH, UP-PGC, (Turn to page 4)

350 infrastructure projects completed in 2021 CARAGA

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) completed a total of 350 infrastructure projects in 2021 to improve the road network and mobility in Region 13.

DPWH Secretary Roger G. Mercado and Senior Undersecretary Rafael C. Yabut, in-charge of Regional Operations, complimented DPWH Region 13 headed by Regional Director Pol M. Delos Santos for implementing P22.178-billion worth of infrastructure for the Fiscal Year 2021, of which 381 are still ongoing and 29 are not yet started.

DPWH Region 13 has delivered the comple-

tion of several multi-year programs that are now being used to improve access of both residents and tourists in the region.

In Siargao Island, the newly-inaugurated 348.8 meter Catangan-Cabitoonan Bridge, 75.8 meter Libertad Bridge 1, and 36.8 meter Libertad Bridge 2 along the 11.847 kilometer Dapa Port-Consuelo-Corazon -Sta. Cruz-Sta. Fe-Libertad-Cabitoonan Catangan-Gen. Luna Road are now providing an alternate route from Dapa Port to Brgy. Catangan.

The P24.87-million Barangay Basag to Barangay Camayahan Farm

to Market Road (FMR) completed in March 2021 is now enabling farmers to transport products faster and easier.

Meanwhile, Assistant Director Abdulfatah A. Pandapatan said that DPWH Region 13 is fast-tracking the completion of high-impact projects under the Roads Leveraging Linkages of Trade and Industry (ROLL IT) Convergence Program of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and DPWH.

Among the ROLL IT projects are the 39.81-km Access Road leading to Nasipit Agusan del Norte

Industrial Estate Special Economic Zone (NANIE-



SEZ) in Barangay Camagong, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte and the 4-.73-km East-West Lateral Road connecting Agusan del Sur to Bukidnon.

Regional connectivity and economic development are also expected with the completion of

the 45.34-km NRJ-Mayor Democrito Plaza II Avenue - Las Nieves Sibagat Road between Agusan del Sur and Agusan del Norte and the P6.7 billion Cabadbaran - Puting Bato - Lanuzan Road being constructed as a part of the Mindanao Logistic Infrastructure Net-

work. "DPWH is committed to completing these projects ahead of time to promote not just better infrastructure but also eco-tourism agriculture and trade for CARAGA," said Secretary Mercado. Source: DPWH

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While COVID-19 is often mild, it is spreading very quickly. **We all need to work together to protect the most vulnerable and those at high risk:**

- People over 60 years of age
- Pregnant people
- Those with underlying health conditions (e.g. heart or lung disease, diabetes, or immunocompromised)
- Healthcare workers



Briones shares own journey of empowerment during Asia Women's Forum 2022



BRIONES SHARES JOURNEY TO BEING AN EMPOWERED WOMAN, CREDITS INFLUENCE OF EDUCATION

Secretary Briones was among the 13 outstanding women across the world who were invited during the Asia Women's Forum 2022 to deliver an inspiring speech that tackles their stories behind their success as a woman. She credited the efforts of her family, especially her parents who were teachers who prioritized learning by teaching children in their house and keeping them safe from the dangers of war.

DENR pushes for added responsibility for plastic waste disposal for manufacturers

(From page 4) hazardous waste. the signing of RA 9003.

The DENR chief explained that the amendment of the law would define EPR as a "practical approach on efficient waste management, waste reduction and development of environmentally-friendly packaging products to promote sustainable consumption and production and the principles of a circular economy, and to emphasize the full responsibility of the producer throughout the products life cycle."

Moreover, he pointed out that "obliged companies" will also be required to observe suitable and effective "recovery, treatment, recycling or disposal" of their products which are sold to and used by the consumers. He also underscored the importance of including EPR in

(From page 3) her Master's degree in public administration at the University of the Philippines and post-graduate diploma at Leeds University in England, and Harvard University in the United States.

During the forum, Secretary Briones recognized women as rulers,

warriors, healers, princesses, and leaders, thus, having equal status with men before the conquerors in the Philippines came in. With this, she also challenged the traditional role of women in society.

"What I consider my contribution is my efforts and help in bringing back, resuscitating, encouraging,

and inspiring women. We are equal with men, and with the freedom to choose what we want to be," Secretary Briones noted. The Asia Women's Forum 2022 aims to deliver the successes and struggles of the most remarkable women in the world to mentor individuals in their businesses, career, and education. Secretary Briones was joined by Nina Aguas, Executive Chairman of a Filipino-owned insurance company, renowned Filipino journalist Ruth Cabal, celebrity show host Pamela Pilapil, and BPO company leader Julie Casteel, among others in the forum. Source: DEpEd



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PROCLAMATION RALLY NG LACSON-SOTTO 2022 TANDEM, GINANAP SA LUNGSOD NG IMUS

Pinangunahan ng tamalang Sen. Ping Lacson at Senate President Tito Sotto ang proclamation rally na ginanap kahapon sa Imus Grandstand.

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Kasama ng tamalang Lacson-Sotto sa pagharap sa mga supporter ang kanilang senatorial slate at mga lingkod bayan ng Cavite sa pangunguna ni Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi at iba pang mga alkalde, bise-alkalde, at kongresista ng lalawigan. Dinaluhan rin ng mga sikat na artista ang proclamation rally, tulad nila Vic Sotto, Ciara Sotto, Jose Manalo, Wally Bayola, at iba pa.

