

DTI Initiative Prepares Women-Led MSMEs for Regional Export Markets

The Department of Trade and Industry – Export Marketing Bureau, in partnership with Regional Trade for Development (RT4D), is co-organising Regional Workshops on Enhancing Women MSME Export Readiness under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Trade Mechanisms.

The initiative began with a one-day workshop in Davao City on 12 May 2026, focusing on practical export readiness topics, including RCEP market opportunities, export requirements and documentation, product quality, branding, packaging, digital trade support services for women-led MSMEs. Building on the Davao workshop, the Manila program expands the initiative by combining capacity-building sessions with practical business engagement activities, including business matchmaking and buyer readiness support.

Ahead of the workshop, DTI-EMB Director Bianca Pearl R. Sykimte said: “The workshop is designed to bridge the gap between market access and exporter readiness. By pro-

viding targeted coaching and connecting women-led MSMEs with buyers, we are supporting them to translate their capabilities into real trade opportunities and sustained business growth.”

The RT4D initiative, funded by the Governments of Australia and New Zealand, assists ASEAN Member States in meeting their commitments and realising the opportunities offered by the Agreement establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA), and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement.

“Australia is pleased to support initiatives that help women-led MSMEs translate capability into commercial outcomes. Strengthening export readiness alongside market access is key to driving inclusive trade and ensuring that more businesses can participate meaningfully in regional value chains,” said Mr. Daniel Simson, First Secretary (Economic), Australian Embassy in the Philippines.

The workshop is part of the RT4D-supported project “Gender and Intersectional Research and Capacity Enhancement and Support Networks for Women MSMEs”, delivered under RT4D’s RCEP Implementation Support Program (RISP). The project

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City Government of Bacoor



Bacoreño! Sa gitna ng mga hamon, pagbabago, at ingay o tensyong politikal sa ating paligid, ang tunay na lakas ng ating bansa ay nagmumula sa ating katatagan, pagsusumikap, at pagkakaisa. Ang tunay na kalayaan ay nagsisimula sa kakayahang magtaguyod ng pamilya at magkaroon ng marangal na hanapbuhay.

Anuman ang sitwasyon, ang ating City Government of Bacoor sa pangunguna ng ating Mayor Strike B. Revilla kasama ang ating Department Public Employment Service Office Bacoor ay nananatiling tapat,

matatag, at laging handang maglingkod sa mamamayan! Kaya naman para sa inyo ito, mga Bacoreño!

Ihanda na ang inyong mga resume at magtungo sa ating malawakang Job Fair:

KAILAN: June 11, 2026 (Huwebes)

ORAS: Magsisimula sa ganap na 7:00 AM

SAAN: 3rd Floor, Government Service Express, SM City Bacoor

Para sa mas mabilis at komportableng aplikasyon, mag-online registration na ngayon pa lang! Sa pamamagitan nito:

Hindi mo na kailangang mag-fill out ng physical forms sa mismong venue.

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Sumulong tayo tungo sa mas matatag na kinabukasan at marangal na trabaho. Kita-kits, Bacoreño!



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Strong Investor Interest Drawn for MRT-3 Capacity Expansion PPP Project-DOTr

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Digitalization ng mga kooperatiba, itinaguyod ng OCCDO

Tatlung miyembro ng iba't ibang kooperatiba ang lumahok sa isinagawang Digitizing Cooperative Office of the City Cooperatives Development Officer (OCCDO) sa CLTC Building, Brgy. Poblacion 2-A nitong Martes, Mayo 19, 2026. Tinalakay ni Christo-

pher Dea Jesus Y. Marquez ang kahalagahan ng digital transformation sa operasyon ng mga kooperatiba. Kabilang din dito ang pagpapaliwanag sa mga miyembro ng mga oportunidad at hamon na kaakibat ng digitalization, pagtukoy sa mga praktikal na hakbang para sa pagli-

pat sa digital, at paglahad ng best practices na makatutulong sa mas ligtas at epektibong pagpapatakbo ng mga kooperatiba. Dumalo rin sa nasabing aktibidad si Konsehal AJ Sapitan, namumuno sa Komite ng mga Kooperatiba, bilang suporta sa programa.

Top local and international private companies have expressed keen interest in the MRT-3 Capacity Expansion, Operations, and Maintenance (CEOM) Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Project during the successful joint Market Sounding activity held by the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB)

President Ferdinand sa hassle-free na biyaha Marcos Jr. directed the ng mga komyuter. At DOTr to collaborate with tutuwaga tayo na maraming kumpanya ang inteesado sa proyektong ito,” Transportation Secretary Banoy Lopez said.

“Sa tulong ng pribadong sektor, magagawa ang expansion ng MRT-3. Ginagawa natin ito para

Nearly 24,000 aspiring school principals took part in the Department of Education’s nationwide assessment

As part of its continuing efforts to strengthen school leadership across the country, the Department of Edu-



A total of 23,994 aspiring school leaders simultaneously took the examination at 65 assessment sites (DepEd) successfully conducted the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 National Assessment for School Heads (NASH) – Batch 2. (Turn to page 2)



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(From page 1) will manage schools. regions and Schools Division Offices who served as assessment facilitators, supervisors, and technical officers across all 17 regions. Prior to the actual assessment, DepEd also conducted a nationwide Mock Assessment on May 10 to familiarize examinees with the testing platform and evaluate technical preparedness, device compatibility, and the overall online examination system. Through the continued implementation of NASH, DepEd once again reaffirms its commitment to educational reform: improving the standard of school leadership, which is key to better teaching quality, effective school management, and higher levels of student learning across the country. Source: DepEd

According to Education Secretary Sonny Angara, the initiative is aligned with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to further improve the quality of basic education by strengthening school leadership. "This assessment aims to strengthen school leadership capacity and expand the pool of qualified and eligible candidates for school principal positions. It is consistent with our reform direction toward the vision of 'One School, One School Principal,'" Angara said. The NASH serves as an important mechanism for building a broad pool of qualified, competent, and well-prepared school leaders who

The assessment is based on the competency standards outlined in the Philippine Professional Standards for School Heads (PPSSH) to measure the readiness of aspiring school heads and identify their competency gaps. The data gathered from the assessment will serve as the basis for developing targeted professional development interventions and other leadership support programs to further strengthen the capabilities of school leaders nationwide. To ensure the smooth, secure, and orderly conduct of the assessment, DepEd deployed 132 Central Office monitors, along with members of the NASH Technical Working Group from various

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"If you always put limit on everything you do, physical or anything else. It will spread into your work and into your life. There are no limits. There are only plateaus, and you must not stay there, you must go beyond them." Bruce Lee

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(From page 6) participants will deepen their understanding of RCEP provisions, export requirements and market opportunities, while strengthening practical skills in pricing, strategies, product development, branding, digital trade and business linkages. The Manila workshop focuses on turning knowledge into tangible outcomes through business matchmaking, networking simulations and targeted coaching. A representative from the RT4D Facility shared: "The Manila workshop highlights the importance of linking capacity-building with real market engagement. By supporting women-led MSMEs to develop export-ready products and connect with buyers, we are helping ensure that RCEP delivers concrete, inclusive trade outcomes that benefit businesses on the ground."

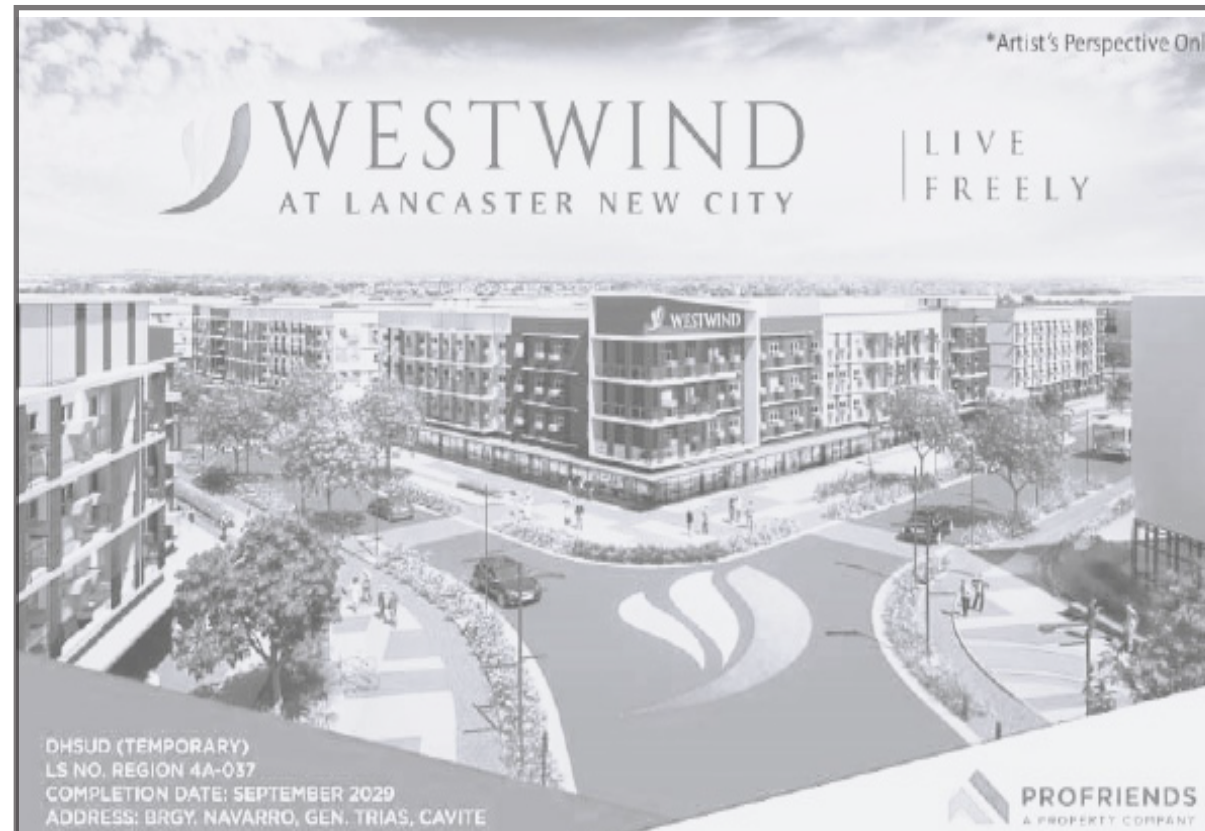
The initiative contributes to broader inclusive trade outcomes, ensuring that women-led MSMEs are better positioned to access new markets, build sustainable business relationships and benefit more equitably from regional trade agreements. It further promotes collaboration among government agencies, development partners and private sector stakeholders, contributing to a more enabling and inclusive trade environment across ASEAN. Source: DTI

ect aims to strengthen the capacity of women-led micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to access export markets and leverage opportunities under RCEP. "New Zealand recognises the transformative potential of a thriving export sector that is inclusive, gender responsive, and collaborative. Workshops like this are vital for sharing best practices, building expertise, and fostering collaboration across borders" said Ms. Stacey Kwant, Deputy Head of Mission, New Zealand Embassy in the Philippines. Over two days, par-

Over ₱118M in Aid Released by DSWD for Albay Families Displaced by Mayon Eruption

(From page 4) es, the DSWD's Field Office (FO) 5 – Bicol Region maintains a 15-day rotational distribution schedule with the provincial government of Albay. "Ang usapan natin with the provincial government ay magsalitan ng tulong [sa mga apektado]. Every 15 days, mamamahagi ang DSWD ng mga family food packs at hahalili naman ang LGU. Aside from the FFPs, mayroon din po tayong mga mobile kitchens, araw-araw nagse-serve po 'yan ng hot meals sa mga evacuation centers," Asst. Secretary Dumlaio pointed out. Asst. Secretary Dumlaio assured the public that the DSWD's national stockpiles remain sufficient to sustain the response for the entire year. "Our Luzon Disaster Resource Center immediately replenishes kung ano man 'yung quantity na nai-release sa mga local government units. We want to maintain 'yung 300,000 na stockpile sa mga warehouses sa Region 5," Asst. Secretary Dumlaio said. The DSWD continues to closely monitor the situation in Albay and maintains active coordination with local executive units (LGUs) to immediately address the evolving needs of the affected communities. (KB) Source: DSWD

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