

DSWD Warns Against Fraudulent Investment Scheme Linked to Agency

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) warned the public against investment scams using the name and documents of the DSWD, following the arrest of a suspect in an entrapment operation conducted by the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) in Ermita, Manila, on Tuesday (September 1). The suspect was identified as Rea Guzman, an employee of the Welfare Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative (WEMPC), a group registered with the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA). Based on initial information, Guzman, who

presented herself as the cooperative’s general manager, allegedly recruited investors through posts in various social media groups and presented a purported DSWD Notice of Award as proof that WEMPC had been awarded a catering services project. “Hindi po dapat ginagamit ang pangalan ng DSWD para manghikayat ng mga mamamayan na maglabas ng kanilang pera upang mag-invest. Maging maingat po tayo at i-verify kung may nag-aalok po sa atin ng mga ganitong investment at gumagamit ng pangalan o dokumento ng DSWD,” Asst. Secretary

Irene Dumlao, the DSWD spokesperson, said on Wednesday (September 2). The suspect allegedly told prospective investors that additional capital was needed to fund the project, and offered investors a 10 to 15 percent return on investment within a one-year notarized contract, with post-dated checks supposedly to be issued by WEMPC to participating investors. The DSWD spokesperson reminded the public to exercise caution as she issued a stern warning against individuals who use the Department’s name and resources to deceive the public, stressing that the agency will work with law enforcement authorities to pursue those behind such schemes. “Hindi po natin palalampasin ang mga ganitong panlilinlang at panloloko. Patuloy po tayong makikipagtulungan sa mga law enforcement agencies upang matukoy at mapanagot ang iba pang mga gumagamit ng pangalan ng DSWD upang manamantala ang ating mga kababayan,” Asst. Secretary Dumlao said.

The suspect likewise urged individuals who have been victimized by scammers to report the incident to proper authorities. (CC). Source: DSWD

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City Government of Carmona

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (OGP) SA CITY OF CARMONA

Nagdaos ng Meeting at Focus Group Discussion ang ukol sa implementasyon ng Open Government Partnership (OGP) Localization Program para sa pagbuo ng ating Open Government Partnership Program. Sa naturang mga aktibidad ay tinukoy ang mga magiging miyembro

ng Local Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (LMSSC) na tututok sa OGP Localization Program ng Lungsod. Layon ng nasabing programa na maisabuhay sa lokal na pamahalaan ang OGP Principles gaya ng transparency, accountability, citizen participation, at innovation.

Sa pamamagitan ng programang ito, hinihikayat ang mga LGUs na iayon ang kanilang mga pamamaraan sa pamamahala sa mga pamantayang kinikilala sa buong mundo ayon sa OGP na pinagtiti-bay sa pagtutulungan ng mga civil society organization (CSO) at iba pang stakeholder sa Lungsod.



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ROVING AND FLOOD MONITORING CONDUCTED AT SM BACORR BRIDGE



SM BACORR flow observed. and Management Office BRIDGE, Roving and This initiative is a (BDRMO), led by Mr. Richard Quion. Continuous monitoring will be carried out as needed to ensure public safety and keep the community informed at all times.

Remarks: No over-

NLEX also ordered warning system, including measures to resolve the to explain flood-related direct SMS or text mes- heavy traffic congestion congestion in San Simon sages and other accessible in NLEX due to the flood- congestion in San Simon platforms, for motorists ed portions in San Simon, during heavy rains and Pampanga, particularly in through the Toll Regu- flooding. Tulaoc Bridge. latory Board (TRB), has President Ferdinand Transportation directed the North Luzon Marcos Jr. has instructed Secretary Banoy Lopez Expressway (NLEX) Cor- the DOTr and other nation- said the timely advisories poration to implement a al government agencies will help motorists along faster and more efficient to implement immediate (Turn to page 4)

DOST, DTI Advance Palagsing as Export-Ready Caraga Product

To overcome barriers facing traditional delicacies, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) launched a joint initiative to bring Butuan City’s native delicacy

palagsing to the global scene. By equipping local producers with advanced food preservation and modern packaging tools, the program transforms the fast-perishing snack into an export-ready product. Palagsing is a na-

tive Caraga delicacy crafted from unaw (sago palm starch) mixed with young coconut strips and brown sugar. Traditionally wrapped in banana leaves and steamed, this sweet, chewy snack represents (Turn to page 2)



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Butuan City.

During the Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW)

in Caraga which ran from August 27-29 2026, Regional Director Noel M. Ajoc highlighted how crucial packaging engineering is for regional products competing on the global stage.

“When we talk about helping our MSMEs develop better products, we often focus on the product itself: its quality, safety, technology, innovation,” Ajoc stated. “But for a product to reach the market and compete, how it is packaged and presented very much matters,” he added.

To overcome the challenges of short shelf life and limited distribution of regional delicacies, DOST Caraga awarded a P4.9 million grant to Father Saturnino Urios University (FSUU) to establish the Food Innovation

Center (FIC). FSUU Dean of the College of Innovative Hospitality and Tourism and FIC Focal Person Mark Lennon Sitones demonstrated how the center maximizes its government funding through high-tech processing gear during a tour of the facility. “We have really maximized the budget given to us. We have the water retort, the vacuum fryer, the dehydrator, and spray dryer,” Dean Sitones explained, noting that the equipment processes raw materials into value-added goods using local resources.

This technological investment aligns directly with DOST’s strategy to provide tailored solutions for native delicacies like palagsing. DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum (Turn to page 5)

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Jr. reiterated that scientific advancement must directly uplift local livelihoods.

“This year’s theme, ‘Siyensya, Teknolohiya at Inobasyon: Kabalikatan sa Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Kinabukasan,’ reminds us that science, technology, and innovation must go beyond knowledge, machines, and ideas. They must become practical solutions that improve lives and create opportunities,” Solidum stated, adding that new facilities will help Caraga move from potential to production.

During a tour of the university facilities, DOST Assistant Secretary for Countryside Development Maria Teresa Bien De Guzman emphasized the agency’s dedicated commitment to regional enterprise development.

“Today, we gathered

to sign a Memorandum of Agreement, but what we are really witnessing is more than just a paper or an agreement. We are witnessing a commitment,” ASec. De Guzman stated.

“So I say, I am also deeply committed, not just to you, but also to this region, to have it produce local products which can be globally competitive, trustworthy, and from the hard work of the people,” she added.

To complement these technology advances, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) funded a P150 million Shared Service Facility (SSF) on Packaging and Labeling at FSUU called FSUU MIRACLE (Modernized Implementation Revolutionizing Advance Cutting-edge Layout and Excellent Printing Solution). This hub provides local processors with automated die-cutting, vacuum-sealing, and market-compliant branding solutions.

De Guzman also pointed out that commercial presentation is critical for products entering formal distribution channels. “At first glance, packaging and labeling may seem like the last step before a product reaches the market or the shelf. But in truth, it can determine whether the product is noticed, trusted, bought, and bought again,” De Guzman emphasized.

With the combined strength of science, tech-

nology, and innovation and inter-agency collaboration, Caraga’s native delicacies are finally set to enter the global scene.

Regional Director Ajoc emphasized that local processors must aim for international standards now that modern facilities are available in the region

“From now on, bawal na ang packaging na hindi pang-international because we have the facility,” he remarked, noting that proper packaging will help Caraga products gain strong traction in commercial markets. The Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW) is an annual event organized by the DOST regional offices across 17 regions. This celebration showcases local technol-

ogies, research and development (R&D) projects, and innovative initiatives that connect communities, local industries, and stakeholders with science-based solutions. These efforts promote inclusive, sustainable, and resilient development in the region.

The RSTW is one of the major scientific events leading up to the National Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (NSTW) celebration, which will be held in General Santos City in November. For more information, visit www.dost.gov.ph or the National Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (NSTW) Facebook page. (By Carl Miguel A. Lusuegro, DOST-STII and photos from Patrick James Lee C. Alfonso, DOST-STII)

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close coordination with the

TRB, Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), and Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) in implementing additional measures, including sandbagging, continuous pumping of floodwater, installation of flood barriers, and the diversion of vehicles to alternative routes. Source: DOTr

City Government of Imus

Truck na tumaob sa kahabaan ng Imus Boulevard, sinaklolohan ng Imus LGU

Kumilos ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus matapos ang insidente ng tumaob na truck sa kahabaan ng Imus Boulevard, Brgy. Malagasang 1-G nitong Miyerkules, Setyembre 2, 2026, bandang 4:00 A.M.

Nagpadala ang City of Imus Task Force, City of Imus Traffic Management Unit, at Sangguniang Barangay ng Malagasang 1-G ng kanilang mga kinatawan upang tiyakin ang lagay ng driver ng truck, gayundin ang kaligtasan ng publiko at ang daloy ng trapiko. Kasabay nito, nagtungo ang Office of the City Engineer upang mag-sagawa ng assessment, at batay sa kanilang pagsusuri, walang sapat na kagamitan ang lungsod upang maitayo ang mabigat na truck.

Dahil dito, ang mismong kumpanya ng driver ang kumontak sa isang towing company upang maisagawa ang ligtas na



pag-alis ng sasakyan.

Naglagay rin ang grupo ng tent at barrier sa paligid ng lugar bilang proteksyon sa mga motorista at residente.

Siniguro naman ng Office of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (OCDRRMO) and driver na nasa maayos itong kalagayan.

Patuloy naman ang koordinasyon ng lokal na pamahalaan sa kumpanya ng driver upang maisaga-

wa ang ligtas na pag-alis ng sasakyan sa lugar.

Sa kabila ng abala, sinisiguro ng Pamahalaang Lungsod na walang nasaktan sa insidente at nananatiling kontrolado ang situwasyon.

Bukod sa tulong ng pamahalaan, kapan-sin-pansin din ang bayanihan ng mga Imuseño na nagpaabot ng pagkain at tubig sa driver habang naghihintay ng aksyon mula sa kumpanya.

