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ACTIVITY REPORT (SEPTEMBER 2024)

BUFFEX 2024 OPENING CEREMONY AND RIBBON CUTTING

The Bulacan Food Fair and Exposition (BUFFEX) is one of BCCI's flagship projects in partnership with the Provincial Government of Bulacan. The 12th BUFFEX was held from September 2 to 6, 2024, at The Pavilion, Hiyas ng Bulacan Convention Center, Provincial Capitol Compound, City of Malolos, Bulacan, in conjunction with Bulacan's annual Singkaban Festival. This week-long event showcased the province's rich food heritage, industries, and products, featuring activities such as cooking demos, lectures, contests for all ages, and an awards ceremony for outstanding Bulakenyo food entrepreneurs and enthusiasts. The opening ceremony was held last September 2, 2024 graced by VIP Guests Governor Daniel R. Fernando, Vice Governor Alexis C. Castro, Board Member Mina Fermin, former Area Vice President for PCCI-North Luzon Ms. Gregoria G. Simbulan, AVP-PCCI North Luzon Atty. Maria Amalia T. Cayanan, and other Provincial Department Heads.

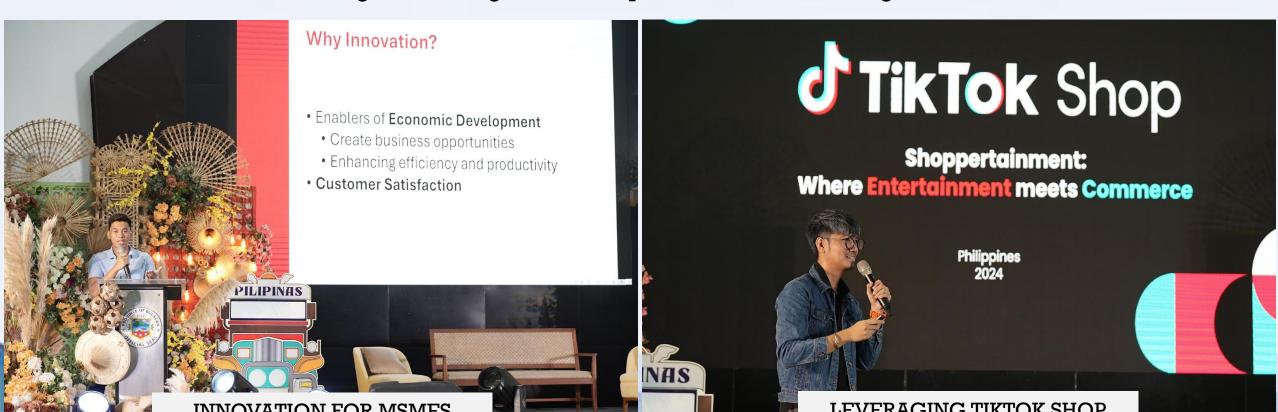




September 3, 2024

2ND DAY OF BUFFEX 2024

The second day of BUFFEX was designated as "DTI DAY," during which DTI Bulacan hosted two learning sessions centered on innovation and digitalization. The first session, titled "Innovation for MSMEs," was presented by Engr. Dennis R. Dela Cruz from the SULONG Central Luzon Start-Up Consortium at Bulacan State University. This was followed by an engaging interview with Mr. Rigel Gomez of Bauertek Pharmaceutical Technologies, facilitated by Engr. Nemuel Norman Giron from DOST-BULSU BARAS TBI. The innovation session concluded with an orientation and walkthrough of TikTok Shop, led by Mr. Klaude Mandaya and Don Erwin V. Afable, which offered valuable insights on using TikTok Shop to enhance business growth.



September 4, 2024

3RD DAY OF BUFFEX 2024

On the third day of BUFFEX 2024, the morning featured the awarding ceremonies for the Bulacan Food Champions and the induction of new BCCI members. During the program, Ms. Maria Alegria "Bing" Limjoco, PCCI Vice President for Regional Affairs, delivered an inspirational message, and Sen. Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV as the Keynote Speaker.

In the afternoon, attendees enjoyed the Exhibitors' Videoke Challenge and the elimination round of Awitan sa BUFFEX.









The following are the recipients of the BFC awards:

Orante's Floating Restaurant (Calumpit)
Ka Flor's Carinderia (Malolos)
Route 95 Diner (Malolos)

Special Citations for Culinary Heritage:

Ashley's D' Original Crunchy Butcheron ATBP. (Marilao) Susan's Lugawan Since 1985 (Arc Gatchalian Restaurant)

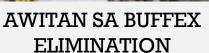
Special Citation:

City of Malolos Banchetto Night Market (Malolos)











September 5, 2024

4TH DAY OF BUFFEX 2024

On the fourth day of BUFFEX 2024, excitement filled the air as TESDA showcased innovative 3D hologram printing technology in the morning, offering attendees a glimpse into the future presentations. The afternoon captivated crowds with a lively cooking demo led by Damayang Filipino Movement, Inc. Chairman Athenie Bautista, followed by Malolos CCI President Chef Arlo Aniag. The synergy of technology and culinary arts made for an ultimate celebration of creativity and skill.













September 6, 2024

5TH DAY OF BUFFEX 2024

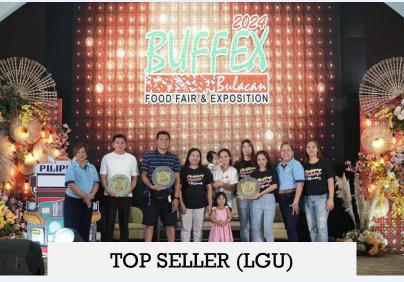
The final day of BUFFEX featured the Grand Finals of the Awitan sa BUFFEX OPM Singing Contest, the Exhibitors' Videoke Challenge, and the ZUMBEX Dance Competition. Awards were presented for the Top Sellers and the Best Dressed Booths for MSMEs and LGUs, along with certificates of participation for Sponsors and Exhibitors.

Additionally, the BCCI Souvenir Program was launched.

















September 9, 2024

SINGKABAN FESTIVAL 2024 GRAND OPENING CEREMONY

The Bulacan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) proudly participated in the Singkaban Festival: Parada ng Karosa, demonstrating unwavering support for the Provincial History, Arts, Culture, and Tourism Office (PHACTO). This vibrant event, celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the province, showcased the collaborative spirit of local businesses and government. It was attended by PCCI Regional Governor for Region 3, Ms. Cristina C. Tuzon; BCCI President Emerita Ms. Violeta C. Luna; BCCI President Ms. Corina Tengco-Bautista; VP for Membership Ms. Carmencita C. Uychoco; VP for Linkages and External Affairs Ms. Marisa J. Ramos; VP for Chamber Services and Local Programs Ms. Lilibeth M. Alcaraz; Chairperson for Ways and Means Ms. Rina Rosanna C. Aniag; Chairperson for Business Development Ms. Cristina T. Fuentes; Chairperson for Sponsorship Engr. Jose A. Francia; Chairperson for Young Entrepreneurs' Circle Ms. Pinky L. Dy; Admin Assistant Ms. Marissa S. De Castro; and Membership Services & Business Development Officer Ms. Jonielene G. Mangalonzo.



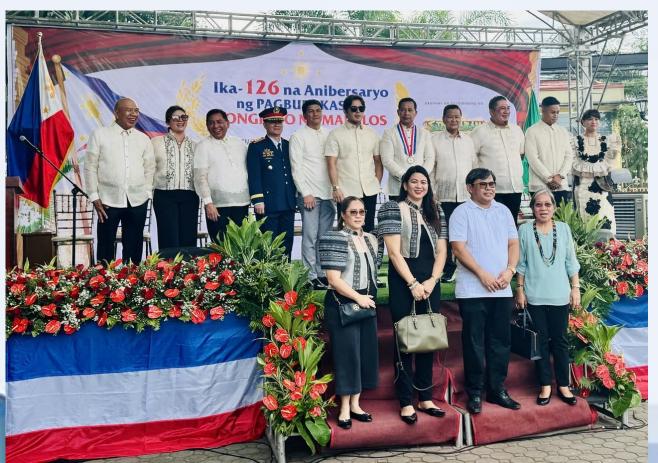




September 15, 2024

126TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MALOLOS CONGRESS

This year marks the 126th anniversary of the Malolos Congress, a pivotal event in Philippine history that established Asia's first republic—a beacon of democracy for the entire continent. Convened on September 15, 1898, the Malolos Congress laid the foundation for the Philippine Republic and underscored the nation's dedication to democratic ideals. The theme for this year's commemoration is "Kalayaan. Kinabukasan. Kasaysayan." Representing the BCCI at the event, held in front of Barasoain Church in the City of Malolos, were Dr. Jehan Echavez, VP for Advocacy, and Ms. Carmencita C. Uychoco, VP for Membership.

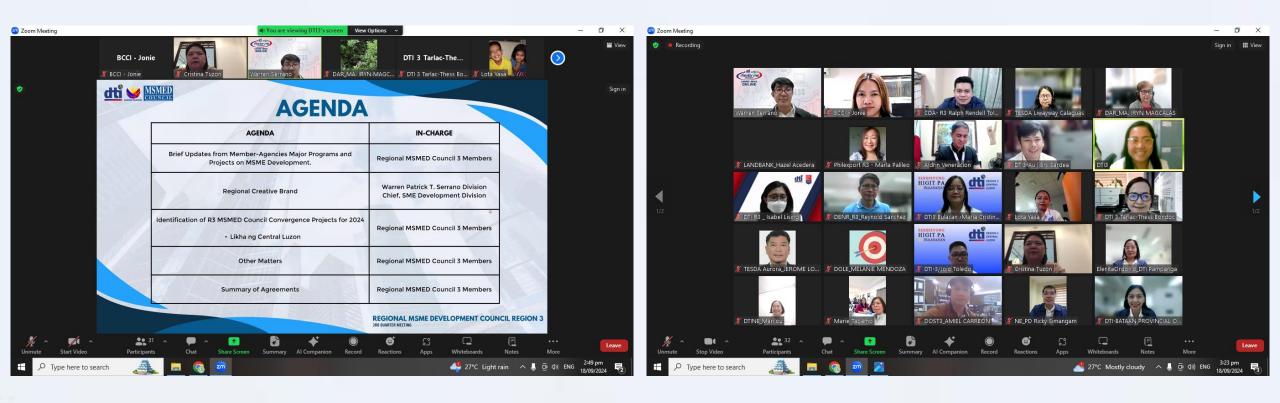




September 18, 2024

3RD REGIONAL MSMED COUNCIL 3 MEETING

The Department of Trade and Industry - Region 3 conducted the Regional Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise Development (MSMED) Council-3 meeting last September 18, 2024, via Zoom. The meeting served to inform members of the major accomplishments of the MSMED Council over the past quarter and to identify possible convergence projects for implementation for the rest of the year. BCCI Membership Services and Business Development Officer Ms. Jonie Mangalonzo attended the virtual meeting to represent the BCCI.



September 20, 2024

BUFFEX 2024 POST-PROJECT REVIEW

The Bulacan Food Fair and Exposition 2024 (BUFFEX 2024) post-project meeting was held at the BCCI office in Hiyas Convention Center, City of Malolos, attended by BCCI Chairman Ms. Ofelia B. Manglabnan, President Ms. Corina Tengco-Bautista, Treasurer Engr. Maria Cecilia G. Estinopo, Auditor Ms. Josephine M. Santos, Consultant Ms. Mara Bautista, Finance and Admin Officer Ms. Ruth C. Jimenez, Membership Services and Business Development Officer Ms. Jonie Mangalonzo, and PCCI Regional Governor for Region 3, Ms. Cristina C. Tuzon. Challenges such as budgeting and unexpected expenses were discussed during the meeting, as well as strategies to enhance financial management in upcoming events. The primary objective of the post project review is to increase profitability and sustainability for the next BUFFEX, while also ensuring better support for local businesses.





September 26, 2024

PCCI NORTH LUZON'S QUARTERLY AREA MEETING

Area Vice President for PCCI-North Luzon, Atty. Maria Amalia T. Cayanan, spearheaded its quarterly meeting last September 26, 2024, at the Glory Hotel and Residences in Clark, Pampanga. The first part of the meeting's agenda featured a special presentation on Investment in Health and Wellness by Dr. Her Ando B. Delizo, AVP of PCCI-NCR and Director for Health and Wellness. The second part included reports and updates from the AVPs and RGs, the evaluation of the 33rd NLABC, the PhilCDI Adopt-a-Chamber Status, and initial planning for the 34th NLABC.

President Corina Tengco-Bautista attended the meeting.





September 27, 2024

LAUNCHING OF THE LEARNING CENTER IN NEGOSYO CENTER SAN RAFAEL

The Department of Trade and Industry launched the Negosyo Center Learning Center (NCLC) in San Rafael, Bulacan on September 27, 2024. The NCLC will provide clients with access to a wide range of online learning modules through computer units with internet access. This facility will serve as a valuable resource hub, offering educational materials essential for business establishment and growth. The center features comprehensive programs covering key areas such as business planning, marketing, finance, project management, and other crucial aspects of entrepreneurship. Through these resources, the NCLC aims to empower local entrepreneurs, enhancing their skills and knowledge to effectively start, manage, and grow their businesses. BCCI President Corina Tengco-Bautista graced the event and delivered a message of support.





September 30, 2024

DILG: 3RD QUARTER MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL (MSAC)

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Bulacan, together with other National Government Agencies (NGAs), Local Resource Institutes (LRIs), and partners, including the BCCI, gathered last September 30, 2024, for the 3rd Quarter MSAC meeting. The highlight of the event was the discussion on updates regarding the E-LGRC, where all government documents, services, news, and events provided by national agencies and local government units will be made available in one website. Also discussed were the council's previous accomplishments, upcoming activities, the proposed physical LGRC, and the inclusion of all offices in Bulacan in the MSAC.

The MSAC (Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Council) is a network of organizations that serves as a partner and service provider for LGRCs. It is composed of LRIs, NGAs, civil society organizations (CSOs), and LGU leagues. In Bulacan, MSAC includes the DILG, PNP, BFP, DTI, PIA, BENRO, PENRO, BCCI, PPAO, PITO, VMLP, LnB, BulSU, BPC, ACCCPI, DOST, PDRRMO, SK Federation, TESDA, and MSAC members from Meycauayan City.



September 30, 2024

PCEDO: PRICE COORDINATING COUNCIL MEETING

Governor Daniel Fernando led the Bulacan Provincial Price Coordinating Council Meeting last September 30, 2024, via Zoom to ensure stable and fair prices in the province.

Key Highlights:

Price Freeze Updates: The latest status on price control measures in Bulacan.

Re-Orientation on the Price Act: Strengthening awareness of consumer rights and price regulations.

Council Activities during the State of Calamity: Progress reports on initiatives to safeguard consumers during critical times.

BCCI President Corina Tengco-Bautista represented the BCCI in the virtual meeting.





End of the report.