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SUBIC PACKS IN 900 ATHLETES FOR 5150 TRIATHLON

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT – Close to a thousand triathletes, including elite contenders from other countries, conquered on Sunday the 2013 Century Tuna 5i50 Triathlon, acknowledged as the biggest Olympic-distance race in the country today.

Organizers said that local and international triathletes faced the daunting challenge of completing a difficult long-distance course with the Subic Bay providing a picturesque backdrop for the event.

The elite field was represented by participants from 23 countries, including top contenders from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, the United States, Singapore, France, Germany, Taiwan, Japan and the Philippines.

Former Ironman champion Luke McKenzie topped the men's pro elite division after completing the course that involved three legs: a 1.5-kilometer swim leg, followed by a 40-kilometer bike leg, and then a 10-kilometer run course.

The Australian champion finished the race in 1 hour 59 minutes and 25 seconds.

McKenzie was followed by Xterra Off Road Triathlon champion Ben Allen who clocked in at 2:02:40 and by Australian triathlete Michael Murphy who finished with 2:05:46.

Meanwhile, Belinda Granger finished first for the women's pro elite with 2:17:33, followed by Michelle Gailey with 2:24:09 and Jaqui Slack with 2:26:05.

John Leerams Chicano led the local bets in the Filipino men's elite with 2:09:45 and finished fifth overall.

Chicano was followed by Jonard Salm with 2:10:29 and Olympic hopeful Nikko Huelgas with 2:11:00. Another local bet, Monica Torres, finished fourth in the women's pro elite with 2:26:19.



Participants in the 2013 Century Tuna 5i50 Triathlon brave the waters of Subic Bay during the 1.5-kilometer swim leg on Sunday.

This is the second year that Subic has hosted the 5i50 triathlon. Last year's race was voted by triathletes as the second best triathlon event in the Philippines for 2012.

The Century Tuna 5i50 triathlon has become one of the major sports events held in the Subic Bay Freeport, as Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority chairman Roberto Garcia has put his focus on developing Subic as a premier sporting destination in the country.

The 2013 edition of the Century Tuna 5i50 Triathlon not only featured a scenic and challenging route but also enjoyed a substantial increase of 52 percent in terms of participants, compared to last year," SBMA deputy administrator for tourism Raul Marcelo said.

According to Marcelo, with SBMA chairman Garcia's focus on sports tourism and environmental protection, Subic Bay has become an environment- and sports-friendly destination. (30)

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SBMA receives ISO 9001:2008 certification

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT, 5/6/2013 – The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) was recently granted the ISO 9001:2008 certification after passing the audit done by AJA Registrars, Inc., an independent certification body headquartered in the United Kingdom. SBMA chairman Roberto Garcia received the certification on April 29 from Paul Bagatsing, vice president and general manager of AJA Registrars, Inc.- Philippines.

The certification places the SBMA at par with other organizations and companies around the world in terms of quality management systems. The ISO 9001:2008 is the international standard for quality management systems set by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

The certification specifies requirements for a quality management system where an organization needs to demonstrate its ability to consistently provide product that meets customer and applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. Under ISO 9001:2008, the organization must aim to enhance customer satisfaction through the effective application of the system, including processes for continual improvement of the system and the assurance of conformity to applicable requirements.

Garcia said the certification came at a very fitting time as the Philippines is now the focus of foreign investors due to the recent upgrades of the country's investment rating. However, he reminded all SBMA personnel that the manuals set by the ISO are not cast in stone, and that they must strive for improvement all the time. "We have to continuously train and upgrade our people and bring the mechanisms to make sure that we deliver the quality service that our investors want," said Garcia, a quality practitioner during his time in the private sector.

"Quality means constant improvement – kaizen," he added, referring to the Japanese philosophy of continuous improvement. Bagatsing, for his part, reminded everyone that the certification is not just a piece of paper. "This represents three things: your past, or your effort that you put in this; your present, what you have now; and your future, or your responsibilities to keep continuous improvement," he said. He also added that it is vital to strive for more and not be complacent after receiving the ISO certification. "Remember, your best today will be tomorrow's average performance," he said.

Bagatsing also said that they are very happy that the SBMA decided to pursue full certification. (30)

SBMA's Q1 net profit expands by 62%

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT, 24 May 2013 – The Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) recently reported a healthy increase of 62 percent in its net profit for the first quarter of the current year, as compared to its performance for the same period in 2012.

According to SBMA chairman Roberto Garcia, the agency's net income expanded from P464 million to P753 million, as revenue improved by 32 percent and expenses were reduced by 16 percent.

"Just like last year, the agency's improved financial performance for the first quarter can be attributed to higher revenues and reduced expenses," Garcia noted, referring to SBMA's 2012 net profit of P811 million, which was the highest ever in the agency's 20-year history.

According to Garcia, SBMA's revenues for the quarter came from its seaport operations, which improved revenues by 58 percent and its regulatory income, which grew by 118 percent.

He added that additional revenue increases were gained from tourism activities, as well as new land and building leases, which advanced by 22 percent and 16 percent, respectively.

Contributing equally to SBMA's better financial performance for the same period was a corresponding decrease in its various expenses such as repair and maintenance by 85 percent, and power and water consumption by 59 percent, as a result of the agency's conservation programs.

PHL ECONOMY POSTS 7.8% GDP GROWTH IN Q1

MANILA, May 30 -- The Philippine economy posted a 7.8% GDP growth for the first quarter of this year, from 6.5 percent the previous year, the highest so far under the Aquino Administration.

In a press briefing today, Jose Ramon G. Albert, Secretary General, National Statistical Coordination Board NSCB said the robust growth was boosted by the strong performance of manufacturing and construction, backed up by financial intermediation and trade.

He said that increased consumer and government spending shored up by increased investments in construction and durable equipment also contributed to the highest quarterly GDP growth since the second quarter of 2010.

The continued inflow of remittances from overseas Filipino workers accelerated the Net Primary Income from the Rest of the World to grow by 3.2 percent boosting the Gross National Income (GNI) growth to 7.1 percent from 5.7 percent in 2012.

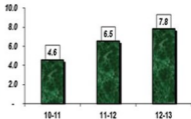
On a seasonally adjusted basis, GDP is gaining momentum growing by 2.2 percent in the first quarter of 2013; GNI grew by 1.9 percent.

He added that all major sectors posted positive growth in seasonally adjusted terms for the first quarter of 2013.

In particular, the entire agriculture sector posted a growth of 0.8 percent in the first quarter of 2013 from 0.4 percent the previous quarter.

However, he said industry slowed down to 2.5 percent growth in the first quarter of 2013 from 4.0 percent in the previous quarter. But the services sector accelerated to 2.2 percent in the first quarter of 2013 from 1.1 percent in the previous quarter as all its subsectors recorded positive growth.

Q1 GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT
Growth Rates, 2011-2013



Positive growth in seasonally adjusted terms across major sectors has been resulting since the fourth quarter of 2010, he added.

He said that with the country's projected population reaching 96.8 million in the first quarter of 2013, per capita GDP grew by 6.1 percent while per capita GNI grew by 5.3 percent and per capita Household Final Consumption Expenditure (HFCE) grew by 3.4 percent.

Meanwhile, National Economic Development Authority Secretary Arsenio Balisacan said that this growth rate of 7.8 percent exceeded market forecasts, including his own.

He added that this is also the highest among the major East and Southeast Asian economies, particularly Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam and China. (NSCB/NEDA)

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Dragon Boat Festival June 10, 2013

Lunar holiday occurring on the fifth day of the fifth lunar month commemorating great patriot poet, Qu Yuan.



E-BILLING SEMINAR

Venue: SBDMC Formosa Hall

Date: June 7, 2013

E-Billing is the billing and payment channel in partnership with Union Bank of the Philippines allowing SBGP locators to receive billing statements online.



BASIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Developing leadership skills is essential in every organization. For most people, excellent leadership is not an inborn talent and the company invests in training to build up this vital skill to all leaders especially those newly promoted leaders.

The Basic Leadership Training was successfully conducted to all WPH leaders last March 5 and 7, 2013. The seminar aims to instill the basic principles of leadership. First, the true concepts of leadership have been explained, then the qualities that define a good leader, and finally the laws that should guide a leader's thoughts and actions. Total of 42 line leaders up to heads from different departments participated in this leadership seminar.

The training was spearheaded by professional trainer Mr. Emmanuel Oranza, a Human Resource Management Department Consultant of PTV-4. The open interaction from the trainer and citing personal experiences helped the participants understand the subject matter well.

The second part of this training will be arranged in Q2 as part of our leaders' development program. – Richard R. Ventura

RICHARD VENTURA



Mr. Richard Ventura (left), HR-Staff, Administration Department of Wistron InfoComm Philippines Corporation, received the prize of Php3,000.00 from SBDMC COO Roland Addun for the article he contributed to SBGP Today.

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FIRST SBGP PHOTO CONTEST.
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Finalists to the 1st SBGP Photo Contest. Awarding of winners is on July 5, 2013 at SBDMC Administration Bldg.

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CRESC Incorporated (Cartridges REcycler'S Consortium) is a joint stock company established by capital investors with a common goal and developed by professional production and sales team for printers supply in Japan. Its mother company is S.T. Sangyo Co. Ltd. of Japan which has annual sales reaching over 3 Billion Japanese yen.

CRESC was established on May 29, 2007 and started operating on July 23, 2007 inside Subic Bay Gateway Park Phase 1.

Its main business is recycling production of cartridges for inkjet printers Canon, Epson, HP and Brother through Ecorica, which are 100% exported to Japan. CRESC aims to be the number one recycled ink cartridge manufacturer while fulfilling its mission of striving to conduct the business in an honest and fair manner providing customer satisfaction, good quality and low cost products, CRESC believes that the future of its business rest in its harmonious relationship with existing customers and the community in order to generate new market to sustain growth and profitability.



- The company adopted a quality and environmental policy to ensure that it is:
- C - ommitted to comply with global quality and environmental standards in meeting legal and other requirements
 - R - esponsive in meeting customer requirements and expectations
 - E - nvironmental friendly facility by preventing pollution
 - S - afety awareness and compliance
 - C - ontinuous improvement program

With its plan to expand this year, CRESC is expected to add to its existing manpower of 384.



