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## **SBGP FOOD SERVICES, INC. HOLDS GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY**



*The VIPs led by SBMA Chairperson and Administrator Wilma T. Eisma (center) take part in the groundbreaking rites.*

SBGP Food Services, Inc. (SBGP FSI), a joint venture between SBDMC, Inc. and MCOM Subic Corporation (MCOM), held the ground breaking ceremony for its two-storey commercial building located at Lot 29B, Efficiency Avenue, Subic Bay Gateway Park (SBGP) Phase I on January 15, 2021. The building will have a 7-Eleven convenience store, restaurants and specialty store.

SBDMC entered into a partnership with MCOM in its bid to continually provide additional services to its locators. MCOM is engaged in the development and management of properties including the MCOM Commercial Office Park in SBGP Phase I.

The new company was established to serve the needs of the SBGP locators, their employees and

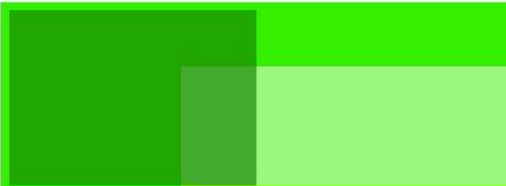
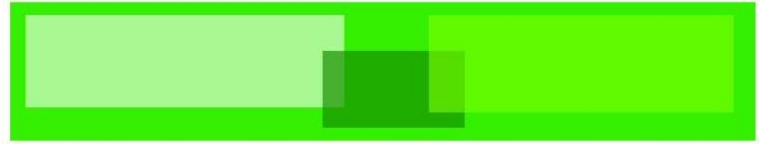
the nearby residents. It will operate and maintain by franchise 7-Eleven convenience stores, import and sell food products, kitchen equipment and store furniture and non-food merchandise including TECO brand home appliances from Taiwan as well as operate and maintain fast casual restaurant and related food and beverage services.

The commercial building will rise very near the 14th Street Gate and just opposite the building of Tailin Abrasives Corporation. It is situated on an ideal location with steady traffic to ensure brisk business. The high-end store complex with drive-thru facility will be very unique and multi-functional compared to other 7-Eleven convenience stores in the Philippines. It is expected to attract customers with its convenient location and unique features.

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*Mr. Willy Wang, President of SBDMC and SBGP FSI, signs the original plans and lowers the time capsule.*

The ground breaking ceremony was attended by Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) Chairperson and Administrator Wilma T. Eisma, Dinalupihan Mayor Maria Angela Garcia, several SBMA Directors, SBGP locators and other important guests. The Taiwanese executives composed of Dr. Chin Der Ou, Chairman of SBDMC; Mr. Tomy Kao, Chairman of SBGP FSI; and Ms. Carol Peng, President of United Development Corporation, watched the ceremony online.

Mr. Willy Wang, President of SBDMC, Inc. and of SBGP Food Services, Inc. started the ceremony with a short presentation to explain why the new business was established. "There are around 230 locators and 16,500 employees at SBGP yet no single store is available to serve their food, drink and household needs in the Gateway Park. The idea to open a commercial complex here to serve the locators and employees and nearby residents came from Chairman Theodore Huang, Chairman of MCOM Subic Corporation," said Wang.

He added that the business complex will consist of a high-end 7-Eleven convenience store, a fast casual restaurant and a TECO appliances and

Taiwan specialty store to better serve the locators, their employees and the local community.

"The high-end 7-Eleven convenience store with drive-thru facility will be better than the so-called Store of the Future (SOF). The fast casual Royal Park Restaurant will serve delicious fast food, variety of set menus and drinks. It will be a hybrid restaurant of MOS Burgers and Royal Host Restaurant, which are two very famous Japanese restaurant chains. There will also be a TECO appliances and Taiwan specialty store to serve Taiwanese locators. And there is ample space on the second floor of the building for functions or events," continued Wang.

Ar. Jonathan E. Quimson, Principal Architect of J.E. Quimson Architect-BUILDER, presented the construction design for the proposed 2-storey commercial building. "We have 3 major branches – one is 7-Eleven, which has a 250-square meter floor area. Compared to the regular 7-Eleven stores we have now throughout the Philippines, it has a big area and drive thru-window to pick up items without going inside the store," said Quimson.

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From Left : SBFCC President Benjamin Antonio III, SBMA Chairperson & Administrator Wilma T. Eisma, SBTCC President Andy Liu, Dinalupihan Mayor Maria Angela Garcia

Quimson continued that the building also has the dining area for the restaurant and a function hall with a capacity of 120 people for dining and 150 for seminars/classroom seating on the second floor.

The next VIP to give a message was the new President of the Subic Bay Freeport Chamber of Commerce (SBFCC), Mr. Benjamin Antonio III, who revealed that the ceremony was actually the very first event he attended for the chamber.

"On this special day, I would like to thank first and foremost SBDMC for being part of the growth of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) and the Freeport. This project is certainly very welcome at this time especially as there is a raging pandemic. And you can clearly see that the project really has the welfare of our 16,000 employees and the community in mind when this was designed. I am happy that we will have something like this closer to our employees. Thank you for continuing to believe in the Philippines and thank you for believing in the Subic dream," Antonio said.

SBGP FSI Chairman Kao thanked SBMA, Philippine Seven Corporation, SBDMC, and MCOM for their support. "SBGP Food Services Inc. is a joint venture of SBDMC and MCOM, both have deep roots in Subic Bay, and the project we are here to celebrate is more than just a new construction. We see it in the broader context as an important part of the greater effort to connect our community by offering food, products and services that represent our multicultural members. The restaurant and convenience store in the building will not only cater to the daily needs of our customers in SBGP and its nearby residents but also provide our customers with access to the best products and services from different origins," remarked Kao.

SBDMC Chairman Ou extended his gratitude on behalf of SBDMC and of Chairman Theodore Huang to all the people who supported the project particularly SBMA Chairperson Eisma. "Without your assistance, this thing would not come into reality. I hope that for the future, this corporation will provide services to all the locators in SBGP."

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Mayor Garcia also expressed her appreciation. She said, "On behalf of the province of Bataan, Governor Abet Garcia, all the mayors especially Mayor Jopet Inton and Mayor Cynthia Estanislao, we would like to congratulate SBGP for this ground breaking ceremony. We are very appreciative and thankful that you continue to be here despite the pandemic to give jobs to our constituents and to give services to our locators."

Mr. Andy Liu, President of Subic Bay Taiwan Chamber of Commerce (SBTCC) and Mr. Kelly Uy, General Manager of MSK Group Work Incorporated, likewise provided congratulatory messages.

The final message was given by SBMA Chairperson Eisma. "I am very happy that you are trying to cope with the new normal. We should not live in fear. We should be able to adjust because the COVID situation is still ongoing and if anything, it will probably worsen with the new variant. I thank and I commend SBGP for doing this because it means they are not afraid. And that should be an example to everybody and show good investor confidence not just in Subic but in the Philippines and in the world as a whole," said Eisma.

Atty. Gina Orozco, In-House Attorney of SBDMC and Corporate Secretary of SBGP FSI, led the special prayer for grace and protection during the construction of the building. This was followed by the signing of the original copies of the construction plan and lowering of the time capsule by SBDMC and SBGP FSI President Wang. The MC, Mr. Jonathan Ong, Finance & Accounting Manager of SBDMC and Treasurer of SBGP FSI, then invited the VIPs to join Wang in the ceremonial first shovel of sand.

The construction is expected to be completed before end of June 2021.



## SBMA News - New SFEX Road, Open Beyond January 15

(Emmie V. Abadilla, Manila Bulletin)

The new and expanded section of the 8.2-km Subic Freeport Expressway (SFEX) will remain open to motorists from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until its full completion next month.

Last month, NLEX Corporation initially announced that the new SFEX carriageway will only be open for the holidays until this Friday, January 15, 2021 to give way to the construction of the remaining works.

However, further assessment showed that the new road can stay open while construction continues in some areas, including a portion of Jadjad Bridge. Keeping the new SFEX road open will make it convenient for motorists already using the new expressway and for those traveling to and from the Subic area.

The P1.6-billion SFEX Capacity Expansion project will increase the road capacity of SFEX from one lane in each direction to two lanes in each direction with the construction of two additional lanes, bridges, and a new tunnel.

"We are keeping the new SFEX road partially open to the motoring public up to its target completion in February," declared Public Works and Highways Secretary Mark A. Villar.

"With this, we can continue providing faster and safer access to and from Subic especially for businesses and logistics companies operating in the area as well for tourists," he added.

The new SFEX also intends to improve traffic safety, provide additional road capacity, and reduce travel time to and from Subic Bay Freeport. NLEX Corp. is installing expressway-standard LED lights, raising the elevation of Maritan Highway-Rizal Highway-Tipo Road junction and enhancing the drainage system.

"We have met necessary safety requirements in keeping the SFEX open while construction works are ongoing," NLEX Corporation President and General Manager J. Luigi L. Bautista underscored. "This will further help improve mobility as businesses in the Subic Bay Freeport are coming back on track from adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic," he noted.

"The move to continuously open the new lanes is very timely as it will ease the movement of people and goods in the Freeport and further develop Subic's business and tourism prospects," Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA) Chairman and Administrator Wilma T. Eisma acquiesced.

Already, the new SFEX has served more than 95,000 motorists from December 28, 2020 to January 11, 2021,.

The SFEX Capacity Expansion, once completed, will spur economic growth, not just in Subic, but in the entire region as well.



## DELAYED BLESSINGS ARE STILL BLESSINGS

Renzo Viray



*Blessings*



Delayed blessings are still blessings. And once it knocks at your door at the very unexpected moment of your life, grab it, embrace it, and enhance it. The opportunity that SBDMC gave me is a blessing in disguise. It had a big impact on me and somehow changed my life.

After I graduated from high school, I did not enrol in college. We were financially unstable and I would say that tuition fees in colleges/ universities are costly. So I was very motivated to earn money so I can support myself and my family.

I worked as Senior Cashier in Jollibee for three years. I focused on my job and never thought that one day an opportunity will knock on my door. It was my church mate who offered me to continue my studies. So I grabbed the opportunity. I took an exam and interview. Suddenly, I passed with the help of our Almighty God. I was very happy. I never expected to have another chance to continue my studies.

I embraced the fact that I was given another chance so I need to prove that I am worthy of this opportunity. My first choice of course is Civil Engineering but suddenly I was in love with Accountancy - actually, anything that involves numbers. I remembered my teacher told me that I have a logical-mathematical intelligence that's why I enjoyed mathematics so much. I enjoyed studying my course. It enhanced my skills in analyzing and logical thinking. I never thought that I could be these serious and focused in my study.

The scholarship that SBDMC gave me opened a lot of opportunities for me. I became the President of our organization- Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (JPIA) and was awarded as the Most Outstanding Academic President. Being president of our department taught me to become a good leader and enhanced my abilities. I also finished my course with flying colors.

God has a very good reason for all the things that happened. I may have stopped in my studies for three years, but God opened another door for me. By then, I've learned a lot of things in life.

Every little thing can make a big difference. And that difference can make an impact that matters.



Renzo Q. Viray, an alumnus of the Kalalake National High School was awarded a scholarship grant in 2015. He took up Bachelor of Science in Accounting Technology at Mondriaan Aura College in Subic Bay Freeport Zone.



## DESTINED TO ACHIEVE MY DREAMS

Shania Shaine Alvez



I can still clearly remember when I was in high school how I kept on thinking and dreaming on how to have a better future. Luckily, destiny was working for me that time and I saw SBDMC's scholarship program. At first, I was very hesitant with the thought that I cannot pass the exam to be qualified. I belittled myself thinking that there are students who are also applying who have capabilities way better than mine. But just like what I've said awhile ago, I guess destiny was working this time. There was this urge in me that I should try to apply and take the exam. But that doesn't end there. Hindrance was still on my way that time. Imagine, I had to choose between joining the retreat day which is more exciting or taking the exam which I'm not sure if I'll pass. Up until now, I'm still proud of myself for choosing the right decision and not letting the opportunity to slip from my hands. The day, the moment they told me I've passed, that day I knew that was the start of my journey towards my dreams.

As the saying goes, there's no easy way to achieve your dreams. You'll fall a lot of times; you'll experience a lot of rock bottoms. It's up

to you if you'll give up on your dreams or you'll continue until you reach it. Just like me on my first year in college. New environment, new faces, the only thing that was with me that time was the perseverance that I should prove myself that I deserve the scholarship. Still, there are unexpected things that you don't want to happen but did. I got an average lower than what's required to for my scholarship to continue. It felt like all my dreams were gone. "What if I'll lose my scholarship and might stop schooling?", the thought that bugged my mind that time. If it's for you, things will fall into its own rightful place. I am forever grateful of the chance given by SBDMC to prove myself again. I realized all the reasons behind my dreams so I stood up and move forward with the thinking that all of these are just part of my success.

Behind this journey there are wonderful people who helped, inspired, taught and believed in me that made me win every battle. To my family who witnessed all the struggles I've encountered, thank you for being there and for always telling me that I can, I just need to believe that I really can. You guys are the reason why I always dream of having a better life, this is all for you. To my Sangguniang Kabataan of New Kalalake and SLRP San Pedro Calungsod Youth Choir, thank you for being there for me through ups and downs and keeping the faith in my heart burning. To my fellow graduates, all of our anxieties, tears because of exams and sleepless nights have finally paid off. I know I'm getting closer to my dreams and it won't happen without the help of SBDMC. Thank you for giving me this kind of opportunity to become your scholar. All of these wouldn't be possible without your unending support (financially and emotionally) to me. I will treasure you forever for being a big part of my life.

We can't always see where the road leads but God promises there's something better up ahead we just have to trust him. Now I am taking another step toward my dreams. I may come through different phases but I know God doesn't let me reach this far just to leave me.



Shania Shaine F. Alvez, an alumna of the Kalalake National High School was awarded a scholarship grant in 2015. She took up Bachelor of Science in Accounting Technology at Mondriaan Aura College in Subic Bay Freeport Zone.



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