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CLARK: GATEWAY TO THE NORTH

A large, stylized illustration of an eagle in flight, positioned over the word 'NORTH'. The eagle is brown and is flying from left to right. The background of the letters 'NORTH' is a blue sky with white clouds and a green landscape. The eagle's wings are spread wide, and it appears to be flying over the green hills.

Arroyo appoints new CDC prexy

CLARK FREEPORT – President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo has appointed one the Clark Development Corporation’s (CDC) pioneer board of directors as the new CDC chief.

Ms. Arroyo appointed longtime CDC Board of Director Benigno N. Ricafort as the new CDC president and chief executive officer during a meeting with local and Palace officials during her visit to Angeles City recently, the Palace announced.

Ricafort, who earned his master’s degree in Business Administration major in Economics at St. John’s University in New York, will replace outgoing CDC President Liberato P. Laus, who held office at the state-owned corporation from October 1, 2006 to July 30 of this year.

With a 15-year significant track record at the CDC Board, Ricafort has served the government from the inception of the CDC and continuous liaison with the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA).



He was appointed CDC Board of Director in 1992 during the term of former President Fidel V. Ramos.

Also, Ricafort’s pioneering

work at the CDC Board provided him key participation and role in overseas and local investments, promotions and missions for Clark.

He has also actively participated in policy formulation, policy review and key Board Oversight Committee chairmanship and membership in the following areas: Executive Committee, Marketing and Investments Committee, and Revenue Monitoring and Anti-Smuggling Task Force.

Ricafort’s extensive experience in Clark also played a key role in conflict resolution and re-organization processes for each new CDC President.

His stint as CDC director spans seven CDC Presidents from the inception of the state-owned corporation with full transparency, accountability, and governance: Antonio Henson, Romeo David, Rufo Colayco, Sergio Naguiat, Emmanuel Angeles, Antonio Ng, and Liberato Laus.

He is also a recipient of numerous awards – among them are the Department of Trade and Industry’s Golden Shell Award in Arroyo... page 8

LGUs assure ‘full support’ to new CDC prexy



ARROYO (left)

CLARK FREEPORT – Local Government Units (LGUs) within the Metro Clark area have assured newly-appointed Clark Development Corporation (CDC) President Benigno Ricafort of their support, the Metro Clark Advisory Council (MCAC) said.

MCAC Chairman and Mabalacat Mayor Marino Morales said LGU-members of the Council “want to help in the development of Clark” as a response to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo’s bid to transform Clark and nearby Subic as a world-class services and logistics hub.

“The President knows best. She made the right choice [in appointing Ricafort]. I believe he is the most appropriate person to replace Levy [Laus],” Morales said

citing Ricafort’s 15-year track record at the CDC.

Representative Carmelo Lazatin of the 1st District of Pampanga said Ricafort’s appointment to the CDC is a “welcome development” for the entire Clark Freeport.

Lazatin said that while the expectations of Clark stakeholders are high, he assures his support for Ricafort. The congressman added that he will likewise backup “all appointees of the President.”

Pampanga 2nd District Representative and Presidential Son Mikey Macapagal-Arroyo, likewise, extended his support saying he is confident that Ricafort will meet the expectations of Clark stakeholders.

“I’m sure he (Ricafort) will do well. Although the accomplishments

of Mr. Laus are laudable, I am confident that with his vast experience and our compiled support, the new CDC chief will do more to live up to expectations,” the Presidential Son said.

Morales also stressed that local officials want to help in the development of the 32,000-hectare Sacobia sub-zone, which is being geared as Clark’s “next frontier.”

“I believe Mr. Ricafort practices the principle of unity, solidarity, and teamwork which is why we assure him the LGU’s active participation in the development of Clark and the Sacobia sub-zone,” Morales said.

Morales added that Ricafort “is accepted by the business community and Local Government Units” saying that Metro Clark

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The Airport

Airport execs, groups form task force vs white slavery



Luciano (2nd from left)

OFFICIALS of the Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC), concerned government agencies, and non-government organizations yesterday formed a task force against female trafficking.

This, after women's group

Ima Foundation reported that illegal recruiters have been using the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport (DMIA) as a transit point for victims of white slavery.

The Ima Foundation, led by former Angeles City Councilor

Susan Pineda, said a syndicate has been luring women from Mabalacat town, particularly in the villages of Madapdap and Dau, including other areas in the Metro Clark area, to work in Malaysia.

However, the women, mostly

minors, end up being prostitutes in still unidentified brothels in Malaysia.

CIAC President Victor Jose Luciano gathered officials from concerned government agencies and NGOs to form the Task Force DMIA.

The officials come from the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency, Philippine National Police, National Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Immigration and Deportation, and the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency.

Luciano said Task Force DMIA will monitor movement of human trafficking syndicates in a bid to prevent more young women to be victimized and exploited here and abroad.

The CIAC chief also said the task force is set to meet again next week.

Mayor confident in speedy passage of EO 500B

CLARK FREEPORT – The mayor of Mabalacat town has expressed confidence in the immediate passage of Executive Order (EO) 500-B as he cited “the solidarity demonstrated by Clark investors and locators which was instrumental in the signing of the Freeport Law.”

Mayor Marino Morales, during the general assembly of the Clark Investors and Locators Association (CILA) held here recently, said the signing of Republic Act (RA) 9400 or the Freeport Law “was greatly influenced by the united efforts” shown by investors inside Clark.

The signing of Freeport Law, Morales added, “is a precedent” that could convince the President to order for the immediate passage of EO 500-B.

“Your display of unity and solidarity has played a vital role in the signing of RA 9400 which is why I am confident that the President will call for the speedy issuance of Executive Order 500-B before she steps down [from office] in 2010,” Morales said.

EO 500-B allows more international flights at the 2,200-hectare Diosdado Macapagal International Airport (DMIA). Last February this year, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo approved in principle the proposed EO 500-B that will amend the existing EO 500-A issued in August 2006. The latter order amended the original EO 500 released in January 2006.

Earlier, CILA President Jeannie Del Rosario-Ng wrote a letter to President Arroyo

reiterating their appeal for the immediate passage of EO 500-B that would open more flights at the DMIA.

“There is a pressing need for the passage of EO 500-B which will attract more flights at DMIA,” Del Rosario-Ng said in her letter to the President.

Morales also cited the recent agreement signed by CILA and the Subic Bay Freeport Chamber of Commerce (SBFCC) as they vowed to join forces in the development of Subic, Clark, and the Central Luzon Growth Corridor.

“The alliance forged between these two business groups (CILA, SBFCC) assures the President in her vision to make Clark and Subic the most competitive services and logistics



Morales

hub in the Asia-Pacific region,” Morales said.

Morales also announced that a Central Business District would soon rise in a 3,000-hectare area in Mabalacat. The mayor added that he will ask the Philippine

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The Airport

Clark airport operations not affected by NAIA Terminal 3 opening

CLARK FREEPORT – The president of the Clark International Airport Corporation (CIAC) said the opening of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3 will not affect the operations of the Clark airport.

CIAC President Victor Jose Luciano told journalists here that the NAIA Terminal 3 still cannot put up with the huge volume of passengers since it can only accommodate a total of 13 million passengers per year.

Luciano, before proceeding to the Bahay na Puti to meet with

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, said passenger volume at the NAIA had already surpassed its maximum capacity.

Passenger arrivals at the NAIA have already reached 23 million, reports said.

Luciano added that the Terminal 3 will immediately be congested due to the huge volume of passengers.

“The Clark airport is not affected by the NAIA’s new terminal. It still does not have room for the huge volume of passengers which is why DMIA (Diosdado Macapagal Interna-

tional Airport) will still be the premier airport of the Philippines,” said Luciano, who was supposed to update the President with developments at DMIA.

Luciano stressed that government should fast-track the construction of the DMIA Terminal 2 project which costs \$164 million and was designed to accommodate some seven million passengers per year.

The DMIA, Luciano added, has an existing terminal can accommodate only two million passengers annually.

Luciano said plans are

underway for the construction of DMIA Terminal 3 Project costing \$400 million.

The CIAC President also said the Philippines had just concluded air talks with Hong Kong where both countries agreed to have 23,800 seat entitlements per week.

Luciano said of the 23,800 seat entitlements for the Philippines, 15,000 had been allocated to Manila while 6,300 went to Clark and the remaining 2,500 to Cebu.

On the other hand, Hong
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Clark poised as Pampanga's gateway to the North

CLARK FREEPORT – Provincial officials have lauded plans to make Clark as Pampanga's gateway to the North.

This after top developer Globe Asiatique broke ground on Sunday for the construction of another subdivision in nearby Mabalacat town, which lies at the northern most tip of the Clark Freeport.

Mabalacat Mayor Marino Morales lauded Globe Asiatique President Delfin Lee for including in the construction groundwork the plan to create a 2-kilometer access road that would traverse along Xevera Mabalacat thus, linking Clark to the North.

Morales said the Mabalacat Gate of Clark is now congested with both human and vehicular traffic – most of them belonging to the more than 52,000 workforce of the Clark Freeport.



Globe Asiatique's Delfin Lee (right) with Pampanga officials.

He added that the access road at the P6-billion Xevera Mabalacat subdivision will decongest human and vehicular traffic along Clark's Mabalacat Gate since it bypasses heavy traffic along the busy Macarthur Highway.

Pampanga 1st District Rep. Carmelo Lazatin, who also attended the groundbreaking rites of Xevera Mabalacat, said the access road will benefit Clark motorists bound for Tarlac and other northern provinces since travel time is shorter.

Lazatin said the presence of Xevera Mabalacat is “another

feather in the cap” further boosting Mabalacat's bid of becoming a component city.

Morales, on the other hand, noted that Xevera Mabalacat would also serve as the Makati north of Manila or Manoma saying he plans to create a central business district in Mabalacat.

Globe Asiatique President Delfin Lee said Xevera Mabalacat is a P6-billion project that will rise in a 62-hectare area along Barangay Tabun in Mabalacat – just a stone's throw away from Bamban town in Tarlac.

Lee said the subdivision, which boasts of a Venetian-style theme, is the second Xevera project in Pampanga that aims to provide high-end housing and amenities at affordable prices to 7,500 working class families.

His first Xevera project, which caters to 4,000 families lies at the heart of Barangay Calibutbut in Bacolor town and is only 15 minutes away from Clark via the Freeport's circumferential road.

Lee furthered that Xevera Mabalacat will hold its grand opening in January next year and is expected to be completed in 2010

Investments

Call center firm to develop business skills of students, out-of-school youths

CLARK FREEPORT – A call center firm here is embarking in training not only call center agents but also the entrepreneurial skills of students and out-of-school youths.

Cyber City Teleservices, Ltd., Inc. has tapped the Philippine Council of Students in Intrapreneurship (PCSI) to help call center agents, students, and out-of-school youths develop business sense and technical competencies.

During the PCSI Luzon Membership and Management Conference hosted recently by Cyber City here, PCSI President Dr. Robert Galindez said his group aims to prepare the youth to be “gainfully employed” on their own.

Galindez said even young people who are already employed in their respective companies could benefit from the training.

He cited call center agents of Cyber City who will be taught to create a business structure allowing them to generate extra-income within the company.

Galindez said the business structure will be brought to schools and universities nationwide. Columban College in Olongapo and the University of Luzon in Dagupan City are among the schools already tapped by PCSI, he said.

Dr. George Sorio, president of Cyber City, said the program does not only focus on call center agents but also students taking Nursing and Engineering, and other disciplines.

He cited that nursing students can benefit from the program’s English proficiency component saying foreign employers have complained of language and grammar problems among Filipino nurses.

“We are sending nurses

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CDC, SM ink P.5-B lease pact

CLARK FREEPORT – Premier Central, Inc. (PCI) will be pouring an initial P500-million investment for the establishment of a tourism-related project inside the Clark Freeport.

This after the Clark Development Corporation (CDC) and SM City Clark, through PCI, on Wednesday signed a supplemental lease agreement for the mall’s expansion in a nearby 5.5-hectare area.

Under the agreement, PCI will establish and operate a mixed-used facility for office, retail, commercial, leisure, entertainment and hotel, and other tourism-related businesses and projects.

The 50-year lease agreement is expected to generate about 2,000 new jobs and pour in a minimum investment of P500 million.

CDC President Liberato P. Laus and PCI president Henry Sy Jr., through his representative, PCI Sr. Vice President Jeffrey Lim, led the signing of the lease

agreement at the Mall of Asia Complex in Pasay City.

As stipulated, the minimum guaranteed lease is at US\$0.30 per square meter per month to start on the third year and to escalate by 10 percent on the eighth year, and every three years thereafter.

The agreement also stated that PCI is entitled to non-payment of lease rentals for a period of two years, known as the grace period, from the signing of the agreement.

In addition to guaranteeing a minimum investment of P500 million, PCI shall also, on a “best effort basis,” hire at least 70 percent of its qualified employees from the Southern Tagalog Region.

It shall also submit a detailed business development and construction plan within six months from the execution of the agreement.

In 2003, PCI leased 16.5 hectares, where SM Clark is now

located, for 25 years and renewable for another 25 years.

This original agreement provided that CDC would grant PCI within five years the option to lease the adjoining 5.5 hectares that is now covered by the supplemental agreement.

SM has two sprawling malls in Pampanga — SM City Clark and SM City Pampanga in the City of San Fernando.

The new investment by the giant malls firm will further bolster the investment growth at the Clark Freeport Zone which currently stands at about P80 billion, a 600 percent rise from the last year’s level.

The former American military base, converted from a special economic zone to a Freeport zone last year, has generated more than 50,000 jobs to residents of Pampanga and other parts of Central Luzon.

SM is only one of more than 200 local and foreign locators inside Clark.



CDC President Liberato P. Laus (left) and SM Investments Corp. Executive Vice President Jeffrey Lim exchange documents after signing a P500-million supplemental lease agreement for an expansion project beside SM City inside the Clark Freeport. Also in photo are (from left) lawyer Epitacio Borcelis, Jr., and CDC Executive Vice President Philip JB Panlilio.

Business groups sign pact to develop Subic-Clark, CL corridor



LEASE SIGNING. President Arroyo witnesses the signing of a \$1-million lease agreement between Clark Development Corp. and Berthaphil, Inc. in New York City recently represented by CDC President Levy P. Laus (left) and Andre Hercz, Chairman and Founder of Berthaphil. Also in photo are (standing, left) Pampanga 3rd District Rep. Aurelio "Dong" Gonzales Jr, Trade Secretary Peter Favila, Pampanga 2nd District Rep. Mikey Arroyo, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo and another unidentified official.

CDC, Berthaphil sign \$1-M lease pact

CLARK FREEPORT – The Clark Development Corporation (CDC) and one of the Clark Freeport’s pioneering locators signed recently a \$1-million lease agreement in New York City.

With President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as witness, CDC President Liberato P. Laus and Berthaphil founder and chairman Andre Hercz signed the agreement at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

According to Laus, the contract signing further bolsters the vision of the President to transform the Clark Freeport as the next logistics hub of the Asia Pacific Region.

Laus said the lease agreement with Berthaphil will pave the way for the development of a 58-hectare area into a suppliers’ park for Texas Instruments (TI) – one of the leading microchips manufacturer in the world.

He added that Berthaphil has already guaranteed 12 multinational firms, suppliers, and business partners of TI to locate here even while construction work at TI is ongoing.

Laus said the projected investments to be infused by suppliers is about \$40 million and exports amounting to \$20 million annually generating about 2,000 new jobs once the park is operational.

Berthaphil and other potential business partners,

on the other hand, expect projected investments to reach \$60 million, creating 3,500 new jobs and generating aggregate exports amounting to \$30 million yearly once the park is fully occupied.

Laus said other potential companies of the suppliers’ park shall complement the Clark Investment Priority List and Master Plan to increase exports, quality job generation and promoting Clark as the most preferred investment destination in Southeast Asia.

Berthaphil, a local corporation owned by Worldwide Sourcing Ltd. American stockholders from New York, invested in Clark in 1999 to engage in building, developing and marketing industrial and business parks designed to host multi-dimensional business operation from logistics to warehousing, electronic assembly and packing and information technology.

The firm has already infused P750 million for the development of three parks in Clark, and is responsible for creating nearly 5,000 jobs and an average of \$20 million exports annually.

The signing was also witnessed by other Philippine government officials, among them Trade Secretary Peter Favila, Foreign Secretary Alberto Romulo and Pampanga congressmen Mikey Arroyo, Aurelio Gonzales, Jr. and Ana York Bondoc-Sagum.

CLARK FREEPORT – Two business groups recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in a bid to enhance the development of the Subic-Clark Alliance Development Program and the Central Luzon Growth Corridor.

The Clark Investors and Locators Association (CILA) and the Subic Bay Freeport Chamber of Commerce (SBFCC), led by their respective presidents, signed the MOA recently after a brief program held at the Hotel Stotsenberg here.

Under the MOA, both CILA and SBFCC will “cooperate with each other in enhancing the Subic Clark Alliance Development Program and the Central Luzon Growth Corridor through the use of each other’s infrastructure and facilities, information and communication technology, promotions and marketing, and exchange of ideas, expertise, research and planning.”

The agreement also aims to “shed off parochialism” by allowing both CILA and SBFCC to combine forces amid “fierce competition” from neighboring Asian countries and other emerging economies worldwide.

CILA President Jeannie Del Rosario-Ng, who signed the agreement with SBFCC President John Corcoran, said Subic and Clark’s new role is to transform the two former United States military installations into world-class regional logistics hubs that cover both air and marine transport.

“This relationship makes perfect sense because of the SCTEX (Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway),” Del Rosario-Ng said citing travel time going to and from Clark and Subic is cut short by 30 minutes because of the SCTEX.

The MOA signing also paved the way for the creation of an Advisory Committee that allows both parties to exchange information useful for planning, financing, development, governance, operation and promotion/marketing of their respective Freeport zones.

To attract more investments to Subic and Clark, CILA and

In Focus

Clark's strategic location cited in 4th Asean Rubber Conference

CLARK FREEPORT – The Clark Development Corporation (CDC) has cited the strategic and locational advantages of the Clark Freeport before more than 800 international CEOs participating in the 4th Asean Rubber Conference.

During a luncheon held yesterday at the Mimosa Convention Center inside the Clark Freeport, CDC Executive Vice President Philip JB Panlilio cited Clark's viability for investments,

noting that the state-owned corporation is currently creating a master development plan for the Sacobia area here.

According to Panlilio, Clark has opened a "new frontier" with the conclusion of a Joint Management Agreement between CDC and the Aeta tribes, validated by the National Commission for Indigenous Peoples (NCIP).

This agreement will enable CDC to develop 10,684 hectares of

the 27,000-hectare Clark Sub-zone for various projects with the Aeta tribes receiving a generous share from the lease proceeds.

The area identified in the Clark Sub-zone master development plan is more than twice the size of the Clark Freeport which is 4,400-hectares, the CDC added.

Panlilio also noted Japanese investor Yokohama Tire Philippines' successful operations inside the Clark Freeport.

"...Yokohama...has been with us for almost 12 years now and it still continues to expand operations. It is only one of the 300 locators that have discovered and experienced the advantages of doing business in the Clark Freeport zone," Panlilio said.

Apparently, Japanese firms are number one in the list of Clark's top exporters. Yokohama, as of January 2008, has posted a total of \$18.3 million in exports.

Korean firm to infuse \$4.5M for Clark tourism project

CLARK FREEPORT – The Clark Development Corporation (CDC) and officials of New Well Being Spa City Corporation signed an agreement for the establishment of another tourism-related project that would infuse an initial investment of \$4.5 million.

Cho Young Ho, president of New Well Being Spa Corp., said the successful operations of the firm led to the establishment of new firm – Ritzville Corporation, which signed the lease agreement with the CDC.

The signing, led by CDC President Liberato P. Laus and Ho, who is also president of Ritzville Corp., was held Friday during a simple ceremony at the Carworld Corporate Headquarters in the City of San Fernando.

Laus said the project will be situated in a 5.5-hectare area near the New Well Being spa. The Korean firm plans to construct high-end residential villas, specialty restaurants, and other tourism-related facilities.

The project, Laus added, is expected to complement the spa and the other amenities of New Well Being like the recently completed condominium-hotel that caters mostly to the Korean and other foreign tourists frequenting the Freeport.



CDC President Liberato P. Laus (2nd from right) and Ritzville Corporation President Cho Young Ho sign a lease agreement for the establishment of a \$4.5-million tourism-related project inside the Clark Freeport. Looking on are Director Ki Young Hong (standing, 2nd from left) and CDC Asst. VP for Investment and Promotion Bernardo Angeles (right).

During the signing, Laus and Cho were accompanied by Ritzville Corp. Director Ki Young Hong.

Other amenities of New Well Being spa are gift and coffee shops, lounge and swimming pool located at the former Red

Wood Villa club house.

Laus said he signed his first lease agreement with Cho shortly after being appointed by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as the president and chief executive officer of the state-owned firm in October 2006.

After signing the first agreement, Laus noted that New Well Being Spa Corp. leased a 1.2-hectare area here which transformed the former Red Wood club houses into a world-class tourism project inside the Clark Freeport.

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19th after running for more than 24 hours in the 100-km solo leg.

For the 100-km two-man relay, each running 50 kilometers, Albert Sama of the Public Safety Department finished the first leg at nine hours while Bonifacio Dalisay of Mimosa completed the second leg in 10 hours.

Sama and Dalisay ranked fifth out of the eight pairs besting their Malaysian and Singaporean counterparts. The first four teams that beat Sama and Dalisay to the finish line are professional runners.

CDC's Precy Hernandez of the Legal Department and Eugene Paras of the Marketing Department finished the 20-kilometer leg while the rest of Team Clark members completed the 10-kilometer run.

CDC Environmental and Management Bureau Manager and Team Clark member Red Fuentes said this is their first time to compete in a "trail run."

He said Team Clark used to join "road runs" in the monthly marathons they have joined adding that the ultra marathon is a new experience for his team mates, which include Clark locators and family members.

"Though running is a favorite sport worldwide, it has become the 'in-thing' for CDC and Clark employees," he said noting that Team Clark was formed after the CDC organized the 1st Clark International Marathon in January 2008.

Among the events participated in by Team Clark are the Subic Marathon, Heritage Run (Save the Pasig River) held in February 2008, Mizuno Infinity Run 1&2, Save the Tubataha Reef Run, and the Pinay in Action (PIA) Run sponsored by Senator Pia Cayetano.

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abroad and further training in language and grammar will help them not only in their day-to-day rapport with foreigners but also in writing reports and when taking entrance examinations," Sorio said.



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SBFCC agreed to encourage and generate investments through a system of referral and joint promotions and marketing.

Also, CILA and SBFCC will organize investment missions that will focus high-tech manufacturing industries and other sectors that specialize on air cargo transport, transshipment, and tourism.

The next few years are full of promise for Clark and Subic. And with our accord, we are confident that we are better armed to meet the challenges and take advantage of these opportunities," Del Rosario-Ng said.

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1988; Most Outstanding Kapampangan, 1990; Most Outstanding Jaycee President of the World, 1977; and San Beda College Most Outstanding Alumnus, 1978.

Ricafort is married to the former Nona Rojas Saldana. Both are blessed with two children Raymond and Ma. Monica, who are both entrepreneurs.

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Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) to accommodate the Mabalacat CBD in order to allow Clark investors to use the area for their expansion projects.

He urged CILA members and other Clark investors "to consider" his offer as he noted "saturation of leasable areas in the 4,200-hectare main zone of the Clark Freeport."

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Kong received a reciprocal right to ferry 23,800 passengers to various points in the Philippines.

He said the 6,300 seat entitlements per week for Clark translate to 35 flights or around five flights per day.

Aside from seat entitlements for Clark, the Philippine Air Panel also secured 1,400 tons of cargo per week for the Clark route or around three Boeing 747 cargo planes per day for Clark, Luciano said.

CDC President Levy Laus sign an agreement with Widus International Leisure Inc. President Daesik Han for the \$18-million expansion project of the new tourism estate project in Clark.

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mayors are "relying on his promise that the under his term the CDC will continue to coordinate and cooperate with LGUs," Morales said.

CDC Public Relations Manager Angelo Lopez, Jr. said while Ricafort's experience with CDC affairs "is without question," he hopes that the new CDC president will be able to finish his term.

Lopez cited the need for continuity in the plans and programs of past CDC presidents saying "it is important for President Arroyo to complete her legacy programs for the Filipino people and that includes the development of the Clark-Subic Corridor and the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport."

"We, at the CDC, hope that Mr. Ricafort would finish his term with the President in 2010. We are hoping that he would be able to continue plans and programs of previous presidents in consonance with the legacy vision of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, including his own plans and programs for the Freeport," Lopez said.

Community

Aeta communities get P200,000-worth of goods

CLARK FREEPORT – One of the Clark Freeport’s prime movers in the tourism industry has tapped the Clark Development Corporation (CDC) for the donation of P200,000 worth of food to 15 Aeta communities of the Sacobia area yesterday.

Widus International Leisure, Inc., owner and developer of Hotel Vida here, distributed 166 boxes of Korean cup noodles worth P200,000 to Aeta representatives of the 15 sitios in Sacobia.

The turnover ceremonies, held at Hotel Vida, were led by Widus President and Chief Executive Officer Daesik Han, Hotel Vida General Manager Juan Roca, and CDC Community Extension Services Office (CESO) Manager Fely Rondollo.

Han said “community service is the driving force behind Widus International Leisure, Inc.”

“With Hotel Vida, the company wishes to show they are one with the government and the community at large to make the Clark Freeport zone become more progressive and world class without neglecting the needs of

the indigent communities surrounding it,” Han furthered.

Rondollo, meanwhile, said CDC is aggressive in launching various Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs that have benefited Aeta communities and other areas within the vicinity of the Clark Freeport.

She added that the CDC has recently collaborated with Korea House, a Clark locator, for the conduct of free cataract operations that benefited 79 indigent patients from surrounding communities near the Freeport.

Rondollo also announced that the recently concluded academic year last March saw the college graduation of nine Aeta students under a scholarship program of the CDC and an Angeles City-based university.

Also, CDC turned-over 13 brand new service vehicles to Aeta communities as part of the Joint Management Agreement (JMA) entered into by the CDC, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), and 12 Aeta tribes within the Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT025).



CDC President Levy Laus and Widus International Leisure Inc. President Daesik Han exchange documents in this file photo.

Team Clark stands out in TNF 100 ‘ultra marathon’



CDC's team clark at the starting line.

CLARK FREEPORT – Members of the Team Clark have outdone themselves by completing the grueling trails of The North Face 100 (TNF 100) ultra marathon held from July 26 to 27 in Batangas.

Team Clark, composed mostly of staff from the different departments of the Clark Development Corporation (CDC), joined the 100-kilometer solo and two-man relay, and the 20-km and 10-km run that start and finish at the Chateau Royale located along the boundaries of Tagaytay and Nasugbu in Batangas.

From over 80 participants, lawyer Jonnifer Lacanlale of the CDC Legal Department ranked

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