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NABAS, Aklan- The Nabas Local Government Unit (LGU) held a groundbreaking ceremony on March 7, 2024 for its wind farm visitor center in Aklan. The event was attended by Nabas Mayor Maria Fe Lasaleta, officers of Nabas and Aklan Tourism Offices, and officials of PetroWind Energy, Inc. (PWEI), the developer and operator of the wind farm.

“We are pleased that finally we will start the construction of this wind farm visitor center. The facility will be a venue where guests can learn more about Nabas, our culture, tradition, and local industries, particularly our Bariw weaving, our famous cold springs, and of course the warmth and hospitality of our people,” says Nabas Mayor Lasaleta.

“This is also our way of promoting responsible nature tourism, taking advantage of the presence of the wind farm utilizing clean and renewable energy. We thank PetroWind for their partnership and we hope for a sustainable collaboration. Our dream is to make the Nabas wind farm visitor center part of the Province’ inland tourism circuit,” adds Mayor Lasaleta.

The visitor center is a 410 sqm structure funded by the Nabas municipal government to be erected adjacent to the wind project’s entrance near the main highway on land donated to PWEI. This location facilitates a quick detour visit to the wind farm of tourists going to or coming from Boracay.

The visitor center of the Nabas LGU will complement PWEI’s view deck, erected at the start of the project, providing a majestic view of the wind farm, the mountains, and Boracay island.

“This visitor center showcases public-private partnership in action with shared goals of promoting eco-tourism, enhancing community welfare, and supporting clean and renewable energy development. And while this project is led by Nabas LGU, we assure them and the

community that PWEI will give its full support,” says Vanessa Peralta, Assistant Vice President for Corporate Communication of PetroEnergy Resources Corporation, the mother company of PWEI.

Mayor Laseleta stressed that appropriate rules and guidelines governing zoning, visitor carrying capacity, transport and safety of visitors will be put in place before the visitor center is opened and operated. The project is expected to provide additional benefits to Nabas community, particularly the host barangays, in terms of tourism-related jobs and business opportunities.

The Aklan Provincial Tourism Office welcomes and supports the project as Boracay hot spots and other establishments can also see an uptick on guests with the addition of the Nabas wind farm visitor center.(PR)

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Aklan Media joins World Press Freedom Day Celebration on May



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KALIBO, Aklan- Members of the tri-media in the province of Aklan are joining the synchronized celebration of the World Press Freedom Day on May 11 this year.

To be held at the Ati-atihan Festival Hotel, the celebration is organized by the Aklan Media-Citizen Council (AMCC) together with the Aklan Press Club and the National Union of Journalists of the Philippines-Aklan Chapter, Akeanon News and the Boracay Island News Network.

The said event is supported by European-based international Media Support (IMS) through the International Press Institute. Aside from Aklan, other areas celebrating the synchronized World Press Freedom Day will be hosted by Davao together with Iloilo, Region 8, Batangas, and Surigao, among others.

This year's theme is "A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the Face of the Environmental Crisis." Joe Torres, the director general of the Philippine Information Agency, will lead the expression of support for press freedom in Aklan together with several stakeholders.

Among the activities include the Kapehan Forum to be discussed on media safety and a short lecture on the role of media in environmental protection by the AMCC's legal consultant, Atty. Darren Mae Fajardo, and the winners of the first community photojournalism competitions.

The Kalibo Cable Television Inc will air live the Kapehan.

Ariel Cebelinno, of the PPI, said that at 1:00 pm, there will be a Zoom meeting among the participating local councils in the country to discuss among them their activities on World Press Freedom Day.

The AMCC also thanked the sponsors of the said event, which include the Ati-Atihan Festival Hotel, Pizzados, Ariels Point, Cherry and Alex Lechon, Juan's Bulalohan, Alima Massage, Iyagi Restaurant, Manalo, Ms. Mary Jane Valbuena, and Miss World-Western Visayas, among others.

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Kalibonhon leads Miss World Philippines in the UDASS launch KALIBO, Aklan Kalibonhon native known in this decade as a queen maker, is leading the launch of the Miss World Philippines in the States of America. Mary Jane Valbuena-McLelland said that the launch will be staged at the Invir Village in Beverly Hills, California, on May 16, 2024. The said event in Philippine time is May 17. 'McLelland Entertainment Production, together with the Miss World Philippines Organization, formally announce the official launch of Miss World Philippines USA! We encourage global pageant fans alike to support Miss World Philippines USA and all our related endeavors," McLelland said in her social media post. McLelland graduated from high school at Aklan Catholic College. Her daughter, Francesca Beatriz McLelland, is a finalist for Miss Kalibo Ati-Atihan. The young McLelland in 2022 was named Miss Eco-Teen 2022 and is organizing the US leg through McLelland Entertainment Production and Elite Chateau Inc., the official franchise partner for the Filipino community in the USA. Last year, McLelland held the franchise for the Miss World Philippines-Western Visayas. She held the swimsuit competition of the said pageant at the Hotel-Boracay.

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