HONOR to launch Magic5 Pro smartphone in PHL

HONOR Philippines is set to launch on June 8 its flagship Magic5 Pro smartphone in the country, it said last

"We are extremely excited to Unleash the Power of Magic on June 8, 2023, so join us live to unveil the HONOR Magic5 Pro. Witness the real Magic as we share the breakthroughs in design, display, photography, and performance of this new HONOR flagship," HONOR Philippines Vice-President Stephen Cheng was quoted as saying in a statement.

The HONOR Magic5 Pro will be launched live on HONOR Philippines' Facebook page at 7pm.

The phone features enhanced hardware and advanced technologies, the brand said.

Its Super Triple Falcon Camera System has a 50-megapixel (MP) wide camera, a 50-MP ultrawide lens, a 50MP periscope telephoto camera with 3.5x optical zoom and 100x digital zoom, and a multi-spectrum color sensor.



"The camera also sports a breakthrough AI Motion Sensing Capture, enabling users to shoot their best moments, every time. The HONOR Magic5 Pro is equipped with IMAX Enhanced Movie Master to produce cinematic style videos, taking videography to a whole new level," HONOR Philippines said.

front camera with a 3D depth camera. The Magic5 Pro has 6.81-inch LTPO Quad-Curved Floating Display featuring a Novel Display Luminance Enhancement Technology for an im-

It is powered by the Snapdragon 8 Gen 2 Mobile Platform and supported by HONOR's GPU Turbo X. It runs on

mersive experience.

MagicOS 7.1 based on Android 13. The HONOR Magic5 Pro also has

IP68 water and dust resistance. It is powered by 1 5,100 mAh battery that supports fast charging.

"The durable device can also withstand being submerged in water of depths up to 1.5m for 30 minutes, demonstrating HONOR's exquisite craftsmanship and exceptional prod-

uct quality," the company said. Based on HONOR's global website, the phone comes in two color options, namely Meadow Green and Black. It has 12GB of storage and 512GB RAM.

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ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Secretary to the ATTY. DINDO R. CERVANTES

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Upon motion of Hon. M.D.M. Arayon, duly seconded, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Makati, by a unanimous vote, approved City Resolution No. 2023-041 on second and final reading.

CITY RESOLUTION NO. 2023-041

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HONORABLE MAYOR MAR-LEN ABIGAIL S. BINAY OR HER DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO NEGOTIATE, ENTER INTO AND SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU), AND ALL OTHER PERTINENT DOCUMENTS RELATIVE THERETO, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF MAKATI AND OSPITAL OF MAKATI (OSMAK) WITH KARL STORZ ENDOSCOPY PHILIPPINES, INC. (KSEPI) IN RELATION TO THE IMPORTATION, SHIPMENT, AND DELIVERY OF THE DONATED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO OSMAK AND TRAINING OF THE ASSIGNED MEDICAL STAFF FOR THE PROPER OPERATION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SAID EQUIPMENT, SUBJECT TO EXISTING LAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City Government of Makati to provide the best possible health care to its constituents by strengthening the delivery of its health care programs and

WHEREAS, Karl Storz Endoscopy Philippines, Inc. (KSEPI), a corporation duly established under Philippines laws, is a global manufacturer and distributor of endoscopes, medical instruments, and devices. It is a company which combines its expertise in endoscopy with software solutions to achieve integration in the operating room and to support clinical process and resource management;1

WHEREAS, under the "develoPPP COVID-19 Agreement" between Karl Storz SE & Co. KG and DEG-Deutsche Investitions, both registered in the Federal Republic of Germany, certain medical equipment will be donated to selected Philippine hospitals:

WHEREAS, Karl Storz SE & Co. KG and its Southeast Asia regional headquarters, Karl Storz Endoscopy Asia Marketing Pte Ltd. (KSEAM), will partly implement the Philippine donation in partnership with KSEPI which will facilitate the importation, shipment, and delivery of the donated medical equipment and training of hospital personnel;

WHEREAS, Ospital ng Makati (OSMAK) was chosen as one of the beneficiaries of this

WHEREAS, KSEPI shall conduct trainings to the assigned medical staff of OSMAK such as medical doctors, nurses, biomedical engineers, trainers, among others, on the proper operation, use, and maintenance of the donated medical units and its system in accordance with the project's framework and guidelines;

WHEREAS, the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), among other documents, between the City Government of Makati and/or Ospital ng Makati and Karl Storz Endoscopy Philippines, Inc. (KSEPI) is necessary to guide the parties in carrying out the abovementioned purpose;

WHEREAS, Section 8 (a) (6) of R.A. No. 7854, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Makati, provides that the City Mayor, as the chief executive of the city government, shall among others, represent the City in all its business transactions and sign on its behalf all bonds, contracts, and obligation, and such other documents upon authority of the sangguniang panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance;

WHEREAS, in consideration of the reasonableness and absence of any legal impediment to the aforecited authority that will be given to the City Mayor, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Makati, pursuant to the abovementioned provision of law, hereby approves this

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MAKATI, METRO MANILA, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS VESTED IN IT BY LAW, IN SESSION ASSEMBLED, to authorize the Honorable Mayor Mar-len Abigail S. Binay or her duly authorized representative to negotiate, enter into and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and all other pertinent documents relative thereto, for and on behalf of the City Government of Makati and Ospital of Makati (OSMAK) with Karl Storz Endoscopy Philippines, Inc. (KSEPI) in relation to the importation, shipment, and delivery of the donated medical equipment to OSMAK and training of the assigned medical staff for the proper operation, use and maintenance of the said equipment, subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the Office of the Mayor, Office of the City Administrator, Law Department, Makati Health Department (MHD), Ospital ng Makati (OSMAK), Budget Department, Accounting Department, Information and Community Relations Department (ICRD), Department of the Interior and Local Government – Makati City Field Office (DILG-Makati City), Karl Storz Endoscopy Philippines, Inc. (KSEPI), and other departments, offices, and agencies concerned for their information, guidance and reference.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF MAKATI, METRO MANILA, in its Regular Session held on 31 May 2023.

> ATTY. DINDO R. CERVANTES Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlungsod

Attested by:

Certified true and correct by:

HON. MONIQUE YAZMIN MARIA Q. LAGDAMEO Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

1 https://www.karlstorz.com/de/en/45.htm



Power Mac Center reopens its flagship store in Greenbelt 3

POWER MAC CENTER (PMC) last week reopened its Greenbelt 3 flagship store as the second Apple Premium Partner store in the country.

The store now has a total area of 462 square meters (sq.m.) versus the previous size of 357 sq.m. as PMC aims to bring a bigger and better experience to its customers.

It is PMC's second Apple Preium Partner (APP) store in the Philippines following the one opened in Power Plant Mall last

"It was a great delight for us to open the first Apple Premium Partner store in the country. As we welcome customers to another store of this kind, we feel more committed to serve our purpose of bridging more Filipinos to Apple technology. Whether you're a student, a professional, a creative, or a business owner, the Power Mac Center Apple Premium Partner store in Greenbelt 3 is your one-stop premium destination. All things Apple, all in one place," PMC Director of Product Management and Marketing Joey

"This Power Mac Center Apple Premium Partner store in Greenbelt 3 brings a world-class retail experience for Filipino Apple fans. We have curated the country's most-loved accessory brands to pair well with our widest selection of Apple devices to be able to cater to every need and

personality. And then, we have brought in workshop masters inhouse who will teach and inspire our customers to make the most out of their tech arsenal, thereby creating a truly unique and holistic shopping experience in our biggest location yet," said Anna Cabanos, PMC director for Sales.

Aside from selling Apple items, the Power Mac Center store in vices through an in-house Mobile Care Service Center and hosts free workshops daily on how to maximize Apple's products.

"Mobile Care Service Center has always served as the technical support provider of loyal PMC customers and Apple fans all over the country. We are excited to finally be able to bring our repair and maintenance services to the flagship store in Greenbelt 3 now an Apple Premium Partner store. We aim to continue marching forward in our mission, and from here onwards, we get to do it in a one-stop-shop capacity with our APP stores," PMC Director for Service, Warehouse, and Logistics Jim Laguio added.

Power Mac Center has 100 locations nationwide, including retail branches, service centers, and training centers. The company is an Apple Premium Reseller, Apple Authorized Education Reseller, Apple Authorized Training Provider, and Apple Authorized Service Provider in the Philippines.

OpenAl CEO has no initial public offering plan due to 'strange' company structure

STOCKHOLM - Microsoft-backed OpenAI, the company behind ChatGPT, has no plans to go public any time soon, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sam Altman said at a conference in Abu Dhabi.

"When we develop super intelligence, we are likely to make some decisions that most investors would look at very strangely," Mr. Altman said.

"I don't want to be sued by... public market, Wall Street etc, so no, not that interested," he said in response to a question on whether he will take OpenAI public.

OpenAI has so far raised \$10 billion from Microsoft at a valuation of almost \$30 billion as

it invests more on building computing capacity. "We have a very strange structure. We have this cap to profit thing," he said.

OpenAI started off as a nonprofit organization but later created a hybrid "capped-profit" company, that allowed it to raise external funds with a promise that the original nonprofit operation still benefits.

While building their artificial intelligence capacities, Mr. Altman and many prominent scientists involved with creating and marketing the technology have warned of the threat it poses, particularly content-creating generative AI such ChatGPT, with some equating it to extinctionlevel risk. They have demanded regulation.

Mr. Altman is on a whirlwind tour across the world, meeting heads of states of several countries, and was in the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday. He plans to travel next to Qatar, India, and South Korea.

EU CONTROVERSY

While in Europe he got into controversy for saying OpenAI may leave the region if it becomes too hard to comply with planned laws on AI, inviting criticism from several lawmakers, including EU industry chief Thierry Breton. OpenAI later reversed the stance.

"We did not threaten to leave the EU," Mr. Altman said on Tuesday. "We expect to be able to comply. There's still more clarity we are waiting for on the EU AI Act, but we are very excited to operate in Europe."

The EU is working on a set of laws to govern AI, including proposals that would force any company using tools like ChatGPT to disclose copyrighted material used to train its systems.

OpenAI does not disclose that data on its latest AI model, GPT 4.

Mr. Altman, however, found support from EU tech chief Margrethe Vestager, who said she did not perceive Altman's comments as a threat but as a promise to do his best. - Reuters

Google's AI to power virtual travel agent from Priceline

WANT a New York hotel near a Christmas market, a vegan restaurant, or another attraction?

Look no further than artificial intelligence (AI) from Google at Priceline as early as this summer, the companies told Reuters.

The online travel agency, part of Booking Holdings, aims to debut a more sophisticated chatbot for planning trips, as well as hotel suggestions that are like "a personal concierge" tailored to users, said Martin Brodbeck, Priceline's chief technology officer.

"You can easily find out that in Bryant Park there's a Christmas market that runs from early November all the way through the beginning of January when you're actually booking your hotel," he said.

New tools from Google's cloud division give Priceline access to generative AI, like the technology behind ChatGPT that can draft text as if a human wrote it. The tools also extract information such as hotel prices from existing data to ensure

For Google, drawing business through AI represents a potential way to close the gap with rivals Amazon and Microsoft, as it has long been a distant No. 3 provider of cloud services like data storage.

For Priceline, the embrace of novel technology on its website may help it vie with myriad platforms that market travel options, some of which are exploring how consumers react to AI.

Its rival Expedia Group said Chat-GPT would power conversations on a smartphone app. That is giving travelers "inspiration on places to go" and booking options, said Rathi Murthy, its chief technology officer.

Both Expedia and Kayak, another site owned by Booking Holdings, have integrated their travel suggestions through features in the standalone ChatGPT program as well.

And Google itself has long represented competition for Priceline, though Mr. Brodbeck said its cloud capabilities were what led to the partnership.

The ability to build applications atop generative-AI that Google pioneered has attracted recent business, said Thomas Kurian, Google Cloud's CEO. – Reuters