

St. Luke’s Medical Center digitizes patient records with Sunrise EHR platform

ST. LUKE’S Medical Center has partnered with Altera Digital Health to digitize its medical records, it said on Tuesday.

The healthcare institution will use Altera Digital Health’s Sunrise electronic health record (EHR) platform at its Quezon City and Bonifacio Global City facilities to transition to digital from paper records, it said in a statement.

“At St. Luke’s Medical Center, we are enhancing patient care through the adoption of Altera’s Sunrise EHR platform. This advanced technology enables our clinicians to collaborate more efficiently, streamline processes, and maintain a strong focus on patient-centered care, all while securely managing health records,” St. Luke’s Medical Center President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis P. Serrano said.

“Our Sunrise EHR platform is designed with flexibility in mind, and we believe it will equip St. Luke’s Medical Center with the tools to optimize their digital processes to support their patient and clinician needs, paving the way for stronger and better care delivery, while better supporting healthcare practitioners’ workloads,” Altera Digital Health Executive Vice-President for Asia-Pacific Todd Haebich said.

Sunrise is a comprehensive, configurable, and scalable platform that St. Luke’s said can help their hospitals deliver more responsive healthcare services.

“EHRs have increasingly been recognized for improving patient care and enhanc-

ing efficiencies in healthcare processes. The Sunrise platform’s support will enable St. Luke’s team to digitize data, streamline existing processes, and achieve further scalability while providing secure facilitation and management of patient records, supporting clinicians in delivering the best care possible to patients,” it said.

The technology is expected to help St. Luke’s evaluate the outcomes of its interventions and treatments for its patients and allow doctors and clinicians to collaborate and manage patients’ health records more effectively, it added.

“Using the Sunrise EHR platform, clinicians can get a unified view of their patient’s health records and better organize their care history while their patients are with St. Luke’s Medical Center. The platform can act as an information hub across the healthcare system, making it possible for clinicians to holistically review patients’ past notes and care plans, helping solve the problem of fragmented records that many patients with multiple care providers have,” St. Luke’s said.

The platform also provides clinical decision support functions that provides clinicians with information to assist them in determining the medication needed by patients, it said.

“Through its sophisticated connected medication management feature, doctors can leverage the platform promptly to check on their prescription’s proper dosing and any drug-to-drug interactions with their patients.” — **BMDC**

AI-generated code may expose businesses to security issues

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Reporter

BUSINESSES could see security vulnerabilities and operational inefficiencies due to unverified code generated by autonomous artificial intelligence (AI) agents, according to clean code provider Sonar.

“The quality of code generated by autonomous AI agents can vary,” Marcus Low, general manager and vice-president for Asia-Pacific and Japan at Sonar, told *BusinessWorld*. “While these tools aim for consistency, AI-generated code inherently lacks the meticulousness of humans, leading to potentially harboring hidden issues that might lead to bugs or security vulnerabilities.”

Autonomous AI agents may not fully understand the context in which the code operates, which risks exposing firms’ systems to exploits or breaches, he said.

While AI can enhance efficiency and innovation, robust verification processes are critical to ensuring code security, Mr. Low said. This

verification is done through testing, human oversight, and continuous monitoring to ensure that the code meets safety, security, and performance standards.

“This means businesses can reduce costly risks associated with bad code, a problem estimated to cost companies more than a trillion dollars per year,” he said, adding that for business leaders, this means greater confidence in the reliability and security of software being rolled out into the production phase.

For its part, Sonar’s latest capabilities for SonarQube Server and SonarQube Cloud, AI Code Assurance, and AI CodeFix are designed to improve the quality and security of code produced by generative AI, he said.

“Ultimately, the key to mitigating these risks is to leverage AI code generation tools responsibly. This also means that AI-based software development should be seen as augmenting human skills, not replacing them,” Mr. Low said.

The importance of human oversight cannot be overstated in the process of AI code generation, as AI “lacks the nuance, understanding of



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context, and critical thinking” that developers bring to the table, he said.

Aside from creating guidelines that both AI and human developers can follow to ensure quality without compromising speed, the companies should also maintain a “human-in-the-loop system,” the official added.

“The widespread use of AI agents in software development tools can give developers enormous productivity benefits, but it raises some concerns about ac-

countability, transparency, and security that must be addressed in order to foster responsible adoption,” Mr. Low said.

Amid the increased use of AI-generated code, organizations must ensure that these outputs comply with industry standards, ethical guidelines, and regulatory requirements, he added, noting that without a robust AI governance framework, businesses expose themselves to risks stemming from inferior or even harmful code.

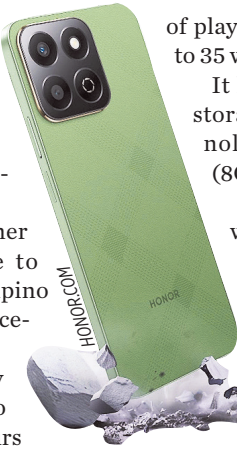
HONOR launches water-resistant X7c smartphone

HONOR Philippines on Wednesday launched its latest entry-level smartphone, the all-angle water-resistant HONOR X7c.

The HONOR X7c has an IP64-rated design for dust and water resistance, the brand said in a statement.

This latest smartphone is “another innovative yet affordable device to uplift the lifestyle needs of the Filipino consumers,” HONOR Philippines Vice-President Stephen Cheng said.

The phone has a 6000mAh battery that HONOR said can power up to 28.5 hours of streaming or 21.5 hours



of playback on YouTube and supports up to 35 watts wired fast charging.

It has 256 gigabytes (GB) of internal storage and features RAM Turbo Technology for a 16GB RAM experience (8GB physical and 8GB virtual RAM).

Based on HONOR Philippines website, the X7c comes in three colors, namely Forest Green, Midnight Black, and Moonlight White.

It has a 6.77-inch TFTLCD display with a 1610x720 resolution and a 120Hz refresh rate and 850-nit peak brightness.

The HONOR X7c is powered by a Qualcomm Snapdragon 685 octa-core processor and runs on MagicOS 8.0 based on Android 14.

It has a dual rear camera setup comprised of a 108-megapixel (MP) main camera and a 2-MP depth lens. It also features an 8-MP front camera.

The phone also has dual stereo speakers.

The HONOR X7c features the HONOR Magic Capsule interface for multitasking.

It is now available at HONOR Experience and Partner stores nationwide, as well as via HONOR’s official stores on e-commerce platforms like Lazada, Shopee, and TikTok Shop. — **BVR**

Benguet Corp. receives P300M from Red Earth in private placement deal

LISTED mining company Benguet Corp. has received P300 million from Red Earth Mineral Resources Corp., a company engaged in surface mining and diversified investments, as partial payment for two private placement agreements.

In a disclosure to the stock exchange on Wednesday, the listed firm said that it signed two separate private placements with Red Earth on Nov. 5, covering 110 million common shares.

The first transaction covers Red Earth’s subscription to Benguet Corp.’s 90 million shares priced at P4 apiece. Broken down, these comprise 53 million Class A common shares and 37 million Class B common shares.

Meanwhile, the second transaction covers Red Earth’s subscription to 20 million common shares — 13 million Class A and 7 million Class B — in Benguet Corp. priced at P4 per share.

“At the signing of the private placement agreements, the company (Benguet Corp.) received from Red Earth the amount of P280 million as partial payment for the first transaction,” the company said.



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“THE ADDITIONAL CAPITAL infusion will be used for the development of the Pantangan Gold project, Bolco Gold project, solar project, agribusiness project, and other priority projects of the company,” Benguet Corp. said.

“The balance of P80 million will be paid after stockholders’ approval of the private placement in the upcoming annual stockholders’ meeting on Dec. 20,” it added.

Red Earth also paid the listed firm P20 million as a deposit for its subscription in the second transaction and is expected to pay the balance of P60 million after the transaction receives approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In a previous disclosure, Benguet Corp. said that the conclusion of the private placement will result in public ownership accounting for 39% of the outstanding capital.

“The additional capital infusion will be used for the development of the Pantangan Gold project, Bolco Gold project, solar project, agribusiness project, and other priority projects of the company,” Benguet Corp. said last week. — **Justine Irish D. Tabile**

Ovialand eyes P2.2B in initial sales from new Laguna project

REAL ESTATE developer Ovialand, Inc. launched a 97-hectare development in San Pablo, Laguna, marking the second project under its joint venture with Japan-based Takara Leben Co. Ltd.

The project, called Sentro, will have 746 housing units priced at P3 million to P5 million, Ovialand President and Chief Executive Officer Pammy Olivares-Vital said during the launch event in Makati City late Tuesday.

She added that Ovialand expects about P2.2 billion in sales for the initial phase of the development.

“The launch of Sentro builds on our ongoing fruitful partnership with Takara Leben. This involves us tapping their expertise as we work towards our goal of having a nationwide presence by 2033,” Ms. Vital said.

The turnover of the units will start by late 2025. The property is located

near the city center and has a 20-meter frontage.

The sizes of the housing units range from townhouse, duplex, and single-detached units. Each unit is built using pre-cast technology, allowing homebuyers to move into the homes within three to six months.

“We want our homebuyers to avail their dream homes with ease and convenience as they are assisted in every step of the home-buying process — from securing their loan applications up until the completion of administrative-related work,” Ms. Vital said.

Some of the amenities of Sentro include a planned commercial center, wider roads, bike lanes, and open spaces.

“The commercial space we’re allocating is around 10% of the area. Our goal is to supplement the community,” Ms. Vital said.

The first project of the Ovialand and Takara Leben joint venture is the 6.5-hectare Savana South in Laguna, which has 657 house and lot units.

To date, Ovialand has completed close to 3,000 housing units in San Pablo, Laguna, which are fully moved into by homebuyers.

Other Ovialand projects in San Pablo include Santevi, Sannera, and Savana.

Takara Leben is a Japan-based company involved in the development and sale of condominiums, leasing of real estate, and distribution of real estate. It is a subsidiary of Japan-listed Mirarth Holdings, Inc.

Ovialand is a real estate developer that has a presence in Laguna, Batangas, Quezon, and Bulacan. It caters to the premium and affordable segments of the real estate market. — **Revin Mikhael D. Ochave**

Branded segment boosts Century Pacific’s third-quarter earnings

CENTURY Pacific Food, Inc. saw its third-quarter attributable net income surge by 14.7% to P1.64 billion, fueled by growth in its branded segment.

In a regulatory filing on Wednesday, Century Pacific Food logged a gross revenue of P19.03 billion, up by 11% from P17.14 billion for the August-to-September period, its financial statement showed.

The company attributed its revenue growth to its branded businesses such as its marine, meat, and milk, and other emerging segments, Century Pacific Food said.

“Amid a soft consumer environment, the segment continued to post sustained growth, supported by a diverse portfolio of brands spanning progressive price tiers,” the company said.

For the nine-month period, Century Pacific Food logged an attributable net income of P5.28 billion, marking a 14% increase from P4.63 billion in the same period last year.

The company’s gross revenue ballooned to P56.88 billion for the January-to-September period, jumping by 12.4% from P50.59 billion in the same period last year.

The company also incurred higher expenses for the nine months to September, rising to P50.41 billion from last year’s P44.79 billion, according to its financial statement.

Further, the company said its OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) Exports business, which covers its tuna and coconut exports, recorded an improvement in 2024 as commodity prices and foreign exchange were favorable compared to last year.

Century Pacific Food said its operating cash flow for the nine months amounted



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to P4.9 billion, which allowed the company to fund its acquisition of Coco Harvest, Inc. and increase its coconut processing capacity.

Coco Harvest, which is a fully integrated coconut facility in Misamis Occidental, is expected to help support the company’s OEM coconut export business.

“Furthermore, it will help stimulate the local economy by increasing the demand for plant auxiliary services and providing market access to coconut farmers in the region,” it said.

At the local bourse, shares in the company closed 80 centavos, or 1.94% higher, to end at P42 apiece. — **Ashley Erika O. Jose**

Alternergy lends P4.45B to wind unit

ALTERNERGY Holdings Corp. has lent up to P4.45 billion to its wholly owned subsidiary, which may be converted into an additional 5,000 subscription shares at P889,000 apiece.

In a regulatory filing on Wednesday, Alternergy said its board approved entering into a convertible subordinated interest-bearing loan agreement with Alternergy Wind Holdings Corp.

The board also approved setting up a wholly owned subsidiary that will serve as the shared

services center of the corporation and its subsidiaries.

“The wholly owned subsidiary shall be incorporated with an authorized capital stock and paid-in capital of up to P5 million,” the company said.

The company is targeting to develop up to 500 megawatts of additional wind, solar, and run-of-river hydro projects.

Shares in the company on Wednesday fell by 2.13% to close at P0.92 apiece. — **Shelden Joy Talavera**