

Mayor Ross Rizal Inaugurates New Building at Paciano Rizal Elementary School



Calamba City – Mayor Roseller “Ross” H. Rizal inaugurated the newly constructed Mayor Ross H. Rizal Type Building at Paciano Rizal Elementary School, marking a significant milestone in the city’s commitment to educational advancement.

“Nakakatuwang isipin na pagdating pala ng panahon ay makabalik ako sa aking elementary school noon upang buksan ang isang gusali para sa mga kabataan,” shared Mayor Rizal during the ceremony. He emphasized that the construction of this building reflects the city’s dedication to enhancing the education sector and providing better opportunities for future generations.

The Mayor Ross H. Rizal Type Building, designed to serve as a beacon of hope, is set to accommodate hundreds of students and foster a conducive learning environment. “Ang gusaling ito ay isang simbolo ng ating sama-samang pangarap para sa mas maliwanag na bukas ng ating mga anak at mga apo,” he added.

The event showcased the mayor’s continued advocacy for education and his hands-on approach to ensuring that

Calamba’s youth have access to quality facilities and resources. This initiative is part of Mayor Rizal’s broader vision of uplifting Calamba City by prioritizing education, job creation, and sustainable development for its residents. (Edjun Mariposque)

New wage rates eyed for kasambahays in Calabarzon

ANTIPOLO CITY, Rizal (PIA) — Public consultations on a possible wage rate hike for domestic workers and kasambahays in Region IV-A began in Rizal province on Friday, January 10.

The Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board (RTWPB) Calabarzon said the consultations seek to review whether it was appropriate to set another round of increase in the current minimum wage based on the needs of domestic workers, the employers’ capacity to pay and current socio-economic conditions in Calabarzon.

The current minimum wage set at P6,000 per month was issued on February 19, 2024.

“Napakahalaga po ng public consultation para marinig ang saloobin ng mga kasambahay at employers to determine kung dapat itaas na ba talaga para itaas ang minimum wage for domestic workers in Region 4A,” explained lawyer Katrina Galang-Bayani, of RTWPB Calabarzon.

“Whatever rates the wage board releases with respect to the minimum wage will take all factors into consideration. We will hear both sides—house

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PNP-COMELEC Launches Checkpoints for 2025 Elections: Ensuring Safety and Order in CALABARZON



On the first day of the PNP-COMELEC checkpoints for the upcoming 2025 National and Local Elections, a high-profile inspection was conducted on January 12, 2025, at Brgy. Halang, Calamba City.

Provincial Election Supervisor Atty. Patric Enaje, representing COMELEC Region 4A, led the activity alongside key officials, including BFP FSSupt. Maria Victoria Brual, NAPOLCOM Atty. Owen De Luna, AFP BGen. Ronald Alcadia, PCG Ensign Neptali Rufali, COMELEC RED Atty. Allan Enriquez II, CRS PCol. Julius Serebin, and Laguna Provincial Director PCol. Ricardo Dalmacia.

The checkpoint aims to ensure safety and order in the region during the election period, focusing on enforcing the election gun ban and related regulations. Atty. Enaje confirmed that CALABARZON is not classified as a red area of concern.

This initiative is part of the PNP and COMELEC’s broader efforts to maintain peaceful and fair elections across CALABARZON. It serves as both a warning to violators and a reassurance of security for residents and voters.

Regional Director PBGen. Paul Kenneth Lucas emphasized the full support of the police force in the implementation of checkpoints throughout CALABARZON. COMELEC Regional Director Atty. Allan Enriquez extended gratitude to uniformed personnel, including

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Senator Lito Lapid Leads Groundbreaking of P10M Daycare Center in San Pedro, Laguna



San Pedro, Laguna – January 14, 2025 — Senator Lito Lapid spearheaded the groundbreaking ceremony for a P10 million daycare center in Barangay San Antonio, San Pedro City, Laguna, earlier this morning.

Welcoming the senator were Laguna Congresswoman Anne Matibag, Vice Governor Karen Agapay, and Pinuno Partylist 2nd Nominee Dez Labrador.

The new daycare center, funded through Senator Lapid’s initiative, aims to provide a better learning environment for children in the community. Education has been a cornerstone of Lapid’s advocacy, driven by his personal experience of not being able to finish college. The senator expressed his commitment to supporting underprivileged students to help secure their future through education.

In his brief speech, Lapid emphasized that education re-

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Editorial

PRODUKTONG PINOY MAS PINALAKAS NG RA 11981

Nilagdaan ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ang Republic Act (RA) 11981, Ang Tatak Pinoy (Proudly Filipino) Act.

"Ngayon, karangalan kong pirmahan ang dalawang panukalang batas na hindi lamang nagpaparantal sa dalawang pangunahing sektor ng lipunan, kundi nag-uutos ng mga hakbang na nagpoprotekta sa kanilang mga karapatan at nagtataguyod ng kanilang pag-unlad," sabi ni Marcos sa kanyang talumpati sa paglagda sa dalawang panukalang batas sa Palasyo ng Malacañan. Ceremonial Hall.

"Ang bawat isa sa mga batas na ito ay nakapaloob sa mga merito na itinataguyod ng Bagong Pilipinas sa pagbuo ng isang malakas na bansa. Halimbawa, ang Tatak Pinoy Act ay tungkol sa pamumuhunan sa kakayahan at talento ng Pilipino. Ang henyo at kaloob na iyon ay dapat suportahan, hindi sa pamamagitan ng pangaral lamang kundi sa pamamagitan ng tunay, nasasalat na suporta," dagdag niya.

Ang Tatak Pinoy (Proudly Filipino) Act ay naglalayon na palakasin ang pakikipagtulungan sa pagitan ng gobyerno at pribadong sektor tungo sa pagtataguyod ng mga produkto at serbisyo ng Pilipinas sa pamamagitan ng paggawa ng mga ito na lalong sari-sari at globally competitive.

Sinabi ni Marcos na ang Tatak Pinoy ay nagbibigay ng mga insentibo sa mga lokal na produkto na karapat-dapat na taglayin ang trademark na "Made in the Philippines", na nagpapakita ng pagkamalikhain at kakayahan ng manggagawang Pilipino.

"Ito ay tungkol sa paglikha ng mga produkto at serbisyo na may pinakamataas na kalidad, dahil ang Tatak Pinoy ay tungkol din sa kahusayan, at bilang selyo ng mahusay na pagkakangawa, dapat lamang itong ilapat sa mga nakakatugang sa mataas na pamantayang ito. Dahil dito, bibigyan natin ng preference at priority ang ating mga produkto," aniya.

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hold workers and employers—and we will also assess the regional economic situation," Bayani added.

According to RTWPB IV-A, some 3,993 domestic workers in the region are expected to benefit from proposed wage hike.

Domestic worker organizations in Rizal are optimistic that the government will address their call for a wage increase and expanded benefits.

Riza Estrella,

secretary-general of the United Domestic Workers of the Philippines, urged the board to increase the rate to P8,000 to help workers cope with rising costs.

"Napaka-importante na magkaroon na ng pagtaas sa sahod ng mga kasambahay nationwide para pantustos sa pang-araw araw na buhay, dahil hindi na po sumasapat ang kasalukuyang sahod na P6,500 sa dami ng pangangailangan." Bal-

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NO NEED...

A strong stance against calls for a probe into the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), Cagayan de Oro Rep. Rufus Rodriguez defended the transmission grid operator, emphasizing that the company has been fully compliant with its franchise responsibilities. Speaking during a hearing of the House Committee on Legislative Franchises, Rodriguez questioned the necessity of investigating NGCP, given its record of adherence to tax and operational requirements.

"The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has clearly stated during the Ways and Means hearing that NGCP has been paying all its tax liabilities, which was confirmed by the BIR chief," Rodriguez said. He also highlighted that Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) Chairperson Mona Dimalanta corroborated this, confirming the operator's compliance with the 3% franchise tax mandated under Republic Act 9511.

Rodriguez criticized the House committee for pursuing a probe despite clear evidence of NGCP's compliance. "Precisely, that was the issue. NGCP has complied. BIR said NGCP has complied, so why are we here? Are we trying to dissolve the 50-year franchise of NGCP? Is that the reason, Mr. Chairman?" he asked.

Delays Explained: Right-of-Way Challenges

Addressing concerns over the five-year delay of the Mindanao-Visayas Interconnection Project (MVIP), Rodriguez clarified that NGCP faced significant right-of-way issues, including challenges with a golf course that delayed the project. He expressed gratitude to NGCP for overcoming these obstacles and completing the MVIP in January 2024, connecting Mindanao to Visayas and Luzon.

"My constituents in Cagayan de Oro's sec-

ond district thank NGCP for finally linking Mindanao to Visayas and Luzon. Now, if Mindanao has excess capacity, it can support Visayas and Luzon, and vice versa," Rodriguez said. He added that the interconnection has encouraged more companies to establish power generation plants in Mindanao due to the expanded market access.

DOE and Lawmakers Call for Fair Assessment

The Department of Energy (DOE) supported Rodriguez's assertions, acknowledging that delays in transmission projects are not solely the fault of NGCP. DOE Undersecretary Sharon Garin pointed out that issues such as right-of-way disputes, pending ERC approvals, and other bureaucratic hurdles contribute significantly to delays.

"Right-of-way problems remain. There are also cases pending ERC approval and disputes with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)," Garin said during the hearing.

Philreca Party-List Rep. Presley C. De Jesus echoed this sentiment, calling for a balanced perspective. "It's unfair to place all the blame on NGCP. This is not about defending NGCP but leveling the playing field. There are multiple factors, including ERC and court-related delays," De Jesus said.

He also highlighted the need for continuity in government energy policies, noting that frequent changes in DOE leadership often disrupt the prioritization of key projects. "Ano ba ang purpose natin, pababain ang presyo ng kuryente o we just blame one element of the energy family," ("What is our goal here? To lower electricity prices or to simply blame one element of the energy family?") he asked.

Call for Collaboration Rodriguez and

PNP-COMELEC...

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ing the Philippine Coast Guard, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, Bureau of Fire Protection, and Armed Forces of the Philippines, for their collaborative efforts.

Laguna Provincial Director PCol. Ricardo Dalmacia spearheaded the launch of the checkpoint in Calamba City. Deputy Provincial Director for Operations PLtCol. Anel Pagulayan stated that 24-hour checkpoints

are established in every municipality in Laguna to ensure public safety.

The COMELEC reiterated the strict enforcement of the election gun ban, requiring proper documentation for individuals carrying firearms. The public is encouraged to cooperate and report any suspicious activities to help maintain peaceful and orderly elections.

(Edjun Mariposque)

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mains a top priority, stating, "Education is the only legacy parents can give their children."

Congresswoman Matibag and Vice Governor Agapay also expressed their gratitude for the senator's project, highlighting its significant benefit to students and their families.

Community leaders and residents, led by United San Pedro Subdivision President Rodrigo

Besmonte, also thanked Senator Lapid for his generosity.

The new facility replaces an old multipurpose building built in 1976, which had long been in disrepair, with leaking roofs and inadequate infrastructure. The daycare center is expected to improve the quality of education and provide a safe learning space for children in San Pedro City.

(Edjun Mariposque)

other lawmakers stressed the importance of fostering collaboration between the government and private sector players like NGCP to ensure the timely completion of transmission projects. The solon urged his colleagues to focus on

resolving systemic issues rather than singling out the NGCP for blame.



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NPA ARMS CACHE DISCOVERED IN CAMARINES NORTE

CAMP CAPIN, Rizal - An arms cache of the terrorist NPA consisting of high-powered firearms was discovered by the combined troops of the Army's 2nd Infantry (Jungle Fighter) Division (2ID) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) in Labo, Camarines Norte, this morning, January 9.

Following the revelation by an undisclosed resident of Brgy. Exciban, combined elements of the 16th Infantry Battalion (16IB) and Labo Municipal Police Office (LMPO), prompted to conduct search operations to the area where the hidden armed cache of NPA terrorists is located, according to the report.

Around 9 o'clock

in the morning when they discovered the cache and unearthed two cal. 30 machine guns, four M16 rifles, two M14 rifles, two M203 grenade launchers, 200 rounds of ammunition, one improvised anti-personnel explosive device, 22 hand grenades, one roll of detonating cord, and 10 magazines.

Major General Cerilo Balaoro Jr., the 2ID commander, thanked the people of Brgy. Exciban for continuously cooperating and supporting the government's peace advocacy.

He further emphasized that the people's vigilance and continued effort to report unusual and suspicious activities that might endanger the peace

and safety of their community are the reasons why peace is achievable.

"The success of the government's campaigns in achieving peace relies largely on the trust and support of the people," Major General Balaoro said.

He also said that the noteworthy achievement amply demonstrates how the terrorist CPP-NPA's aim to sow terror, divisiveness, and destroy peace in Calabarzon and Mimaropa regions has weakened.

"The continuous discovery of arms caches, which started last year, is an attestation of the weakening of the operational capacity of the terrorist NPA, as it disrupts their plans to conduct violent activities against our peace-loving people,"

The Provincial Government of Cavite, in coordination with the Local Government of Silang and Youth for Silang Organization, continued extending basic medical services to attain a healthier community in Barangay Bulihan, on January 15, 2025.

Medical professional from GEAMH and

says Major General Balaoro.

Various stakeholders have concurred on how effective streamlining of the Task Force on Ending Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) in addressing the issues in the countryside that led to the collapse of their organization, making the 2ID continuously partner with other government and non-government agencies to intensify its security efforts against the remaining insurgents in the area.

(DPAO)

Rural Health Unit of Carmona provided health advice and check-ups to 425 patients, addressing their health concerns. Likewise, 61 constituents underwent dental extractions for improved oral health and hygiene.

As the program carried on, Governor Athena Tolentino, alongside 5th District Representative Roy Loyola, Board member Aidel Paul Belamide, and Silang Mayor General Edward Carranza, displayed their support and enthusiasm for the health outreach program.

Governor Tolentino emphasized that mental health is just as important as physical health, highlighting the availability of a 24/7 hotline offering free counseling, referrals, and consultations with psychiatrists for individuals struggling with mental health issues. "Wala pong

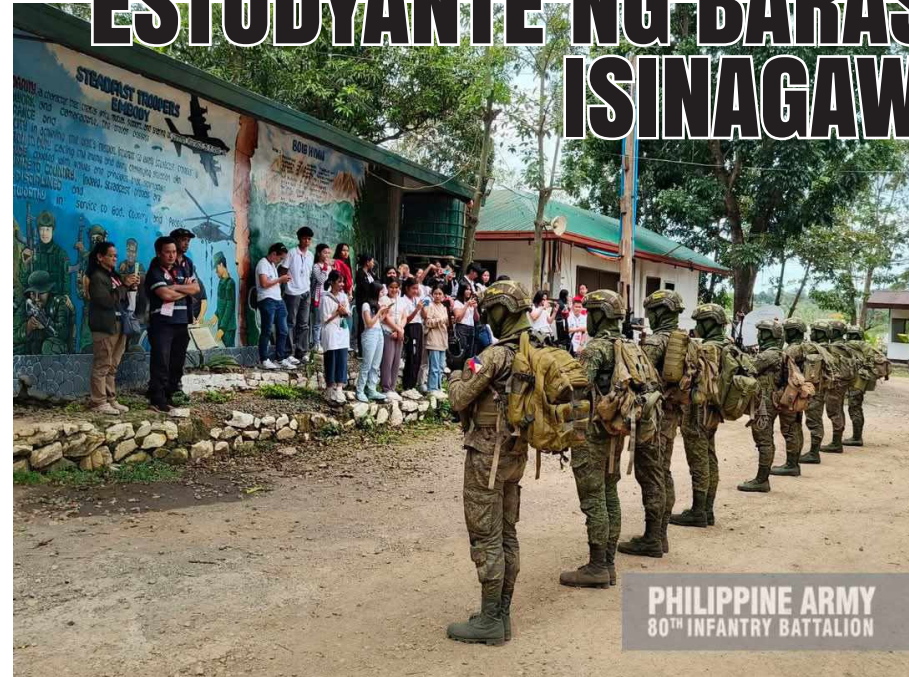
dapat ikatakot sa paghingi ng tulong tungkol dito, kaya ito po ay bukas na bukas sa lahat ng mamamayan dito sa lalawigan ng Cavite," she emphasized.

Governor Tin also mentioned that the program was carefully planned and organized over the course of three years by her and the board members of Cavite to be implemented across the province.

She, then, concluded her message, stating that she will remain committed and "at your service" for the Cavite people.

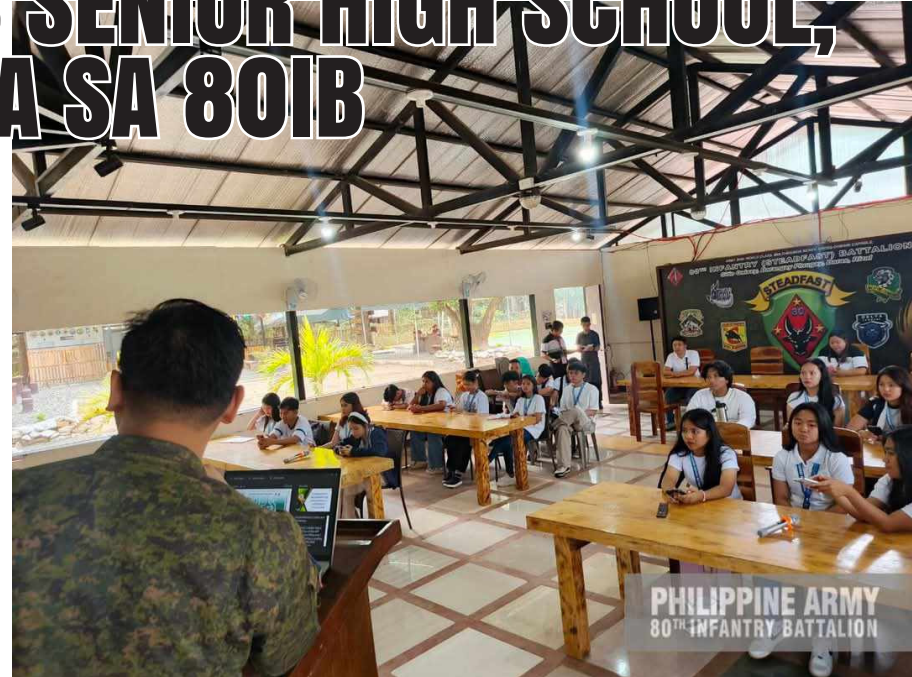
The medical and dental mission program is a testament of the provincial government's dedication and commitment in improving the overall health and welfare of every Caviteño in the province.--- J. Reyes

EDUCATIONAL AT FAMILIARIZATION TOUR NG MGA ESTUDYANTE NG BARAS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, ISINAGAWA SA 80IB



Baras, Rizal — Isang makabuluhang karanasan ang naranasan ng mga estudyante mula sa Baras Senior High School sa kanilang ginawang dalawang arawang educational tour sa kampo ng 80th Infantry STEADFAST Battalion sa ika-9 at 10 ng Enero 2025

Layunin ng nasa-



bing tour na magbigay kaalaman sa mga kabataan hinggil sa tungkulin ng militar sa pagpapanatili ng kapayapaan at kaayusan sa bansa, pati na rin ang pagpapalaganap ng nasyonalismo at pagkaka-

Sa pagsisimula ng programa, mainit na tinanggap ng mga miyem-

ro ng 80IB ang mga estudyante at guro. Ipinaliwanag ang mga pangunahing tungkulin ng hukbo, tulad ng pagbibigay-proteksyon sa mga mamamayan at pagsuporta sa mga programang pangkaunlaran sa mga komunidad.

Kasama sa mga aktibidad ang pagpapakilala sa mga kagamitan ng militar, isang maikling talakayan hinggil sa mga kampanya laban sa insurhensiya, at pagbisita sa iba't ibang bahagi ng kampo. Nagkaroon din ng pagkakataon ang mga estudyante na makipag-ugnayan sa mga sundalo, na nagbigay ng inspirasyon sa kanila upang higit pang pahalagahan ang papel ang pag-asa ng bayan, at nais naming maging inspirasyon sa kanila."

Ang matagumpay na pagdaraos ng educational tour na ito ay patunay ng patuloy na ugnayan ng militar at ng sektor ng edukasyon upang sama-samang isulong ang layunin ng kapayapaan at pag-unlad sa bansa. *(Nelson Dimapilis)*

FESTIVE CAVITE

Playing a big part in Philippine history, Cavite is known as a place rich in heritage. Fast forward to today, the province has since progressed to become one of the most competitive and sought after location in terms of business and those seeking homes outside busy and congested Metro Manila. Aside from Cavite's bustling economy, various tourist spots, and well-preserved history, there is this cultural heritage that Cavitenos are proud to celebrate all-year round.

First Quarter Festivities

Starting with the Mardicas Festival in the municipality of Ternate every 18th of January, this Sto. Nino fluvial parade that continues in the streets of the municipality and ends in the churchyard. During this festival, marching band music provides the beat for the Karakol and street dancing in colorful costumes by the locals.

he first three days of February showcase nightly cultural presentations, song and dance competitions at the plaza, band parade, street dancing, and a variety show in the town of Silang. Known as the Sumilang Festival, this celebration is the locals' way of thanking the Lord and celebrating a bountiful harvest.

Later on the same month, the Municipality of Amadeo treats coffee lovers with their very own Pahimis Festival or "Coffee Festival". Amadeo, known as the "Coffee Capital of the Philippines", holds this occasion as way of thanksgiving of abundant harvest of coffee in the municipality. This event is highlighted by a trade fair, street dancing, beauty pageant, and coffee convention. Free-flowing coffee is offered to everybody during this occasion, while

the town's best and finest coffee and coffee-based products are on exhibit in this three-day celebration. Coffee lovers, mark your calendar as this three-day event happens every February 22 to 24.

Closing the month's celebration is Tanza's Lohitor Festival every 28th of February. "Lohitor"--- an acronym for "lobo" (balloon), "higante" (giant), and "toro" (bull) showcases a grand street dancing, parade of bands, and other colorful activities for the feast of Tata Usteng (Saint Augustine), the town's patron saint.

March celebrations include Kabutenyo Festival and Muscovado Festival. Kabutenyo Festival is an event celebrated in General Mariano Alvarez every 13th of the month to celebrate the municipality as "The mushroom capital of Cavite." During this occasion, various activities are held including street dancing, a trade fair, and a culinary contest with mushroom as the main ingredient. On the other

hand, Magallanes celebrates Muscovado--- a product of sugarcane juice with strong molasses flavor. Magallanes is an agriculture-based municipality and their primary source of income is sugar cane farming.

Second Quarter Festivities

The Wagayway Festival in Imus City is celebrated every May 24th to 28th, and commemorates the victory of the Battle of Alapan that paved way for the first Philippine Republic to unfurl the Philippine Flag on May 28, 1898.

In June, the whole province observes a two-week long event, the Kalayaan Festival, through a series of events to celebrate the Philippine Independence Day season. Cavite City hosts the Regada Festival for three days from June 22 to 24, comprised of games, street dancing, photo exhibit, trade fair, concert and water splashing. This is in honor of St. John the Baptist.

Third Quarter Festivities

Maragondon celebrates The Philippines' Bamboo Month through its Kawayan Festival every September 7. Street dances, colorful outfits, and variety bamboo products are often featured during this event. Bacoor's Tahong festival, on the other hand, is annually held on September 29. Part of its activities are exhibits of cuisines with tahong as the main ingredient, culinary contests, and beauty contests.

Fourth Quarter Festivities

very October, Tinapa Festival is celebrated in the town of Rosario to promote and perpetuate its image as the place where smoked fish called "Tinapang Salinas" originates.

The City Government of General Trias Town Fiesta honors the city's Patron Saint and saint of animals and ecology, St. Francis of Assisi, or "Tata Kiko", every 4th of October. Aside from the usual parade, procession, and concert, there is also a pet blessing or "pabialahay".

The colorful Paru-Paro Festival is celebrated in the City of Dasmariñas every 26th of November.

Indang also has its share of festivals, beginning November 30 to December 2. During Indang Day, the Irok Festival is celebrated through a float parade, street dancing, sports activities, and lantern contest made out of irok leaves. The grand parade is held in the town plaza.

Capping off the year-long festivities is General Trias' Valenciana Festival from December 11 to 13, to celebrate its cityhood and founding anniversary. The occasion showcases the local delicacy of Gen. Trias which is called "Valenciana", a Filipino Paella-like rice dish.

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ANO ANG RA 11982 NA NILAGDAAN NI PBBM PARA SA MGA SENIOR CITIZENS

Ang RA 11982 o ang Amendments to the Centenarians Act of 2016, samantala ay nagbibigay ng monetary benefits sa mga octogenarian at nonagenarians.

Sa pamamagitan ng pinalawak na Centenarian Act, ang mga senior citizen na may edad 80, 85, 90 at 95, naninirahan man sa Pilipinas o sa ibang bansa, ay tatanggap ng PHP10,000 cash incentive bawat milestone ng edad at tatanggap pa rin ng PHP100,000 kapag umabot sa 100 taong gulang.

Sinabi ni Marcos na ang pagpapalawak ng saklaw ng Centenarians Act ay isang pagpupugay sa katangiang Pilipino ng pagkama-habagin, at sa kultura ng Pilipinas, ito ay nagpapakita ng higit na kabaitan at pakikiramay sa mga matatanda.

"Ngunit mas karapat-dapat sila kaysa sa pera sa isang sobre. Ang dapat nilang makuha ay isang pansuportang imprastruktura na utang ng bawat lipunan sa kanilang namumuong populasyon. Mayroon nang malapit sa 10 milyong nakatatanda dalawang taon na ang nakalilipas ... Ngunit habang lumalaki ang demograpikong ito, ang mga pasilidad ng lipunan na umaasikaso sa kanila ay dapat ding palawakin," sabi ni Marcos.

Naniniwala ang mga senador na ang Expanded Centenarians Act ay magkakaroon ng malaking epekto sa buhay ng mga matatandang Pilipino.

"Malaking bagay iyon para sa kanila lalo na't may mga pangangailangan din sila at gastos para sa gamot, vitamins, supplement, pagkain at iba pa (It is a big thing for them especially for their expenses in medicine, vitamins, supplement, food , among others)," sabi ni Senator Ramon Revilla Jr., na may akda ng batas, sa isang pahayag.

Ipinaliwanag ni Revilla na ang bagong batas ay naglalayong magbigay ng cash benefits para sa

mga Filipino octogenarians at nonagenarians "para mas ma-enjoy nila ito."

Naalala niyang inihain ang panukala sa pagsisimula ng 18th Congress noong 2019 ngunit nabigong maipasa bilang batas.

Tiniyak ng mambabatas na patuloy niyang isusulong ang pagpapalawak ng 20 porsiyentong diskuwento ng mga senior citizen at exemption sa value-added tax para isama ang supplements, vitamins, herbal products, formulated milk, at iba pa.

Sinabi ni Revilla na iminungkahi din niya na ibaba ang edad sa 56 taong gulang para maikonsidera bilang senior citizen.

Samantala, pinuri rin ni Senador Sherwin Gatchalian ang paglagda sa batas ng Expanded Centenarians Act, na nagsasabing "ito ay nagbibigay ng pagkilala sa mahalagang kontribusyon sa lipunan na ginawa ng ating mga matatanda."

"Ang pagsasabatas ng panukala ay isang nasasalat na pagpapahayag ng aming pangako sa pagpapahusay ng kapakanan ng aming mga senior citizen at sumalamin sa aming sama-samang dedikasyon sa pagbuo ng isang lipunang nagpaparangal at sumuporta sa bawat henerasyon," sabi ni Gatchalian sa isang hiwalay na pahayag.

Sinabi ni House Deputy Majority Leader at ACT-CIS Party-list Rep. Erwin Tulfo na ang paglagda sa RA 11982 ay nagpatunay sa pagkahaabag ng pamahalaan sa mga senior citizen.

"Maraming salamat po sa ating Pangulo sa pagbibigay impurtansiya sa mga matatanda nating kababayan .Siguradong matutuwa ang mga senior citizen dahil sa panibagong paraan na kanilang matatanggap . " dagdag na pasasalamat ni Kongregista Erwin Tulfo.

PUBLISHER CORNER

THEY ARE NOW MALIGNING THE IGLESIA NI CRISTO



Many corrupt politicians and their paid trolls are butt-hurt and acted sour grapes. They are now licking their wounded and bruised egos as they plot for revenge and counter attacks against the Iglesia Ni Cristo.

Last January 13, the Iglesia Ni Cristo had pulled the biggest Peace Rally we've ever seen in recent history in almost all major cities in the Philippines. The rally was so huge many doubt if it can be equaled or surpassed in the future in terms of number of attendance. Millions have attended from all over the Philippines.

During the rally, the speakers spoke the truth for all the world to see that Philippines is in deep trouble and it needs unity towards peace and betterment of the Filipino nation. The words spoken by the Iglesia Ni Cristo hit the bull's eye including the pride of many crooked, self-righteous and hypocrite politicians.

They did not expect the Iglesia Ni Cristo to shoot straight arrows right into their faces. Iglesia Ni Cristo castigated the the wrong doings and blatant abuses of many government officials against the Filipino People.

The Filipino People could not thank the INC enough for speaking the truth and doing the right thing.

Many government critics have been silenced lately. Most Peace Rallies in

the past were sabotaged, blackmailed and stopped on the their tracks by government forces. Only the Iglesia Ni Cristo was able to hold a big rally and was able to speak the true sentiment of the Filipino.

Now the enemies of the Filipino People had their sights aimed at Iglesia Ni Cristo. They want the Iglesia Ni Cristo to be punish for speaking the truth. They want vengeance against the Religious Group for exposing all the corruptions and evil deeds in the Marcos Jr. Administration.

They said INC is minority. They said INC is irrelevant. They said INC is indebted to the Duterte. They said all the kinds of lies and fabricated stories to malign and discredit the Iglesia Ni Cristo. They are throwing everything including the kitchen sink towards INC.

If INC is minority and irrelevant, why are they reacting so badly and doing everything to discredit it them? Their actions speaks of the opposite.

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angue said.

"Kaya kami po sa United Kasambahay ay humihiling ng P8,000 pataas kasi sa tingin namin ito ay karapat-dapat para matugunan ang pangangailangan ng aming pamilya," she stressed.

Vivian Posadas, a domestic worker from Rizal also appealed for

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expanded benefits, particularly healthcare coverage and additional allowances.

"Sana po ay mabigyan din kami ng social benefits nang sa gayon po ay mayroon po kaming benepisyong makukuha sa aming pagtanda. Sana po ay mapakigangan po ito."

Another public hearing is set in Bacoor City, Cavite, on Jan. 24. The board will then deliberate on any adjustments



THE BASIC CITIZEN MILITARY TRAINING (BCMT) CLASS 02-2024 OF THE ARMY'S RESERVE COMMAND VISITED THE HEADQUARTERS, 2ND INFANTRY "JUNGLE FIGHTER" DIVISION AT CAMP CAPINPIN, TANAY, RIZAL, ON THURSDAY TO FRIDAY, JANUARY 8-9, 2025.



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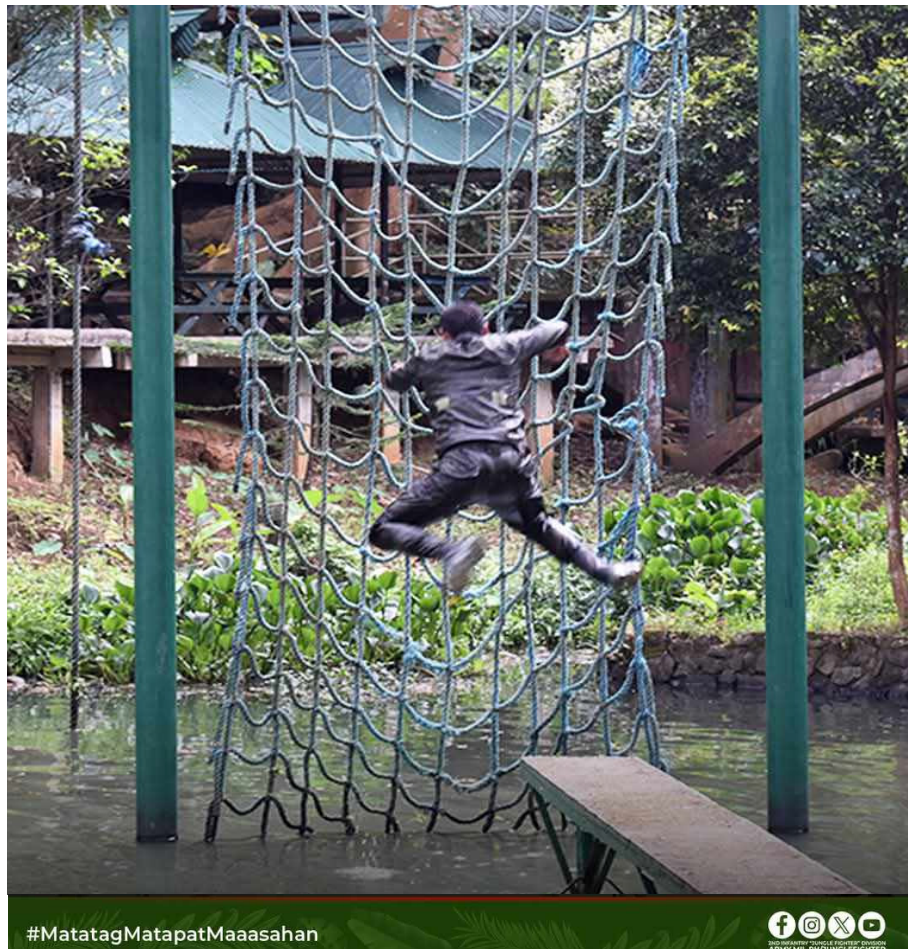
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A total of 120 participants and 70 supernumeraries had the opportunity to experience a two-day educational tour of the home of the Jungle Fighters. During the visit, they were given a comprehensive lecture on the basic operations of Canon and other tanks utilized by the army in battles, helping to

deepen their understanding of military equipment and strategies employed in combat scenarios. This activity aimed to empower participants with valuable knowledge and skills while fostering a deeper appreciation for the military's role in safeguarding the nation's interests and security.



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CARD BANK CELEBRATES 27 YEARS OF GROWTH AND INNOVATION



Some of the key officers of CARD Bank and CARD MRI, including CARD MRI Managing Director Aristeo Dequito (third from right) and CARD Bank President Marivic Austria (seventh from right), attended the in-person celebration of CARD Bank's 27th anniversary.

CARD Bank, a microfinance-oriented rural bank under CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), celebrated its 27th anniversary at CARD Building Basement Paulino St. San Pablo City, Laguna on September 2, 2024.

The celebration was led and attended by CARD MRI Managing Director Arsiteo Dequito, CARD Bank President Marivic Austria, CARD MRI executive and man-

agement committee members, staff, and clients. Some of the Bank's pioneering clients also attended and joined in the celebration. In her address, Ms. Marivic Austria extended her gratitude to everyone who has supported the bank throughout its journey. "This is indeed another milestone for us and for clients that never get tired of trusting us," she said.

The month-long celebration with the theme "Growing Together Through Financial Inclusion and Digital Innovation" began with a holy mass held simultaneously in all CARD Bank branches in the Philippines. In addition to the bank's anniversary, the month-long event celebrates the Savings Month, with the goal of encouraging the habit of saving in the bank.

"It was not just once, but several times that the institution faced

challenges. Nonetheless, those did not weaken us. Rather, it served as our light and inspiration to work harder," CARD MRI Senior Adviser Lorenza dT. Bafez stated.

"I recall when CARD, Inc. began with just 89 clients who believed in us completely until we transitioned to CARD Bank. We have come a long way, and I believe we will go even further in the future," CARD MRI Senior Adviser Dr. Dolores Torres remarked.

More Innovations CARD Bank remains committed to assisting socially and economically challenged women and their families by providing them access to financial community development and other capacity-building services that will help them enhance their quality of life.

In line with its commitment to innovation, CARD Bank is enhancing its Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) and plans to upgrade the konek-

2CARD application for iOS compatibility. As of June 2024, CARD Bank has served over 4.3 million clients and disbursed more than 16 billion in outstanding loans. The institution's mission is to extend its reach and support to as many clients as possible across the Philippines.

To know more about CARD Bank, visit its website at https://cardbankph.com/ or its Facebook page, @CARD-BankOfficial.

CASH FINAL ASSISTANCE...

Mula sa dating limang libong piso, itatas na sa pitong libong piso ang ayuda para sa mga maliit na magpapalay sa mas pinalawig na implementasyon ng Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund - Rice Farmers Financial Assistance (RCEF-RFFA). Ito ay inanusyo ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) Rice Banner Program sa katapos lamang na Regional Rice Program FY 2024 Year-End Assessment noong ika-11

hanggang ika-12 ng Disyembre sa Tanza, Cavite. Ang karagdagang halaga ay tulong sa mga rehistradong magpapalay na may di hihigit sa dalawang ektaryang sakan na napektuhan ng El Nino at naghahanda sa parating na La Niña. Inasahan na aabot sa mahigit walumpu't dalawang libong magpapalay ang makakatanggap nito sa rehiyon sa susunod na taon. Samantala ipinirisenta din sa naturang assessment ang mga datos ng mga natapos na

aktibidad ngayon 2024 sa ilalim ng programa at target nito sa kasunod na taon. Tinalakay din ang kasalukuyan kalalagayan at target sa produksyon ng palay sa sunod na taon; mga datos ng mga rice clusters sa rehiyon; kasalukuyan kalalagayan ng Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) ng mga magpapalay; kasalukuyang kalalagayan ng mga pinapamigay na discount vouchers ng abono, binhi at gasolina, at financial

assistance mula sa Rice Farmer Financial Assistance (RFFA). Dumalo at nag-presenta din ng kani-kanilang mga accomplishments at target sa sunod na taon na may kaugnayan sa Rice Program ang National Irrigation Administration (NIA), Philippine Rice Institute (PhilRice), Philippine Center for PostHarvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech), Bureau of Plant and Industry National Seed Quality Control Services (BPI-NSQCS), Land

Bank, Agricultural Training Institute (ATI), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), at National Food Authority (NFA). Taos pusong pasasalamat naman ang ipinaabot ni OIC-Region-

al Technical Director for Operations and Extension Engr. Redelliza A. Gruezo sa mga lokal na pamahalaan ng rehiyon sa suportang kanilang ibinigay sa mga aktibidad at programa ng Rice Program. PR

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