

Brighter and More Exciting: Laguna to Celebrate the 2025 ANILAG Festival!

The Provincial Government of Laguna proudly announces the 2025 ANILAG Festival, happening from March 9 to March 15. Under the leadership of our beloved Governor Ramil L. Hernandez, this year's celebration promises to be more vibrant, more exciting, and more fun than ever before!

As tradition dictates, the festival will kick off with a fluvial parade honoring the festival's patron, Nuestra Señora Del Dolores De Turumba. This will be followed by a Holy Mass led by the Bishop of the Diocese of San Pablo. On the same day, the Trade Fair Competition will open, showcasing the best products and crafts from various towns through beautifully designed booths prepared by local government units.

One of the most anticipated highlights is the Grand Float Parade, featuring colorful and artistic floats that represent the rich culture and heritage of each town. This will be accompanied by street dancers from different municipalities, adding energy and excitement to the celebration.

The following days will be filled with exciting competitions and activities, including:

- Beauty Pageants, featuring adorable children, elegant Mr. and Mrs. Laguna contestants, and inspiring senior citizens proving that beauty knows no age.
- Wedding Expo, perfect for couples planning to tie the knot.
- LGBTQ+ Talent Competition, showcasing the creativity and skills of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Landscape Competition, highlighting Laguna's expertise in agriculture and horticulture.
- Cosplay Competition, a crowd favorite for anime and pop culture enthusiasts.
- Ani ng Laguna Exhibit, featuring local agricultural products and handicrafts.
- Zumba Competition, Fun Bike Ride, and Kite Flying Festival, promoting fitness and outdoor fun.
- Furry Run for Fun, a special event for pet lovers and their beloved furry companions, organized by the Provincial Veterinary Office.
- Car and Motor Show, displaying stylish cars and motorcycles.

Another festival highlight is the Ginoo at Binibining Laguna pageant, where the most stunning men and women of Laguna compete for the crown. Many past contestants have gone on to win national and international beauty competitions or pursue careers in the entertainment industry.

The week-long festivities will conclude with a Thanksgiving Mass and another tribute to the festival's patron. As a grand finale, Enchanted Kingdom will present a special performance, followed by the much-awaited People's Night Extreme, featuring the Pyro Musical Display and Competition at the Laguna Sports Complex.

The ANILAG Festival is part of the LOVE LAGUNA Tourism Campaign, led by 2nd District Representative and First Lady of Laguna, Governor Ruth M. Hernandez. This initiative aims to preserve and promote the province's arts, culture, economy, and tourism—a reminder of why we should take pride in and cherish Laguna.

Join a week long of non-stop fun at the 2025 ANILAG Festival! (Edjun Mariposque)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	
MARCH 9-15, 2025	
MARCH 09 / SUNDAY	MARCH 13 / THURSDAY
06AM-08AM Heritage Fluvial Parade	07AM-12NN IPI Diocesan Procession & Mass
08AM-10AM Marian Procession	08AM-09PM ANILAG Photography Competition
10AM-12PM Opening/Thanksgiving Mass	12PM-02PM Pre-Competition of Fashion Designers Competition and Hair & Make-Up Competition
01PM-03PM Opening of Trade Fair Exhibit & Competition	03PM-07PM Zumba Competition
03PM-05PM Laguna Wedding Expo Organized by Beth Chua & Dennis Serrano	07PM-10PM Final Judging & Announcement of Winners for Fashion Designers Competition and Hair & Make-Up Competition
05PM-07PM Land Float Parade Competition	
07PM-10PM Street Dancing Competition	
08PM-10PM Pyromusical Display and Exhibition	
MARCH 10 / MONDAY	MARCH 14 / FRIDAY
06AM-10AM Flag Raising Ceremony & Presentation of Ginoo at Binibining Laguna Candidates	08AM-09PM ANILAG Photography Competition
01PM-03PM Registration of ANILAG Photography Competition	09AM-12PM Hapag Kainan: A Laguna Culinary Feast
03PM-05PM Laguna Wedding Expo Organized by Beth Chua & Dennis Serrano	12PM-02PM ANILAG Cosplay 2025
05PM-10PM Pinakamagandang Lola and That's My Lolo 2025	03PM-10PM Ginoo at Binibining Laguna 2025
MARCH 11 / TUESDAY	MARCH 15 / SATURDAY
08AM-09PM ANILAG Photography Competition	06AM-08AM ANILAG Fun Bike Ride
09AM-10PM ANILAG ML Competition (Powered by Smart)	08AM-09AM ANILAG Furry Run for Fun
10PM-12PM Landscape Competition	09AM-11PM Laguna Car & Motor Show
01PM-03PM ANILAG Got Talent "SAYAW LAGUNA"	11AM-10PM Closing Mass: Farewell & Thanksgiving Mass for Our Lady of Turumba
03PM-10PM Mr. & Mrs. Laguna 2025	03PM-05PM Kite Flying Competition
MARCH 12 / WEDNESDAY	05PM-07PM Awarding of ANILAG Photography
06AM-10PM Aning Gulay sa Laguna	07PM-10PM Bay Blade & Tamiya Competition
08AM-09PM ANILAG Photography Competition	10PM-12PM Awarding of LGU Over-All Champion
10PM-12PM Little Mister and Miss Laguna 2025 with Enchanted Kingdom Magical Show	01PM-03PM Pyromusical Display & Competition
03PM-05PM ANILAG Photography Competition	03PM-10PM People's Night Extreme
05PM-10PM Laguna Gay Queen & Lesbian King 2025	

Mayor Ross Rizal, Vice Mayor Totie Lazaro, Sangguniang Panlungsod, and Congresswoman Cha Hernandez Unite for “Tulong Gulong 2025” to Support Calamba Tricycle Drivers



Calamba, Laguna – Mayor Roseller “Ross” H. Rizal, together with Vice Mayor Totie Lazaro, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and Congresswoman Charisse “Cha” Hernandez-Alcantara, led the “Tulong Gulong 2025” initiative from February 26 to 28, providing financial assistance to tricycle drivers across the city. This program, part of the administration’s Ramdama Reporma, underscores the local government’s commitment to uplifting the transport sector and ensuring that public funds directly benefit the people.

On the first day, Mayor Rizal, accompanied by Vice Mayor Lazaro and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, personally distributed financial aid to tricycle drivers in the Upland Barangays. Many drivers expressed their appreciation, noting that this was the first time they had received such direct support from the local government.

The second day extended the program to Lowland Barangays, with city officials ensuring the smooth implementation of assistance distribution. Mayor Rizal emphasized that tricycle drivers are essential to Calamba’s daily life, and their welfare remains a priority under his administration.

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Senator Lito Lapid umarangkada sa survey pagka Senador

DTI NAGLUNSA NG TIMBANGAN NG BAYAN SA PAKIL LAGUNA

8th Medical at Dental Mission ni Congressman Loreto “Amben” S. Amante sa Lungsod ng San Pablo.

LAGUNA - Pawang nakakatanggap libreng mga serbisyong medikal at dental tulad ng bunot ng ngipin, fluoride treatment, x-ray, non-fasting laboratories, flu vaccine at mga gamot ang mahigit na 3,200 na mga residente mula pa sa iba’t ibang barangay ng Lungsod ng San Pablo noon nakaraang Sabado ika-15 ng Pebrero sa San Pablo City Central Elementary School, Brgy. 6-A, San Pablo City.

Bunsod ito ng kikipagpag-ugnayan at pakikipag-tulungan ni Congressman Loreto “Amben” S. Amante kila President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., Senator Ramon Revilla Jr, House Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, at Kay San Pablo City Mayor Vicente “Vic” B. Amante at San Pablo City LGU.

Katuwang din ni Cong. Amante sa medical mission na ito si Konsehal Charles Caratitan ng bayan ng Calauan, Congresswoman Ruth Hernandez na inirepresenta ni Mr. Jachner Iranzo at kanyang maybahay Kapitana Madette Janalino-Amante na nagbigay ng kanyang libreng pandasal at popcorn para sa mga nagtungo sa nabangit na programa .(Kevin Pamatmat)



MATIBAY NA PUNDASYON NG PAMILYA , MAYOR VIC AMANTE



San Pablo City – Matibay na pundasyon ng pamilya pagrespeto, at pangako sa isat-isa ang yan ang mensaheng ipinaala-ala ni Mayor Vic Amante . Makaraang pangunahan nito ang Kasalan Bayan 2025 sa lungsod na ito.

Dalawampung tatlong magsung-irog ang pinag-isang dibdib ni Mayor Amante noon ika-12 ng Pebrero. Sa bulwagan ng Convention Center Brgy.San Jose San Pablo City Laguna .

Pawang nagbigay naman ng kanilang mensahe at payo sa natapos na kasalan bayan ang miyembro ng Sangguniang Panglungsod sa pangunguna ni Vice Mayor Justin G. Colago at si ABC President Ariston Amante. Bilang pagtugon at pakikisa araw ng mga puso ngayon buwan (Kevin Pamatmat)

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Editorial

Resort Owner na Kapatid ng Dating Mayor, Inaresto ng LTO; Humble Pa Rin sa Kabila ng Pagtrato sa Kanya

Isang may-ari ng tatlong resort na si JD, na kapatid ng dating Mayor Brian Velasco, ang inaresto kamakailan ng Land Transportation Office (LTO). Sa isang viral na insidente, makikita ang marahas na pagtrato ng mga enforcer kay JD, na inakala nilang isang ordinaryong mamamayan dahil sa kanyang simpleng pananamit.

Ayon sa mga nakasaksi, hindi nagpakilala si JD bilang isang mayamang negosyante o kapatid ng dating opisyal. Sa kabila ng hindi kanais-nais na pagtrato sa kanya, nanatili siyang tahimik at hindi ipinagmayabang ang kanyang estado sa buhay.

“Nagkamali ang LTO sa kanilang pananaw. Akala nila mahirap lang siya kaya ganun nila trinato,” ayon sa isang netizen. “Pero lumad ng Panglao ang nakakakilala sa kanya. Masipag at mabait siya, hindi mo mahahalata na mayaman.”

Ibinunyag din ng netizen na bukod sa pagiging may-ari ng mga resort, kilala si JD sa pagsasaka at pagtatanim, hindi umaasa lamang sa kanyang negosyo.

Samantala, lumalakas ang panawagan ng publiko para sa patas na pagtrato ng mga awtoridad anuman ang estado sa buhay ng isang tao. May posibilidad umanong isampa ang kaso laban sa LTO dahil sa umano’y hindi makatarungang pag-aresto.

Patuloy na inaabangan ang magiging tugon ng mga kinauukulan kaugnay ng insidenteng ito.

PhilHealth Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO) of Dasmariñas orients the Centenarian and Senior Citizens Imus

PhilHealth Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO) Dasmariñas was invited to give an orientation on Universal Health Care (UHC) for the Centenarian and Senior Citizens during the conduct of the Inaugural Cash Gift Distribution held at the Function Hall of Imus City Hall.

This brief session emphasized the benefits of UHC and provided updates on PhilHealth's programs and the health services covered.

Through the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC), the government provides P10,000 to Filipinos upon reaching ages 80, 85, 90, and 95, while maintaining the existing P100,000 benefit under Republic Act 11982 or the Expanded Centenarians Act of 2024.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led the inaugural nationwide distribution of cash gifts to elderly Filipinos on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 marking the first anniversary of the expanded law providing financial support to senior citizens at multiple age milestones. “In Bagong Pilipinas, we aim for our elderly to live with comfort and dignity,” President Marcos said in Filipino during the ceremony at Malacañan Palace's Heroes Hall and was broadcast nationwide where beneficiaries ranging from 80 to 100 years old received their benefits.

Among the recipients were three 100-year-old women - one from Imus, Cavite whom President Marcos acknowledged as having been born during American occupation and surviving World War II. “Each line on their skin and every white hair is part of the thread that weaves our history,” he said.

DTI and Local Partners Support Footwear MSMEs with Tech Development

Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) - Laguna Provincial Office, in collaboration with DTI Ilocos Norte and the Local Government Units of Vintar in Ilocos Norte and of Liliw in Laguna, successfully conducted a benchmarking activity focused on “Technology Development Support for the Footwear Industry” on February 26, 2025.

The activity aimed to provide insights regarding the various types of footwear that can be produced and the methods for making different shoes and slippers.

Nine (9) micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from the Siwawer Local Council for Women and Dream Weavers of Vintar, Ilocos Norte, participated in the said visit. These MSMEs were able to observe the production processes of several footwear MSMEs in Liliw, Laguna, including Leigh Ann Footwear, Monedo's Footwear, Grinter Footwear, Jhaz Footwear, and Ai-She Fashion. This hands-on experience allowed the participants to learn firsthand about the production techniques and innovations driving the local footwear industry.

The group was joined by Vintar Municipal Mayor Richard A. Degala and Liliw Municipal Mayor Ildefonso D. Monleon. Together, they explored various footwear businesses in Liliw, gaining exposure to different production methods and innovations that could potentially be



applied in Ilocos Norte. DTI Ilocos Norte Provincial Director Amelia E. Galvez also participated, offering her full support to the MSMEs from Vintar and ensuring that they have the resources and guidance needed to succeed in the footwear industry.

This benchmarking activity provided valuable insights to the MSMEs from Ilocos Norte, sparking ideas for potential new business ventures. It also offered an opportunity to highlight Liliw, Laguna's expertise in footwear production.

The initiative reflects the ongoing commitment and passion of DTI Laguna and DTI Ilocos Norte to provide both established and aspiring entrepreneurs with the resources and knowledge needed for success (LM-Malabanan, DTI Laguna).



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MPT SOUTH ACHIEVES 5 MILLION SAFE MAN HOURS

Following its recent achievement of securing triple ISO certification — including ISO 9001 (Quality Management), ISO 14001 (Environmental Management), and ISO 45001 (Occupational Health and Safety) — MPT South, concessionaire of Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) and Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) proudly celebrates another significant milestone: achieving 5 million safe man-hours without a lost-time injury (LTI). This milestone is testament to the company's commitment to safety, quality and fostering a sustainable work



environment for its workforce.

One of MPT South's safety efforts is focused on educating employees and turning them into road safety advocates. Recently, MPT South employees took part in

the Drayberks Road Safety session in partnership with Cavite State University, where they learned important road safety practices, defensive driving, and how to stay safe on expressways. This program extends beyond employees to include motorists, community partners, and government stakeholders, reinforcing the company's commitment to improving road safety for everyone.

“Our triple ISO certification, and this milestone reflects MPT South's collective effort in exhibiting its commitment to safety, health and well-being of our workforce. We are extremely proud of this achievement, and we remain focused on maintaining the high-

est safety standards and in continuing to improve our practices to provide A-class customer service to our employees and motorists alike” said MPT South Officer-in-Charge, Ms. Elnora D. Rumawak.

About MPT South

MPT South is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC). Aside from CALAX and CAVITEX networks of toll roads, MPTC's domestic portfolio includes concessions for the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), the NLEX Connector Road, the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), and the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.

Cavite celebrates Pista ng Sininag 2025

The vibrant tapestry of Cavite's artistic community was on full display during the Pista ng Sining 2025, a three-day workshop held on February 26 to 28, 2025 at the Alitaptap Artist Community in Amadeo, Cavite. This year's festival showcased the remarkable talents of students from various schools and universities across the province, fostering creativity and collaboration through engaging arts workshops.

The energy was palpable as participants immersed themselves in a diverse range of artistic disciplines. Workshops offered included dance by Ms. Nina Ricci de Leon, theater by Mr. Soliman Cruz on the first day, the innovative field of crypto art by Mohini Ochango, hand-build pottery by Ms. Cristy Ancanan on the second day, and the unique painting workshop “Sabayang Pahid” by Mr. Judie Garibay, Mr. Emmanuel Nim and Mr. Pula Ancanan followed by the cultural performances by Juan Isip Band, Malaya and Jovani, and Pablo Segundo Band, to cap the event on the third day. The festival fostered a dynamic exchange of ideas and techniques, enriching the participants' artistic journeys.

A key highlight was the collaborative spirit by Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino among students from different universities in the pottery workshop. They interacted, shared insights, and learned from each other, building a sense of unity and mutual respect. This cross-pollination of artistic perspectives broadened their understanding of Cavite's diverse artistic landscape. The festival culminated in a spectacular exhibition showcasing the participants' creations. The artwork, reflecting individual styles and perspectives, served as a powerful testament to the workshops' success.

Pista ng Sining 2025 transcended a mere festival; it was a celebration of artistic expression, collaboration, and Cavite's rich cultural heritage. It underscored the importance of nurturing creativity and providing opportunities for young artists to grow. The event's success sets a high bar for future festivals, promising continued growth and innovation within Cavite's artistic community.— Office of the Provincial Tourism Officer

Laguna - Inilunsad ng Department of Trade and Industry -DTI Laguna, katuwang ang Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation, sa bayan ng Pakil ang Timbangan ng Bayan na ginanap sa New Government Center noong Pebrero 18.

Layunin ng proyekto na masiguro na ang mga binibiling karne, bigas, gulay, at iba pang mga pangunahing bilihin ay may tamang timbang at presyo, at upang protektahan ang mga mamimili laban sa mga pandaraya at hindi tamang timbangan.

Ang programang ito ay bahagi ng patuloy na pagsusumikap ng lokal na pamahalaan na magbigay ng makatarungan at tamang serbisyo sa mga mamamayan, maging ang pagpapalakas ng tiwala sa ating mga lokal na merkado.

Sinisikap din na makikinabang ang mga tindera at negosyante sa proyekto dahil mabigyan sila ng pagkakataong mapalakas ang kanilang negosyo sa pamamagitan ng transparent na sistema



ng pagsukat ng mga produkto.

Bahagi sa matagumpay na programa sina Pakil Mayor Vince Soriano, DTI Laguna Provincial Director Christian Ted O. Tungohan, Consumer Protection Division Chief Maria Clara B. Conopio, Trade and Industry Development Specialist Marites V. Pantua, at Negosyo Center Senior Business Counselor Andrea Mae I. Macuha, Municipal Treasurer Cecilia R. Garcia, at Supply Officer II/Designated na License na si Donde Kelly II/Designated. (Kevin Pamatmat)



CALAMBAGONG CARAVAN SUCCESSFULLY BRINGS GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO BARANGAY PALO ALTO

Calamba, Laguna – March 1, 2025 – The Calambagong Caravan successfully delivered essential government services to the residents of Barangay Palo Alto, Calamba City, Laguna, fulfilling its mission of bringing the government closer to the people.

Mayor Ross Rizal, alongside Congresswoman Cha Hernandez, Vice Mayor Totie Lazaro Jr., and the Sangguniang Panlungsod, led the initiative, ensuring that free medical, dental, and legal services were made accessible to the community.

“We are not just making promises—we are taking action. This program is proof that the government is reaching out to serve its people,” Mayor

Rizal emphasized during the event.

Services Provided:

- Free Medical & Dental Consultations
- Free Medicines
- Free Legal Consultations
- Free PSA Registration Assistance
- Free Haircuts

Barangay Palo Alto actively participated in the caravan, benefiting from the wide range of free services offered at the Barangay Palo Alto Covered Court.

The success of the Calambagong Caravan reflects the local government’s dedication to its people, reinforcing its promise: “Sa CalamBAGO, Gobyerno ang Lalapit sa Tao!” (Edjun Mariposque)



Pag-IBIG Fund Launches “1 Plus 1 Raffle Promo” to Bring in More OFWs, Self-Employed Members

Pag-IBIG Fund has rolled out the “Pag-IBIG 1 Plus 1 Raffle Promo,” an initiative aimed at encouraging more Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), self-employed individuals, online sellers and informal sector workers to register as members and save with Pag-IBIG Fund. Running until Nov. 30, 2025, the promo rewards active Pag-IBIG Fund members who successfully register members from these sectors, enabling the agency’s programs and services to benefit more Filipinos.

Secretary Jose Rizalino L. Acuzar of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), who chairs the 11-member Pag-IBIG Fund Board of Trustees, said OFWs and informal sector workers are increasingly accessing Pag-IBIG’s offerings through the raffle initiative.

“Through the 1 Plus 1 Raffle Promo, we are able to reach more Filipino workers and provide them with avenues to save for their future and obtain afford-

able homes, especially under our Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino Housing (4PH) Program,” Acuzar said. “This is in line with the directive of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to ensure that every Filipino, regardless of location or financial capacity, has a fair opportunity to own a home and secure a stable future.”

Under the 1 Plus 1 Raffle Promo, active Pag-IBIG members who have saved in their Pag-IBIG Regular Savings within the last three months—referred to as “PagIBIGfluencers”—can invite at least one OFW or informal sector worker to become a new member, or to reactivate one’s Pag-IBIG membership (the “Plus 1”). Both the PagIBIGfluencer and the Plus 1 gain eligibility for the agency’s savings and housing loan programs, with each participant having a chance to win up to P500,000 the Grand Draw. Pag-IBIG Fund initiated the program to mainly benefit OFWs, self-employed individuals, and underserve segments of the workforce who, unlike private

and government employees, do not have employers to register them. This sector of the labor force is thus left on its own to enroll in social security institutions.

Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Marilene Acosta said more than 7,000 new and reactivating members have already joined the promo in its first month, increasing both the agency’s membership and savings collections.

The Pag-IBIG 1 Plus 1 Raffle Promo is more than just an incentive program—it is our way of recognizing and rewarding the trust and support of our members,” Acosta said. “Through this initiative, we reaffirm our commitment to making Pag-IBIG benefits more accessible to more Filipinos, while promoting the habit of regular saving. With Pag-IBIG, we continue to help Filipino workers turn their aspirations for financial stability and homeownership into reality.”



Pointer Pau Dela Cruz

SHOUT OUT SA MGA KABATAAN DIYAN! ANONG KLASENG ORGANISASYON KAYA ANG INYONG NASALIHAN

“Ang mga organisasyon katulad ng ANAKBAYAN, nag-dedevelop po sila ng kabataang estudyante, para gawing partido, at kalaunan ay pasampahin sa kabundukan. Noong nadevelop po ako bilang Partido, marami pong pag-aaral ang binibigay sa amin, patungkol po sa isyu ng lipunan at bakit kailangan mag-armas.”

“Ako ay dineploy una sa Batangas, doon po ako nag full time. Dineploy nalang po ako ng Batangas, dito sa Mindoro. Ang sabi nila una, mangangampanya lang sila sa magsasaka pero may armas na.”

Ito ang mga naging pahayag ni Fhobie Matias sa kanyang masalimuot na karanasan sa loob ng armadong grupong NPA. Ngayon ay namulat at bumalik na sa kanyang dating buhay na mapayapa at may

magandang kinabukasang naghihin-tay.

Matatandaang naglabas ng pahayag ang ANAKBAYAN, KASAMA-TK, at ICHRP na si Fhobie Matias ay miyembro ng Katipunan ng mga Samahang Magbubukid sa Timog Katagalugan at isang organisador ng magsasaka na dinukot ng mga militar. Ngunit ang lahat ng ito ay pinabulaanan ni Fhobie Matias kung saan inamin niya na siya ay dating rebelde at humawak ng armas.

Kaya patuloy ang ating panawagan sa mga magulang at mga kabataan na piliin ang mga organisasyon na kanilang sasalihan. Huwag masilaw sa mga matatamis na pangako ng mga nagkukunyaring grupo na ang tanging hangad ay ang kanilang pansariling interes.

Sagupaan sa Ragay, Camarines Sur Isa ang Patay, Armas Nakumpiska at Kampo na diskubre

RAGAY, CAMARINES SUR – Isa na namang tagumpay ang nakamit ng tropa ng pamahalaan laban sa Communist Terrorist Group (CTG) matapos ang dalawang magkasunod na sagupaan noong Pebrero 23-24, 2025, na nagresulta sa pagkamatay ng isang miyembro ng CTG at pagkakakumpiska ng mga armas at pagkakakubkob ng kanilang kampo.

Kinabukasan, Pebrero 24, bandang alas-10 ng umaga, muling nagkaroon ng sagupaan sa Brgy. Cabadisan sa pagitan ng tropa ng pamahalaan at tinatayang 10 CTG habang isinasagawa ang pursuit operation. Tumagal ito ng limang minuto bago umatras ang mga kalaban.

Sa unang engkwentro noong Pebrero 23, bandang alas-5 ng hapon, nakasagupa ng mga elemento ng 81st Infantry Battalion (81IB), 7th Infantry Division (7ID) ang tinatayang 20 armadong miyembro ng dismantled KLG 1 at KLG 2 sa bulubunduking bahagi ng Brgy. Cabadisan at Brgy. Baya. Gumamit ng Improvised Explosive Device (IED) ang mga rebelde na nagresulta sa pagkakasugat ng ilang sundalo,

Thaddeus “Thaddy” A. Ramos, ang mga natitirang miyembro ng CTG na sumuko na sa ilalim ng Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) upang makapagbagong-buhay at makipag-ugnayan sa Localized Peace Engagement ng Pamahalaan.

Samantala, maringi kinundena ni Brigadier General Rustia, pinuno ng 201st Infantry Brigade, ang paggamit ng IEDs ng mga terorista, na aniya’y patunay ng kanilang karuwagan at tahasang paglabag sa International Humanitarian Law (IHL) at Republic Act No. 9851.

Sa kabila nito ay hinikayat pa rin niya ang mga natitirang CTG na magbalik-loob na sa ilalim ng E-CLIP para sa isang bagong simula at tahimik na pamumuhay kasama ang kanilang mga mahal sa buhay.

Hinihikayat naman ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Ragay, sa pamumuno ni Mayor

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USAPANG WPS

Ang Kalihim ng Depensa na si Gilberto Teodoro Jr noong Miyerkules ay nagbabala sa samahan ng mga bansa sa Timog Silangang Asya (ASEAN) laban sa natitirang tahimik sa harap ng mga paglabag habang rallied ang kanyang mga katapat na magkaisa sa pagtugon sa mga hamon sa seguridad, tulad ng isyu sa South China Sea.

Nagsasalita sa pulong ng ASEAN Defense Ministro ‘sa Penang, Malaysia, itinuro ni Teodoro ang pangangailangan para sa Asean “upang manatiling cohesive at proactive sa pagtataguyod ng katatagan ng rehiyon.”

Nabanggit niya na siniguro ng ASEAN ang pinakamahabang panahon ng kapayapaan sa anumang rehiyon mula pa noong World War II.

“Gayunpaman, ang kapayapaan na ito ay nasa ilalim ng banta - hindi dahil sa ating kawalan ng kakayahan na mapanatili ito, ngunit dahil sa kawalan ng pagkakaisa sa mga pangunahing isyu,” sabi ni Teodoro.

“Ang katahimikan sa harap ng mga paglabag ay nagpapaliit sa Asean,” aniya, na sinipi ang pagsasalita ni Pangulong Marcos sa Asean Summit sa Vientiane, Laos.

Umiiral na tama

Sinabi ng hepe ng depensa sa kanyang mga katapat na ang patuloy na pagbabanta sa soberanya ng Pilipinas, mga karapatan ng soberanya at hurisdiksyon sa West Philippine Sea ay hindi lamang isang pag -aalala sa domestic o rehiyonal ngunit isang “pandaigdigang isyu” na nakakaapekto sa katatagan ng internasyonal na sistema.

Patuloy ang artikulo pagkatapos ng patalastas na ito “Sa gitna ng bagay na ito ay ang umiiral na karapatan ng mga mas maliit na estado - partikular na estado ng miyembro ng estado - upang mabuhay nang payapa, ma -secure ang kanilang mga hangganan at ituloy ang kanilang sariling kapalaran,” sabi ni Teodoro.

Patuloy ang artikulo pagkatapos ng patalastas na ito

Habang hindi niya direktang banggitin ang Beijing, ang mga tensyon sa rehiyon ay tumaas dahil sa malawak na paghahabol ng Asian Superpower sa pinagtatalunang South China Sea.

Ang Beijing ay paulit-ulit na hindi pinansin ang isang 2016 arbitral na pagpapasya na hindi wasto ang mga pag -angkin nito sa estratehikong daanan ng tubig.

Hinimok ni Teodoro ang ASEAN na palakasin ang kooperasyon sa pagpapatakbo sa pamamagitan ng pagpapalawak ng mga magkasamib na patrol, eheerisyo, at pagbabahagi ng katalinuhan upang makabuo ng tiwala sa mga pwersang pang-rehiyon.

Nagbabala rin siya laban sa mga panlabas na pagtatangka na maghasik ng dibisyon sa loob ng Timog Silangang Asya.

“Dapat nating pigilan ang pamimilit sa anumang porma at pagpapalit ng impormasyon sa mga dayuhang aktibidad na walang kabuluhan sa ating pambansang interes, tulad ng mga online scam, pag -trade sa mga tao,

SENATOR LITO LAPID UMARANGKADA SA SURVEY SA PAGKA SENADOR

Mayorya sa kandidatu ng Alyansa Para sa Bagong Pilipinas ang pasok sa panibagong survey para sa pagka-senador mahigit sa dalawang buwan bago ang halalan sa mayo.

sa sa namayagpag ay si Sen. Lito Lapid kun saan pumangatlo sya sa February survey ng Social Weather Station. Habang pangalawa naman sya sa WR Numero Philipine Public Opinion Monitor.

Dahil dito lubos ang pasasalamat ni Lapid sa mataas na survey ratings nya habang nalalapit na ang halalan

Ayon kay Lapid, makakaasa ang taong bayan ng tapat at dekalidad na serbisyo sa pamamagitan ng paglikha ng mahahalagang batas sa oras na maipagpapatuloy nito ang kanyang trabaho bilang senador.

Madalas ipinagmamalaki ni Lapid na umabot na sa mahigit 900 na panukalang batas ang naihain nito sa Senado kung saan nasa mahigit 100 na dito ang tuluyang naging batas na ngayon ay napapakinabangan na ng taong bayan.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

PPSC-NPC and ICRC to advance international humanitarian law and human rights principles in law-enforcement education

Silang, Cavite – The National Police College (NPC) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) have officially strengthened their collaboration through a partnership agreement signed on February 17, 2025.

The three-year agreement underscores the two institutions' shared commitment to integrating international humanitarian law (IHL) and relevant human rights principles into law-enforcement education, ensuring that police officers develop a strong legal and ethical foundation in their professional careers.

The signing ceremony, held at the NPC campus in Silang, Cavite, brought together key officials from Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) - National Police College (NPC) and ICRC.

The partnership agreement marks a significant step in curriculum enhancement, training collaboration, and capacity-building efforts for NPC's law-enforcement education programs.

In his message, NPC director, Dr. Romeo S. Magsalos, DPSSG,



MPSA, reaffirmed NPC's dedication to professionalizing police education so that law-enforcement officers may develop a solid understanding of IHL, ethical policing, and the rule of law.

The NPC is mandated to provide continuing education and address career training needs of the police, fire and jail officers, thus playing a pivotal role in shaping future leaders of the Philippine National Police and other public safety agencies.

Johannes Bruwer, head of delegation of ICRC in the Philippines, highlighted the humanitarian organization's commitment to promoting a better understanding of IHL among law-enforcement officers, emphasizing that while IHL is applicable in armed conflicts, a foun-

dational knowledge of its principles is valuable in rare situations where law enforcement interacts with armed conflict dynamics. He also noted the importance of ensuring that law-enforcement training includes humanitarian considerations alongside relevant human rights principles.

PPSC president, PBGEN Ferdinando G. Sevilla (Ret.), DPSSG, MPSA, highlighted the evolving role of law enforcement in upholding humanitarian principles and the rule of law, emphasizing the significance of legal knowledge in ensuring ethical policing and public safety.

This partnership reinforces NPC's mission to produce highly competent law enforcement officers, trained in IHL, rel-



evant human rights, and ethical policing—allowing them to serve communities with professionalism, integrity, and adherence to international legal standards. (Edjun Mariposque)

Mayor Ross ...

On the third day, the program continued across various barangays, including Bañadero, Bucal, Lecheria, Masili, Parian, Pansol, Sucol, Camaligan, Halang, La Mesa, Makiling, Maunong, Milagrosa, Puting Lupa, Real, Saimsim, and Turbina. In addition to financial aid, a gas subsidy was also provided to further support the livelihood of tricycle drivers.

Congresswoman Cha Hernandez-Alcantara expressed her full support for the initiative, reaffirming her commitment to advocating for additional programs that benefit

the transport sector and Calamba residents.

With the rallying cry "GAWA AT HINDI LAMANG SALITA!" (Action, not just words!), Mayor Rizal, Vice Mayor Lazaro, the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and Congresswoman Hernandez-Alcantara vowed to continue delivering responsive and meaningful programs.

"Ganito na tayo sa Calamba – walang maiwan. Ramdam ang repormal!" Mayor Rizal declared, ensuring that the CalamBAGONG Pamahalaan remains dedicated to real, tangible progress for all. (Edjun Mariposque)



Nakipag palitan ng kuro-kuro ,idiya si Sen.Imee Marcos kamakailan sa ibat-ibang sector sa ating pamayanan. Makaraang bumisita ito sa lungsod ng San Pedro Laguna . Upang alamin at pag-aralan kung anu ang maaaring maging solusyon sa kanilang mga kahilingan sa senador.(Kevin Pamatmat)



PhilHealth Celebrates 30th Anniversary

PhilHealth Regional Office IVA Acting Regional Vice President Edwin M. Oriña, MD headed the celebration of PhilHealth's 30th anniversary in the region with the conduct of the Kapilhan sa Bagong Pilipinas in partnership with the Philippine Information Agency (PIA).

In his discussion, ARVP Oriña presented the new and enhanced PhilHealth benefits which include the following, which took effect on January 1, 2025:

- PD Z Benefits have been set at P399, 640 and P510, 140 depending on the required PD solutions a patient requires per day. Meanwhile, PD Z Benefits for pediatric patients under the CAPD are set at P510, 000 and P765, 210 while coverage for APD ranges from 763,000 to P1.2 million.
- Z Package for Kidney Transplantation which covers Living Organ Donor Transplantation, increasing the previous coverage over Pnpl million, while, Deceased Organ Donor Transplantation is set at Pnp2.14 million.



- Preventive Oral Health Services as part of primary care services.
- Outpatient Emergency Care Benefit (OECB) which provides comprehensive coverage for emergency services.
- Emergency Departments (EDs) and emergency transport services for cases that do not result in hospital admission and may be availed of in OECB accredited facilities.
- 50% Adjustment in Case Rates Packages

ARVP Oriña emphasized that, "details on its new and enhanced benefit packages, highlighting the 50% adjustment increased in Case Rates Packages for conditions covered under the Z Benefit Package and many others. It was highlighted that these updates mark a significant transformation in PhilHealth's coverage".

Meanwhile, Field Operations Chief Arturo C. Ardiente assured everyone in his welcome message that "PhilHealth is standing stronger and even better as it remains a beacon of hope to countless of lives who have availed the benefits under the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP)". He added that it is still a challenge for PhilHealth to explain the significance of ensuring one's health but that he hopes that people have a change of mindset on the NHIP, it being a social product, which members appreciate only when confined in the hospitals.

Likewise, series of marketing activities with members and partners via various dialogues, fora/ orientations and PhilHealth Konsulta Caravans were also conducted in line with the celebration. The local Health Insurance Offices (LHOs), where frontline transactions were done, prepared their own treats for their clients. Pampering services, medical consultations, snack treats and tokens were provided to transacting clients in partnership with health facilities and private companies. A Thanksgiving Mass was also held as opening for the series of activities.



These activities are focused not just in showcasing the enhanced benefits to implement the NHIP and Universal Health Care (UHC) more efficiently but more importantly as a venue to give due recognition and appreciation to the PhilHealth members it is committed to serve.

February is National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) Month by virtue of Proclamation 1400 series of 2007. It is also during this month that PhilHealth celebrates its birth anniversary every 14th. This year, we celebrate PhilHealth's continued commitment in ensuring its mandate to ensure that all Filipinos are provided with social health insurance protection against the rising cost of medical care services.



This year's celebration is guided by the theme "Panatag Kami Dito", a reaffirmation of its aspiration and enduring commitment to bring peace of mind to every member, knowing that they can rely on PhilHealth for financial support whenever costly medical situations arise in the family.

The celebration is a step closer to the fulfillment of the UHC mandate through continued collaboration towards one common goal: financial-risk protection against medical care costs. ### (SMOC)



Oral Health Month celebrated in Cavite



In celebration of the Oral Health Month, the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, in coordination the Rural Health Unit and Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of Amadeo, and the Philippine Dental Association - Cavite Chapter, organized an oral health event dubbed as "Pamilya, Una Kong Dentista", in Amadeo, Cavite on February 19, 2025.

The event commenced with a warm welcome by Dr. Melinda Villanueva, Amadeo Municipal Health Officer, to the guests and attendees,

urging their full engagement in the program. It was followed by a message from Dr. Melnita Bayot, PDA - Cavite Chapter President, reminding the parents of their vital role in maintaining their children's healthy teeth, as good dental health should start at home. "Patuloy po kayong makisangkot sa pag-aalaga sa ngipin ng inyong mga anak. Kayo po ang laging kasama sa tahanan. Sipagan po ang paglilinis ng ngipin ng inyong mga anak.", she added.

Likewise, Dr. Mary Ann Montenegro,

Cavite Provincial Oral Health Manager, stated that their objective is to foster good oral hygiene and prevent dental caries and gum diseases, especially among the young ones. She gave an informative lecture on Oral Health Education, affirming their strong desire to elevate the dental health and overall well-being of the residents.

Afterward, dental kits were distributed to the children as proper of tooth brushing was demonstrated by Dr. Suzette Pulido. The children also received free fluoride application for stronger teeth. - J. Reyes

PASIG CITY – The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and the Department of Education (DepEd) today signed a memorandum of agreement to expand support for education in underserved communities, increasing the Adopt-a-School Program's reach from 25 to 30 schools nationwide.

Under the new agreement, the GSIS will invest P400,000 per school from 2024 to 2027, providing essential learning tools and facilities to 30 schools. This expansion builds upon the program's decade-long track record of supporting 165 schools, with a strategic focus on areas impacted by disasters and last-mile schools—those in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas that face significant challenges in accessing educational resources.

GSIS President and General Manager Wick Veloso underscored the significance of the initiative, "We are not just delivering equipment – we are opening doors to possibilities. Each laptop becomes a window to the world, every tablet a tool for creativity, and every printer brings learning ma-

terials to life in the hands of eager students." The program, launched in 2014, has transformed the learning experience for thousands of students in remote and disadvantaged areas. The GSIS has equipped schools with laptops, printers, smart televisions, mobile tablets, LCD projectors, sound systems, interactive boards, photocopyers, and security systems.

In his message, DepEd Secretary Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara commended the Ginhawa for All programs and services of the GSIS. "Ito'y hindi panandaliang ginhawa na binibigay ninyo sa aming mga estudyante – ito'y panghabang buhay na ginhawa dahil 'yung binigay niyo na biyaya sa kanila walang makabawi – 'yan ang tunay na kayamanan na binibigay niyo sa kanila."

In 2024, the GSIS donated solar panel installations to schools in Mindanao, ensuring sustainability and energy resilience.

For students and teachers in last-mile schools, the impact of the GSIS Adopt-a-School Program has been profound.

In Mina-A Ele-

mentary School, Aklan, Teacher in Charge Marry Ann Maglunob expressed gratitude: "Limited ang resources ng school namin dahil isa ito sa last-mile schools. Malaking tulong po ang technology packages na natanggap namin mula sa GSIS."

A student from the same school shared how the assistance has changed their daily learning experience: "Hindi na po kami kailangang pumunta sa ibang bayan para gumamit ng computer. Dito na lang po sa school namin."

Meanwhile, Masbate City's Chico Elementary School Head Fredo Rondina highlighted the positive effects of the program: "This initiative by GSIS is a huge relief, not only for our teachers but also for our learners. Mas nagiging interactive ang klase, at mas napapadali ang pagtuturo sa tulong ng makabagong teknolohiya."

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