

# ENCHANTED KINGDOM KICKS OFF ITS 30TH YEAR WITH A NEW THRILLING RIDE, EKLIPTSE, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Gear up for a new enchanting adventure with EKlipse!

Enchanted Kingdom (EK), the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, is bringing more magic and fun in 2025 and beyond with the launch of EKlipse, its newest family thrill ride this March 30, Sunday.

As the latest addition to EK's more than 30 rides and attractions, EKlipse boasts of being the first of its kind in Southeast Asia and was hailed as one of the best rides by International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA) in 2019.

This much-awaited ride is a part of EK's commitment to providing more world-class and immersive experiences and offerings, in line with the year-long celebration of its 30th anniversary.

EK President and Chairman Cesar Mario O. Mamon shared that a huge part of their decision to acquire EKlipse lies

on its inclusivity features. Built and designed by renowned Italian manufacturer Zamperla, EKlipse is perfect for the whole family, catering to Park guests of various ages, including pre-teens and teenagers.

"We want to ensure that all our multi-generational guests have something new to enjoy with their loved ones every time they visit EK by offering more inclusive rides and attractions like EKlipse," Mr. Mamon added.

Last January, the theme park released a visual teaser for EKlipse as part of the Name That Ride Campaign, which allowed the Park's guests and followers to vote for the ride's name online. Among three pre-selected options, EKlipse was chosen by the thousands of voters as the name of this new family thrill ride.

EK is set to reveal more enchanting events and offerings that will happen alongside the grand launch as part of this quarter's New Year,

New Ride campaign.

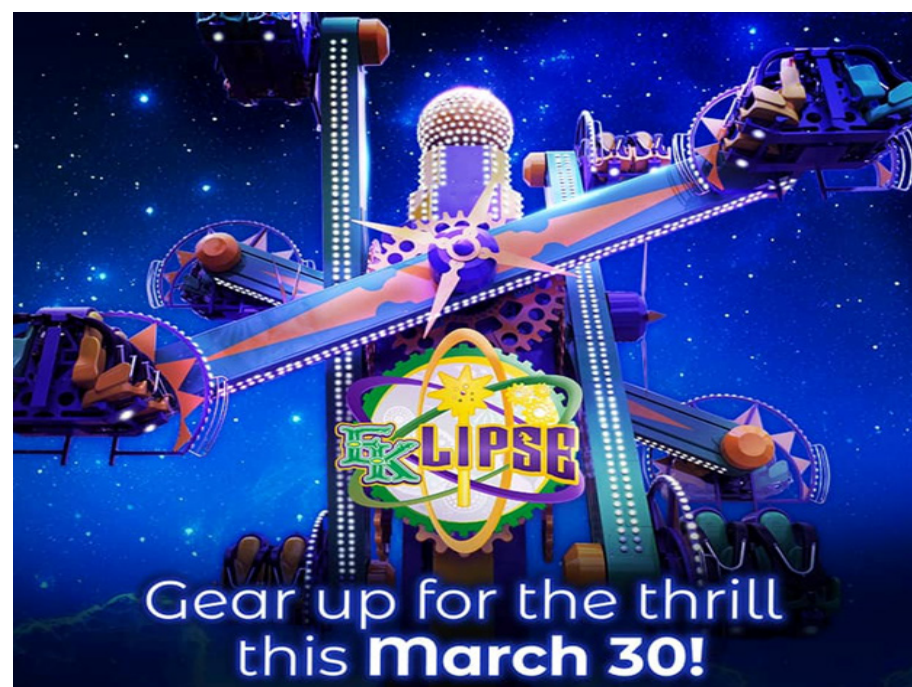
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Feel the combined magic of 30 years of fun and 80 years of care!

In joint celebration of EK's 30th anniversary and Mercury Drug's 80th anniversary, Eldar the Wizard has prepared an enchanting treat for all of the pharmacy giant's loyal customers this March.

Suki Card holders will enjoy Php 110 off of Regular Day Passes from March 1 to 30. Plus a special treat when you book via the EK Online Store, get a chance to win an Eldar the Wizard plushie and Php 300 worth of Mercury Drug gift certificates.

For more information and updates regarding these and EK's other upcoming events and offers, visit <https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph> and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and Tiktok, and @ek\_philippines for Twitter and Instagram.



## CALAMBA CITY EARNS GOOD FINANCIAL HOUSEKEEPING RECOGNITION FROM DILG UNDER MAYOR ROSS RIZAL'S LEADERSHIP

### CONGRATULATIONS!



Calamba City has once again achieved a significant milestone as it was recognized as one of the Good Financial Housekeeping (GFH) Passers for Calendar Year 2024 by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

This distinction reflects the city's strict

adherence to accounting and auditing standards, policies, and regulations—demonstrating transparent, honest, and efficient management of public funds.

Under the leadership of Mayor Ross Rizal, Calamba continues to uphold transparency, accountability, and good

governance, ensuring a progressive and financially responsible city for all its residents.

This achievement is a testament to the city's commitment to excellent public service—dedicated to every Calambeño!

(EDJUN MARI-POSQUE)



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## The Provincial Government of Cavite proudly joins the nation in celebrating National Women's Month!



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# Editorial

## Marso, Buwan ng Kababaihan: Pagpapahalaga sa Kontribusyon at Karapatan nila

Marso, Buwan ng Kababaihan: Pagpapahalaga sa kontribusyon at karapatan nila

Ang pagdiriwang ng National Women's Month ay naglalayon mabigyan ng pagkilala ang mga kababaihan sa kanilang masigasig na kontribusyon sa ekonomiya ng bansa. Sa bawat aspeto ng buhay, mula sa trabaho hanggang sa tahanan

Ang iba pang sektor, ang mga kababaihan ay nagbibigay ng napakalaking ambag sa pagpapayabong ng ating bansa. Kaya naman importante na bigyang pugay, halaga at pagkilala ang mga babae sa ating buhay dahil sa kanilang mga nagawa at magagawa pa.

Ang buwan ng Marso ay yugto ng pagdiriwang ng National Women's Month sa Pilipinas bilang pagpaparalang sa mga kababaihan at sa kanilang mga tagumpay at kontribusyon sa lipunan. Ito ay bahagi ng pagkilala sa mga kababaihan bilang mahalagang kabahagi ng pagpapaulnad ng bayan at sa kanilang papel bilang mga lider at tagapagtanggol ng karapatan para sa pagkakapantay-pantay.

Sa loob ng buong buwan ito, nagkakaroon ng iba't ibang aktibidad at programa na naglalayong mapalawak ang kaalaman at pag-unawa tungkol sa mga isyu at hamon na kinakaharap ng mga kababaihan.

Kabilang dito ang mga forum, webinar, art exhibit, at mga cultural events na nagbibigay ng plataporma sa mga kababaihan upang maipakita ang kanilang kakayahang, talento at marinig ang kanilang mga tinig.

Bukod dito, mahalagang bigyang pansin ang mga isyu na kinakaharap ng mga kababaihan, tulad ng karahasan sa loob ng tahanan o domestic violence, pagpapahirap sa trabaho, gender pay gap, at maraming iba pa. Sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay ng atensyon at pagpapalawak ng kaalaman tungkol sa mga isyung ito, naglalayon ang National Women's Month na labante ang kalagayan ng babae, at makapagbigay ng solusyon sa mga hamong ito.

Sa kabila ng mga hamon at pagsubok, patuloy na lumalaban ang mga kababaihan para sa kanilang karapatan at pagkakapantay-pantay. Dahil sa selebrasyon, nagkakaisa tayo at nagtitipon-tipon upang magbigay ng suporta at pagkilala sa tagumpay at kontribusyon ng bawat Pilipina mula sa iba't ibang kulay at sa'n mang sektor ng ating lipunan.

Ang makabuluhang pagpaparalang sa importansya ng kababaihan sa buwan ng Marso ay pagpapakita lang na nagkakaroon na ng Gender Equality sa ating bansa.

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and Records Management (DPRM), ang kahalagahan ng proyektong ito:

"Sa pagbibigay ng kaalamang ito, hindi lang natin sila binibigyan ng impormasyon—binibigyan natin sila ng lakas ng loob at kasiguruhan na pinahahalagahan at sinusuportahan ang kanilang sakripisyo. Kapag alam ng ating mga pulis na may seguridad ang kanilang pamilya, mas matututulan nila ang kanilang tungkulin sa pagseserbisyo sa bayan."

Sa kanyang key-

note message, muling pinagtibay ni PNP Chief PGen Rommel Francisco D. Marbil ang dedikasyon ng organisasyon na tiyaking alam at natatanggap ng bawat personnel ang nararapat na benepisyo para sa kanila:

"Siguraduhin nating ang ating mga personnel—parehong uniformed at non-uniformed—ay natatanggap ang mga benepisyo ng nararapat sa kanila. Ang isang maayos na sistema ay nangangahulugan ng mas empow-

# Cayetano...

"At the end of our life, we are the sum total of our decisions."

This was how Senator Alan Peter Cayetano summarized the week's topic on his daily vlog, CIA 365, on Facebook.

On Friday, February 28, 2025, Cayetano reflected on the key points discussed so far about decision making.

He highlighted effective decision making rooted in godly wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, which he said requires anchoring one's identity in God, discerning priorities, and aligning goals with His guidance through planning.

"Kung sasabihin kong ako ay makabayan, y'ung decisions ko ba — tulad ng boto ko sa Senado, mga naging pagkilos ko sa Department of Foreign Affairs, ang araw araw na pagkilos ko — ito ba ay makabayang hindi?... Decisions basically make us and are part of who we are," he said.

On the role of purpose in decision making, he reminded his viewers that having a clear sense of direction allows individuals to make choices aligned with their values and aspirations.

"Knowledge, understanding, and wisdom — these all play a role in making good decisions," he said.

He encouraged followers to recognize their identity as children of God, saying it provides

ered na personnel na may tiwala sa kanilang organisasyon. Sa pagpapatibay ng mga mekanismong ito, mas mapapalakas natin ang ating hanay bilang isang motivated na pwersa para sa bayan."

Dagdag pa niya, mahalaga ang edukasyon pagdating sa mga benepisyo ng mga pulis: "Ang primer na ito ay magsisilbing mahalagang gabay para sa ating mga personnel upang lubos nilang maunawaan ang kanilang mga benepisyo. Marami sa ating mga pulis ang naglingkod ng matagal at maging ang mga nagretirang hindi alam ang lahat ng kanilang natatanggap na pribilehiyo. Ganun din ang kanilang pamilya. (Nelson Dimapilis)

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the confidence to navigate life's challenges. This, he explained, is akin to finding one's position in God's positioning system (GPS). "It's very important that in making decisions, our first decision is to find out who we are. Sino ba tayo? At saan ka ba gusto ilagay ni Lord?" he said.

Cayetano also discussed how to make better decisions by understanding the difference between what is urgent and important.

"Kapag nalaman mo ang difference ng urgent at important sa decision making, mas madali gumawa ng priorities. Madali gumawa ng agenda, mag plano, at i-set ang goals," he explained.

While decision-making can be challenging, Cayetano urged his followers to learn from others by sharing and discussing experiences with peers and elders.

"We make 35,000 decisions a day. Some are involuntary, easy, or hard. But we can learn from it by discussing, sharing and learning from our experiences. We can also be inspired by the young and listen to the wisdom of the older generation," he explained.

"Parang kape lang iyan na kapag ihalo ang lahat, kapag tama ang timpla, masarap," he added.

Cayetano continues to share life lessons based on Biblical insights on his daily Facebook vlog. PR

# Mayor Ross...

Calamba City, Laguna – March 4, 2025 – Mayor Ross Rizal marked the first Monday of March with a powerful message of progress and public service during the city's flag ceremony. The event also served as a dual celebration, recognizing Women's Month and Fire Prevention Month—two crucial advocacies that highlight empowerment and safety.

**Fire Prevention Month:** Strengthening Awareness and Readiness

Mayor Rizal emphasized the importance of vigilance and preparedness in preventing fire-related incidents. With the dry season approaching, he called on the public to remain alert and proactive in ensuring safety at home and in the community. "Maging handa, alerto, at laging ligtas," he reminded everyone, urging residents to participate in fire safety awareness campaigns.

**Women's Month:** Honoring the Role of Women in Society

The celebration also paid tribute to the in-

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valuable contributions of women in nation-building. Mayor Rizal reinforced the city's commitment to gender equality and empowerment, stating, "Babae ka, hindi lang pang bahay, kundi pang-bayan!" His message resonated with the city's efforts to provide more opportunities and platforms for women in leadership, business, and community service.

**Ramdam na Reporma:** A Safer, Fairer, and More Progressive Calamba

As part of his governance, Mayor Rizal assured his constituents that "Ramdam na Reporma" continues to push for a city that is safe, fair, and progressive. He encouraged collective action to uphold the welfare of all citizens, ensuring that public services remain efficient and inclusive.

The event set the tone for a meaningful and action-driven March, reinforcing the city's dedication to service, safety, and inclusivity.

(Edjun Mariposque)

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# DTI, JOLLIBEE TEAM UP TO CHAMPION SUSTAINABLE CONSUMER HABITS



"At DTI, we recognize that consumer welfare goes hand in hand with sustainability. Under the Consumer Act of the Philippines, it is our duty to protect the interests of Filipino consumers, ensuring that their rights are upheld while also guiding them toward informed, ethical, and sustainable consumption. Through this partnership, we reaffirm our commitment to empowering consumers to make choices that are both practical and planet-friendly," said DTI Undersecretary for Regional Operations Group Blesila Lantayona.

"No to plastic, yes to reusables!"

In a powerful push for sustainability, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and Jollibee Foods Corporation have once again joined forces to inspire Filipino consumers



term environmental and economic resilience.

As part of this year's World Consumer Rights Day celebration, DTI and Jollibee recognize the growing impact of plastic pollution, driven largely by consumer preference for plastic utensils due to their convenience, affordability, and availability.

In line with Secretary Ma. Cristina Roque's directive to uphold DTI's commitment as a champion of consumer welfare, this partnership aims to drive behavioral change

by empowering consumers to make informed and sustainable choices.

As one of the country's leading fast-food chains, Jollibee serves millions of meals daily, many of which come with plastic utensils. To help curb plastic waste, the campaign encourages consumers to opt out of receiving disposable utensils when ordering via drive-thru or take-out.

In return, customers who choose to skip plastic utensils will receive coupons per transaction. These coupons can later



"We are not calling this a promo, but a campaign, because our goal is to create long-term behavioral change," said Eloise Anne Siccion, Assistant Vice President of Trade Marketing Group, Jollibee Foods Corporation.

be redeemed for a free order and a free Yum juice upgrade on the third Burger on the fifth.

# KONSTRUKSYON NG PATUBIG NG DA-PRDP SA MAJAYJAY, LAGUNA, SISIMULANNA



Aabot sa 5,612 residente ng Majayjay, Laguna ang mabibigyan ng sapat at ligtas na patubig ngayong sinisimulan na ang konstruksiyon ng isang level II potable water system (PWS) ng Department of Agriculture – Philippine Rural Development Project (DA-PRDP) at ng lokal na pamahalaan. May halaga itong Php 90,181,808.71.

Isinagawa ang nasabing proyekto upang matulungan ang mga residente ng Brgy. Bakia, Bit-aoy, Botocan, Gagalot, Isabang, Piit, Rizal, at Taytay na matagal nang umaasa sa pagpapakulo ng tubig o pagbili ng mineral water sa

kanilang pang-araw-araw na gamit. Layon nitong maisaayos at mapalawak ang water system sa kanilang lugar sa pamamagitan ng paggawa ng water tanks, transmission at distribution lines, valves, common tap stands, at isang 40-meter hanging bridge.

Sa groundbreak- ing ceremony ng proyekto, binati ni DA-PRDP Regional Project Coordination Office CALABARZON Project Director Engr. Redelliza Gruezo ang lokal na pamahalaan ng Majayjay sa kanilang tagumpay. Aniya, patuloy na makikipagtulungan ang DA-PRDP pati na ang DA sa lokal na pama-

halaan sa mga proyektong para sa sektor ng agrikultura at pangisdaan.

Pinasalamatan naman ng punong bayan na si Romeo Amorado ang DA-PRDP sa kanilang suporta. Aniya, umaasa siyang maiwagan na rin ang pagkakasakit ng mga mamamayan dulot ng maruming tubig sa tulong ng proyekto.

Tinatarget na matapos ang PWS sa Enero 2026. Bago sinimulan ang konstruksiyon, pinag-usapan ng DA-PRDP, lokal na pamahalaan, at contractor ang mga pamantayan ng DA-PRDP Scale-Up at construction methodologies ng proyekto. PR

# SEGURIDAD NG MGA PULIS AT PAMILYA, TINYAK NG PNP SA BAGONG PRIMER AT INFORMATION POSTER

Bilang bahagi ng patuloy na pagsisikap ng Philippine National Police (PNP) na tiyakin ang kapakanan at kagalingan ng mga personnel nito, opisyal na inilunsad ngayong araw, Marso 7, 2025, sa PNP Star Lounge, Camp Crame, ang Primer

on Pay and Regular Allowances, Benefits, and Privileges of PNP Personnel and their Dependents at ang Killed in Police Operation (KIPO) / Wounded in Police Operation (WIPO) Benefits Information Poster.

Pinangunahan ni PNP Chief, Police General Rommel Francisco D. Marbil, ang nasabing aktibidad kasama sina Police Lieutenant General Jose Melencio C. Nartatez Jr. at Police Lieutenant General Robert T. Rodriguez, Deputy Chief PNP for Operations, Directorial Staff Directors, ang DPRM

Command Group, Division Chiefs, at mga personnel mula sa Moral and Welfare Division.

Ang inisyatibang ito ay tugma sa adhikain ng pambansang pamahalaan sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., na patuloy na palakasin ang suporta para sa mga unipormadong personnel. Binigyang-diin ng Pangulo ang kahalagahan ng pagbibigay ng seguridad at katiyakan sa mga tagapagpatupad ng batas upang magampanan nila ang kanilang tungkulin nang walang pangamba, dahil alam nilang may sapat na suporta para sa kanila at kanilang pamilya. Upang matiyak ang madaling pag-access sa impormasyon, 2,676 kopya ng primer ang naunang ipinamahagi sa mga opisina at yunit ng PNP noong Nobyembre

2024 bilang gabay sa mga benepisyo ng mga personnel.

Samantala, ang KIPO/WIPO Benefits Information Poster ay bunga ng paglulunsad noong Disyembre 2024 ng advocacy film na "Benepisyo", na naglalayong ipaalam ang tulong pinansyal at legal na maaaring matanggap ng mga pamilya ng nasawing o nasugatang mga pulis sa operasyon. 5,400 posters ang unang ipinamagay sa iba't ibang yunit, opisina, at training schools ng PNP sa buong bansa, at sinundan ito ng karagdagang 1,600 kopya matapos ang pagpapalabas ng naturang advocacy film.

Sa kanyang welcome remarks, binigyang-diin ni Police Major General Contancio T. Chinayog Jr., Director ng Directorate for Personnel *cont. on page 2*

# RISING SOON NA MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING SA SAN GABRIEL



San Pablo Ciy, Laguna – Ginap noong March 3, 2025 ang Groundbreaking Ceremony at Blessing ng pagtatayuan ng Multipurpose Sports Complex sa Barangay San Gabriel, Lungsod ng San Pablo sa pamumuno ni Barangay Chairman Ma. Claudette Janolino-Amante at Sangguniang Barangay ng San Gabriel. Ang proyekto ay naisakatuparan sa pamamagitan ng inisyatibo ni Congressman Loreto "Amben" Amante katuwang ang pamahalaang nasyonal at ng Department of Works and Highways sa liderato ni District Engineer Joven M. Calabia. Ito ay bilang tugon sa pangangailangan ng mga residente na magkaroon ng higit na maayos na pampublikong pasilidad. Ayon kay Cong. Amante, ang proyekto ay bahagi ng patuloy na pag-sisikap ng kanyang tang-

gapan na mapabuti ang mga pasilidad sa distrito, lalo na sa mga barangay na nangangailangan ng dagdag na suporta mula sa gobyerno.

Nakasama sa programa sina San Pablo City Vice Mayor Justin Colgado, Sangguniang Panglungsod, Councilor Charles Caratihan ng bayan ng Calauan, Samahang ng Senior Citizen ng San Gabriel, SPARC at TODA.

(Shekinah Esteban)

# PRO4A kicks off 2025 National Women's Month Celebration



Camp Vicente Lim, Calamba, Laguna — Ang Police Regional Office 4A (PRO 4A) sa pamumuno ni Police Brigadier General Kenneth Lucas ay aktibong nakilahok sa pagdiriwang ng National Women's Month ngayong Marso 2025, sa ilalim ng temang "Babae sa Lahat ng Sektor, Aangat ang Bukas sa Bagong Pilipinas."

Bilang bahagi ng National Women's Month Celebration 2025, nagbigay ng talumpati ang Asawa ni Philippine National Police Chief PGen. Rommel Marbil na si Mrs. Mary Rose Marbil, PNP OLC Foundation Adviser (PNP OLCF), bilang panauhing pandangal at tagapagsalita sa programa ng PRO 4A. Sa kanyang talumpati, binigyang-diin ni Ginang Marbil ang papel ng kababaihan bilang Women as Leaders & Innovators – Driving progress and change, Breaking Barriers, Creating Opportunities – Advocating for gender equality, Strength in Service & Compassion – Uplifting others through kindness at Resilience & Unity – Overcoming challenges together.

Samantala ang PRO4A ay may mga programa para sa proteksyon ng kababaihan na patuloy na isinusulong tulad ng PROJECT L.U.K.A.S. (Labanan, Umaksyon, Kausapin ang buong Pamilya, Abusadong Rapist ay Sama-samang Pigilan) upang magbigay-proteksyon at kaalaman sa komunidad laban sa mga insidente ng pang-aabuso, partikular na ang rape. Nakasama rin sa programa ang Asawa ni PB-GEN Kenneth Lucas na si Mrs. Mary Jane Lucas, kawani ng PNP OLCFI, at mga kababaihan ng PRO4A.

Ang PRO 4A ay nananatiling tapat sa kanilang layunin na itaguyod ang kaligtasan, karapatan, at kapakanan ng kababaihan sa rehiyon. Sa pamamagitan ng mga programang ito, inaasahan nilang mapalakas ang partisipasyon ng kababaihan sa iba't ibang sektor at masiguro ang isang ligtas at pantay na lipunan para sa lahat. | Shekinah Esteban



## 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 naghinih-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 nagkukunyang grupo na ang tanging hangad ay ang kanilang pansariling interes.

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### LABAN PARA SA BAYAN



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 kampuhan.

Sa unang engkwentro noong Pebrero 23, bandang alas-5 ng hapon, nakasagupa ng mga elemento ng 81st Infantry Battalion (81B), 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, na agad namang nabigyan ng paunang lunas at nasa ligtas nang kalagayan.

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 isinagawang clearing operation noong Pebrero 25, natagpuan ang bangkay ng isang Communist NPA Terrorist, dalawang high-powered firearms, apat na magazine na may mga bala, IEDs, anti-personnel mines (APMs), pampasabog, mga dokumento, at iba pang personal na kagamitan.

Hinihikayat naman ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Ragay, sa pamumuno ni Mayor 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, mariing kinundena ni Brigadier General Rustia, pinuno ng 201st Infantry Brigade, ang paggamit ng IEDs ng terorista, na iniyo'y patunay ng kanilang karuwagan at tahasang paglabag sa International Humanitarian Law (IHL) at Republic Act No. 9851.

Sa kabila nito ay hinihikayat 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.

## SWEET AS PINEAPPLE



Anna Roselle A. Garcia can attribute the success of her business to the sweetness of the pineapple fruit, a famous local produce from her hometown in Calauan, Laguna.

The town of Calauan in Laguna has a thriving agricultural industry, with the local pineapple trade holding a special place in its economic activities. It has been known for its sweet pineapple harvests, attracting locals and tourists alike whenever the fruit is in season.

For many, pineapple is not just a source of livelihood—it is a symbol of resilience and creativity. One such entrepreneur who harnessed the potential of Calauan's iconic fruit is Anna Roselle A. Garcia, a 41-year-old businesswoman who turned her passion for business and her love for local produce into a thriving enterprise.

As the eldest child and breadwinner, Anna worked abroad to support her parents and meet the needs of her family. Anna spent five years in Taiwan, gaining skills in baking cakes and pastries, and later worked as a farmer in Japan.

However, due to financial struggles,

she returned home in 2016 through the government-initiated "Balik Pinas Program". Through this program, she received assistance in the form of an oven, which she used to launch her cake and pastry business in 2017—the same year she started her own family.

Anna's innovative spirit emerged in 2018 when she saw the rising popularity of gourmet fish in a bottle and decided to add her twist by incorporating Calauan's famous pineapple. Her first batch, tested by family and sold by her sister at the market, doubled her initial capital. This success inspired Anna to continue and expand her product lines, such as pineapple concentrate, pineapple bars with flavors like purple yam, chocolate, and buko pandan, and even a pineapple champoy—a candy made from the pineapple's eye. Her innovative and entrepreneurial mindset aimed to maximize the use of pineapple.

With her business flourishing under the name Piñana, Anna showcased her products at trade fairs, product exhibits, and seminars, eventually gaining media attention.

But the path to success was not easy. She faced financial difficulties, struggled with marketing and promotions, and more. Despite these setbacks, she remained optimistic, driven by her passion, faith, and dedication. As Anna shares with aspiring entrepreneurs: "Don't let your challenges define you; let them strengthen you. Your passion and perseverance are your greatest assets."

As her business grew, Anna received support from CARD Bank, Inc., a microfinance-oriented rural bank providing financial and non-financial services to its clients. For 14 years of clientship, Anna has taken loans to support her business where she started with a modest loan worth PHP10,000.00 and eventually reached up to PHP100,00.00.

Additionally, her partnership with CARD Bank is beyond financial support, her business was introduced to Mga Likhra ni Inay, Inc. (MLNI), the marketing arm of CARD MRI. In 2022, her products also became a part of CARD MRI Hijos Tours' Bayong Tour, a tour program that showcases the craftsmanship and products of CARD clients.

Today, her Piñana products—including pineapple bars, champoy candies, gourmet fish, and pineapple concentrate—are priced between PHP 50 to PHP 200, and can be bought in her shop located in 327 Rullio, Purok 4, Barangay San Isidro, Calauan, Laguna.

Anna's story proves that with passion, resilience, and a strong connection to your roots, even the simplest of beginnings can lead to great success. Through her hard work, she has not only improved her own life but also uplifted her community and inspired others to pursue their dreams through passion and entrepreneurship. PR



# SM SUPERMALLS UNVEILS SM ACTIVE HUB AS THE COUNTRY'S ULTIMATE SPORTS EXPERIENCE



The SM Active Hub, the Philippines' largest sports playground, invites everyone to move, play, and experience ultimate sports fun at its March 9 launch.

The launch event will showcase exhilarating pickleball exhibition matches. SM Active Hub connects sports communities and fitness enthusiasts

SM Active Hub is set to revolutionize fitness and sports engagement in the country. Whether you're a casual enthusiast or a dedicated athlete, the SM Active Hub provides a dynamic space for everyone to be part of the biggest

sports community in the country. The launch event will feature pickleball exhibition play, a gathering of various partner-run clubs, and exclusive perks from partner sponsors. SM Active Hub boasts 44 pickleball courts across 21 malls and 14

Get ready to move, play, and experience the ultimate sports destination! SM Supermalls is proud to introduce SM Active Hub, the largest and most inclusive sports playground in the Philippines, launching on March 9, 2025, at 8 AM at the SM Mall of Asia (MOA) Music Hall.

SM Active Hub running hubs: SM Mall of Asia, SM By the Bay, SM City Fairview, SM City Marikina, SM City East Ortigas, SM City Santa Rosa, SM City Clark, SM City Tuguegarao, SM Seaside City Cebu, SM City Iloilo, SM City CDO Uptown, SM City Butuan, SM City Davao, and SM Lanang

SM Active Hub pickleball home courts: SM North EDSA, SM Southmall, SM City Grand Central, SM Seaside City Cebu, SM City Santa Rosa, SM City Molino, SM City Baguio, SM City Valenzuela, SM City Novales, SM City Rosario, SM City Rosales, SM Center Antipolo Downtown, SM City Cabanatuan, SM City Pulilan, SM City Telabastagan, SM City Olongapo Central, SM Center Ormoc, SM City Consolacion, SM City CDO Uptown, SM City Roxas, and SM City Puerto Princesa.



The SM Active Hub extends its reach with 44 pickleball courts in 21 SM malls throughout the country.



Pickleball, a blend of tennis, badminton, and table tennis played with paddles and a perforated ball, offers an easy-to-learn activity for all ages.

And this is just the beginning! SM Active Hub is only getting started with running and pickleball, with more venues and thrilling sports experiences coming your way. Stay tuned for the next wave of action!

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The SM2SM Run in Cebu City promotes community spirit, health, and fitness through the shared passion of running.

that cater to all levels of fitness and athleticism. Don't miss out! Discover a range of SM Active Hub events on the SM Malls Online app and be the first to earn rewards, discounts, and freebies: <http://click.sm-mallsonline.com/DFqS/SMACTIVEHUB>

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# 652 RESIDENTE NG 3RD DISTRICT OF LAGUNA TUMANGAP NG AYUDA



Tumangqp ng tulong pinansyal ang 652 mga residente na mula pa sa ikatlong distrito ng Laguna. Sa pamamagitan ito ng tulong ni Congressman Loreto "Amben" S. Amante at nila President Ferdinand "Bong-bong" R. Marcos Jr., at House Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez.

Ito ay bahagi ng programa ng DSWD na Assistance in Crisis Situation-AICS. Nagbigay din ng suporta sila former Board Member Angelica Jones Alarva at Mun. Councilor Charles Caratitan ng bayan ng Calau-an Laguna. Na ginanap sa bulwagan ng Multipurpose Convention Center Brgy. San Jose San Pablo City.

Ayon kay Cong. Amante bagaman tinutugon ang pamamahagi ng ayuda. Ay naniniwala pa din ito na malaking tulong ito para sa mahirap natin mga mamamayan. At nakakatu-long din ito sa pagpasok ng mga buwis para sa kaban ng atin bayan.

(Kevin Pamatmat)

# PH Air Force FA-50 Fighter Jet Goes Missing During Night Mission; Search Operations Underway

PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE STATEMENT REGARDING MISSING FA50 AIRCRAFT. The Philippine Air Force has launched an extensive search operation after an FA-50 fighter jet went missing during a Tactical Night Operations mission early Tuesday morning, March 4.

# 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 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 highest 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.

The Philippine Air Force (PAF) has launched an extensive search and rescue operation after an FA-50 fighter jet went missing during a Tactical Night Operations mission early Tuesday, March 4. According to initial reports, the aircraft lost communication with its flight just minutes before reaching the target area. Despite multiple attempts by accompanying aircraft

to re-establish contact, there was no response. The rest of the flight returned to Mactan, Cebu, while search efforts for the missing jet and its aircrew intensified. PAF has deployed all available resources to locate the aircraft, stressing that their priority remains the safety and swift recovery of the aircrew. "Our primary

concern is their safety, and we remain hopeful for their swift recovery. We ask for your prayers and support during this critical time," the PAF stated. Authorities continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident, with further updates expected as more information becomes available. (Edjun Mari-posque)