

Mayor Ross Rizal Leads Calamba in Meaningful Commemoration of Undas 2025

Mayor
Ross Rizal

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Calambeños!

Ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Calamba ay nakikisa sa makubuluhang paggunita ng

UNDAS 2025

Ating alalahanin ang mga mahal sa buhay na pumanaw at ipagdiwang ang buhay nang may pagmamahalan, pagkakaiba at malisakit sa isa't-isa.



The City Government of Calamba, under the leadership of Mayor Roseller “Ross” H. Rizal, joins the nation in the solemn observance of Undas 2025, honoring the memory of departed loved ones with the theme of love, unity, and compassion.

Mayor Ross Rizal called on Calambeños to reflect on the lives and legacies of those who have passed on while fostering togetherness and care within the community.

“Let us remember our departed loved ones and celebrate life with love, unity, and compassion,” Mayor Rizal said in his message.

He also emphasized the importance of living out the spirit of solidarity and empathy as families gather and visit cemeteries to pay their respects.

“Under my leadership, we continue to live by the spirit of unity and mutual support as we honor the memories and lessons left by our dearly departed. May every Calambeño experience peace and safety during their visits and family gatherings this Undas,” he added.

The City Government has likewise ensured public safety and order across cemeteries and major thoroughfares, reinforcing the administration’s commitment to a peaceful and meaningful observance of Undas 2025 in Calamba.

(Edjun Mariposque)

MPTC GEARS UP FOR UNDAS 2025



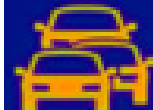
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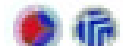
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MPTC ‘Biyaheng Arangkada’ Motorists Assistance Program Undas 2025

Enhanced traffic management, shoulder lane regrading, and motorist assistance set across MPTC expressways

Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) is reactivating its “Biyaheng Arangkada” Motorists Assistance Program to ensure safe and convenient travel during the Undas season. With an expected surge in traffic across NLEX, SCTEX, NLEX Connector, CALAX, CAVITEX, and CCLEX, MPTC is intensifying operations through increased personnel deployment, 24/7 traffic monitoring, and quick-response teams.

Free towing for Class 1 and Class 1M (for CCLEX) vehicles to the nearest exit will be available from 6:00 AM of October 30 to 6:00 AM of November 3 to assist motorists, while roadworks will be suspended from October 29 to November 3, except for emergency repairs, to keep traffic flowing smoothly.

To reduce bottlenecks, NLEX Corporation has regraded shoulder lanes in key areas to support counterflow operations. Motorists are advised to plan their trips ahead and avoid peak hours, particularly during the following periods:

- After-noon of October 29
- After-noon of October 30 to evening of October 31
- Morning of November 1
- After-noon of November 2
- Morning of November 3

Around 2,000 traffic, toll, and emergency personnel will be on duty across MPTC expressways, in coordination with the PNP, LGUs, and key agencies. At CAVITEX, “Biyaheng Arangkada” will be implemented with PEA Tollway Corporation,



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PBBM, nakaalis na ulit ng bansa patungong South Korea para sa APEC Summit

COMELEC, Calamba City Forge Usufruct Agreement to Strengthen Voter Services



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Calamba City formally signed a Deed of Usufruct Agreement in a ceremony held at the Jose Rizal Coliseum on Thursday.

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SALAMAT SA INYO, CONG. AMBEN AMANTE



CONGRATULATIONS!

Thomas Joaquin Albarico & Thomas Joaquin Albarico
San Pablo City Badminton Men’s Doubles
BATANG PINOY 2025 - GOLD MEDALIST

Taos pusong ang pagbati ang ioinaabot ni 3rd.district Congressman Loreto “Amben” S. Amante sa ating mga natatanging manlalaro na sila Thomas Joaquin Albarico, at Yuan Jacob Merin mula sa lungsod ng San Pablo Laguna. Dahil sa kanilang dedikasyon upang makamit ang gintong medalya sa larangan ng Badminton Men’s Double Division sa Batang Pinoy 2025.

Nagpaabot din ng pagbati si Cong.Amben Amante kay Coach Gerloth Delizo at sa Athletic Association of the Philippines,Inc. Dahil sila ang nagsanay upang maging mahusay ang ating mga atleta,

(KEVIN PAMATMAT)



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Editoryal: PAGTANGGI NG ICI NA ISAPUBLIKO ANG MGA NAGDAANG HEARINGS, SENYALES NG COVER-UP

Binatikos ni Kamanggagawa Party-list Rep. Elijah "Eli" San Fernando ang pagtanggap ng Independent Commission for Infrastructure (ICI) na ilabas ang records ng mga nagdaang pagdinig nito habang binabalangkas pa ang patakaran para sa planong livestream ng proceedings simula sa susunod na linggo.

Para kay San Fernando, ang pagpili ng ICI na magsikreto sa publiko sa halip na isulong ang transparency at pananagutan ay senyales ng cover-up o may pinagtatakan ito.

Punto ni San Fernando, bakit aniya ang damping palusot at hirap na hirap ang ICI na ipakita sa publiko ang proceedings nila gayong ang pagtatago at hindi naman ang transparency ang sanhi para makompromiso ang imbestigasyon nito ukol sa maanomalyang flood control projects.

Hamon ni San Fernando sa ICI, kung wala itong pinoprotektahan at pinagtatakan ay buksan na nito sa publiko ang lahat ng mga record at hearing.

Ayon kay San Fernando, kung hindi ito magagawa ng ICI ay mabuti pang umalis na ito dahil dagdag-gastos lang sa mga manggagawa at ordinaryong Pilipino ang operasyon ng isang walang kuwenta umanong opisina gaya ng ICI.

"ESCUDERO NANAWAGAN SA KONGRESO NA GAWING MANDATORY ANG PAG APRUBA NG LGU AT RDC SA LAHAT PROTECTING IMPRASTRAKTU- RA SA 2026 BUDGET"

Nananawagan Senador Francis "Chiz" Escudero sa mga pinuno ng mga komite sa Kongreso na tumatalakay sa 2026 national budget na bigyan ng mas malaking papel ang mga lokal na pamahalaan (LGU) sa pagtukoy at pagpapatupad ng mga proyektong pang-imprastraktura.

Ayon sa kanya, ito ay isang paraan upang ipakita ang kanilang pangako sa pagbabago ng proseso ng badyet at pigilan ang mga pang-aabuso sa kapangyarihan sa paglalaan ng pondo.

Habang patuloy pa ring pinag-aaralan ng Kongreso ang iminungkahing badyet para sa 2026, binanggit ni Escudero na may sapat pa silang oras para magsagawa ng makabuluhang hakbang. Isang mungkahi niya ay gawing mahalagang kinakailangan ang pag-apruba ng mga Regional Development Council (RDC) para

sa anumang proyektong pang-imprastraktura na isasama sa General Appropriations Act (GAA) o National Expenditure Program (NEP).

Ito ay layuning pigilan ang pagpasok ng mga proyektong walang saysay, may kinalaman sa katiwalian, o hindi kailangan ng komunidad.

Bagama't inihain ni Escudero ang Senate Bill No. 1459 (Grassroots Infrastructure Planning and Budgeting Act) upang palakasin ang papel ng LGU at RDC, kinilala niya na malamang na walang oras ang Kongreso na aprubahan ito bago matapos ang proseso ng badyet para sa 2026.

Kaya naman iminungkahi niya na isama na lang ang probisyon ng pag-apruba ng RDC sa 2026 GAA—maaaring sa pamamagitan ng pangkalahatang patakaran o espesyal na probisyon para sa mga partikular na ahen-

Cayetano...

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano criticized the government's K-12 education program, calling it a clear example of how good ideas can lose direction and fail when not properly funded and implemented.

In the latest episode of his vlog "CIA 365 with Kuya Alan," Cayetano said that while the K-12 program began with the right intentions, it was not supported by sufficient resources to achieve its goals.

"Maganda ang intensyon, maganda ang K-12. Pero ang problema, hindi pinondohan nang husto ng gobyerno," Cayetano said.

The senator recalled that he was among those who initially opposed the K-12 program, warning that the govern-

ment lacked the financial capacity to sustain it effectively.

"I was saying we can't afford it, but of course now na may flood control scandal, we can see nariyan ang pera, ang problema napupunta sa corruption," he added.

Cayetano emphasized that the lack of proper funding has forced many schools, especially in highly urbanized areas, to adopt shifting schedules — a setup that limits students' learning opportunities.

"Sa highly urbanized cities, more than 2,000 schools na ang two shifts. K-12 ka nga, half day ka naman," he pointed out.

He further warned that even the most well-intentioned reforms in education will fail if leaders

lose sight of their purpose and fail to provide adequate support.

"Ang ganda ng objective, pero hindi makafocus. Walang masamang proposal sa education, pero kung hindi fully funded, hindi maaabot ang target," Cayetano said.

The senator urged government agencies to realign their efforts toward measurable results, ensure proper allocation of resources, and maintain the integrity of education reforms.

He also stressed that the fight against cor-

ruption should start from personal values rather than mere policy changes.

"Lahat naman ng pwedeng idagdag sa anti-corruption [drive,] gagawin.

Ang problema ay y'ung values. Kailangan maging core value natin ang integrity at honesty," he said.

Cayetano's "CIA 365 with Kuya Alan" vlog features daily discussions on current issues and public concerns, offering insights grounded in biblical principles.

(Edjun Mariposque)

COMELEC...

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led by Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal, together with members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, and COMELEC Chairman Atty. George Erwin Garcia.

The ceremony also coincided with the re-launching of the Register Anywhere Program (RAP), an initiative aimed at making voter registration more accessible to the public.

Mayor Rizal emphasized that the partnership marks another step toward strengthening public service and promoting citizen participation in democratic processes.

Meanwhile,

Chairman Garcia lauded the Calamba City government for its continuous support of COMELEC's initiatives, noting that efforts like these reflect the government's commitment to convenient, inclusive, and efficient electoral services.

The newly signed agreement ensures that the COMELEC office in Calamba will continue to operate with improved facilities, enabling residents to register and update their voter information with greater ease and efficiency.

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OVER 10,000 POLICE AND FORCE MULTIPLIERS DEPLOYED ACROSS CALABARZON FOR SAFE AND PEACEFULUNDAS 2025



— Around 10,233 police officers and force multipliers from various agencies and offices have been deployed across the Calabarzon region to ensure a safe and orderly observance of Undas 2025, according to the Police Regional Office 4A (PRO 4A).

The deployment includes personnel from the five Police Provincial Offices, the Regional Mobile Force Battalion 4A, the Regional Headquarters, and other PNP Regional Support Units.

These law enforcers will be stationed in 626 cemeteries and memorial parks, 32 bus terminals, 22 seaports, and 169

Motorist Assistance Centers (MACs) and Police Assistance Desks (PADs) throughout the region.

Their primary mission is to assist the public visiting cemeteries, ensure public order, and provide security in key areas during the long weekend observance.

PRO CALABARZON Regional Director PBGEN Paul Kenneth T. Lucas assured the public that the police are fully prepared to respond and serve throughout the holiday period.

He also urged the public to cooperate by following authorities' reminders and reporting any suspicious activities to the

nearest police assistance desk.

Lucas also led a security preparation meeting for Undas 2025, attended by members of the Command Group, Regional Staff, Provincial Directors, and Chiefs of Police across Calabarzon, both in person and online.

The regional security initiative forms part of the Focused Agenda of Acting PNP Chief PLT-GEN Jose Melencio C. Nartatez Jr., which aims to strengthen police visibility and responsiveness to maintain peace and safety in all communities during national events and holidays.

(Edjun Mariposque)

18 Pasyente, Sumailalim sa Libreng Operasyon sa Katarata sa Tulong ni Cong. Amben Amante

Sa pamamagitan ng inisyatibo ni Congressman Loreto "Amben" S. Amante at sa pakikipag-ugnayan sa Mabuhay Deseret Foundation, matagumpay na naisagawa ang libreng operasyon sa katarata para sa labing-walong (18) pasyente mula sa iba't ibang bayan ng Ikatlong Distrito ng Laguna noong Oktubre 24, 2025.

Layunin ng nasa-bing programa na maibalik ang malinaw na paningin ng mga pasyenteng matalagal nang nakararanas ng problema sa kanilang mga mata, partikular ang mga senior citizen at kababayang walang kakaya-



hang pinansyal para sa operasyon.

Lubos namang nagpasalamat ang mga benepisyaryo sa nasa-bing proyekto dahil muling nabigyan sila ng pagkakataong makakita nang malinaw at makapamuhay nang mas maginhawa.

Ang proyektong

ito ay bahagi ng tuloy-tuloy na kampanya ni Congressman Amante sa ilalim ng

"Serbisyong Amben para sa Kalusugan", na naglalayong maghatid ng libreng serbisyon medikal sa mga mamamayan ng ikatlong distrito ng Laguna.

OCULAR INSPECTION PARA SA PAGTATAYUAN NG "AKAY NI GOB BOTIKA"



Pinangunahan ni Punong Bayan Ark/Inh Elmor Vitangcol Vita ang isinagawang ocular inspection kasama ang mga kinatawan mula sa Provincial Engineering Office, Municipal Engineering Office at Municipal Planning and Development Office para sa napipintong pagtatayuan ng "Akay ni Gob Botika" dito sa Bayan ng Nagcarlan.

Ang nasabing taos-pusong pasasalamat sa Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Laguna, sa pangunguna ng ating butihing Gober-

nadora Sol Aragones, na layuning maihatid sa bawat mamamayan ang abot-kayang gamot at serbisyong pangkalusugan. Sa pamamagitan ng "Akay ni Gob Botika," mas mapapalapit sa mga Nagkarlangin ang mga pangunahing gamot at tulong-medikal, lalo na sa mga sektor na higit na nangangailangan.

Ipinahayag ni Mayor Vita ang kanyang taos-pusong pasasalamat sa Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Laguna, sa pangunguna ng ating butihing Gober-

programang pangkalusugan ng bayan. Aniya, "Isa itong patunay na kapag nagkakaisa ang lokal at panlalawigang pamahalaan, mas maraming serbisyong may malasakit ang maihahatid sa ating mga kababayan."

Ang proyektong ito ay patunay ng patuloy na pagsisikap ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Nagcarlan na mapalapit ang serbisyong may malasakit, partikular sa larangan ng kalusugan at kapakanan ng bawat Nagkarlangin.

(Nagcarlan PIO/
Shekinah Esteban)



MGA BANGKERO NG PAGSANJAN, NAGPASALAMAT SA KORTE SUPREMA LABAN SA KORUPSYON



Left to right - Antonio Jabinar, Jose Rivera, Rogelio Alias, Edilberto Abaya, Ben Dacdac, Ardy Leron

Pagsanjan, Laguna — Nagpahayag ng lubos na pasasalamat ang mga bangkero ng Pagsanjan sa desisyon ng Korte Suprema na nagpatibay sa hatol na guilty laban kay Mayor George “ER” Ejercito Estregan sa kasong graft, na nagresulta sa paglabas ng warrant of arrest mula sa Sandiganbayan.

Ayon sa United Boatmen Association of Pagsanjan (UBAP), itinuturing nilang makasaysayang tagumpay ang desisyong ito—hindi lamang para sa kanilang hanay kundi para sa lahat ng mamamayan ng Pagsanjan na matagal nang nananawagan ng pananagutan at integridad sa pamahalaan.

“Patunay ito na umiiral pa rin ang hustisya at walang sinuman ang dapat ilagay sa itaas ng batas,” ayon sa pahayag ng asosasyon.

“Taos-puso kami nagpapasalamat sa Sandiganbayan, sa Korte Suprema, at sa lahat ng

ahensiyang tumulong sa laban kontra korupsiyon.”

Batay sa dokumento ng Korte Suprema, noong Hunyo 30, 2025, tuluyang denied with finality ang motion for reconsideration ni Ejercito, kaya naging final and executory ang hatol na guilty sa paglabas ng warrant of arrest mula sa Sandiganbayan.

Napatunayan ng korte na iginawad ni Ejercito ang kontrata para sa accident insurance ng mga turista at bangkero sa First Rapid Care Ventures (FRCV) —

kompanyang walang Certificate of Authority mula sa Insurance Commission at nairehistro lamang sa DTI at BIR limang araw bago ito magalok ng serbisyo sa lokal na pamahalaan.

Kasamang nahatulan si Marilyn Bruel, may-ari ng FRCV, habang pinawalang-sala naman ang dating Vice Mayor Crisostomo Villar at ilang miyembro ng Sangguniang Bayan dahil sa kaku-

langan ng ebidensya ng pakikipagsabwatan.

Sa desisyon, hinatulang guilty sina Ejercito at Bruel at pinatawan ng walong (taong pagkakakulong, bukod sa permanenteng diskwalipikasyon sa paghawak ng anumang posisyong pampubliko.

Noong Oktubre 20, naglabas ng resolusyon ang Sandiganbayan na nag-uutos sa DILG, PNP, at NBI na agad ipatupad ang warrant of arrest laban kay Ejercito.

Nanawagan naman ang UBAP para sa agarang pagpapatupad ng pag-aresto at hinikayat ang mga mamamayan na manatiling mapagmatyag at ipaglaban ang katotohanan at mabuting pamamahala.

“Ang tagumpay na ito ay para sa lahat ng naniniwala sa batas at hustisya.

Nawa’y magsilbi itong inspirasyon upang ipagpatuloy ang laban kontra korupsiyon,” dagdag ng asosasyon.

(*Shekinah Esteban*)

PHP 17-M WORTH OF SHABU SEIZED IN LUCENA CITY BUY-BUST OPERATION



LUCENA CITY — Authorities seized around ₱17 million worth of suspected shabu and arrested a high-value drug personality during a successful buy-bust operation conducted by the Quezon Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit (PDEU) on Wednesday afternoon, October 30, 2025.

The suspect, identified only as alias “Rica,” 27 years old, was apprehended at around

3:09 p.m. in Purok Bagong Buhay, Barangay Cotta, Lucena City.

Recovered from the suspect were approximately 875 grams of suspected shabu, marked money, and other pieces of evidence.

Police said the suspect will face charges for violation of Sections 5 and 11 of Republic Act 9165, or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

PCOL Romulo A.

Albacea, Acting Provincial Director of the Quezon Police Provincial Office, vowed to intensify anti-drug operations in the province.

“We will make sure that those behind the illegal drug trade in our province will not succeed.

The Quezon police will always be ready and committed to ensuring peace and safety for all our citizens,” Albacea said.

(*Edjun Mariposque*)



Pointer

Pau Dela Cruz

Laguna to Construct 5-Story Hospital Wing to Alleviate Emergency Room Congestion at Dr. Jose P. Rizal Memorial Provincial District Hospital

To help relieve the overcrowding in its emergency room and enhance medical services, the Laguna provincial administration, under the direction of Governor Sol Aragones, plans to erect a five-story structure at the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Memorial Provincial District Hospital in Calamba City.

On October 21, 2025, Governor Aragones shared the idea on Facebook Live with hospital staff. “Yung ikalimang palapag, gagawin natin dormitory ng mga nagbabantay, plus lalagyan natin ng dormitory para sa nurse at doktor,” she explained, adding that the lower floors would house an expanded emergency room and additional wards, while the upper floor would be used as a dormitory for hospital staff and watchers.

According to Hospital Chief Dr. Petersan Uy, in order to maintain environmental balance, they have already applied for permits to remove trees from the construction site from the Department of Environment

and Natural Resources (DENR) and asked the Field Agricultural Extension Services (FAES) for 500 replacement seedlings.

As part of her ongoing efforts to support healthcare initiatives and guarantee the availability of necessary medical supplies, Dr. Uy made the appeal during Governor Aragones’ visit to the hospital on October 13, 2025, when she personally distributed anti-rabies vaccination vials. “Sir, kailangan namin ng kapalit na 500 seedlings para dun sa puputuling puno. Nag-a-advance thank you na ako sa ibibigay mong 500 seedlings, sir,” said Dr. Uy in his message to FAES Head Marlon Tobias.

The planned project, which aims to make the hospital a more effective and patient-friendly institution for Lagunenses, represents the provincial government’s dedication to accessible healthcare, environmental responsibility, and the welfare of medical frontline

SOWING SUCCESS

In Barangay San Jose, General Santos City, lives a man whose story proves that success is not born from wealth; it is grown through hard work, faith, and perseverance. Niño de Guzman, a vocational graduate, husband, and father of three, has transformed his humble beginnings into a thriving agribusiness that not only changed his life but also uplifted those around him. His journey from a sari-sari store owner to a successful agripreneur is a story worth telling and one that is truly inspiring.

Humble Beginnings

Born into a family that relied on agriculture as its primary source of livelihood, Niño was raised with a deep respect for the land and the value of perseverance. From a young age, he was immersed in



Niño de Guzman, 38, a proud CARD SME Bank client and agripreneur from General Santos City, stands on his flourishing asparagus and corn farm. It is his living testament that hard work and perseverance can turn small dreams into reality.

farming and fishing life, helping his parents and learning how to make a living from the soil and sea.

These early experiences would ultimately shape his future.

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CAAP, NAKIKIPAG-UGNAYAN NA SA MALAYSIA AT SINGAPORE PARA I-MONITOR ANG AIR ASSETS NI ZALDY CO

Nakikipag-ugnayan na ang Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) sa counterparts nito sa Malaysia at Singapore para manmanan ang tatlong rehistradong air assets ng nagbitiw na si dating Ako Bicol Rep. Zaldy Co.

Sinabi ito ni CAAP Director General Raul del Rosario ibinunyag ni DPWH Sec. Vince Dizon na naharang ng CAAP ang pagtatangka ng mga kompanyang konektado kay Co na i-deregister ang nasa tatlong chopper na hiniling na

Co, na lumipad umano doon noong Agosto 20 at Setyembre 11.

Nasa Singapore naman umano ang Gulfstream aircraft simula pa noong Agosto 16.

Maliban sa tatlong air assets ni Co, minamanmanan rin ng ahensiya ang 10 iba pa na nananatiling nasa bansa.

Matatandaan, noong nakaraang buwan, ibinunyag ni DPWH Sec. Vince Dizon na naharang ng CAAP ang pagtatangka ng mga kompanyang konektado kay Co na i-deregister ang nasa tatlong chopper na hiniling na

mitting to farming. Niño explored various livelihood opportunities.

He sold fish and engaged in multiple income-generating activities to support his growing family.

For two years, he worked at an automotive company while his wife managed their modest sari-sari store. However, it was always agriculture that drew him.

With a small dream and limited capital, Niño started a modest farming venture. Over time, that small seed blossomed into a thriving agribusiness focused on high-value crops such as asparagus, sweet and purple corn, and more.

“In doing business, it’s important to separate personal matters from business,” Niño shares, highlighting one of the key principles that helped him succeed.

Weathering the storms

Agriculture, while fulfilling, is not without its challenges. Natural calamities often pose threats to crops and disrupt operations.

But Niño’s resilience shines in these moments.

His approach is grounded in preparedness and smart financial man-

agement.

“In times of calamities, it is essential to have savings, so you have something to use when things get tough,” he advises.

Through a positive mindset and a commitment to sustainable farming practices, Niño has been able to sustain and grow his business even through adversity.

A crucial part of Niño’s growth was made possible with his six-year clientship with CARD SME Bank, a thrift bank under CARD MRI.

With a modest loan of PHP 3,000, he reached a total of PHP 350,000, which he reinvested to improve operations and expand his agribusiness.

With the success of the business, his produce is distributed not only around General Santos City but also to markets in Cotabato, Davao, and even Manila. He now employs 15 workers and earns at least PHP 150,000 per month, a remarkable leap from where he began.

“We decided to stay consistent and committed to our business because we saw how it changed our lives,” Niño reflects.



ma-freeze ng DPWH. Samantala, ibinunyag naman ng CAAP official na walang air assets na nakarehistro sa ilalim ng pangalan ni dating House Speaker Martin Romualdez.

Maalaala nga na sina Co at Romualdez ay kapwa nakaladkad sa isyu ng maanomaliyang flood control projects na nakatanggap umano ng kickback, bagay na makailang ulit namang itinanggi ng dalawa.

With this support, he not only uplifted his own family but also created opportunities for others in his community.

Giving back to the community

Today, Niño is more than just a farmer; he is a changemaker.

By employing local workers and partnering with small seed producers, he plays a vital role in strengthening the agricultural economy in his area. “As a way of giving back, we support local seed producers by buying the seeds from them, and continue to provide jobs to the local community,” he says.

Looking ahead, Niño dreams of expanding his farm even further, with hopes of securing a comfortable retirement and a better future for his family.

But more than that, he wants to continue planting seeds of opportunity for others that create a legacy rooted in service and success.

“To aspiring entrepreneurs, especially those starting from humble beginnings, if you don’t try, you will never see success in life.

Despite life’s challenges, if you persevere, nothing is impossible,” he concluded. PR

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The spirit of Christmas lit up the night at SM City Calamba as the much-awaited lighting of this year's Christmas Carnival-themed centerpiece brought joy and wonder to everyone in attendance!



A sparkling 30-ft Christmas Tree, a whimsical 12-ft Ferris Wheel, and a sweet 10-ft Candy Cane Lane perfectly capturing the festive charm of the holiday season.

The celebration was graced by Lara Erika S. Landicho (Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor of Laguna Sol Aragones), Matt Palentinos (Chief of Staff, Office of Cong.

Charisse Hernandez-Alcantara), CJ Panaligan-Bustria (Executive Assistant I, Office of City Mayor Roseller Rizal), Allan Silva (Office of Vice Mayor Angelito Lazaro Jr.), and Francis Fajardo (Community Affairs Officer III, Cultural Affairs, Tourism and Sports Development Office), together with SM Assistant Vice President for South 3 Angel Torre-

ja, SM City Calamba Mall Manager Evelyn Verzola, and Assistant Mall Manager Earth Olazo.

The event was filled with music, joy, and togetherness—ushering in the yuletide season with warmth and cheer.

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Mayor Ross Rizal Kicks Off 1st Golf Cup to Promote Unity, Wellness, and Tourism in Calamba



Calamba City, Laguna — A historic tee-off for unity, sportsmanship, and friendship took place as Mayor Roseller “Ross” H. Rizal spearheaded the 1st Mayor Ross Rizal Cup Golf Tournament 2025 held on October 27, 2025, at the Ayala Greenfield Golf and Leisure Club in Barangay Puting Lupa, Calamba City.

The inaugural golf tournament brought together local officials, business leaders, and golf enthusiasts in a spirited celebration of camaraderie and healthy competition.

Mayor Ross Rizal emphasized that the event was organized not only to strengthen the bond among golfers but also to promote tourism, wellness, and an active lifestyle among Calambenos.

“This tournament symbolizes our shared drive for a healthier, more vibrant, and united Calamba,” Mayor Rizal said, noting that sports and recreation play a vital role in fostering community spirit and attracting visitors to the city.

The success of the 1st Mayor Ross Rizal Cup Golf Tournament 2025 marks the beginning

PNP QUEZON, TODO-HANDA PARA SA UNDas 2025

Laawigan ng Quezon — Tuloy-tuloy ang mahigpit na preparasyon ng Quezon Police Provincial Office (QPPO) sa pangunguna ni Provincial Director Col. Romulo “Bhong” Albacea bilang bahagi ng Oplan Kaluluwa 2025 na ipinatutupad ng Philippine National Police (PNP) sa buong bansa.

Ayon kay Col. Albacea, simula pa noong katapusan ng Oktubre ay nakahanda na ang lahat ng municipal at city police stations sa buong lalawigan upang tiyakin ang kaligtasan, katahimikan, at kaayusan ng publiko sa paggunita ng All Saints’ Day at All Souls’ Day. Naka-alerto ang mga pulis sa mga sementeryo, terminal, simbahan, at pangunahing lansangan upang maiwasan ang anumang krimen o abala sa daloy ng mga tao at sasakyan.

Mahigit 31,000 pulis ang naka-deploy sa buong bansa para sa Undas, kabilang dito ang daan-daang tauhan mula sa Quezon PPO, katuwang ang AFP, BFP, Coast Guard, MDRRMO, at iba pang ahensya ng pamahalaan. Sa lalawigan, nakaposisyon na rin ang mga Police Assistance Desks (PADs) sa mga sementeryo at matatagang lugar upang agad na makapagbigay ng tulong o impormasyon sa publiko.

Binigyang-diin ni Col. Albacea ang kahalagahan ng disiplina at kooperasyon ng bawat mamamayan, lalo na sa mga magbibiyahang papunta sa kanilang mga yumaong mahal sa buhay.

“Ang aming pangunahing layunin ay ang kaligtasan ng bawat Quezonian. Hinihiling namin ang pakikiisa ng lahat—maging mapagmatyang, iwasan ang pagdadala ng ipinagbabawal, at agad ipagbigay-alam sa pulisya ang anumang kahina-hinalang aktibidad,” ani Albacea.

Bilang karagdang hakbang, pinaigting din ng PNP Quezon ang patrolyla sa mga barangay at kabahayan na maiwang walang tao habang abala ang mga pamilya sa sementeryo.

Inabisuhan din ang publiko na tiyaking naka-lock ang kanilang tahanan, naka-unplug ang mga appliances, at ipaa-

lam sa barangay o kapitbahay kung aalis ng mataagal.

Kaugnay nito, tininyak ni Col. Albacea na nananatiling nakahanda ang buong hanay ng PNP Quezon upang magsagawa ng mabilis na aksyon sa anumang sitwasyong pang-emergency, bilang suporta sa direktiba ni Governor Dra. Helen Tan at sa kabuuang Oplan Undas 2025 ng pamahalaang panlalawigan.

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