Mayor Ross Rizal Ensures Senior Citizens Receive Social Pension in Calamba's Barangay Canlubang



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Under the initiative of Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal to deliver quality public service to every Calambeño, the City Government of Calamba successfully conducted the distribution of social pension to senior citizens in Barangay Canlubang on November 6, 2025.

The activity marked the completion of the first batch of beneficiaries under the Calamba City Social Pension Program, with a total of 8,770 senior citizens receiving their financial assistance.

To ensure that all qualified elders benefit from the program, the second batch of distribution was scheduled the following day.

Mayor Ross Rizal emphasized the city government's continued commitment to uphold the welfare of senior citizens, recognizing their invaluable contributions to the community and ensuring that no elder is left behind in Calamba's progress.

(Edjun Mariposque)

Cayetano Calls for Rule of Law, Not Politics, Amid Alleged ICC Warrant vs. Dela Rosa



Senator Alan Peter Cayetano urged Filipinos to uphold faith in God, the rule of law, and the nation's institutions following reports that the International Criminal Court (ICC) allegedly issued an arrest warrant against Senator Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa.

In a statement released Friday, Cayetano emphasized that the Supreme Court's Rules on Extradition Proceedings reaffirm the country's commitment to justice guided by principles and due process, not by political motivations or personal biases.

"The Court has drawn the line clearly: extradition, and all acts of justice, must be rooted in law and due process, not in bias or emotion.

Opinions change, but principles remain.

That is how we preserve justice and protect democracy," Cayetano said.

The senator stressed that equality before the law must prevail, assuring the public that both powerful and ordinary citizens deserve the same protection and accountability under the Constitution.

"No one is above the law, and no one is beneath its protection.

Every Filipino, whether senator or citizen, deserves equal treatment and the full measure of due process," he added.

Cayetano also called on the Senate leadership to uphold integrity and fairness, saying the institution should stand for justice rather than privilege.

"Let us show that the Senate stands not for privilege, but for fairness — that we will uphold for our members only what we are willing to uphold for every Filipino: justice without bias, and equality before the law," he said.

He concluded by reminding both those in power and in opposition that justice should never be used to settle political scores but to serve truth and unity.

"The law must not be a weapon to divide us, but a bridge that unites us in fairness, trust, and faith in the system we all depend on," Cayetano said.

(Edjun Mariposque)

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Caption: Calamba City Chief of Police PLTCOL. Dennis De Guzman salutes Mayor Ross Rizal before receiving his award

Mayor Ross Rizal Hails PhP 50.7-B Samsung Expansion, 3,000 Jobs for Calambeños Coming Soon



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — A wave of new opportunities is coming to Calamba as Samsung Electro-mechanics Philippines confirmed a massive ₱50.7-billion expansion in Calamba Premier Industrial Park (CPIP), Barangay Batino.

According to Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal, the project will generate around 3,000 jobs for Calambeños, strengthening the city's position as a key industrial and economic hub in Southern Luzon.

In a meeting earlier today with representatives from the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) and Samsung Electro-mechanics, Mayor Rizal pushed for the prioritization of Calambeños in

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

Binatikos ni Kamanggagawa Party-list Rep. Elijah “Eli” San Fernando ang pagtanggi 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 pinagtatakpan ito.

Punto ni San Fernando, bakit aniya ang daming 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 pinagtatakpan 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.

CHIZ...

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Pinaalalahanan ni Senador Francis “Chiz” Escudero ang mga awtoridad na tiyakin na ang presyo ng mga pangunahing bilihin ay mananatiling matatag sa panahong ito sa mga lalawigan na labis na naapektuhan ng Bagyong Tino.

Bilang pangunahing may-akda ng Republic Act No. 10623, na nag-amyenda sa batas upang magbigay proteksyon sa mga mamimili sa pamamagitan ng pagpapanatili ng presyo ng mga pangunahing bilihin sa panahon ng kalamidad, sinabi ni Escudero na ang mga presyo ay dapat na bantayan upang pigilan ang pang-aabuso at pagsasamantala ng mga mapagsamantalang negosyante.

“Nakikiramay tayo sa pamilya ng mga nasawi dahil sa hagupit na hatid ng bagyong Tino. Napakabigat din ng pinsala sa mga tahanan at negosyo mula sa matinding pagbaha. Ang dasal natin ay makabangon agad ang mga apektado ng bagyo,” aniya.

“Ang pinakamahalaga para sa mga nasalanta ng bagyo ay ang sapat na pagkain, gamot, at ang materyales para makumpuni ang mga nasirang bahay kaya nararapat lamang na may sapat na bilihin sa mga panahon na ito at walang gulangan pagdating sa presyo ng mga ito,” dagdag pa ni Escudero.

Pinalawak ng RA 10623 ang saklaw ng mga pangunahing pangangailangan upang matiyak na ang mga mamimili ay nabibigyan ng higit na proteksyon mula sa hindi nararapat na pagtaas ng presyo sa panahon ng kalamidad.

Kabilang na sa mga pangunahing pangangailangan ang inuming tubig sa bote at lalagyan, mga sariwang prutas, mga lokal na gawang instant noodles, household liquefied petroleum gas, at kerosene. Ang mga pakain sa hayop at isda ay kasama rin sa listahan ng mga pangunahing bilihin.

Sa ilalim ng batas, ang pagkontrol sa presyo ng mga pangunahing pangangailangan ay ipinapatupad sa loob ng tagal ng state of calamity o emergency ngunit hindi lalampas sa 60 araw o kung sakaling alisin ng Pangulo ang deklarasyon nang mas maaga.

Sa kaso ng mga pangunahing pangangailangan na ganap na inaangkat o deregulado sa ilalim ng umiiral na mga batas, ang pagkontrol sa presyo ay ipapatupad lamang sa loob ng maximum na 15 araw.

Sinumang tao na magsagawa ng pagmamanipula ng presyo, pagtatago, pagpapalaki ng kita, at mga aktibidad na tulad ng kartel ay mahaharap sa mabigat na parusa na kinabibilangan ng mga multa at pagkakulong.

Mayor Ross...

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the hiring process, especially for skilled workers, engineers, and managerial positions.

“Magandang balita, mga Calambeños! Isinulong natin na maging priority ang ating mga kababayan sa mga trabahong bubuksan ng Samsung,” Mayor Rizal said, emphasizing his administration’s commitment to inclusive growth and job creation.

To strengthen collaboration, Mayor Rizal is set to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with PEZA, represented by Atty. Ross Vincent Sy, to implement various development initiatives.

These include skills training programs, social responsibility projects, and environmental sustainability efforts that align with Calamba’s vision of a progressive and people-centered city.

Mayor Rizal also lauded the private sector’s confidence in the city’s governance, noting that Samsung’s expansion further solidifies Calamba’s position as one of the country’s leading investment destinations.

“When the private sector trusts the local government, more investments follow — and more opportunities open for our people,” he added.

The ₱50.7-billion expansion marks one of the largest investments in Calamba in recent years, underscoring the city’s growing reputation as a hub for innovation, industry, and employment in Southern Luzon.

(Edjun Mariposque)

State...

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Inanunsiyo ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr ang paglalagay sa bansa sa “State of National Calamity”.

Kasunod ito sa matinding pinsala ng bagyong Tino sa Central at Eastern Visayas at ang inaasahang epekto ng panibagong bagyo.

Isinagawa nito ang deklarasyon sa ginanap na situational briefing ng kaniyang gabinete sa Office of the Civil Defense headquarters sa Camp Aguinaldo sa Quezon City.

Ayon sa pangulo na bilang rekomendasyon ng National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) na magiging mapaminsala ang paparating na bagyong Uwan ay marapat na ideklara ang buong bansa bilang nasa State of National Calamity.

Magugunitang nag-iwan ang bagyong Tino ng 140 na nasawi at 127 ang nawawala at nagdulot ng malawakang pagbaha sa Central at Eastern Visayas.



CALAMBA...

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Mayor Ross Rizal Commends PNP for Exemplary Service and Dedication During a stirring ceremony titled “Pagpupugay sa Matatag na Tagapagtanggol ng Lungsod!”, Calamba City Mayor Roseller “Ross” H. Rizal paid tribute to the city’s Philippine National Police (PNP) personnel for their unwavering commitment, bravery, and exceptional performance in upholding peace and security throughout Calamba.

The ceremony paid special tribute to the PNP Calamba, led by PLtCol. Dennis C. De Guzman, City Chief of Police, together with the NAPOLCOM Awardees, who were commended for their series of successful operations — including Oplan Galugad — that showcased their courage, discipline, and deep commitment to public safety.

“This recognition is a testament to your bravery, discipline, and genuine concern for the peace and progress of our beloved city,” said Mayor Ross Rizal. “Thank you for your tireless service and unwavering dedication to building a safer and more progressive Calamba.”

Under the leadership of PLtCol. De Guzman, the PNP Calamba has consistently demonstrated excellence in law enforcement through proactive operations and community engagement efforts that have strengthened public trust and safety across the city.

Through this event, the City Government of Calamba reaffirmed its steadfast support for the men and women in uniform — the steadfast defenders whose courage and dedication continue to safeguard every Calambeño.

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PAMAHALAANG...

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QUEZON PROVINCE — Namahagi ang Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Quezon, sa pamamagitan ng Office of the Provincial Veterinarian (OPV), ng mga Chicken Layer Modules sa labing-isang (11) Farmers’ Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) at sectoral organizations mula sa iba’t ibang bayan ng lalawigan.

Ang programa ay bahagi ng Extension and Organizational Development Project na pinondohan mula sa 20% Development Fund ng lalawigan. Layunin nitong suportahan ang direktiba ni Gobernador Dra. Helen Tan na paunlarin ang industriya ng paghahayupan sa Quezon upang makapagbigay ng dagdag kabuhayan sa mga magsasaka at mapalakas ang food security sa probinsya.

Pinangunahan ng Livestock and Poultry Development Division sa pamumuno ni Dr. Milcah Valente ang distribusyon ng mga Ready-to-Lay Chicken modules, na kinabibilangan ng mga kulungan (cages), pakain (feeds), at mga gamot na beterinaryo. Katuwang sa naturang aktibidad sina G. Julian Nuñez, Bb. Jovelyn Alcazar, G. Enrico Zeta, at G. Dither Mogan ng OPV.

Kabilang sa mga tumanggap ng tulong ay ang mga sumusunod na samahan:

Coconut & Corn Farmers Agriculture Cooperative (Agdangan)

Lubigan Integrated Farmers Association (Guinayangan)

Brgy. Amontay Poultry & Livestock Farmers Association (Macalelon)

Samahan ng may mga Kapansanan sa Mauban

Panukulan Hugpong Pangkabuhayan Association

Pambayang Pederasyon ng mga Mangingisda (Perez)

4H Club (Perez)

Pandan Livestock Raisers Association (Real)

San Andres Agriculture Cooperative

Sariaya Quezon Persons with Disability Federation

Omarangkadang Kababaihan para sa Pangkabuhayan (Unisan)

Ayon sa OPV, ang nasabing proyekto ay magbibigay ng dagdag na oportunidad sa kabuhayan ng mga benepisyaryong grupo, magpapataas ng kita ng kanilang mga miyembro, at magsusulong sapat na suplay ng itlog sa kani-kanilang mga komunidad—isang hakbang tungo sa patuloy na pag-unlad ng agrikultura at kabuhayan sa lalawigan ng Quezon.

TULONG...

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PILA, LAGUNA — Ipinahayag ni ABC Lusisito Larazo ng Barangay Pinagbayanan ang kaniyang hangarin na madagdagan pa ang mga solar water pump sa kanilang barangay upang matulungan ang mga magsasaka sa pagpapatubig ng kanilang mga sakahan.

Ayon kay Larazo, isa itong hakbang sa pagpapatupad ng mitigation project na layong bawasan ang gastos ng mga magsasaka, partikular sa pagbili ng diesel na ginagamit sa mga tradisyunal na water pump.

Dagdag pa niya, maraming magsasaka sa kanilang lugar ang napipilitang paupa na lamang ang kanilang lupang sakahan dahil sa kakulangan ng puhunan at mataas na gastusin sa pagpapatubig.

“Kung madaragdagan ang solar water pumps, hindi na kailangang gumastos ng malaki ang ating mga magsasaka para sa diesel. Makakatulong ito sa kanilang kabuhayan at sa patuloy na produksyon ng pagkain,” aniya.

Ipinahayag din ni Larazo na layunin niyang maipaabot sa pambansang pamahalaan ang kaniyang magandang plano para sa mga magsasaka ng Barangay Pinagbayanan. Naniniwala siyang mangyayari ito sa tulong ni Pangulong Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr., Senador Francis “Kiko” Pangilinan, Gobernador Sol Aragones, at ng Department of Agriculture, na pawang may malasakit sa sektor ng agrikultura.

Umaasa si Larazo na magkaroon ng progreso sa kaniyang kahilingan, sapagkat mahigit 60 magsasaka ang makikinabang sa proyekto na sumasaklaw sa higit 50 ektaryang lupang sakahan.

Nais din niyang magkaroon ng dryer o imbakan ng mga palay upang mapanatiling maganda ang kalidad ng ani lalo na kapag ito ay tuyo.

Layunin ng naturang proyekto na maipakita ang suporta ng lokal na pamahalaan sa renewable energy at sa pagkakaroon ng mas abot-kayang solusyon para sa mga magsasaka sa Pila, Laguna.

(Shekinah Esteban)

CAYETANO...

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Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano on Monday urged the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to take the lead not only in building infrastructure but also in restoring integrity and accountability within the agency, starting with a strong crackdown on ghost projects.

“I don’t want a revolution, I want a revival. Many revolutions did not bring the reforms that were promised. Do you agree with me na dapat yung low-lying fruit, y’ung obvious na obvious, iyon y’ung [dapat] unahin?” Cayetano asked DPWH Secretary Vivencio “Vince” Dizon during the DPWH budget briefing on October 20.

Cayetano described ghost projects as the clearest and most blatant form of corruption and said these should be the department’s top priority in investigating irregularities.

“Ang definition ng ‘ghost [projects],’ nag-allocate ng pera [at] binayaran, pero wala talagang project. It’s easier to focus on that kasi walang mapapaliwanag y’ung guilty,” he said.

Cayetano said the DPWH’s mission in nation-building should be two-fold — to build infrastructure and to clean up corruption within its ranks. He added that the agency’s reform must go beyond merely preventing corruption.

“The biblical principle is prevent evil, do good, pero if you’re going to be spiritual, may isa pa: align with what God wants. If you apply it to civil government, it’s not enough that we prevent corruption and do good. We have to align the priorities sa kung ano ang priority ng administration,” he said.

Dizon agreed, saying that more than 400 suspected ghost projects have already been identified by a validation team. He gave assurance that those involved will be held accountable.

Hearing the figure, Cayetano urged the department to act quickly on these cases and use the documents already in its possession as evidence.

“Anything that’s also obvious, we would appreciate action on it. Whether you refer it to the ICI [Independent Commission for Infrastructure] or the Ombudsman. Ang point ko lang naman, nasa inyo ang papeles,” he said.

He also suggested a simple way to verify ongoing and completed projects by requiring district engineers (DEs) and local officials to take and submit photos of project sites.

The senator said this would help ensure transparency and prevent ghost projects from slipping through the cracks.

“Is it possible that you ask your DEs or the lowest level whatever, kunan lang ng picture... para at least may reference ka,” Cayetano told Dizon.

Cayetano said the effort to clean up the DPWH should not be seen as a political purge but as a moral and institutional revival to rebuild public trust.

“Reform doesn’t come from tearing things down but from rebuilding them right,” he said. “That’s the kind of revival our country needs. PR

PAALALA...

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MANILA — Ngayong papalapit na ang Pasko, pinaalalahanan ng Department of Budget and Management (DBM) ang lahat ng tanggapan ng gobyerno na gawing simple, makabuluhan, at may malasakit ang kanilang mga Christmas at year-end celebrations, lalo na’t marami pa ring Pilipino ang dumaraan sa pagsubok.

Ayon kay Budget Secretary Amenah Pangandaman, dapat maging maingat, sensitibo at responsable ang mga kawani ng gobyerno sa paggastos ngayong nalalapit na ang holiday season, lalo na’t may mga lugar sa bansa na tinamaan ng sunud-sunod na kalamidad.

“Mahalaga ang pagdiriwang at pagkakaisa, pero huwag din nating kalimutan na marami sa ating mga kababayan ang patuloy na nahihirapan, lalo na ‘yung mga tinamaan ng kalamidad. Gusto ng Pangulo na maging sensitibo at maunawain tayo sa kanilang kalagayan. Ang pinakamagandang paraan para magdiwang ay ang magbalik at tumulong,” ani Pangandaman.

Naglabas ang DBM ng Circular Letter para muling ipaalala na lahat ng government entities — kasama ang GOCCs, GFIs, SUCs, at LGUs — ay dapat sumunod sa mga umiiral na patakaran para masigurong tama at responsable ang paggamit ng pondo sa mga Christmas at New Year activities.

Binigyang-diin sa paalala ang nakasaad sa Executive Order No. 292, Republic Act No. 6713, at COA Circular No. 2012-003 na nagbabawal sa paggamit ng pondo ng gobyerno sa mga gastos na itinuturing na irregular, unnecessary, at extravagant — tulad ng mamahaling venue, pagbili ng alak, at engrandeng party na sagot ng gobyerno.

Hinimok ni Secretary Pangandaman ang mga empleyado ng gobyerno na magkaroon ng simple, bukas para sa lahat, at taos-pusong selebrasyon na nagpapakita ng malasakit, pagkakaisa, at integridad sa serbisyo publiko.

Hinikayat din niya ang mga ahensya na gawing inspirasyon ang diwa ng Bagong Pilipinas sa pagdiriwang — sa halip na magarbo, maaaring magsagawa ng community outreach, volunteer work, o gift-giving programs para maibahagi ang saya ng Pasko sa mga kababayang kapos sa buhay.

“Itinataguyod ng DBM ang maayos at responsableng paggamit ng pondo ng gobyerno, lalo na ngayong panahon ng Pasko kung kailan karaniwang tumataas ang paggastos,” ani Pangandaman.

Hiniling din ni Secretary Amenah sa mga pinuno ng mga departamento at ahensya na siguraduhing nasusunod ang mga patakarang ito at maipaparating ang paalala sa kanilang mga tanggapan.

“Ang pinakamagandang paraan para magdiwang ay ang magbigay pabalik. Nawa’y maging simbolo ng ating mga pagtitipon ang tunay na diwa ng paglilingkod, pagkakaisa, at kabutihang-loob — ito ang tunay na espiritu ng Bagong Pilipinas,” pagtatapos ni Secretary Pangandaman.

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KAMPO NI DUTERTE, NAGSUMITE NG PANIBAGONG BATCH NG EBIDENSIYA SA ICC

Nagsumite ang kampo ni dating Pangulong Rodrigo Roa Duterte ng panibagong batch ng ebidensiya sa International Criminal Court (ICC) kaugnay ng kasong may kinalaman sa kanyang kampanya kontra iligal na droga o war on drugs.

Batay sa ulat, ang mga dokumento ay inihain noong Nobyembre 5, kung saan may 13 uri ng ebidensiya na ipinadala sa Office of the Prosecutor at sa Office of Public Counsel for Victims (OPCV).

Ang mga ito ay pirmado ni Atty. Nicholas Kaufman, ang abogado ni Duterte.

Bagaman nakapaloob sa opisyal na dokumento ang detalye ng mga isinumiteng ebidensiya, nananatiling confidential ang nilalaman nito at eksklusibong maaaring mabasa lamang ng prosecution, defense, at OPCV.

Ito na ang ikalawang batch ng mga dokumentong iniharap ng kampo ng dating pangulo sa ICC, matapos ang unang pagsusumite noong Setyembre, na may 29 items ng ebidensiya.

Matatandaang si Duterte ay nakapiit sa The Hague, Netherlands, matapos siyang kasuhan ng ICC Prosecutor ng 49 bilang ng murder at attempted murder na umano'y naganap sa ilalim ng kanyang anti-drug campaign noong siya ay alkalde ng Davao City at kalaunan bilang Pangulo ng Pilipinas.

ICC, MAY WARRANT OF ARREST NA\ LABAN KAY SEN. BATO DELA ROSA?

Ibinahagi ni Ombudsman Jesus Crispin "Boying" Remulla na nagpalabas na ng arrest warrant ang International Criminal Court (ICC) laban kay Senador Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa.

Kaugnay ito sa mga alegasyon ng crimes against humanity na may kaugnayan sa kampanya kontra droga ng administrasyong Duterte.

Si Dela Rosa ang dating hepe ng PNP at pangunahing tagapagpatupad ng Oplan Tokhang.

Wala pang opisyal na dokumentong natatanggap ang Department of Justice kaugnay sa sinasabing warrant of arrest

Nanindigan naman ang panig ni Dela Rosa na hindi na saklaw ng ICC ang Pilipinas mula nang bumitiw ito noong 2019.

Gayunpaman, igiiit ng ICC na maaari pa rin nitong imbestigahan at litisin ang mga krimeng naganap habang miyembro pa ang bansa.

Hanggang ngayon ay wala pang panibagong pahayag si Sen. Dela Rosa ukol sa nasabing development.

DRUG DEN DISMANTLED BY PDEA, PNP FOUR ARRESTED

A successful anti-drug operation conducted by joint operatives of PDEA Quezon Provincial Office, PDEA Regional Office 4B-Marinduque Provincial Office and Coast Guard Station Southern Quezon resulted in the dismantling of a drug den and the arrest of four drug suspects in Barangay Ilayang Iyam, Lucena City.

Operatives arrested the suspects identified as alias Ariel, 23, single, student; alias Jan, 18, single, student; alias John, 30, single, construction worker; and alias Erveen, 37, single, construction worker. All were residents of Lucena City.

Seized during the operation were more or less seven (7) grams of suspected shabu worth Php47,600.00, buy-bust money and various drug paraphernalia.

Cases for violation of Section 5 (Sale of Dangerous Drugs) Section 6 (Maintenance of a Den, Dive or Resort; Section 7 (Employee and Visitor of a Den, Dive or Resort) and Section 11 (Possession of Dangerous Drugs) of Article II, Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 will be filed against the suspects who are temporarily detained in PDEA Regional Office 4A Custodial Facility in Barangay Sinalhan, Santa Rosa City, Laguna.

REGIONAL TARGET LISTED (RTL) PERSONALITY ARRESTED BY PDEA AND PNP

Joint operatives of PDEA Cavite Provincial Office, PDEA Regional Office 4A Special Enforcement Team 2 and Bacoor City Police Station conducted a buy-bust operation along Pinyahan St, Brgy Mabolo, Bacoor City, Cavite.

On November 4, 2025 at about 8:25 in the evening, operatives arrested the suspect identified as alias Polo, 25, male, single, technician, resident of Pinyahan Mabolo, Bacoor City, Cavite, tagged as RTL.

Authorities seized more or less five grams of suspected shabu worth Php34,000, 120 pieces of ecstasy worth Php204,000.00, and buy-bust money.

The suspect will face a charge for violation of Section 5 (Sale of Dangerous Drugs) Article II of Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

SAMPALOC, QUEZON, PINARANGALAN SA FY 2025 CALABARZON SUBAYBAYANI AWARDS

SAMPALOC, QUEZON — Muling nakamit ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Sampaloc, sa pangunguna ni Punong Bayan Nikko Devanadera, ang pagkilala bilang isa sa mga huwarang lokal na pamahalaan sa rehiyon sa ilalim ng FY 2025 CALABARZON SubayBAYANI Awards dahil sa mahusay at tapat na paggamit ng SubayBAYAN System sa pagsubaybay at pagrereport ng mga Locally-Funded Projects (LFPs).

Ang parangal ay iginawad noong Nobyembre 4, 2025, sa ginanap na SubayBAYANI Awards Ceremony sa Hotel Casiana & Events Center, Tagaytay City, Cavite, na pinangunahan ni Regional Director Ariel O. Iglesia, CESO III.

Ayon kay Mayor Devanadera, ang nasabing parangal ay hindi lamang simbolo ng tagumpay ng pamahalaang lokal



Pinangunahan ni Imus City Mayor Alex L. Advincula at Profriends President and Chairman of Profriends Mr. Gerry Choa and Waltermart Management ang groundbreaking ceremony ng WalterMart Mall Lancaster sa Barangay Alapan 2-A kamakailan. Sa tulong ng proyektong ito, mas marami pang maibibigay na oportunidad sa trabaho at kabuhayan para sa mga kababayang Imuseño at karatig lugar.

LTFRB SISIMULAN ANG PAGBIGAY NG SPECIAL PERMIT SA MGA BUS SA PASKO

Sisimulan ng Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board – LTFRB sa darating na Nobyembre 10 ang pamamahagi ng special permit sa mga bus para sa Christmas Season.

Ayon sa LTFRB na magtatapos ang kanilang pagtanggap ng applications ng hanggang Nobyembre 21.

Ang nasabig special permit ay magsisimula mula Disyembre 23 haggang Enero 3, 2026.

Layon ng special permits ay payagan ang mga bus na bumiyahe sa probinsiya dahil sa inaasahang pagdami ng mga pasahero tuwing Christmas Season.

Ilan sa mga requirements ay dapat ang mga unit ay hindi mahigit 14 taon na mula sa petsa kung kailang ito ginawa at dapat ilagay ang terminal kung saan maglalagi ang bus.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

SOLCOM, AFP CONDEMN THE CONTINUOUS USE OF IED BY THE NPA

Camp Nakar, Lucena City. The Southern Luzon Command, AFP condemns the continuous use of Improvised Explosive Device or IED by the communist terrorists New People's Army.

The discovery of explosive chemicals with 23 pcs of aluminum metal plates and aggregates at Brgy Cawayan, Libmanan, Camarines Sur on 17 September 2025 is an indicator that the CPP-NPA-NDF does not intend to comply with the International Humanitarian Law and other international law prohibiting the use of IED. These IED is very dangerous for civilians and even farm animals.

Notable victims are the promising football player Keith Absalom and his cousin who we killed by the NPA using the Improvised Explosive Device.

The continuous use of IED only proves further that these communist terrorists do not respect Human Rights and are just existing to terrorize our communities, extort businesses, murder innocents, burn development equipment and other criminal acts, all in the name of power and money.

The components of IED were discovered with the support of Former Rebels who collaborated with the AFP and PNP to locate the hiding place.

SOLCOM, AFP expresses our gratitude to the community who help facilitate the discovery and confiscation of the said IEDs.

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Pau Dela Cruz

Khalsa Aid Foundation Donates Medicines to Roxas Medicare Hospital

As part of their advocacy to help communities around the world, the KHALSA AID Foundation – Indian Sikh Community delivered 15 boxes of various types of medicine worth a total of ₱340,000 to Roxas Medicare Hospital this week.

These medicines include antibiotics, pain relievers, medical supplies, and essential medicines that are a great help in continuing medical services for the hospital's patients.

Roxas personally received Medicare Chief of Hospital Dr. Jeremy P. Laguda, RN, MD, MMHoA, expressed his gratitude to the organization for their generosity and concern for the people of Roxas.

Mar Granflor also attended the activity as a representative of Mayor Pedy Bautista Sabando, to convey the gratitude of the Local Government of Roxas to the KHALSA AID Foundation for their help and charity

It will be remembered that last July, the KHALSA AID Foundation first contacted Mayor Pedy Sabando regarding the plan to provide assistance to the hospital in the town of Roxas.

Thru this coordination, this donation was successfully completed, making a significant contribution to the improvement of healthcare services in the town.

This initiative is proof of the unity of people regardless of race and religion, and demonstrates the spirit of Bayanihan and concern for others.

Thru the collaboration of organizations like KHALSA AID and the Municipal Government of Roxas, healthcare services for all citizens are strengthened.

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DALAWANG CCP SPY AGENTS, ARESTADO!

Dalawang Chinese Communist Party (CCP) spies, sina YIZE YAN na nagpakilalang "Ashley Tina Madrid Gochengco", at JI-ANGYI WANG na nagpakilalang "Trisha Bea Susano Dela Cruz," ay naaresto matapos madiskubre ang kanilang malawak na operasyon ng panlilinlang at infiltration sa Philippine education system.

Ginamit nila ang mga pekeng Filipino identities upang makakuha ng legal na dokumento, magtatag ng negosyo, at makapasok sa mga eskwelahan na kanilang ginamit bilang entry point ng espionage at influence operations ng CCP.

Sa ilalim ng mga kumpanyang Famous Maple International Education Corp, Hopemart, at Kindhearted Samaritan Foundation, pinatakbo nila ang network ng money laundering, recruitment ng libo-libong Chinese "students," at pagbili ng mga strategic na ari-arian sa loob ng Subic-Clark-Basa defense corridor.

Target ng kanilang operasyon ang mga paaralang Saint Paul University (Tuguegarao & Manila), Centro Escolar University, Philippine Normal University Manila, at Angeles University Foundation, mga institusyong dapat sana'y sentro ng edukasyon, hindi instrumento ng banyagang impluwensya.

Ito ay hindi simpleng kaso ng illegal stay o visa violation, ito'y organisadong espionage disguised as education.

Isa pa sa kanilang kasamahan, Yongming "Vince" Luo, ay nananatiling at large at pinaghahanap pa ng mga awtoridad.

Maging mapagmatyag, Pilipino. Huwag tayong magpaloko.

Ang edukasyon ay dapat sandigan ng katotohanan, hindi sandata ng pananakop.

Ibahagi ito. Ipaglaban ang katotohanan. Protektahan ang ating kabataan, ating paaralan, at ating bayan.

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Teodorica Corables proudly holds out a tray of freshly steamed siopao, a labor of love, perseverance, and hard work.

To preserve the siopao business her husband has started, Teodorica Cabales from Calapan City dedicated herself to perfecting a recipe that would win the hearts of many customers.

Originally from San Teodoro, Teodorica later settled in Calapan City with her family. Life was not easy early on. After finishing elementary school, she began working as a household helper for relatives. As she grew older, she continued working as a helper for different families. At 16, she chose to live with her partner, longing for someone she could depend on.

Her husband was a meat butcher, while she became a meat vendor at a local market. The couple spent many years working side by side in the market. Then in 1989, her husband decided to venture into the siopao business.

The story behind the business

Teodorica's husband often delivered meat to a siopao store, which sparked his interest in starting a similar business. Encouraged by the idea, he decided to give it a try. However, just a year later, and for some reason, he decided to drop the venture, which pushed Teodorica to take over. With no prior knowledge of siopao making, the process initially proved difficult for her, but she persevered tirelessly until she developed a siopao recipe she was proud of.

To promote her product, she personally went from place to place, selling at stalls, schools, and neighborhoods. What began with a simple cart eventually evolved into a mobile food cart mounted on a tricycle in 2018.

With the help of her children, they can produce around 300 pieces of siopao each day. One of her children helps her make the siopao, while the other takes charge of selling it. Their production starts at 10:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm, and they sell it from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Even her other children, now living in Batangas and Laguna, have followed their footsteps and started their own siopao business, carrying on the family legacy. For over three decades, Teodorica's business has stood the test of time. Through all the years, she has remained committed to maintaining the same quality and taste that keeps customers coming back.

Whenever she falls short on capital, she turns to CARD Bank, a microfinance-oriented rural bank. She became a client in 2007 and has since relied on the institution for business loans to support her siopao business. Currently, she has a loan of PHP 150,000.00, which she uses to purchase raw materials, especially now that prices are continuously increasing.

Teodorica offers her siopao at affordable prices, ranging from PHP 15.00 to PHP 30.00, ensuring that everyone can enjoy and experience the taste of her product.

"For the future of my business, my biggest hope is to have my own store. I am working hard every day, together with my children, to make that dream come true," she concluded. PR

SMC, LAGUNA TEAM UP FOR RIVER CLEANUP, FLOOD CONTROL



San Miguel Corporation (SMC) and the provincial government of Laguna have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to expand river cleanup and restoration efforts aimed at reducing flooding across the province.

The agreement, signed by SMC President and CEO Ramon S. Ang and Governor Marisol "Sol" Aragones, integrates SMC's Better Rivers PH initiative into Laguna's flood-mitigation plan.

Under the MOU, SMC will clean and restore major river systems in Biñan, Cabuyao, San Pedro, and Sta. Rosa, including their tributaries, to improve water flow into Laguna de Bay.

The company will shoulder all costs for dredging, fuel, logistics, and labor.

SMC and the provincial government of Laguna will work together to mobilize communities in support of the project and establish a system to monitor its progress.

The province will identify priority areas and coordinate with national agencies for technical guidance.

It will also designate proper disposal sites for dredged materials and ensure that waste handling follows the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act (R.A. 9003).

Since August 2023, SMC has cleared nearly 576,991 metric tons of silt and waste from about 10 kilometers of waterways in Laguna, including the Biñan, San Isidro, Landayan, and Tunasan Rivers.

Ang said the project aims to enhance river capacity and water quality while calling for national government support for a long-planned spillway connecting Laguna Lake to Manila Bay.

"We are grateful to Governor Sol and to all our government partners, for the trust you have given us," said Ang. "We will make sure that what we start today will bring lasting change for Laguna and its communities."

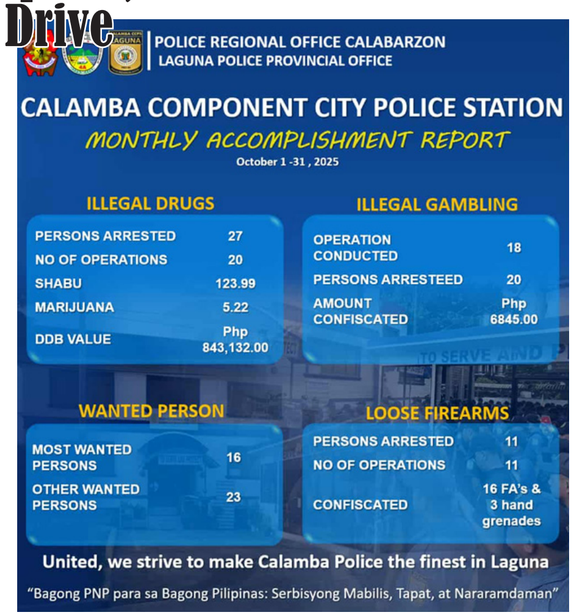
Launched in 2020, SMC's Better Rivers PH program has removed over 8.6 million metric tons of waste from 166 kilometers of waterways nationwide.

Current cleanup areas include Parañaque, Muntinlupa, Las Piñas, Quezon City, and the CAMANAVA area (Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas, and Valenzuela).

(Shekinah Esteban)

Calamba Police Nab 123 Suspects, Recover 19 Firearms in October Anti-Criminality Drive





CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — The Calamba Component City Police Station (CCPS) has reported major accomplishments in its intensified campaign against criminality for the month of October, leading to the arrest of 123 individuals and the seizure or recovery of 19 firearms and grenades.

The month-long operations targeted wanted persons, illegal drugs, illegal gambling, and loose firearms, underscoring the station's sustained efforts to ensure peace and order in Calamba City.

PLTCOL Dennis C. De Guzman, Officer-in-Charge of Calamba CCPS, lauded the dedication and teamwork of his personnel, emphasizing that their commitment has been crucial to maintaining the city's safety.

"In behalf of the men and women of the Calamba City Police Station, I am proud to report the strong performance of our personnel.

Their hard work and coordination have been vital to our continued success," De Guzman said.

One of the highlights of the report is the continued success of "Oplan Galugad", a joint initiative between the Calamba City Police Station and the Calamba City Local Government Unit (LGU).

The program remains a sustainable, community-based model for grassroots crime prevention.

The station also achieved a significant milestone in solving index crimes, with cases dropping from 27 in late September to only 4 by the end of October — the lowest figure recorded so far.

"We are all systems go in our crime prevention and solution initiatives toward a safer and more secure Calamba City," De Guzman added.

The Calamba CCPS reaffirmed its commitment to intensify anti-criminality operations and strengthen community partnerships in the coming months, as it continues to strive toward its goal of making the Calamba Police the finest in Laguna.

(Edjun Mariposque)

ATI CALABARZON TO STAGE 2025 COCO FIESTA, TECHNO GABAY PROGRAM SUMMIT



TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite—The Department of Agriculture–Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) CALABARZON will stage two major events that will champion the innovative and empowering coconut industry this November 2025—the 2025 Coco Fiesta and the annual Techno Gabay Program (TGP) Summit.

Coco Fiesta 2025

The Coco Fiesta 2025 will take place on November 18-22, 2025, at the third level of SM City Trece Martires, Cavite. Anchored on the theme "Transforming Communities, Advancing Sustainability: Toward a Modernized Coconut Agriculture and Agribusiness Sector," this five-day event aims to provide a platform for local exhibitors and innovators to market coconut-based products, technologies, and services—thereby expanding market access and income opportunities.

It also seeks to empower farmers, cooperatives, and the public on emerging innovations and value-adding endeavors related to the coconut industry development.

This celebration will feature exhibitor booths showcasing coconut-based products, technologies, and services from smallholder coconut farmers and associations across CALABARZON, alongside a technology forum with over 50 participants per session.

Topics to be discussed include homemade coconut value addition for health and hygiene, innovative uses of coconut waste for handicrafts, processing of functional coco-based food products, food safety and quality standards in coconut processing, packaging and branding for coconut products, sustainable coconut agribusiness models, opportunities in coconut agritourism, and integrating coconut-based urban gardening to foster green skills and sustainability.

TGP Summit 2025

Simultaneously, the DA-ATI CALABARZON, as the lead agency for the TGP, in partnership with the Cavite State University (CvSU), the Provincial Government of Cavite, and the Southern Tagalog Agriculture, Aquatic, and Resources Research Development and Extension Consortium (STAARRDEC) will spearhead the TGP Summit 2025 on November 19-21, 2025, at CvSU, Indang, Cavite.

The TGP Summit will gather implementers from across the region to strengthen collaboration, exchange best practices, and recognize outstanding contributions to the program.

Guided by the principles of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—particularly SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)—the Summit will emphasize inclusive and sustainable agricultural transformation through innovation and multi-sectoral partnerships.

It also aims to recognize the achievements of Farmers' Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers and Magsasaka Siyentista who have embraced agricultural technologies, digital innovations, and farmer-led extension systems.

By bringing together key stakeholders and promoting collaboration, the summit strengthens the capacity of local actors to respond to current challenges and contribute to the long-term goal of a resilient, inclusive, and modern coconut industry.

Gracing the program are anticipated guests from various implementing agencies of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) and Mr. Apl. De.Ap, international artist and founder of the Apl. De.Ap Foundation, who recently launched his project to plant 100 million coconut trees—symbolizing a united front for sustainable coconut industry growth.

Through these back-to-back events, the DA-ATI CALABARZON reaffirms its commitment to building resilient, sustainable, and forward-looking agricultural communities that thrive through innovation, partnership, and shared purpose. PR

STRENGTHENING ENTERPRISE-BASED EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



In a collaborative effort to enhance workforce competencies and strengthen the link between education and industry, the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), in partnership with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), successfully conducted the seminar on "Strengthening Enterprise-Based Education and Training (EBET) for Sustainable Growth and National Development" on October 28, at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City.

The program formally opened with a welcome message from TESDA Provincial Director Gerardo R. Marasigan, who underscored the importance of partnerships between the government, private sector, and training institutions in cultivating a competitive workforce. This was followed by a message from Engr. Jovencio M. Ferrer, Jr., TESDA Regional Director, highlighting the role of enterprise-based training in bridging education and real-world industry needs.

Governor Francisco Gabriel D. Remulla, Jr. also graced the event and expressed his full support for initiatives that promote skills development and sustainable employment for Caviteños.

The discussion on the Enterprise-Based Education and Training (EBET) Framework was facilitated by Mr. Joel M. De Guzman, Senior TESD Specialist, while Engr. Jerry Webb E. Muhi, President and Executive Director of Dualtech Training Center, presented insights on "Bridging Skills and Industry: A TVI Perspective on Education for Employment." Both sessions were followed by open forums, allowing participants to share perspectives and raise inquiries on implementation and collaboration opportunities.

To conclude the program, OPPESM Head Ms. Rizalie P. Enero delivered the closing message, emphasizing the continued partnership between the government and private sector in advancing enterprise-based education and training programs.

The event was attended by human resource personnel from various private companies across Cavite, reflecting a shared commitment to developing industry-ready workers and supporting national growth through education and skills development. – JDP

