

# Disaster relief led San Miguel Foundation's nationwide initiatives in 2025



Malasakit prepared hot meals for typhoon Uwan victims in Quezon City, under Better World Diliman's food rescue initiative.

San Miguel Foundation (SMF), the social development arm of San Miguel Corporation, said disaster relief accounted for the largest share of its activities in 2025 following a series of major calamities, even as it sustained community programs in health, nutrition, education and food security nationwide.

The foundation reported reaching about 192,000 marginalized and displaced Filipinos during the year, with disaster response generating the highest number of beneficiaries due to the scale of its relief operations.

SMF's nationwide Team Malasakit employee-volunteer network distributed food, water and other essential supplies to at least 156,760 people affected by multiple typhoons, earthquakes in Cebu and Bacolod, and a major fire in Tondo, Manila.

"We deployed as much assistance and volunteers as we could to respond to our countrymen in times of need, while continuing to strengthen programs designed to provide longer-term support," said SMC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ramon S. Ang.

Participation increased across SMF's Better World Centers, which anchor its community programs in some of the country's most underserved areas.

At Better World Tondo and Better World Smokey Mountain, SMF delivered food assistance alongside education, livelihood and health interventions for families in urban poor communities, including learning support for children and skills training for parents.

At Better World Cubao, the foundation ran year-long programs for women, including learning sessions, mental health discussions and digital literacy classes, supported by volunteer engagement. The center also hosted medical and laboratory services for women through the government's Bagong Urgent Care and Ambulatory Services (BUCAS) Center, operated in partnership with Quirino Memorial Medical Center.

"This helps close gaps in access to healthcare for underserved communities," Ang said, noting that a fully operational BUCAS Center is now serving patients at Better World Smokey Mountain. Healthcare ser-

vices expanded nationwide, with SMF's Better World Clinics growing to nine sites in 2025 and serving active patients through consultations, diagnostics and medicine distribution.

Nutrition programs were sustained through the First 1,000 Days initiative for mothers and infants, implemented with local governments, while food security efforts continued through the Backyard Bukid program, which supports community-based food production.

SMF also continued feeding and education programs in institutional settings, including at the New Bilibid Prison, where meals and learning support were provided during the year.

Volunteer engagement across SMC's business units totaled about 57,000 hours in 2025, supporting hundreds of outreach activities nationwide.



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BURDEOS, Quezon — Tumanggap ng pagkilala ang Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Burdeos mula sa Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Region IV-A matapos ang matagumpay na implementasyon at ganap na paggamit ng eLGU System v2.



Hawak ni Mayor Gina Gonzales ng Burdeos ang pagkilala ng DICT IV-A sa pagpapaangat ng Digital Transformation at Implementasyon ng eLGU System v2

EDITORIAL:

CHIZ URGES GOV'T TO ADVANCE  
TRIPARTITE DEAL TO EMPOWER LGUS

Senator Francis “Chiz” Escudero is calling on the national government to advance the proposed tripartite agreement among the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Department of Education (DepEd), and the Department of Agriculture (DA), saying the framework will empower qualified local government units (LGUs) to achieve accelerated growth through improved infrastructure, stronger rural connectivity, and better school facilities.

In his recent conversation with Public Works Secretary Vince Dizon, Escudero said he was informed that the proposed agreement identifies two key requirements for LGUs that will be prioritized: demonstrated capacity to implement and complete projects, and a stable peace-and-order environment that allows development programs to proceed without disruption. “The national government should focus on LGUs that have shown they can plan well, execute well, and maintain order,” Escudero said. “When local governments are capable, national-local partnerships become faster, more efficient, and more impactful.”

“Our LGUs should also take advantage of this new business model by meeting these requirements so they can access more support, unlock bigger opportunities, and deliver development programs more quickly to their constituents,” he added.

The Bicolano senator expressed his delight when he was told by Secretary Dizon that Sorsogon is among the provinces that meet the criteria and could serve as a top choice under the tripartite model, citing its strong governance performance and readiness to implement infrastructure programs.

From 2019 to 2022, during Escudero's term as governor, Sorsogon completed major infrastructure projects such as the Sorsogon Coastal Road, rehabilitated provincial and barangay roads during the pandemic, and strengthened peace and order through support for Barangay Development Projects under the Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (TF-ELCAC). These initiatives created a stable environment that enabled development programs to take root and succeed.

The veteran legislator said the tripartite model is applicable to all provinces nationwide, provided that LGUs meet the agreement's requirements on capacity and peace and order.

Replicating the approach in similarly capable LGUs, he said, can help spur growth across regions.

He added that the DPWH-DepEd-DA partnership can serve as a template for future collaborations aimed at improving infrastructure, enhancing education facilities, and supporting agricultural productivity.

“This is exactly how the Local Government Code envisioned development — strong national support matched with capable, empowered LGUs delivering results on the ground,” Escudero pointed out.

“When we back LGUs that are ready and proven, progress becomes faster, fairer, and felt by more families,” he concluded.

Cayetano...

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano on Monday intensified his call for the government to clarify its education targets, demanding a decisive choice on the full implementation and funding of the K to 12 program.

Speaking on the National Education and Workforce Development Plan 2026-2035 (Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8) which includes the recommendations of the Second Congressional

Commission on Education (EDCOM 2), Cayetano supported the ten-year framework but identified the unresolved status of the K to 12 as the “big elephant in the room.”

“Mr. President, I rise today to put this on record. Maganda ang 10-year plan, I support it. Maganda po ang findings ng EDCOM 2 - y’ung first, second, and third publications. But the big elephant in the room is if we decide to fully fund it (K to 12),”

Mayor Ross...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — Under the leadership of Mayor Roseller “Ross” H. Rizal, the City Government of Calamba has officially launched new infrastructure developments in Barangay Hornalan, marking a fresh step toward safer and more progressive community facilities.

A groundbreaking ceremony was recently held to signal the start of the renovation of the Barangay Hornalan Covered Court alongside a Road Asphaltng Project. These initiatives aim to provide residents with improved public spaces and smoother, more accessible roads.

Mayor Rizal emphasized that these projects are designed to create a more secure, or-

derly, and comfortable environment for the people of Hornalan. The upgraded covered court will serve as a better venue for sports, community gatherings, and emergency use, while the road improvements will enhance mobility and transportation within the barangay.

The city government noted that these developments reflect its ongoing commitment to strengthening infrastructure and raising the overall quality of life for every Calambeño.

With the cooperation of local officials and residents, Barangay Hornalan continues to move forward toward a stronger, more developed, and more resilient community.

(Edjun Mariposque)

PH...

Nabigyan na ang Pilipinas ng access na mabisita ang tatlong Pilipino na inaresto sa China dahil sa umano'y pangeespiya.

Kinumpirma ito ni Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Secretary Theresa Lazaro.

Ayon sa kalihim, iniuri ang kaso ng tatlong Pilipino bilang isang consular issue at nakahanda aniya ang pamahalaan na bigyan ng buong suporta ang mga inaakusahang Pilipino.

Sa ngayon, nasa ilalim ng hurisdiksiyon ng Philippine Consulate sa Guangzhou ang tatlong Pilipino.

Tiniyak naman ng bagong kalihim ng DFA sa mga pamilya ng 3 Pil-

ipino na nakahanda ang pamahalaan ng PH na i-tap ang isang law firm na siyang nahawak sa kanilang kaso.

Matatandaan, nauna ng napaulat na dating mga scholar ng Hainan government ang inarestong tatlong Pilipino na naisakatuparan sa ilalim ng kasunduan noon sa pagitan ng probinsiya ng Hainan at Palawan.

Itinanggi naman ng National Security Council ng Pilipinas ang akusasyong espiya ang tatlong Pilipino at iginiiit na sila ay mga ordinaryong Pilipino lamang na walang kasanayan sa militar at "law-abiding citizens" na walang criminal records.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

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the Minority Leader said.

“Baka naman po y’ung tinatarget natin sa K to 12 ay target ng USA, ng Europe, at ng Japan. Pero sa Pilipinas, kailangan natin linawin ang ating target,” he urged.

Citing the EDCOM 2 report, Cayetano said the K to 12's effectiveness in the Philippines requires reassessment as curriculum revisions alone are insufficient without addressing critical support systems, evidenced by stark outcomes where only 0.4% of Grade 12 students are proficient, with 74% failing to meet minimal skills.

A longtime critic of the program's implementation, the senator argued that the K to 12 has failed to deliver its promised improvements to education equality. Since his return to the Senate in 2022, he has been calling the attention of the government to make a radical decision on either suspending or fully funding it.

Cayetano also recognized the noble intention behind the K to 12 program and the various efforts that stakeholders

have made to address the country's education challenges. He however warned that the program's potential is being stifled by indecision by the government.

“I don't want to use half-hearted kasi tumotodo naman tayo. But ang punto ko, kung hanggang 100 kilometers ang takbo ng kotse at kaya natin mag-100 kilometers, no one can say na half-hearted tayo. Pero kung hanggang 200 kilometers ang takbo ng kotse, at sabihin natin, ‘Boss, hanggang 120 lang kaya natin, yung 80, hindi’, y’ung potential na 80 ay half-hearted,” he explained.

While backing Senate Concurrent No. 8, Cayetano reiterated his call to the government to make a decisive move.

“Mr. President, may I just put that at the doorstep or at the feet of our honorable senators and decision-makers. Yes, let's do everything we can — better budget for 2027, full implementation in 2026, a 10-year plan. But sooner or later, hindi natin pwedeng hindi ito pag-usapan,” he said.

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Concert-Proof  
Makeup: Glow That  
Lasts

Your makeup needs to survive heat, tears, and nonstop chanting. Luckily, beauty havens and Watsons inside SM malls have you covered.

Start with cushion foundations and lightweight bases. For concert wear, LANEIGE Neo Cushion Matte (available in LOOK and SM Beauty) stands out for its oil control, SPF protection, and comfortable feel that lasts through hours of dancing and cheering.

Lock everything in with Maybelline Fit Me Setting Spray (available in Watsons), which controls shine and keeps makeup in place even in humid conditions.

For lips, The Face Shop's Lip Tint Glow in Rosy Violet, Deep Rose, Warm Berry, Soft Coral, or Peachy Pink adds glossy color that lasts through snacks, selfies, and sing-alongs.

Finish with Kiss Me Heroine Make Long & Curl Super Waterproof Mascara (available at LOOK) for smudge-proof lashes that stay lifted all night.

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Tech Essentials: Never Miss a Fancam

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Visit SM Cyberzone and gadget stores in malls for power banks, ca-

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bles, and accessories. The Anker Prime or Anker Zolo 20000mAh Power Banks are ideal for long events, offering fast charging and multiple full recharges.

Drop by Digital Walker, DataBlitz, or Octagon—some of the reliable gadget accessories stores and electronic stores available at SM—to stock up on USB cables and adapters.

Many SM branches also offer free WiFi spots, plus EV charging stations and areas for where to charge electric vehicles, making travel and meetups more convenient.

Fuel Up Before  
the Fan Chants

Before outfit checks and playlist debates, every ARMY needs good food. Concert planning meals are about bonding, recharging, and building excitement.

Wolhwa Galbi This Korean barbecue favorite at SM MAAX serves tender, marinated short ribs and generous banchan. Its cozy atmosphere makes it ideal for squad dinners and concert planning sessions.

Jin Joo Korean Grill

A crowd favorite, Jin Joo offers sizzling samgyupsal and galbi in a modern setting. It's perfect for group meals and turning dinner into a mini fan meetup.

BBQ Chicken For quick comfort food, BBQ Chicken delivers crispy fried chicken in sweet, spicy, and classic flavors. Great for refueling between shopping stops.

Goobne Chicken Goobne at SM Southmall is known for their oven-roasted chicken that is juicy without being greasy. It's a lighter option for fans who want flavor without feeling too full.

Momo Korean Eggdrop

These fluffy Korean egg sandwiches from Momo are perfect for early meetups or quick snack breaks while hopping between stores.

You'll also find plenty of options at the SM

PD Barber...

BOCAUE, Bulacan — Pinangunahan ni PCOL Eleazar R. Barber Jr., Provincial Director ng Rizal Police Provincial Office (PPO), ang pagdalo ng mga opisyal ng kapulisan sa Oath Taking at Roll Signing Ceremony ng mga bagong abogado noong Pebrero 6, 2026, na ginanap sa Philippine Arena sa Bocaue, Bulacan.

Si PCOL Barber ay kabilang sa mga matagumpay na Bar Examinees na pormal nang nanumpa bilang bagong abogado, kasabay ng iba pang passers mula sa iba't ibang sektor ng lipunan.

Kasama rin sa mga nanumpa sina PSSg Gearlyn G. Gapa at PSSg Rexie B. Rocapor, kapwa miyembro ng Rizal PPO, na matagumpay ring nakapasa sa Bar Examinations.

LGU Burdeos...

tem Version 2, sa ginanap na CALABARZON eLGU Summit.

Ang parangal na may temang “Successful Implementation and Full Utilization of eLGU System Version 2” ay patunay ng matibay na paninindigan ng LGU Burdeos sa pagbibigay ng mas mabilis, episyente, at makabagong serbisyong publiko sa pamamagitan ng digital governance.

Ayon sa pamunuan ng DICT Region IV-A, ang eLGU System v2 ay mahalagang kasangkapan sa pagpapabilis ng proseso ng mga transaksyon sa lokal na pamahalaan, partikular sa business permitting at iba pang frontline services. Isa ang Burdeos sa mga LGU na matagumpay na nakapagsakatuparan ng buong paggamit ng siste-

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Ang kanilang tagumpay ay itinuturing na malaking karangalan hindi lamang para sa kanilang mga pamilya kundi para rin sa buong hanay ng kapulisan sa lalawigan ng Rizal.

Nagpaabot ng taos-pusong pagbati ang Rizal Police Provincial Office sa mga bagong ganap na abogado, na inaasahang magsisilbing huwaran ng integridad, propesyonalismo, at tapat na paglilingkod sa pagpapatupad ng batas at sa sambayanan.

Ang nasabing okasyon ay patunay ng patuloy na pagsumikap ng mga alagad ng batas na paunlarin ang kanilang kaalaman at kakayahang kasabay ng kanilang tungkulin sa pagpapanatili ng kapayapaan at kaayusanan.

( Pau Dela Cruz)

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ma, alinsunod sa layunin ng pamahalaan na palakasin ang e-governance sa rehiyon.

Itinuturing ng LGU Burdeos ang tagumpay na ito bilang bunga ng sama-samang pagtutulongan—mula sa patuloy na paggabay ng DICT Region IV-A, dedikasyon ng mga kawani ng LGU Burdeos, aktibong papel ng Business Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO) Team, mga endorsing offices, at higit sa lahat, ang tiwala at pakikiisa ng mga kababayang Burdeosin.

Patuloy na pinagtitiibay ng lokal na pamahalaan ang kanilang adbokasiya sa digital transformation bilang susi sa mas maayos, transparent, at people-centered na serbisyo para sa mamamayan.

( Pau Dela Cruz)

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KWF FETES FORMER DIRECTOR  
AND IMPORTANT 20TH  
CENTURY WRITER AND SCHOLAR

The Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) celebrated the life and works of its former director and important writer-scholar Julian Cruz Balmaseda this 28 January 2026 at the auditorium of the Philippine Information Agency, Quezon City.

Julian Cruz Balmaseda (1885–1947), whose 141st birth anniversary is observed today, is an important writer and scholar whose works in Filipino captured the spirit and essence of a precarious time in Philippine history.

With a writing career spanning the recently-ended Spanish occupation and the aftermath of World War II, Balmaseda wrote about Filipino life in a wide spectrum ranging from the patriotic to the romantic and personal.

According to sources, Balmaseda

penned about 820 poems and 44 plays. Some of his books of poetry include Ang Bayan ni Plaridel (1913), Pangarap Lamang (1915), and Naku, ang Maynila! (1923–1924).

KWF, under its Aklat Bayan program, reissued Naku, ang Maynila! in 2015.

His plays and stories like Sangkuwintang Abaka (1922) and Ang Tala ng Bodabil (1936–37)

have been restaged and adapted into films.

As a scholar of Philippine literature, his important works include Ang Tatlong Panahon ng Tulang Tagalog (1938) and Ang Dulang Pilipino (1947).

Balmaseda, originally from Orion, Bataan, was a teacher, municipal clerk, and government employee.

He served as director of the National Institute of Language (now known as KWF) from 1938–1947.

Since 2015, KWF has been paying tribute to Balmaseda by staging the Gawad Julian Cruz Balmaseda during his birth anniversary. The award recognizes outstanding theses and dissertations written in Filipino as a contribution to the intellectualization of the national language.

Winners for this 2026 are Darwin Plaza (thesis) of Ateneo de Naga University and Ferdinand P. Jarin (dissertation) of De La Salle University.

KWF also launched Dr. Lovella Gamponia-Velasco's Ubbog Ti Asin: Kuwento at Kuwenta ng mga Babaeng Mannurat ng Nueva Viscaya. Gamponia-Velasco won the Gawad Balmaseda for her dissertation in 2017.

7 suspek

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Sa pulong balitaan na ginanap sa Kampo Krame sinabi ni Bulacan Police Provincial Office Col. Angel Garcillano na nagpositibo sa ilegal na droga ang pitong naarestong suspek sa pamamaslang kay Police Staff Sgt. Renato Casauay Jr. na natagpuan sa isang septic tank sa Bulacan.

Ayon kay Garcillano, sumailalim sa drug test ang mga nasabing pitong suspek nang sila ay maaresto ng mga awtoridad.

Samantala, narekober na rin ang baril na ginamit ng gunman na si Julian Salamat na isang 9mm pistol sa Malolos, Bulacan gayundin ang motorsiklo ng PNP Drug Enforcement Group (PDEG) officer.

Sa ngayon, apat pa ng mga suspek ang pinaghahanap ng pulisya na umano'y mga accomplice o accessory sa krimen.

Kaugnay nito, tiniyak naman ng Philippine National Police (PNP) na patuloy ang kanilang pagtugis sa mga natitira pang mga suspek.

( Nelson Dimapilis)



# CARD MRI LAUNCHES ITS FOUR-DECADE CELEBRATION, MARKING 40 YEARS IN 2026



Bente Productions President Marilyn M. Manila (front, left photo) hosts the launching of CARD MRI's Four-Decade Celebration for 2026, while CARD MRI Founder and Chair Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip (right) highlights the institution's ongoing mission and journey, holding a copy of the Five-Year Corporate Strategy 2026-2030.



CARD MRI Founder and Chair Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip (right), with his wife and Senior Adviser for Research Ms. Aniceta R. Alip (left), make their entrance to mark the start of the Four-Decade Celebration launch following a short film.

CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), a group of 34 institutions that provide social development services to over 9.7 million Filipinos and insure more than 31 million individuals, will celebrate its 40th founding anniversary in 2026. On December 12, 2025, the organization launched its year-long celebration during the 2025 CARD MRI's Year-End Business Planning.

Its 40th year is themed "CARD MRI Four Decades of Legacy: Integrating Traditional and Modern Approaches to

Poverty Eradication." This milestone highlights the organization's combination of hands-on and people-centered approaches with innovative technologies in its continued commitment to the mission of social development and poverty eradication.

"For almost four decades, the recognitions given to me for empowering Filipinos and marginalized communities have always been because of CARD. They are a proof of our collective efforts and shared commitment," said Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip, Founder and Chair Emer-

itus of CARD MRI. He also recalled the organization's humble beginning 39 years ago, and how it has grown into 34 different social development institutions today united by a single mission to eradicate poverty. He highlighted how these initiatives have transformed the lives of CARD clients one by one, and emphasized the need to continue this work.

Looking ahead, Dr. Alip confirmed the five-year strategic plan of the institution that was previously discussed during the year-end planning by Mr. Noli Martinez, Vice President for CARD MRI Corporate Planning, Product Development, and Corporate Advocacy. The plan highlights bringing together initiatives from different institutions to create synergy within CARD MRI. It focuses on strengthening microinsurance and disaster resilience, as well as expanding health services through CARD Care Network Inc. (CCNI), a newly launched network of healthcare-focused institutions under CARD MRI. It also includes scaling enterprise development through value chain partnerships. Additionally, the plan aims to upgrade digital operations by using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to provide better support, improve staff efficiency,

and enhance the client experience. The four-decade celebration launch begins with a short film depicting the story of Dr. Alip meeting his younger self 39 years ago, when he was just starting CARD MRI by drafting a business proposal using his father's old typewriter and a twenty-peso bill.

"Hanggang sa

mulì, batang ako... (Until next time, younger me...)," was the final line of the short film, delivered by the present-day Dr. Alip after he encouraged his wary, hopeful younger self to continue pursuing their dream of building a bank owned by underserved Filipinos.

The film was followed by the entrance of Dr. Alip himself, dressed

as a pilot, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Aniceta D. Alip, senior adviser for the research unit of the institution, dressed as a flight attendant. Their attire symbolizes CARD MRI's 40-year journey and the path ahead. "Our responsibility is to sustain the legacy we have built for the next 40 years and beyond, for the generations to come," said Dr. Alip.

## PGC Medical Mission brings free care to Imus



On January 30, the Provincial Government of Cavite's medical mission team conducted a successful program at Pallazo Bello 1, Brgy. Carsadang Bago II, City of Imus, offering free medical and dental services. Mayor Alex Advincula and Congressman AJ Advincula attended, showing their support for the initiative.

With support from medical professionals from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and Imus City Health Office, 416 patients received consultations and medicines, while 73 received dental care. The program also provided free FBS, ECG, and X-rays. The event was well-organized, and patients expressed gratitude for the free care they received. — A. Sarte

## PUBLISHER CORNER

### PH, TARGET NA MATAPOS NGAYON TAON ANG DIYALOGO KAUGNAY SA CODE OF CONDUCT SA DISPUTED WATERS

Target ng Pilipinas na matapos ang diyalogo kaugnay sa code of conduct sa pinagtatalunang karagatan ngayong taon habang ang bansa ang chair ng Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN).

Sa isang forum sa Singapore, inihayag ni Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Secretary Theresa Lazaro na daragdagan pa ng ASEAN at China ang working group meetings kada buwan mula sa kasalukuyang tatlong buwang intervals.

Magkakaaroon din aniya ng karagdagang pulong sa pagitan ng senior officials sa ilalim ng bagong schedule.

Aniya, layunin ng isasagawang mga pagpupulong na makabuo ng isang code na epektibo at matibay at salig sa napagkasunduan ng ASEAN foreign ministers noong 2023.

Ayon kay Secretary Lazaro, nagkaroon ng improvement ang pag-uusap kaugnay sa naturang



code of conduct kung saan ilang miyembro ng ASEAN kamakailan ay nagsumite ng mga dokumento at proposals bilang gabay sa susunod na yugto ng mga pag-uusap.

Ilan aniya sa pinaka-pinagtatalunang isyu kung legal na may bisa ang code ay ang geographical scope na saklaw ng kasunduan at depinisyon ng mga termino gaya ng "self-restraint."

Ang ASEAN-China Code of Conduct sa disputed waters ay isang kasunduan na kasalukuyang pinag-uusapan upang magtakda ng mga panuntunan para mapahupa ang tensiyon at maiwasan ang armadong tunggalian sa pinag-aagawang teritoryo.

## LIKHA HABI EXHIBIT



The Provincial Government of Cavite celebrates with the United Architects of the Philippines in fostering connection with local tourism MSMEs and highlighting the vital role of architecture in community and economic development.

During the opening, Provincial Tourism Officer Rozelle Sangalang

shared that sustainable tourism depends on a strong partnership with the architecture industry in three key areas: preservation, purposeful infrastructure and sustainability and innovation.

Her message highlighted the value of building more than just structures, encouraging everyone to design with



## Pointer Pau Dela Cruz

### Unang Chemotherapy Center ng Laguna, Magbubukas na; Rehistrasyon Simula Pebrero 9

Isang mahalagang hakbang tungo sa mas abot-kaya at mas malapit na serbisyong pangkalusugan ang isinusulong ngayon ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Laguna—ang pagbubukas ng kauna-unahang Chemotherapy Center sa lalawigan.

Inanunsyo ni Gobernador Sol Aragoness na magsisimula ang rehistrasyon sa Pebrero 9, 2026, mula 9:00 ng umaga hanggang 4:00 ng hapon, na gaganapin sa Provincial Health Office (PHO) sa loob ng Laguna Capitol. Ito ay bahagi ng patuloy na adbokasiya ng pamahalaang panlalawigan na ilapit sa mga Lagunense ang mahahalagang serbisyong medikal, lalo na para sa mga pasyenteng may malubhang karamdaman tulad ng kanser.

Ang Chemotherapy Center ay isang inisyatiba ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Laguna sa pangunguna ni Gobernador Aragoness, katuwang ang Provincial Health Office. Layunin nitong magsilbi sa mga pasyente mula sa iba't ibang bayan at lungsod ng lalawigan upang hindi na mapilitan pang bumiyahe sa labas ng Laguna para lamang makakuha ng chemotherapy treatment—isang malaking ginhawa lalo na sa mga pamilyang may limitadong kakayahang pinansyal.

Hinikayat ng gobernador ang mga kwalipikadong pasyente na agad magparehistro sa itinakdang petsa.

Ayon sa kanya, "February 9, 2026 magsisimula ang registration para sa kauna-unahang Chemotherapy Center ng Laguna mula 9:00 AM hanggang 4:00 ng hapon. Ito ay gaganapin sa Provincial Health Office dito sa loob ng Kapitolyo."

Pinayuhan din niya ang mga magpapatala na ihanda ang kanilang mga kaukulang dokumentong medikal, partikular ang treatment plan.

Gayunman, nilinaw ng gobernador na para sa mga wala pa nito, may pagkakataong makapagpakonsulta sa oncologist sa mismong pagbubukas ng Chemotherapy Center sa darating na Abril.

Ang nalalapit na pagbubukas ng unang Chemotherapy Center sa Laguna ay hindi lamang isang proyekto—ito ay simbolo ng malasakit, pag-asa, at konkretong aksyon ng pamahalaan para sa kalusugan ng mamamayan. Sa pamumuno ni Gobernador Sol Aragoness at sa tulong ng Provincial Health Office, mas pinatatag ang sistemang pangkalusugan ng lalawigan at mas pinapalapit ang pag-asa sa bawat pamilyang Lagunense na patuloy na lumalaban sa sakit.

purpose, travel with respect, and create world-class destinations that reflect our heritage.

Congratulations, UAP Cavite Tierra Alta Chapter headed by Architect Christine Gonzales-Costa for the successful opening of the Philippine Architecture Festival - National Architecture Month (PAFNAM) Exhibit!

Cheers for passionately weaving stories,

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### 2ND RIZAL CRIME PREVENTION AND RESILIENCY SUMMIT, MATAGUMPAY NA NAISAGAWA



Hindi na lamang tungkulin ng kapulisan ang usapin ng kapayapaan at kaligtasan. Ito ang malinaw na mensaheng nangin-gibabaw sa matagumpay na 2nd Rizal Crime Prevention and Resiliency Summit na isinagawa ngayong Pebrero 6, 2026 sa Ynares Event Center, Antipolo City, sa pangunguna ng Rizal Police Provincial Office (Rizal PPO) sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni PCOL Eleazar R. Barber Jr., Provincial Director.

May temang "Seguridad at Kaligtasan ay Responsibilidad ng Bawat Organisasyon at Mamamayan," muling pinagtibay ng summit na ang epektibong crime prevention ay nakasalalay sa sama-samang pagkilos ng pamahalaan, pribadong sektor, at ng mismong komunidad.

Hindi sapat ang presensya ng mga alagad ng batas kung walang aktibong pakikilahok ng bawat mamamayan.

Dinaluhan ang nasabing pagtitipon ng mga kinatawan mula sa lokal na pamahalaan, iba't ibang ahensya ng gobyerno, sektor ng negosyo, civil society organizations, barangay officials, at mga community leaders.

Sa pamamagitan ng mga talakayan at pagbabahagi ng karanasan, tinalakay ang mga kasalukuyang hamon sa usapin ng krimen, disaster preparedness, at community resilience, lalo na sa panahong patuloy na nagbabago ang

banta sa seguridad—mula sa kriminalidad hanggang sa kalamidad.

Ayon sa Rizal PPO, layunin ng summit na higit pang patatagin ang ugnayan at koordinasyon ng lahat ng sektor upang makabuo ng mga konkretong hakbang at programang makatutugon sa pangangailangan ng bawat komunidad.

Binibigyang-diin dito ang kahalagahan ng maagap na impormasyon, malibis na pagtugon, at malinaw na komunikasyon sa pagitan ng mamamayan at ng mga awtoridad.

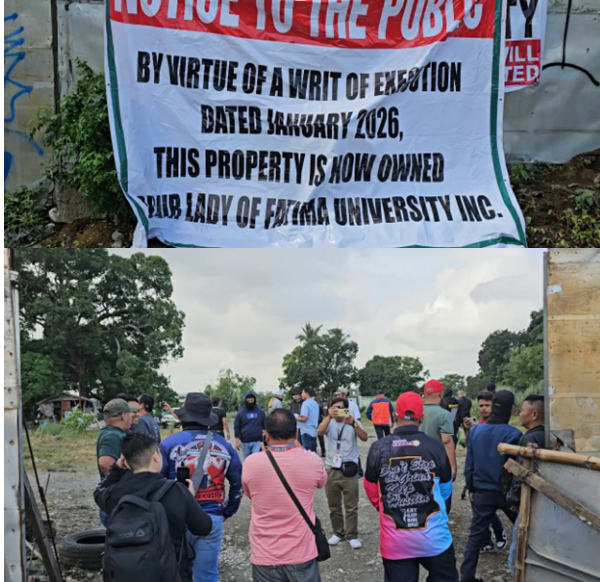
Sa pamumuno ni PCOL Barber, patuloy na isinusulong ng Rizal PPO ang mga programang nakatuon sa community-based policing, kung saan ang mamamayan ay hindi lamang tagamasid kundi aktibong katuwang sa pagpapanatili ng kaayusan. Ang ganitong mga inisyatiba ay nagsisilbing pundasyon ng isang lalawigang hindi lamang ligtas, kundi handa ring humarap at bumangon mula sa anumang hamon.

Sa huli, ang 2nd Rizal Crime Prevention and Resiliency Summit ay nagsilbing paalala na ang seguridad ay hindi proyekto ng iilan, kundi panangutanan ng lahat. Kapag ang bawat organisasyon at bawat mamamayan ay may malasakit at pakikiisa, mas nagiging matatag ang Rizal—isang lalawigang may disiplina, tiwala, at pagkakaisa.

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# Workers File Complaints vs. 16 Dasmariñas Police Officers Over Alleged Unlawful Arrest



A group of construction workers and security personnel has brought two administrative cases before the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) against 16 officers of the Dasmariñas City Police, citing accusations of illegal arrest and serious breaches of police protocols.

The complaints

were submitted by 18 carpenters, laborers, and guards who accused the officers of misconduct, abuse of authority, neglect of duty, oppression, dishonesty, and behavior deemed unbecoming of members of the police force.

Based on the workers' account, they were peacefully carrying



out their duties inside a private property in Dasmariñas City, where they were tasked with building a fence, when police officers unexpectedly arrived and ordered them to stop working before allegedly taking them into custody without valid reason.

The complainants insisted that they were not committing any

offense during the incident. Despite this, they claimed they were threatened and forcibly brought to the police station without a warrant or lawful justification for a warrantless arrest.

Once at the station, the group alleged that they were handcuffed and treated like criminal suspects, even though

they were not informed of the cause of their arrest. They said the experience left them traumatized, distressed, and publicly embarrassed.

Authorities have so far withheld the names of the police officers involved, as the case remains under investigation.

Representing the workers, MVP Law Firm through Atty. Manuel Ventura stated that the complaints were filed to ensure that any wrongdoing by the officers would be addressed under the law.

Ventura stressed that if the accusations are proven, the acts would amount to a serious abuse of power and a clear violation of the rights of ordinary citizens simply trying to earn an honest living.

He added that the legal team is seeking the removal of the respondent officers from the police service, along with the forfeiture of their benefits, should evidence support the claims.

"Our clients were unjustly deprived of their freedom. We are urging NAPOLCOM to impose the maximum administrative sanctions, including dismissal and forfeiture of retirement benefits, to show that no one is above accountability," Ventura said.

He emphasized that the case goes beyond the victims' pursuit of justice, as it also aims to uphold due process and strengthen discipline within the law enforcement institutions.

"This is ultimately about rebuilding public trust in the police. Accountability must always be based on evidence and carried out within the bounds of the rule of law," Ventura added.

NAPOLCOM is expected to evaluate the complaints thoroughly as investigations continue to determine the appropriate action against the officers involved.

(Edjun Mariposque)

# Khalsa Aid Foundation nag bigay tulong sa Bayan ng Bay



Na mahagi ng tulong Ang Khalsa Aid Foundation sa Bayan ng Bay sa mga nasalanta ng nakalipas na bagyo na tumama sa Lalawigan ng Laguna, isa Ang Bayan ng Bay Ang lubhanng nasalanta gaya ng Brgy Tagumpay, Brgy San Antonio at Brgy San Isidro.

Labis Naman Ang pasasalamat ng Local na Pamahalaan ng Bay, ayon Kay Municipal Councilor Julian Rhod Kiko Padrid umabot sa

900 Ang pinag kalooban Tumanggap ng tulong Mula sa Khalsa Aid Foundation, lubos din Naman Ang pasasalamat ni Brgy Chairman Julius Bautista na kanyang Brgy agad Ang lubhanng nasalanta ng pag baha sanhi ng mga nakalipas na bagyo.

Ayon Naman Kay MDRRMO Rose Careño nag pa abot din ng pasasalamat sa Khalsa Aid Foundation dahil napaka laking bagay nito para sa mga nasalanta sa pag baha sa Bayan ng Bay.



# New National High School Rises in Barangay Kay Anlog, Marking a Major Step for Education in Calamba

CALAMBA CITY, LAGUNA — A new chapter of hope and opportunity has begun for the youth of Barangay Kay Anlog as Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal led the blessing and inauguration of the newly constructed Barangay Kay Anlog National High School.

The event signified a major milestone for the community, as the barangay now officially has its own national high school for the first time—bringing quality education closer to students and families in the area.

Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal highlighted the importance of the project as part of the city government's continuing commitment to improving public services, especially in education.

"Sunod-sunod ang blessing at inauguration ng mga proyektong handog natin para sa Brgy. Kay Anlog, at sinimulan natin ito sa makasaysayang Blessing and Inauguration ng bagong tayong

National High School ng Barangay Kay Anlog," the mayor said.

The newly inaugurated school is only the beginning of a larger development plan, with further construction phases already set to follow.

"Phase 1 pa lamang po ito, ngunit tuloy-tuloy na ang pagsasakatuparan ng Phase 2 hanggang sa ganap na matapos ang paaralan.

Sa kauna-unahang pagkakataon, nagkaroon na ng sariling National High School ang Brgy. Kay Anlog—isang malaking hakbang upang mas mailapit ang dekalidad na edukasyon sa ating mga kabataan," Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal added.

Residents and local officials expressed gratitude for the project, noting that it will ease the burden of travel for students who previously had to attend schools farther from home.

The inauguration reflects the city's vision of empowering the next generation through accessible education and stronger community development.



With the opening of Barangay Kay Anlog National High School, Calamba City takes another significant step toward building a brighter future for its youth—anchored in education, progress, and inclusive growth.

(EDJUN MARIPOSQUE)



# How to Go All Out at SM for the BTS Concert of Your Dreams



From fashion finds to fan meetups, see why SM is the go-to spot for gala-level BTS prep. Learn how to go all out for your most-loved concert experience. Read the article now.

Share If you're ARMY, you already know: when BTS finally lands in Manila, it won't just be a concert. It's going to be one

big core memory. This is the moment fans have been waiting for, and when it happens, everyone is ready to go all out at SM. Even if the Philippine stop is still more than a year

away, fans are surely already planning outfits, makeup looks, and squad meetups. After all, this is your most-loved group, and this concert deserves max-out preparation.

Here's the secret: you can do all of that in one place. From things to do in SM to hidden mall deals, your favorite SM Supermall is your go-to spot for gala-level concert prep. Think of it as your BTS headquarters! Here's how to build your perfect concert-ready kit.

**Outfit Planning: Comfort Meets K-Pop Style**

Let's start with the most important question: what are you wearing?

At SM, you'll find everything from basic staples to trendy statement pieces. For a BTS concert, your outfit needs to balance comfort and style because you'll be standing, dancing, and screaming for hours.

TOPTEN (at SM Mall of Asia) has breathable basic tees and pas-

tel tones that are perfect for staying cool while still looking polished. They're easy to pair with skirts, cargos, or denim for an effortless K-street vibe.

H&M's oversized graphic and purple tees bring instant personality and fandom energy. Paired with a denim mini skirt and chunky Chelsea boots, they create a fun, photo-ready Y2K look that's both stylish and practical.

For footwear, statement sneakers like the Nike LD-1000 in Fuchsia Dream or adidas Gazelle in Bliss Lilac subtly reference BTS' signature violet. They're comfortable, meaningful, and perfect for long hours on your feet.

For bags, Doughnut's MACAROON MINI in Lavender x Rose and **cont. on page 7**