

LAGUNA OPENS 3RD FREE CHEMOTHERAPY CENTER IN BAY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH AML LIFE CARE A SUBSIDIARY OF WE HOPE MEDICAL GROUP

The chemotherapy center is equipped with 20 machines capable of serving up to 40 patients, enabling more cancer patients in Laguna to receive treatment free of charge closer to their communities.

Governor Aragones reiterated the provincial government's commitment to expanding free and accessible healthcare services, especially for patients battling life-threatening illnesses.

"Libre po ang chemotherapy center po natin. Pwede na po magpalista, libre po wala pong babayaran," Aragones said.

She also expressed gratitude to the religious organization for extending support through the donation of medical equipment that will help improve hospital operations and patient care.

"Taos-puso po tayong nagpapasalamat sa The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints – San Pablo Philippines Stake sa pagbibigay ng hospital equipments.

Malaking tulong po ito dito sa Bay District Hospital kasabay na rin ng pagbukas natin ng



pangatlong chemotherapy center," the governor added.

Meanwhile, Dr. John Paul Aclan emphasized the importance of collaboration between the private sector and local government in making specialized healthcare more accessible to underserved communities.

Officials said

the establishment of the new chemotherapy center forms part of Laguna's continuing healthcare modernization efforts aimed at bringing quality and affordable medical services closer to Lagunenses while easing the financial burden on cancer patients who previously had to travel far for treatment.

The Bay District Hospital chemotherapy center now joins the growing network of healthcare facilities in Laguna offering specialized medical services through the combined efforts of the provincial government, AML Life Care, We Hope Medical Group, and healthcare partners.

(Edjun Mariposque)



PBBM OPENS CALAX SUBSECTION 3, BOOSTS SOUTH LUZON CONNECTIVITY



DOT Secretary Giovanni Z. Lopez, Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" D. Remulla, DPWH Secretary Vince D. Dizon, DILG Secretary Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla, MPTC President Emeritus Jose Ma. K. Lim and MPT South President & GM Andrew Pangilinan

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. led the opening of the 7.88-km Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) Subsection 3, extending the expressway from Silang (Aguinaldo) to Governor's Drive Interchange in General Trias, Cavite. The new segment is expected to further ease congestion

and cut travel time between Biñan, Laguna, and Gen. Trias, Cavite, to just 26 minutes from one (1) hour, further strengthening South Luzon's transport network.

Designed to accommodate additional 6,000 motorists daily, Subsection 3 provides a faster alternative route for

commuters and businesses by bypassing heavily congested local roads in Cavite's growing industrial and residential corridors. With this milestone, the operational length of CALAX now spans 26 kilometers from the Mamplasan Entry in Biñan, Laguna.

The entire



44.6-kilometer CALAX project, will eventually link the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) in Kawit to the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) in Mamplasan. The network features eight strategic interchanges: Laguna Technopark, Laguna Boulevard, Santa Rosa-Tagaytay, Silang East, Silang (Aguinaldo), Governor's Drive, Open Canal, and Kawit.

Once fully integrated with CAVITEX, the combined network is

projected to serve up to 95,000 vehicles per day, acting as a regional backbone for trade and mobility.

CALAX Subsection 3 (Governor's Drive Interchange to Aguinaldo Interchange stretch) will be free for all classes for one month. Motorists will only pay the existing toll fees for CALAX Subsections 4 to 8 (Mamplasan in Biñan, Laguna to Silang (Aguinaldo) in Cavite. Any updates will be announced by the Toll Regulatory

Board (TRB) in coordination with CALAX management.

CALAX is an MP-CALA Holdings Inc. project with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) as project grantor.

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Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal Pushes Humane Care Through New BJMP Calamba Clinic

A new Pseudo Clinic at the BJMP Calamba Female Dormitory brings hope, healing, and better care for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs).

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Hope and Better Care for PDLs

419 Calambeños Graduate from Skills Training Program, Marking New Beginnings and Greater Opportunities



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — A total of 419 residents proudly graduated from various vocational courses during the Commencement Exercise of the Calamba Manpower Development Center, a milestone that symbolizes renewed hope and brighter opportunities for

TRB greenlights toll collection for Segment 3B of the CAVITEX C5 Link

JEAN GARCIA, ARRA SAN AGUSTIN LEAD 'THE BLIND COOK' AS BENTE PRODUCTIONS BEGINS FILMING IN PHILIPPINES

Cayetano pushes full-picture approach in Blue Ribbon flood control probe

CALABARZON economy grows 5.1% in 2025

SMFB reports P11.8B first-quarter net income amid challenging conditions



San Miguel Food and Beverage, Inc.'s (SMFB) first-quarter net income rose 2% to P11.8 billion, supported by gains in its food and spirits businesses, stable beer performance, and disciplined cost management amid a more uncertain operating environment.

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EDITORIAL:

TRUMP, INANUNSYO ANG 3-ARAW NA CEASEFIRE SA RUSSIA AT UKRAINE

Inanunsyo ni U.S. President Donald Trump ang tatlong araw na ceasefire sa pagitan ng Russia at Ukraine mula Mayo 9 hanggang Mayo 11 bilang paggunita sa pagtatapos ng Ika-lawang Digmaang Pandaigdig para sa Russia.

Sa kanyang post sa Truth Social, sinabi ni Trump na kabilang sa ceasefire ang pansamantalang pagtigil ng lahat ng opensibang militar at pagpapalitan ng tig-1,000 bilanggo mula sa bawat bansa.

"Hopefully, it is the beginning of the end of a very long, deadly, and hard fought war," ani Trump.

Nauna nang sinabi ni Trump na may isinasagawang usapan para sa temporary ceasefire matapos ang kanyang pakikipag-usap kay Russian President Vladimir Putin noong Abril 29.

Kasabay nito, nagdeklara rin ang Russia ng sariling ceasefire mula Mayo 8 hanggang Mayo 9 bilang bahagi ng paggunita nito sa tagumpay ng Soviet Union laban sa Nazi Germany noong World War II.

Samantala, iminungkahi naman ng Ukraine ang open-ended ceasefire na nagsimula noong Martes at nanawagan sa Russia na sumunod din sa naturang hakbang.

Liban dito, dumating na rin sa Miami ang pangunahing negotiator ng Ukraine na si Rustem Umerov para sa serye ng pagpupulong kasama ang mga kinatawan ng Estados Unidos.

419...

many Calambeño families.

Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal lauded the graduates for their perseverance and determination in completing their respective training programs, emphasizing the importance of education and skills development in improving lives and strengthening the local workforce.

"Today is a meaningful day for our 419 fellow Calambeños who successfully completed various vocational courses through our program," Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal said.

He stressed that providing accessible education and livelihood opportunities allows more individuals to secure stable employment and build a better future.

"This proves that when people are given the opportunity to study and learn, more individuals gain hope, employment, and a brighter future," the

mayor added.

Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal also reminded the graduates that the certificates they received represent more than academic achievement.

"You carry not only diplomas today, but also new knowledge, skills, and confidence to achieve your dreams for yourselves and your families," he said.

The local chief executive congratulated all graduates, describing their achievement as a victory not only for themselves but also for the entire City of Calamba.

The Calamba Manpower Development Center continues to provide vocational and technical training programs aimed at equipping residents with practical skills that can help them secure jobs, start businesses, and contribute to the city's economic growth.

(Edjun Mariposque)

SMFB...

Revenue increased 4% to P103.1 billion in the three months ended March 31, 2026, while income from operations climbed 3% to P15.7 billion. Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization rose 4% to P20.4 billion, with margins steady at 20%.

The company said demand remained stable across its main categories, though geopolitical tensions, fuel price volatility, and other cost pressures continued to weigh on the operating environment.

"We cannot control how global conditions will evolve, but we can control how prepared we are," SMFB Chairman Ramon S. Ang said. "We will stay disciplined, manage our costs carefully, and continue investing across our supply chain to help ensure a stable and reliable food supply, especially in this environment."

SMFB's food business posted a 7% increase in revenue to P49.6 billion, driven by its feeds segment and sustained demand for branded products, including Magnolia dairy and coffee products and Purefoods meats. Operating income rose 10% to P4.9 billion, while net income climbed 8% to P3.3 billion.

The beer business recorded P36.8 bil-

lion in revenue, reflecting stable performance for the period. Domestic revenue reached P32.7 billion, supported by price adjustments amid volume and cost pressures, including higher excise taxes.

Operating income was maintained at P7.9 billion, while net income stood at P6.2 billion, helped by cost controls and continued investments in brand and channel initiatives.

The beer business continued to support core brands such as San Miguel Pale Pilsen and Red Horse Beer, alongside newer products like San Miguel Mango Yuzu, through marketing and channel initiatives. The beer business contributed US\$68.3 million in revenue, despite the impact of the ongoing Middle East crisis on export sales.

The spirits business reported a 3% rise in revenue to P16.7 billion, with operating income at P2.8 billion and net income at P2.3 billion, also supported by brand-building initiatives and disciplined cost management.

SMFB said it will continue investing in its operations and supply chain while maintaining cost discipline and strengthening its core businesses for long-term growth. PR

TRB...

The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) has authorized the toll collection for the final segment of the CAVITEX C5 Link, starting May 5, 2026. Since opening on March 30, 2026, Segment 3B has provided free passage to almost 9,000 motorists daily.

CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 3B connects Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) to C5 Road in Taguig City, reducing travel time from the usual 1.5 hours to just 15 minutes. Starting May 5, motorists using the CAVITEX C5 Link from Taguig to Sucat Road (Dr. A. Santos Avenue) or vice versa, will pay the following rates: P59 for Class 1, P117 for Class 2, and P176 for Class 3 (inclusive of Segment 3B rates).

For those coming from Taguig and go-

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ing straight to Roxas Boulevard or Zapote, the following toll rates will apply: P97 for Class 1, P194 for Class 2, and P291 for Class 3 vehicles.

With the CAVITEX C5 Link now fully connected, it offers efficient access to NAIA and C5 via key interchanges at the R1 Expressway (Coastal Road), Sucat Road (Dr. A. Santos Avenue), and C.P. Garcia Avenue. The expressway also strengthens the logistics link between the Cavite industrial hubs and the commercial centers in the National Capital Region, supporting regional economic growth. It further serves as an alternative route, especially for heavy vehicles, helping ease congestion on major arterial roads across Cavite and the southern portion of Metro Manila.

New...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — A newly constructed Pseudo Clinic was formally inaugurated at the BJMP Calamba Female Dormitory in Barangay Turbina, marking another step toward improving healthcare services and welfare support for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs).

The blessing and inauguration ceremony was led by Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal, who emphasized the importance of providing humane and compassionate care within correctional facilities. Alongside the opening of the clinic, city officials also inspected the newly established ICT Room and Mess Hall designed to improve the daily operations and working conditions of BJMP personnel.

Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal said, "Isinagawa natin ang Blessing and Inauguration ng bagong tayong Pseudo Clinic sa BJMP Calamba – Female Dormitory sa Brgy. Turbina. Isang hakbang ito upang mas mapangalagaan ang kalusugan, dignidad, at kapakanan ng ating mga Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL). Kasabay nito ang ating pag inspeksyon sa ating

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ipinagawang ICT Room at Mess Hall upang mas mapagaan ang mga gawain ng BJMP Calamba."

He further highlighted that the initiative goes beyond infrastructure, serving as a symbol of compassion and second chances for individuals under detention.

"Naniniwala tayo na ang bawat isa ay karapat-dapat mabigyan ng pagkakataong makabangon, maghilom, at muling magsimula.

Ang pasilidad na ito ay hindi lamang simpleng klinika—ito ay simbolo ng pag-asa, malasakit, at paniniwalang may magandang bukas na naghihintay para sa bawat isa," Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal added.

The local government continues to strengthen programs centered on rehabilitation, dignity, and holistic care for PDLs, reinforcing its commitment to inclusive public service.

"Sa tulong ng sama-samang pagkakaisa at malasakit, patuloy nating ipapaalala na ang pagbabago ay posible, at ang bawat araw ay pagkakataon para maging mas mabuting tao," the mayor said.

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CALABARZON...

BATANGAS CITY, Batangas (PIA) — The economy of CALABARZON expanded by 5.1% in 2025, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) CALABARZON.

Although lower than the 5.7% growth recorded in 2024, Manufacturing remained a key driver, contributing 1.9 percentage points to the region's overall growth.

Among the fastest-growing sectors were Human health and social work activities at 11.9%, Public administration and defense including compulsory social security at 8.6%, and Education at 8.5%.

Based on industry growth rates from 2024 to 2025, CALABARZON continues to be the country's leading industrial region. The Industry sector accounted for the largest share at 48.6% (P1.67 trillion), followed by Services

Cayetano...

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano on Tuesday questioned the attention being given to the partial report of the Senate Blue Ribbon Committee on the flood control probe, stressing that the inquiry should remain focused on establishing the full truth rather than a single portion of the findings.

"Sa tingin ko, we're making a mountain out of a molehill doon sa partial [report]. May opportunity tayo na ayusin ang ugat, hindi lang one-time, big-time," Cayetano said in a media interview on April 28 during an ocular inspection of infrastructure projects in the City of Taguig under the partnership of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the city government.

Cayetano made the statement after a draft or partial committee report on the flood control probe, circulated among senators in February by committee chair Panfilo Lacson, remains unsigned and incomplete as the investigation continues.

"Ako personally,

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at 47.1% (P1.62 trillion), and Agriculture, forestry, and fishing at 4.3% (P0.15 trillion).

Records also show that out of the country's 4.4% Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth in 2025, CALABARZON contributed 0.7 percentage point—the second highest among the country's 18 regions. The region likewise ranked second in terms of share to national GDP at 14.3%.

Meanwhile, exports of goods and services to the rest of the world posted the highest expenditure growth at 14.0% in 2025, followed by imports at 8.4% and gross capital formation at 6.2%.

The region's per capita Household Final Consumption Expenditure (HFCE) was estimated at P166,573, which is 12.5% higher than the national per capita HFCE of P148,034.

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Cayetano said the current discussion risks narrowing the scope of the investigation, with several aspects remaining unresolved.

"Ito lang ang tanong ko: why so much fuss about the partial [report] when we have the opportunity to have the whole and bigger picture?" he added.

He noted that some senators have already reviewed the report but are not in agreement with certain portions, underscoring the need for continued deliberation.

"In fact, marami sa amin ang nakabasa na and we don't agree with the report. Hindi sa ayaw naming pumirma, we [just] have a lot of disagreements there... That's the beauty of having 24 senators — everyone can question," he said.

Cayetano emphasized that the Blue Ribbon inquiry is still ongoing, with more stages expected as additional testimonies and evidence are examined.

"Ako personally,

Jean Garcia...

MANILA, Philippines — Bente Productions, the film and multimedia company backed by global microfinance leader CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), has begun production on the feature drama Kusinering Bulag (The Blind Cook), written and directed by Hugo "Bobby" Yonzon III and executive produced by Marilyn Magampon Manila and Cyrene Grace Lubigan.

The production comes as Southeast Asian cinema continues to gain international momentum, with films from the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, and Vietnam drawing increasing attention from global festivals, streaming platforms, and international film markets.

For Marilyn Manila, President of Bente Productions, the company's ambitions extend well beyond the Philippines.

"There are more than 20 million Filipinos living outside the country, and they remain deeply connected to our language, traditions, and stories," Manila said. "For us, that diaspora represents an important audience. Our goal is to bring Filipino stories to screens wherever Filipinos live — and to audiences everywhere who connect with those experiences."

The Blind Cook follows Luz, a young chef who loses her sight after tragedy but refuses to abandon her family's restaurant, discovering

hindi pa tapos. Iniimbistahan mo pa lang, marami pang yugto, marami pang nabubuksan," he said.

The Minority Leader also raised concern over how the issue is being framed, noting that early narratives may not reflect the full complexity of the investigation.

"Ang unang nagiging problema is we didn't start with the truth. 'Di ba, from the start, sinasabi natin na hindi lahat 'yan ghost [projects, pero] pinalabas na lahat ghost para mas maraming magalit. Ngayon, ina-admit nila

that resilience — like cooking — requires learning to trust senses beyond sight.

The film stars Arra San Agustin as Luz and features acclaimed Filipino actress Jean Garcia, widely known for her iconic role in the landmark television drama Pangako Sa 'Yo, heading an ensemble cast that blends veteran performers with rising Filipino screen talent.

In a notable element of the production, Jean Garcia appears alongside her real-life daughter Jennica Garcia, who portrays her daughter on screen as well. The cast also includes Victor Neri (Baler, BuyBust), Samantha Samarita, an emerging and versatile actress known for her commercial work as well as roles in the film Uninvited and the recent stage adaptation of the acclaimed film Dagitab, and Madeleine Nicolas.

Principal photography is taking place in Iloilo City and Batanes Island, regions whose landscapes and culinary traditions help shape the emotional and cultural world of the story.

The Blind Cook marks Bente Productions' second feature film, following their debut release, I Remember You, the Boracay-set romance drama starring JC Santos and Valeen Montenegro that opened nationwide in the Philippines earlier this year.

Director Bob-

na hindi naman pala lahat ghost," he said.

Cayetano said conflicting accounts and shifting statements further highlight the need for a thorough and complete process, warning that focusing on limited findings may lead to incomplete conclusions.

He further stressed that the objective of the inquiry is to establish the full picture of the issue, not just isolated portions of the report.

"Systemic y'ung corruption. Hindi ito isolated," he said. PR

oy Yonzon says the story grew from a simple but universal human experience. "Life brings challenges to everyone," Yonzon said. "The real story is how people respond when something difficult happens. That's where resilience begins." Food and family form the emotional core of the film. "In Filipino culture, food is how people gather and care for one another," Yonzon added. "It's how affection is expressed in the family."

The film also explores themes of disability and perception, asking what it means to "see" beyond physical sight.

Bente Productions will also participate in Hong Kong FILMART this March, where the company plans to introduce its growing slate of projects and engage with international industry partners.

"Participating in international markets like FILMART allows us to introduce Filipino stories to new partners and collabo-

rators," Manila said.

Bente Productions grew out of the Sine-Maya Community Film Festival, launched in 2022 to identify emerging filmmakers and develop new creative talent across the Philippines.

In its first three years, the initiative produced more than 30 short films, helping create new pathways into the country's film industry.

The company made its international debut at the Asian Content & Film Market of the Busan International Film Festival, where it introduced its growing slate of films and series to international distributors and collaborators.

Backed by CARD MRI's global network and infrastructure, Bente aims to contribute to the Philippines' growing creative economy while bringing Filipino stories rooted in local experience to audiences around the world. www.cardmri.com

OPPESM brings services closer to Naic residents

In its continued effort to make services more accessible and convenient to Caviteños, the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM) successfully conducted a one-day document processing initiative in partnership with the Social Security System (SSS) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) on April 27, at Waltermart Naic.

The activity catered to more than 200 clients who availed themselves of various essential services aimed at streamlining employment-related and personal documentation.

Among the services provided were the updating of membership records, issuance of identification cards, and assistance with other SSS and BIR-related concerns.

Applicants and walk-in clients were able to conveniently process their requirements without the need to travel to distant offices, significantly reducing time, cost, and effort. The initiative also proved beneficial for job seekers who needed to secure or update their documents as part of their employment requirements.

Through this initiative, OPPESM reaffirmed its commitment to delivering efficient and accessible public service by bringing key government agencies closer to the community. The successful turnout of the activity highlights the importance of inter-agency collaboration in addressing the needs of the public and ensuring that essential services are within reach of every Caviteño. — OPIO



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Mga Itinuturing...

po namin ito ng walong taon kaya hiling po namin na magkaroon ng malinaw na batayan at huwag basta-basta bawiin ang aming CLOA," pahayag ng isa sa mga magsasaka mula sa barangay.

Ayon sa grupo, nagsimula pa noong 2018 ang kanilang pakikibaka upang makamit ang karapatan sa lupa, at makalipas ang halos walong taon ng paghihintay at proseso

ay tuluyan nilang natanggap ang kanilang CLOA noong 2024 sa ilalim ng Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

Para sa kanila, hindi lamang simpleng dokumento ang CLOA kundi simbolo ito ng kanilang dignidad, seguridad sa kabuhayan, at pag-asa para sa kanilang pamilya at susunod na henerasyon.

Ngayong 2026, muling nananawagan ang

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mga magsasaka na marinig ang kanilang tinig at maprotektahan ang kanilang mga karapatan bilang mga benepisaryo ng repormang agraryo.

Sa kanilang pagtitipon, sabay-sabay nilang isigaw ang panawagang: "Karapatan ng magsasaka, proteksyunan! Kabuhayan ng magsasaka, proteksyunan! Proteksyunan!"

PBBM leads "Bawat Barangay Makikinabang" rollout in General Trias, Cavite



President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday led the "Bawat Barangay Makikinabang" event at the General Trias Sports Park in Cavite, highlighting the administration's commitment to strengthening grassroots support and ensuring government resources directly reach local communities.

In his speech, the President emphasized the proper use of the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF), which now directly benefits local government units.

Under the program, families in need will receive 10 kilograms of rice every two months, six times a year, ensuring a sustained food supply for vulnerable communities.

"Alam naman natin, 'pag umaas ang presyo ng langis, sasabay 'yung ibang mga bilihin. Kaya't mabuti na lang at mayroon na tayong programang ito," President Marcos said. "Hindi namin ginawa ito dahil sa krisis. Ginawa talaga lang namin ito. Suwerte lang tayo, mahal talaga ng Diyos ang Pilipinas dahil naisabay

ang ating programa," the Chief Executive added. Complementing this effort, the Socio-Civic Projects Fund (SCPF) provides Php200,000 per barangay, empowering local leaders to implement community-based projects that address immediate needs and improve the welfare of their constituents.

The President assured the public that the government will continue to explore and implement programs that directly benefit Filipinos, emphasizing sustained efforts to make assistance felt at both the national and local levels.

"Asahan ninyo na walang katapusan ang aming paghahanap ng iba't ibang paraan upang tumulong sa ating mga kababayan, upang maramdaman ng taumbayan ang mga programa... hindi lamang po sa national government kung hindi pati na sa local government," President Marcos emphasized.

"Kung mapaganda natin nang mabuti ito at makita natin na maganda ang takbo, na-fine-tune na

natin at maayos na ang pag-deliver ng serbisyo, ng mga tulong sa ating mga kababayan ay pipilitin natin na sa susunod na taon, lalakihan na pa natin ang pondo para mas malaki pa ang tulong na maibibigay namin," the Chief Executive added.

The event was attended by General Trias Mayor Luis A. Ferrer IV, former Cavite governor and now Department of Interior and Local Government Secretary Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla Jr., national and local and barangay officials, and over 2,300 residents.

The President also underscored the role of barangay officials in identifying beneficiaries, stressing that the distribution of rice and assistance must be fair, transparent, and accountable.

The "Bawat Barangay Makikinabang" Program embodies the administration's vision of ensuring that every barangay benefits from direct national government support — anchored on fairness, transparency, and accountability. | PND

makausap si Gobernador Sol Aragones.

"Wala po kaming tiwala sa ibang opisyal ng lalawigan," ani Gatdula.

Patuloy namang sinusubaybayan ang usapin habang nananatiling sentro ng diskusyon sa Laguna ang mga isyu hinggil sa repormang agraryo, pagmamay-ari ng lupa, at proteksyon sa karapatan ng mga magsasaka.

(Pau Dela Cruz)



Pointer

Pau Dela Cruz

Legal Counseling sa Drug Cases, Isinagawa ng Rizal PPO

Patuloy ang pagpapalakas ng kaalaman at kakayahang ng mga kapulisan sa lalawigan ng Rizal sa larangan ng batas matapos magsagawa ang Rizal Police Provincial Office (PPO) ng isang Legal Counseling and Lecture on RCC Policy and Jurisprudence in the Prosecution of Drug Cases (RA 9165 at RA 10640) noong hapon ng Mayo 8.

Sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Police Colonel Atty. Eleazar R. Barber Jr., Provincial Director, layunin ng aktibidad na higit pang mapahusay ang kaalaman ng mga police personnel hinggil sa wastong paghawak at pag-uusig ng mga kasong may kaugnayan sa ilegal na droga, alinsunod sa umiiral na batas at mga legal na pamantayan.

Pinangunahan ng Rizal PPO Legal Office sa pamamahala ni Police Captain Abraham R. Villezca ang naturang legal counseling na nilahukan ng humigit-kumulang 40 personnel mula sa iba't ibang yunit ng kapulisan sa lalawigan.

Naging tampok sa programa ang talakayan ni Senior Assistant Provincial Prosecutor Atty. Marissa D. Dadulla-Amos, na nagbigay-linaw hinggil sa mahahalagang probisyon ng Republic Act No. 9165 o Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 at Republic Act No. 10640, kabilang ang mga umiiral na jurisprudence at tamang legal procedures sa pagproseso ng drug-related cases.

Ayon sa Rizal PPO, mahalaga ang ganitong uri ng pagsasanay upang matiyak ang maayos, legal, at episyenteng pagpapatupad ng batas laban sa ilegal na droga habang pinangangalagaan ang due process sa bawat operasyon.

Dumalo rin sa aktibidad sina PMAJ James John M. Silva, PCPT Arven E. Calvario, PCPT Kristine Anne DS Santiago ng RLO 4A, gayundin sina PSSg Atty. Gearlyn G. Paga at PSSg Atty. Rexie B. Rocapor, na kapwa legal officers ng Rizal PPO.

Mga Itinuturing na Lehitimong Magsasaka, Binatikos si Board Member Lajara sa Panawagang Bawiin ang Kanilang CLOA

CALAUAN, LAGUNA — Mariling binatikos ng grupo ng mga magsasakang benepisaryo ng repormang agraryo sa Barangay Imok, Calauan si Board Member Karla Adajar-Lajara kaugnay ng umano'y hakbang nito na ipawalang-bisa ang kanilang Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CLOA), na kanilang inilarawan bilang kawalang-galang sa matagal nilang ipinaglaban na karapatan sa lupang kanilang sinasaka.

Ang mga magsasaka, na kinikilala ang kanilang sarili bilang lehitimong benepisaryo sa ilalim ng Imok Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries group, ay nagpahayag

ng matinding pagtutol sa umano'y pagtatangkang bawiin ang kanilang karapatan sa mga lupang ipinagkaloob sa kanila sa ilalim ng programa ng pamahalaan para sa repormang agraryo.

Ayon sa grupo, kinuwestiyon umano ni Lajara ang pagiging lehitimong benepisaryo ng mga magsasaka at humiling ng kanselasyon ng kanilang CLOA dahil sa umano'y pagdududa sa kanilang pagkakakilanlan bilang tunay na benepisaryo.

Kasabay nito, nananawagan ang grupo kay Gobernador Sol Aragones na mamagitan at tulungan silang maprotek-

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WHO, INAPRUBAHAN ANG UNANG GAMOT LABAN SA MALARIA SA MGA SANGGOL

Nag-annunso ang World Health Organization (WHO) ng makasaysayang hakbang laban sa Malaria matapos nitong aprubahan ang unang gamot na partikular para sa mga sanggol na may bigat na dalawa hanggang limang kilo.

Ang bagong formulation na artemether-lumefantrine ay nakapasa sa internasyonal na pamantayan ng kalidad, kaligtasan, at bisa, at inaasahang magpapalawak ng access sa ligtas na paggamot para sa mga bagong silang na sanggol sa Africa.

Bago ito, ang mga sanggol ay ginagamot gamit ang gamot para sa mas matatandang bata, na nagdudulot ng panganib ng maling dosage at toxicity.

Kasabay nito, nag-prequalify din ang WHO ng tatlong bagong rapid diagnostic tests na kayang tuklasin ang malaria parasite kahit nawawala ang HRP2 gene, na dati'y nagdudulot ng maling negatibong resulta.



Ayon sa WHO,

ang mga bagong pagsusuri ay makatutulong upang maiwasan ang pagkaantala ng gamutan at pagkamatay sa mga bansang mataas ang kaso ng malaria.

Batay sa World Malaria Report 2025, tinatayang may 282 milyong kaso at 610,000 pagkamatay noong 2024, mas mataas kaysa nakaraang taon.

Sa kabila ng hamon ng resistance at kakulangan sa pondo, mahigit 2.3 bilyong impeksyon na ang naiwasan at 14 milyong buhay ang nasagip mula noong 2000.

Giit ng WHO, ang mga bagong gamot, bakuna, at diagnostic tests ay patunay na posible ang wakas ng malaria kung may tuloy-tuloy na suporta at pondo.

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LALAKI, TIMBOG SA OPERASYON KONTRA ILEGAL NA BARIL AT DRUGA SA SAN NICOLAS



Arestado ang isang 55-anyos na lalaki matapos maaktuhan umano sa pag-iingat ng ilegal na baril, mga bala, at drug paraphernalia sa isinagawang pagpapatupad ng search warrant ng mga tauhan ITng San Nicolas Municipal Police Station (MPS) sa Brgy. Calangay nitong Mayo 7, 2026.

Kinilala ng pulisya ang suspek bilang residente ng naturang barangay at kasalukuyang nahaharap sa kasong paglabag sa Republic Act No. 10591 o Comprehensive Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act at Section 12 ng Republic Act No. 9165 o Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

Isinagawa ang operasyon sa bisa ng search warrant na inilabas ng Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 13 ng Tanauan City, Batangas noong Mayo 4, 2026.

Sa isinagawang paghahalughog, narekober ng mga awtoridad ang isang Browning caliber 9mm pistol, dalawang magazine na may lamang limang bala, pitong bala ng caliber .45, isang kahon na naglalaman ng 50 bala ng caliber 9mm, isang holster, dalawang improvised aluminum tooter, at isang improvised case ng caliber 9mm.

Ayon sa pulisya, gumamit din ng Alternative Recording Devices (ARD) sa buong operasyon upang matiyak ang maayos at wastong dokumentasyon sa pagpapatupad ng search warrant.

Matapos ang operasyon, agad na ipinaalam sa suspek ang kanyang mga karapatang naaayon sa Saligang Batas bago dinala sa kustodiya ng San Nicolas MPS para sa kaukulang disposisyon at pagsasampa ng mga nararapat na kaso.

Iginiit naman ng San Nicolas MPS na mananatili silang agresibo sa kampanya laban sa ilegal na baril at iba pang uri ng kriminalidad upang mapanatili ang kapayapaan at kaayusan sa bayan.

mga lehitimong residente ng barangay.

Para sa mga magsasaka, higit pa sa legal na pagmamay-ari ng lupa ang usapin dahil nakataya rito ang kanilang kabuhayan at kinabukasan.

Aniya, nagdulot umano ng pangamba, takot, at kawalan ng katiyakan sa kanilang komunidad ang hakbang na bawiin ang kanilang CLOA, lalo na sa mga pamilyang matagal nang umaasa sa lupa bilang pangunahing pinagkukunan ng kabuhayan.

Binigyang-diin din ng grupo ang kahalagahan ng pagrespeto sa mandato ng bawat sang-

gay ng pamahalaan at sa malinaw na hangganan ng kapangyarihan, na anila'y dapat manaig lalo na sa usapin ng repormang agraryo.

Ayon sa kanila, ang pagpapatupad at pagrerepaso ng mga benepisaryo ng repormang agraryo ay nasa ilalim ng kapangyarihan ng Department of Agrarian Reform, kaya dapat igtalagang proseso at mandato nito.

Nanindigan din ang mga magsasaka na hindi nila basta-basta isusuko ang lupang matagal na nilang binungkal at ipinaglaban.

"Halos dito na po kami tumanda. Pinaglaban

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9-Year-Old Calamba Prodigy Mykha Mendoza Brings Pride to PH at International Performing Arts Competition in Thailand



A young talent from Calamba City, Laguna is once again putting the Philippines on the global stage.

Nine-year-old Mykha Mendoza is set to bring home pride and honor after showcasing her exceptional skills in an in-

ternational music and performing arts competition held in Bangkok, Thailand. The prestigious event took place on May 2, 2026, at the CP All Academy Auditorium, featuring participants from various countries competing in music and dance categories.

The competition is supported by the London College of Music Examinations (LCME) under the University of West London, making it a globally recognized platform for young performers. Representing from Barangay 3, Calamba City, Mendoza

impressed judges and audiences alike with her remarkable talent, discipline, and stage presence at such a young age.

Her participation highlights not only her personal dedication but also the growing excellence of Filipino youth in the performing arts.

The international exposure provides a valuable opportunity for young artists like Mendoza to hone their craft, gain confidence, and represent the Philippines in a highly competitive global arena.

As she returns home, May 5, 2026, Mykha Mendoza stands as an inspiration to aspiring young performers across the country—proving that age is no barrier to achieving greatness on the world stage.

(Edjun Mariposque)

Free Lab Testing Drive Reaches Day 3 in Santa Rosa, Benefits Hundreds of Laguna Residents

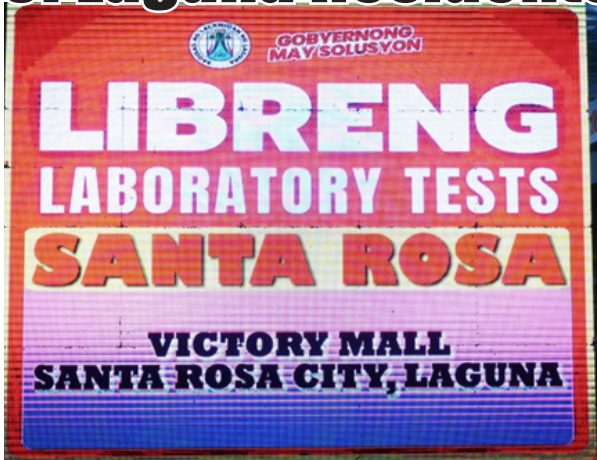
Santa Rosa City, Laguna — The Provincial Government of Laguna continues to expand its public health outreach as its Free Laboratory Test Program entered its third day in Santa Rosa, delivering essential diagnostic services to hundreds of residents.

Held at Victory Mall Balibago Complex, the initiative provided much-needed healthcare assistance to approximately 480 beneficiaries from the city.

The program is part of the province's sustained effort to strengthen preventive healthcare and improve access to vital medical services.

The activity is led by Governor Sol Aragon, in collaboration with the Provincial Health Office headed by Dr. Odilon Inocillo and the Laguna Health Team under Dr. Eric Tayag.

Healthcare workers and volunteers were also mobilized to ensure



the smooth and efficient implementation of the program.

Residents availed themselves of free

laboratory tests aimed at early detection and monitoring of various health conditions—an approach that underscores the pro-



vincial government's commitment to proactive and accessible healthcare.

Officials emphasized that the ongoing rollout of the program reflects a broader strategy to bring government health services closer to communities, particularly those who may have limited access to diagnostic facilities.

(Edjun Mariposque)



RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY REACHES ST. PAUL COMPOUND IN CALAMBA



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — Residents of St. Paul Compound in Barangay Mayapa can now expect a steady and clean water supply following the successful implementation of a new water system project led by Roseller 'Ross' H. Rizal in partnership with the Calamba Water District under the leadership of Exequiel A. Aguilar Jr. The initiative marks a significant step in improving basic services in the community, addressing long-standing concerns over water ac-

cessibility in the area.

Mayor Rizal emphasized the importance of the project in uplifting the quality of life of residents. "Isang mahalagang hakbang tungo sa mas maayos na pamumuhay ang ating isinagawang Proyekto ng Patubig para sa St. Paul Compound sa Brgy. Mayapa.

Sa pakikipagtulungan ng Calamba Water District, masisiguro na ang tuloy-tuloy, malinis, at sapat na suplay ng tubig para sa ating mga kababayan," he said.



He also highlighted the role of collaboration in delivering essential services to communities.

"Patunay ito na sa sama-samang pagkilos, naipapahatid natin ang mga serbisyong tunay na kailangan ng bawat komunidad."

The project is part of the city government's broader efforts to strengthen infrastructure and ensure that every barangay in Calamba City benefits from accessible and reliable public utilities.

(Edjun Mariposque)



DA 4A, Pinangunahan ang kauna-unahang Corn Derby Harvest Festival sa Sariaya, Quezon



Idinaos ng Department of Agriculture Region 4A CALABARZON (DA-4A) Corn Banner Program, katuwang ang Quezon Provincial Corn Producers Federation (QPCPF) at Quezon

Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, ang kauna-unahang Corn Derby Harvest Festival noong ika-16 ng Abril sa Sariaya, Quezon.

Ayon kay OIC-Regional Executive Director, Engr. Redelliza

Gruezo, layunin ng programa na matukoy ang iba't ibang binhi at abono na aangkop sa lugar na matibay sa mga peste at magbibigay ng magandang ani sa mga magsasaka. Aniya, ito ang maging gabay at konsiderasyon sa pagpapatupad ng programa at interbensyon sa iba't ibang bahagi ng rehiyon.

Nagsumula naman ang nasabing programa sa isang Farm Walk na pinangunahan ng mga pnanuhin, mga kalahok mula sa iba't ibang kumpanya, at mga samahan

ng mga magsasaka sa rehiyon na sinundan ng Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at pag-presenta ng mga nanalo sa isinagawang Corn Derby.

Mula sa mga kalahok ng Varietal Category ng Shelling Recovery nakamit ng Advanta Seeds Phil's Inc. ang ika-unang pwesto, ikalawa naman ang Cornworld at itinanghal naman sa ikatlong pwesto ang Corteva Agriscience. Sa Varietal Category naman ng Yield, nakamit ng Syngenta Phils Inc. ang una at ikalawang pwesto para sa dalawa nitong magkaibang variety habang nakuha naman ng

Bayer Cropscience Inc. ang ikatlong pwesto. Samantala, nagwagi sa Fertilizer Category ang Aldiz Incorporated, sinundan ito ng JCV Worldwide Traders Corp., at Gemini Agri Farm Solutions Corp.

Malaki ang pasalamat ni QPCPF President Emerson Agno. Aniya, ang kanilang pakikilahok ay isang importanteng gawain kung saan ang datos at impormasyon na nakalap ay magiging batayan nila upang mas mapaunlad ang produksyon ng kanilang maisan. Dumalo rin sa aktibidad sina Corn Program Coordinator Bb. Jonadeth

Almazan, OIC-APCO Quezon, G. Jan Oliver Sarmiento, Quezon Provincial Corn Coordinator Bb. Jenny Bascoguin, kinatawan ng punong bayan G. Victorio Armamento, at iba pang kawani ng DA-4A.

Matatandaang naglaban-laban noong ika-23 ng Enero ang labing-isang kumpanya sa isinagawang Corn Derby Field Walk kung saan sinuri ng mga magsasaka mula sa iba't ibang bayan ang kanilang binhi at abonong itinanin noong Disyembre 2025. (Glenda H. Marquez, DA-4A RAF-IS)