

PRESIDENT MARCOS DONATES NEW AMBULANCE TO CALAMBA, MAYOR ROSS RIZAL EXPRESSES GRATITUDE



Calamba City, Laguna – Mayor Roseller Ross H. Rizal extended his heartfelt thanks to President Ferdinand Bongbong Marcos Jr. for the donation of a brand-new ambulance to the City of Calamba.

In his message, Mayor Rizal said: “M a r a m i n g salamat po, Pres. Bongbong Marcos, sa pagbibigay po ninyo ng ambulance para sa Lungsod ng Calamba. Malaking tulong po ito sa mga Calambenos.”

The newly donated ambulance is expected to strengthen the city's emergency response and healthcare services, particularly in addressing urgent medical needs and transporting patients safely.

Mayor Rizal emphasized that the additional ambulance will serve as a lifeline for many residents, ensuring faster and more efficient medical assistance in times of emergencies.

(Edjun Mariposque)



SARILING BAHAY PARA SA MGA PILIPINO

San Pablo City, Laguna — Muling pinatunayan ng administrasyon ni Pangulong Bongbong Marcos ang pangako nitong “Bagong Pilipinas” sa pamamagitan ng pamamahagi ng mahigit 1,100 housing units ng National Housing Authority noong Lunes, Setyembre 15.

Kasama sa seremonya ng pamamahagi si Governor Sol Aragones at si Congressman Amben Amante. Updates ng ikatlong distrito ng Laguna, bilang pagpapakita ng kanilang buong suporta sa programa ng pamahalaan para sa disentang pabahay ng bawat Pilipino.

Ang mga bagong tahanan sa St. Barts Southville Heights ay nakalaan para sa mga pamilyang kabilang sa danger zones at sa mga naapektuhan ng pagpapatuloy ng Philippine National Rail-



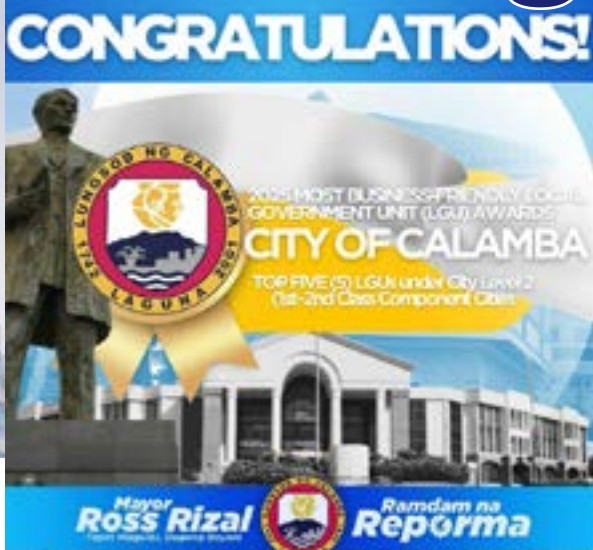
ways (PNR) South Long Haul Project. Layunin ng programang ito na hindi lamang mailayo ang mga pamilya sa panganib, kundi mabigyan din sila ng panibagong pag-asa at mas maayos na pamumuhay.

Ayon sa NHA, hindi lamang bahay ang matatanggap ng mga benepisaryo, kundi isang kumpletong komunidad na may kasamang: Elementary school, Daycare center, Multi-purpose covered court, Palengke, Health center, Livelihood training center, Transport terminal, Material recovery facility, at Community police station.

Sa pamamagitan ng proyektong ito, hangad ng pamahalaan na bigyan ang bawat pamilyang Pilipino ng tahananang maipagmamalaki at komunidad na ligtas, organisado, at maunlad.

(Shekinah Esteban)

Calamba City Named Among Top 5 Most Business-Friendly LGUs by PCCL for 2025



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ng mga effigies at bandila ng CPP-NPA.

Dagdag pa nito, sa mensahe ni LTC Julio D. Binuhhi, Commanding Officer ng 81st Infantry Battalion, sinabi niya: "Ang inyong kasundaluhan ng 81st IB, local na pamahalaan, at ang Kapulisan ay laging bukas ang pintuan para sa mga nais pang magbalik-loob sa pamahalaan. Ang ating gobyerno ay palaging nakandang

Statement...

The National Maritime Council firmly rejects China's approval on the declaration of Bajo de Masinloc (Scarborough Shoal) as "Huangyan Island Nature Reserve."

Bajo de Masinloc is a long standing and integral part of the sovereign territory of the Philippines. The recent Chinese declaration is another deceptive veneer that attempts to legalize its illegitimate and unfounded claim over the shoal.

It also aims to cover up China's accountability over the severe damage to the shoal's marine ecosystem, which was already confirmed in the 2016 Arbitral Award as caused by China's State-sanctioned wide-scale giant clam harvesting and coral reef destruction.

The declaration

tumumulong sa ating mga kababayan na nangan-gailan ng tulong."

Ang programang ito ay nagpapakita ng pagkakaisa ng bawat isa na hindi magpapalinlang o magpapagamit sa mga teroristang grupo, upang tuldukan na ang walang saysay na pakikibaka ng teroristang NPA sa Bayan Lupi at sa buong lalawigan ng Camarines Sur.

(NELSON DIMAPILIS)

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is also meant to support China's continuing illegal action of depriving Filipino fisherfolk of their traditional fishing rights at the shoal, in violation of international law, particularly the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the 2016 Arbitral Award.

We strongly urge China to respect the Philippines' sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction, and the traditional fishing rights of Filipino fisherfolk, and to cease actions that violate international law and endanger regional peace and stability. We call on China to positively contribute to creating a conducive atmosphere through dialogue and diplomacy that reduces tensions and provides the space for constructive engagement in the maritime domain. (ND)



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LGU BAY EXPLORES SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS IN CONSULTATION VISIT TO DOST-PSSTO LAGUNA



On August 20, 2025, the LGU Bay visited the DOST PSTO Laguna for a consultative meeting regarding the services that the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) provides. The Provincial Director of PSTO Laguna, Ms. Agnes G. Morales introduced the following programs, projects and initiatives of DOST to assist MSMEs, communities, students, academe, LGUs, and other interested parties.

PD Morales provided a brief background about the Small Enterprises Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) to assist our MSMEs in their technology upgrading requirements; the i-FWD program which helps OFWs and their families start tech-based businesses through training and possible funding; the Grants-In-Aid (GIA) program which supports

community projects in livelihood, education, disaster risk, and sanitation; their consultancy services like Manufacturing Productivity Extension Program (MPEx) and Cleaner Production assist MSMEs in boosting productivity and reducing waste. It was highlighted that DOST partners with LGUs to empower communities via science and technology interventions through offering skills training in food processing, safety, and halal awareness, and support education through scholarships and STAR-BOOKS, a digital learning resource accessible offline.

Furthermore, the Innovation, Science, and Technology for Accelerating Regional Technology-Based Development (iSTART) program was emphasized to assist LGUs promote balanced, inclusive, and sustainable

regional development through science, technology, and innovation.

This meeting served as a valuable platform for strengthening partnerships and aligning local development initiatives to harness science, technology, and innovation to improve the quality of life for every Filipino and promote inclusive economic growth, and build resilient and technology-driven societies. The LGU Bay appreciated all the presented services and have already expressed their interest in some of these.

Present during the meeting are the LGU Bay representatives: Ms. Zhiarmaine Montecillo, Ms. Christirose Betia, Mr. Rafael S. Savariz, including Engr. Jenny Ann N. Lawas, the Supervising SRS, and DOLE-GIP Ms. Leslie Ann G. Bruto represented the PSTO Laguna with PD Morales.

PGC hosts Defensive Driving Seminar in celebration of employees month

In celebration of Employees Month, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Human Resource Management Officer (OPHRMO), held a comprehensive seminar on Defensive Driving Skills at the New Provincial Government Center's Function Hall on September 10, 2025.

The event aimed to enhance employees' knowledge and awareness of safe driving practices, in line with the government's commitment to employee

welfare and public safety.

Ms. Jemalyn O. Ricafrente, Administrative Assistant II of OPHRMO, formally introduced the participants, followed by an inspirational message from Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia, Provincial Administrator.

The training was led by Mr. Eugene M. Peji of the LTO-Imus District Office, Ms. Jennifer E. Orasco LTO-Kawit Office and Mr. Jonathan Medina of LTO-Tagaytay Office, who conducted the main session on defensive driv-

ing, road signs, and traffic rules.

Participants also underwent a pre-test and post-test to assess knowledge gained.

Ms. Maria Fe M. Satsatin, Head of OPHRMO, delivered the closing remarks and led the awarding of certificates.

This initiative reflects the provincial government's proactive stance in promoting road safety awareness and professional development among its workforce.

- A. Sarte

A New Beginning Behind the Storefront



What began as a small sari-sari store in 2020 has become a growing livelihood for Aionon Saddaramil, driven by her tireless efforts.

The Tausug are one of the Muslim tribes residing on the island of Mindanao. Many of them originally came from Jolo, but over the years, some have moved and made a new life in places like Zamboanga City. One of them is Aionon Jabani Saddaramil, whose story is a testament to the hard work and resilience that comes from building a better life for her family.

Currently, she rents out six rooms in her home. As she got older, she also stopped selling snacks because the heat of cooking became too hard for her to bear; instead, she opened a small sari-sari store at home using the PHP5,000.00, which she saved from her boarding house income.

To have additional capital for her business, she became a client of CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) in 2020. A friend who was already a client encouraged her to join and give it a try. Through the Musharakah contract financing she received from the institution, she was able to expand the range of products she offered in her store.

Musharakah contract financing is a Shariah inspired counterpart of a regular loan, designed to help clients with existing businesses or those looking to start a new venture. Served as an additional capital, this financing is disbursed in cash to support business growth. In a Musharakah contract, both financier and the business owner contribute capital to business venture, and

profits are shared based on agreed-upon ratio.

"Back then, my store had very limited items, but I used the Musharakah contract I received from CARD, Inc. to buy more products and expand my display," she stated.

She now has an active Musharakah contract of PHP 30,000.00, which she uses for her business.

One of the things she appreciates about running a sari-sari store is that it is not physically demanding. The business allows her to spend more time and be more present for her children, especially when they are not in school.

"It is truly my dream for my children to finish their education. My husband and I work hard to make that happen because I experienced firsthand what it feels like not to finish school, and I do not want my children to go through the same struggles I face," she said.

To date, three of her children have already graduated, while the other three are still in school. This achievement is the result of the unwavering hard work and determination she and her husband have poured into their family.

Looking ahead, she hopes to see all of her children complete their education and to further grow their sari-sari store, which continues to be their main source of income. PR

Editorial

VILLANUEVA KAKASUHAN ANG NAG-AKUSA SA KANIYA NA KUMITA FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Ikinagalit ni Senator Joel Villanueva ang pagiging "punching bag" sa tuwing mayroong nang-yayaring anomalya sa flood control projects sa bayan nito sa Bulacan.

Pinabulaan din ng senador ang mayroong itong kinalaman sa P600-milyon insertion sa unprogrammed funds noong 2023 national budget.

Isinagawa ng Senador ang pahayag matapos na kumpirmahin ni Senate President Pro Tempore Panfilo Lacson ang pagkakaroon ng P600 milyon na pondo para sa Bulacan flood control projects sa 2023 unprogrammed budget.

Sa pagbibilang ni Lacson ay mayroong pito hanggang walong items na nagkakahalaga ng P75 milyon bawat isa at may kabuuang halaga ng P600 milyon.

Una ng ibinulgar ni dating assistant district engineer ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) na si Brice Hernandez na humingi ng 30 percent si Villanueva sa P600-M insertion.

Naniniwala din ang Senador na mayroong sumisira sa kaniyang pangalan para sa 2028 elections.

Nanawagan ang senador sa publiko na huwag paniwalaan ang mga nagpapakalat ng mga pekeng balita ukol sa nasabing usapin.

CALAMBA CITY...

Calamba City, under the leadership of Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal, has once again secured recognition from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) as one of the Top 5 Local Government Units (LGUs) in the 2025 Most Business-Friendly LGU Awards under the City Level 2 category for 1st and 2nd Class Component Cities.

Joining Calamba in the Top 5 are Biñan City, Ilagan City, Legazpi City, and Tarlac City. According to PCCI, these cities have demonstrated "outstanding leadership and innovation in driving business

OMBUDSMAN...

Office of the Ombudsman on Friday suspended 16 employees of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) who were charged last week by their boss with graft and malversation through falsification of documents.

Public Works Secretary Vince Dizon immediately carried out the six-month preventive suspension issued by the Ombudsman against the following personnel in the

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growth, supporting MSMEs, and building resilient communities." Mayor Rizal expressed his gratitude to the people of Calamba for the achievement, saying, "Congratulations Calambenos, this recognition is for you. This is proof that our city continues to open opportunities and support entrepreneurs toward a vibrant and progressive economy."

It can be recalled that Calamba City was also recognized by PCCI in 2024 for the same award category, underscoring its consistent performance in fostering a strong and competitive local economy. (Edjun Mariposque)

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DPWH office in Bulacan's first district: construction section chief John Michael Ramos; planning and design section chief Ernest Galang; administrative section chief Florilyn Simbulan; maintenance section officers in charge Lorenzo Pagtalunan and Jaime Fernandez; quality section chief Norberto Santos; budget unit head Roberto Roque; procurement unit head Benedict Matawaran; cashier Christina Mae Pineda; engineer

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LUPU, CAMARINES SUR - Matagumpay na naisagawa ang Culmination ng Community Information Awareness and Approach Program (CIAAP) at ang panunumpa ng katapatan at suporta sa pamahalaan, kasabay ng pagtakwil sa CPP-NPA-NDF ng mga kasapi at sumusuporta sa Komunistang grupo, na ginanap sa Brgy Poblacion ng Lupi, Camarines Sur.

Pinangunahan ni Cpt. Arthur Rey Arango, CMO Officer ng 81IB ang pagbibigay kaalaman patungkol sa Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program o E-CLIP. Kasunod nito, nagbahagi ng kaalaman si Atty. Dorina Reyes at Atty. Siegfried Tayo, Public Attorney Office (PAO) sa mga legal na usapin tungkol sa Anti-Terrorism Law at sa mga posibleng kasong maaaring isampa laban sa mga sumusuporta sa komunistang grupo.

Dinaluhan ni BGEN Jose Ambrocio F. Rustia PA, Commander ng 201st Brigade at PCOL Virgilio O. Olalia Jr, Provincial Director ng Camarines Sur PPO ang sinagawang programa. Nagbigay rin ng suporta ang butiing Vice Mayor ng Lupi, si Hon. Noel A. Agravante, kasa-

Vico Sotto...

MAY nararamdamang takot ngayon si Pasig City Mayor Vico Sotto hinggil sa kinasasangkutan kontrobersya ng mag-asawang Pacifico "Curlee" II at Cezarah "Sarah" Discaya.

Iyan ang inamin ng alkalde habang patuloy ang isinasagawang imbestigasyon ng Senado at Kongreso sa mga maanomalyang flood control projects sa bansa.

Dito nga idini-diin ang mga construc-

Jolo Mari Tayao; and project engineers Paul Jayson Duya, Merg Jaron Laus, Lemuel Ephraim Roque, Arjay Domasig, John Carlo Rivera and John Benex Francisco.

These suspended personnel have been linked to anomalous flood control projects in the province worth P389.6 million.

(N.D)

ma ang iba't ibang departamento ng LGU na nagbigay ng mga serbisyong pangkalusugan. Kabilang dito ang Municipal Health Office (MHO), Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO), Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO), at Municipal Agrarian Reform Office (MARO), at Civil Registry Office (CRO).

Nakiisa rin sa naturang programang ang mga miyembro ng Poverty Reduction Livelihood Employment Cluster o PRLEC ng PTF-ELCAC Camarines Sur kabilang ang TESDA, DTI, DOLE, DSWD, DAR, at DA.

Nanumpa ang 82 na miyembro ng Sangay sa Partido ng Lokalidad (SPL), Milisyang Bayan (MB), at mga tagasuporta mula sa walong barangay ng Lupi, Camarines Sur. Pinangunahan ni Atty. Siegfried S. Tayo, Public Attorney's Office ng Ragay ang panunumpa, na naglalaman ng pahayag na hindi sila kailanman susuporta, kikilalanin, o makikipagtulungan sa teroristang NPA, alinsunod sa Republic Act 11479 o mas kilala bilang Anti-Terrorism Law Act of 2020. Kasunod nito, upang lubusang talikuran ang maling ideyolohiya ng makakaliwang grupo, isinagawa ang pagsunog

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tion company ng pamilya Discaya at iba pang contractor ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) na umano'y nakinabang sa kaban ng bayan.

Ayon kay Mayor Vico, napakaraming inconsistencies sa mga naging statement nina Curlee at Sarah sa naganap na pagdinig sa Senado "Du'n mo nga makikita talagang hindi mapagkakatiwalaan kasi paiba-iba ng kuwento. At du'n ako medyo natatakot ngayon, na baka kasama sa game plan na lituhin lang tayo," ang pahayag ni Vico

Dagdag pa ng palabang alkalde, "Baka mamaya, tanggapin natin lahat ng sinasabi nila. 'Yun pala ang endgame, after a few months, walang ma-produce na mga ebidensya, wala na mangyayari sa mga kaso. 'Yun 'yung kinatatakutan ko ngayon.

DOTr Leads Inspection as PNR old stations in Cabuyao and Santa Rosa Undergo Demolition



Cabuyao City, Laguna – Department of Transportation (DOTr) Acting Secretary Giovanni Lopez with Cabuyao Mayor Dennis “DenHa” Hain on Thursday, September 18, led the inspection of Philippine National Railways (PNR) stations in Cabuyao City and Santa Rosa City, where simultaneous demolition works are already underway.

The old on-ground stations are being cleared to make way for the construction of 18 elevated railway stations under the South Commuter Railway Project.

According to the DOTr, right-of-way negotiations for the project are expected to be completed by the latter part of 2026. Once the South Commuter Railway becomes operational between 2030 and 2031, travel time from Clark to Calamba will be cut to just about two hours.

(Edjun Mariposque)



ALL EYES ON THE NEXT RDC CHAIR IN CALABARZON

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) — President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. will appoint the next chairperson of the Regional Development Council (RDC) in Calabarzon from seven nominees composed of three government executives and four representatives from the private sector.

Governors Angelina Tan and Nina Ricci Ynares of Quezon and Rizal province respectively and Bacoor City Mayor Strike Revilla were named nominees from the gov-

ernment sector during the RDC's third quarter full council meeting on September 4.

For selection as co-chairperson from the private sector were Engr. Ladislao Andal, Ronaldo Alvair, Emerson Atanacio, and Richard Albert Osmond.

The Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DepDev) in Calabarzon said the nominees demonstrated their strong commitment in championing the region's development agenda in

economic, infrastructure, governance, and peace and order.

“They are expected to play a vital role in leading the discussions of programs, projects, and policies that will promote socio-economic development in CALABARZON,” DepDev said in a Facebook post.

The new RDC chair will take the place of former Batangas Governor Hermilando Mandanas, whose term as RDC chair ended in June 2025 when he assumed the post as

Batangas Vice Governor.

Pursuant to Executive Order no. 82 on strengthening the RDCs and accelerating socio-economic developments in all regions, each RDC shall be jointly headed by a Chairperson and a Co-Chairperson to be appointed by the President from among the local chief executives and private sector representatives (PSR) members.

Under the EO, if the Chairperson is from the government sector, the Co-Chairperson shall

be selected from the private sector, and vice-versa. The Chairperson and Co-Chairperson shall serve in the RDC for a fixed term of three years coinciding with the regular term of local elective officials. They shall serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

Angelina “Doktora Helen” Tan, who represented Quezon Province's Fourth District from 2013 to 2022, was widely known for her efforts to reform the public health sector.

Tan's tenure as

governor is encapsulated in her HEALING Agenda, which focuses on key sectors including health, education, agriculture, livelihood, infrastructure, environment, tourism, and good governance.

Elected in 2022, Nina Ricci Ynares has championed environmental initiatives in Rizal province.

Her leadership oversaw the relief efforts during typhoon Enteng and Habagat.

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Biñan City Develops First-Ever Barangay Information Officers to Improve Communication at the Local Level

The Biñan People's Center hosted the groundbreaking Biñan City Barangay Information Officers (BIOs) Training Program, which has given the city's 24 barangays the tools they need to guarantee responsible, accurate, and timely information sharing. “Isiguro natin na ang tamang impormasyon sa tamang panahon ay made-deliver natin hanggang dulo. #Pag tamang impormasyon ang binigay natin, ito rin ang tamang SOLusyon.” said City Information Officer Roman Carencia, highlighting the crucial role that BIOs play in integrating communities and government.

The show emphasized the value of social media etiquette, data protection, and responsible communication, particularly in the battle against false information and fake news. The establishment of BIOs will open the door for efficient lines of communication from the local level to the city and provincial levels, stressed Lenie Bautista, CLGOO.

Doland Castro, acting on behalf of Laguna Governor Sol Aragon, strongly endorsed the plan. He revealed that as a former broadcast journalist, Governor Aragon is aware of the duty that information officers bear. Castro reminded attendees that timely and accurate reporting enhances government credibility, whereas subpar public service and false information can damage public trust. Along with emphasizing the impor-

ance of creating compelling stories that pique public interest, he urged BIOs to be more than just fact-reporters; they should also be storytellers who have the ability to uplift, inform, and inspire communities

Danilo Lucas, Head of the Provincial Information Office, emphasized the historic significance of Biñan City's initiative in institutionalizing Barangay Information Officers, saying, “Kayo ay magiging bahagi ng kasaysayan.” He noted that the establishment of BIOs represents a structural shift in the way information is disseminated, starting at the local level and continuing through provincial and national governance. Lucas claims that BIOs are now on the front lines of making sure that the public not only receives information but also comprehends it and acts upon it.

The seminar featured presentations by Charmaine Odong and Christopher Hedreya of the Philippine Information Agency–Calabarzon and Laguna on social media etiquette, data protection, and dispelling fake news. While April Pineda, CIO, and Mc Alluran, YASDO, led a practical workshop on writing and photo layout, John Cedrick Ellazo led a session on fundamental photography. Through these initiatives, Biñan City has strengthened public service, accountability, and trust while setting a powerful example of information dissemination from the bottom up.

ALL EYES...

of Regents and the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers.

Emerson Atanacio of Cavite Technical Vocational Educators Association Inc. was the chairperson of the CALABARZON RDC's Special Committee on Strengthening Academe and Industry Linkages, and pushed to address issues on job-skills mismatch and other potential issues related to ASEAN integration.

Richard Albert Osmond, Chief Executive Officer of the Philippine Industrial Estate Admin-

istration, Inc. has been an active member of the CALABARZON RDC and a keen supporter to the country's shift to clean energy and modernizing industries to create high-quality jobs.

Also endorsed as nominees were Ronaldo Alvair and Emerson Atanacio.

Formalized in 1996 as Executive Order No. 325, Regional Development Councils are composed of local government officials, regional line agencies, and representatives of non-government

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organizations in a bid to decentralize government functions and accelerate socioeconomic development in the regions.

With the help of the private sectors and NGOs, RDCs ensures that economic policies at the local and regional level are coordinated and aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Ambisyon 2040– a long-term vision of the national government towards a prosperous, innovative, and high-trust society. (PB-PIA4A)

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The following individuals are the officers of private firms: Ma. Roma Angeline Rimando, St. Timothy Construction Corporation; Cezarah Rowena Discaya, St. Timothy Construction Corporation; Pacifico Discaya II, St. Timothy Construction Corporation; Mark Allan Arevalo, General Manager, Wawao Builders; Sally Santos, Owner/Manager, SYMS Construction Trading; and Robert Imperio, Owner/Manager, IM Construction Corporation.

The Senate and the House of Representatives, along with internal investigations within the DPWH, have revealed evidence linking some DPWH officials

and employees, as well as the private contractors, to alleged corruption involving ghost, incomplete, and/or substandard projects.

The department has filed a complaint before the Office of the Ombudsman against the individuals for violation of RA 3019, otherwise known as the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act; and Article 217 (Malversation) of the Revised Penal Code, in relation to Article 171 on Falsification, of RA 9184, or the Government Procurement Reform Act.

Meanwhile, Dizon, together with Independent Commission for Infrastructure (ICI) Chairperson, retired Supreme Court Justice Andres Reyes Jr., and ICI mem-

bers namely former DPWH secretary Rogelio Singson, SGV and Co. country managing director Rosanna Fajardo and ICI Special Adviser, Baguio City Mayor and Benjamin Magalong, met with Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte Thursday afternoon to discuss the local government's discovery of alleged anomalous flood control projects in the city.

The officials also inspected the locations of the projects, including the Matalahib Creek Pump Station, and Mariblo and Sta. Cruz Pumping Stations.

Belmonte earlier reported that 66 listed flood control projects could not be found in the city.

PAGTUTOK SA...

Kasalukuyang isinasagawa ng DA-ATI CALABARZON ang Rice Cluster Training na may temang “Building Stronger Rice Communities: Advancing Knowledge in Integrated Nutrient and Water Management” sa DA-ATI CALABAR-

ZON, Trece Martires City, Cavite.

Layunin ng pagsasanay na mapalalim ang kaalaman at kasanayan ng mga kalahok sa makabagong teknolohiya ng Integrated Nutrient and Water Management para sa pagpapalakas ng pro-

DA...

Nakatakdang irekomenda ni Agriculture Secretary Francisco P. Tiu Laurel Jr. na palawigin ang rice importation moratorium ng hanggang 15 araw.

Sinabi ng Kalihim na nagkaroon ng magandang epekto ang nasabing ipinatupad na ban na nagsimula nitong unang araw ng Setyembre.

Pagdating ng katapusan ng Setyembre ay magsusumite sila ng pinal na rekomendasyon.

Mula sa nakaraang mga linggo ay umakyat ang presyo ng mga farmgate prices ng mga palay kung saan sa Mindanao lamang ay mayroong P17 kada kilo mula sa dating P8 hanggang P10.

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duksyon ng palay at pagpapatibay ng mga sustainable na pamamaraan sa pagsasaka.

Bilang bahagi ng pagsasanay, malugod na binati ni Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, RAgri, Center Director ng DA-ATI CALABARZON, ang mga kalahok at hinikayat silang aktibong makilahok sa mga talakayan.

Itinampok niya ang kahalagahan ng ganitong uri ng pagsasanay upang matulungan ang mga magsasaka na mapabuti ang kanilang ani at mapalakas ang kanilang kabuhayan sa harap ng mga hamon ng makabagong pagsasaka.

Ang mga magsasaka mula sa mga bayan ng Cavite at Batangas ay matututo ng mga makabagong teknolohiya na tiyak na makatutulong sa pagpapatibay ng kanilang mga sakahan at komunidad. PR





MAYOR ROSS RIZAL LEADS CITY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING, PUSHES STRONGER WASTE PROGRAMS FOR CLEANER CALAMBA



Calamba City, Laguna — Mayor Roseller “Ross” H. Rizal led the recent City Solid Waste Management (CSWM) Board meeting, underscoring the city government’s commitment to effective waste management and a cleaner, safer environment for all Calambeños.

The meeting highlighted updates and innovations in solid waste solutions presented by HMR Envirocycle Phils., Inc. and Envirotech Waste Recycling Inc. Members also approved the minutes of the 2nd Quarterly Meet-

ing and adopted key resolutions that will strengthen Calamba’s waste management initiatives:

Resolution No. 08 – Endorsing the Updated 10-Year City Solid Waste Management Plan to the DENR-EMB and NSWMC.

Resolution No. 09 – Enhancing the operations of Barangay Eco-centers through “Waste Exchange Day.”

Resolution No. 10 – Recommending a partnership between the City Government of Calamba and HMR Envirocycle Phils., Inc. for

the proper collection and management of electronic waste (e-waste).

“These efforts are concrete steps toward a more progressive waste management program in our city—ensuring a cleaner, more orderly, and more developed Calamba,” Mayor Rizal said.

The strengthened measures reflect the city’s continuing drive to build sustainable waste solutions while promoting community participation for environmental protection and long-term urban development.

(Edjun Mariposque)



ALL EYES...

eral Indigenous People (IP) communities, her administration is also focusing on long-term community development, empowerment, and education reforms.

Mayor Strike Revilla is leading Baco or City’s ‘Smart City’ initiative, which promotes sustainable urban development in collaboration with national government agencies and neighboring

Asian countries.

As the former representative of Cavite’s second district, Revilla pushed for legislatures on improved elderly care and the enhancement of occupational safety and health standards.

The CALABARZON RDC also solicited nominees from the private sector which has been a strong partner in the region’s economic develop-

ment initiatives.

Licensed civil engineer Ladislao Andal has been a longtime member of the RDC as chairperson of its Sectoral Committee on Infrastructure Development, which oversees the implementation of national infrastructure projects in the region.

Andal is also a member of Batangas State University’s Board

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Biñan Holds Training to Strengthen Grassroots Communication



Biñan, Laguna — Biñan City has launched its first Barangay Information Officers (BIOs) Training Program at the Biñan People’s Center, equipping representatives from the city’s 24 barangays with skills in responsible information sharing and communication.

City Information Officer Roman Carenica said the program aims to deliver accurate and timely information to communities. Topics covered included data privacy, social

media etiquette, combating fake news, and basic news writing and photography.

The initiative drew support from Laguna Governor Sol Aragon, represented by Doland Castro, who emphasized the role of information officers in building public trust through accurate reporting.

Provincial Information Officer Danilo Lucas described the move as historic, noting that the creation of BIOs strength-

ens communication from the grassroots to higher levels of governance.

Resource speakers from the Philippine Information Agency–Calabarzon and Laguna, along with local experts, conducted lectures and workshops during the training.

Officials said the program underscores Biñan City’s commitment to transparency, accountability, and stronger government-community relations.

(Shekinah Esteban)



1,246 Benepisyaryo sa Laguna Tumanggap ng Tulong mula sa AKAP



San Pablo City — Umabot sa 1,246 benepisyaryo mula sa iba’t ibang bayan ng ikatlong distrito ng Laguna ang nakatanggap ng tulong pinansyal

sa ilalim ng Ayuda para sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP) ng Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Isinagawa ang

payout noong Setyembre 15 at Setyembre 19, 2025 sa San Pablo City Central Elementary School Gymnasium at sa Brgy. 4-A covered court, sa pangu-



nguna ng tanggapan ni Laguna 3rd District Representative Loreto “Amben” S. Amante, katuwang sina Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. at House Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez.

Ang AKAP ay

programa ng pamahalaan na nagbibigay ng agarang tulong pinansyal sa mga pamilyang mababa ang kita, kabilang ang marginalized workers, self-employed, at iba pang sektor na hirap matugunan ang pang-araw-araw na gastosin.

Pinangasiwaan ang distribusyon ng mga kawani ng DSWD-SWAD Laguna na sina Janezka Palapag, Kathrina Nosa, Josielyn Irlanda, at Emil Lucena upang matiyak ang maayos at mabilis na proseso ng payout.

(Shekinah Esteban)