

# METRO PACIFIC TOLLWAYS SOUTH & MAYNILAD JOIN HANDS TO PROVIDE RELIEF TO CAVITE FISHERFOLK AFFECTED BY OIL SPILL



Former Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla (Center) received the deed of donation from Arlette V. Capistrano, VP for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South (left), and Raul L. Ignacio, President and General Manager, MPT South (right).



Sacks of rice donated by MPT South and Maynilad

MPT South Corporation, the concessionaire of Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) and Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), in partnership with Maynilad Water Services, Inc., has donated half a million pesos worth of rice to aid the local fisherfolk of Cavite, who have been severely affected by both the recent oil spill and the devastation brought by Typhoon Carina. The relief effort was officially handed over to former Governor Jonvic

C. Remulla, benefiting the coastal communities of Cavite City, Bacoor City, and the municipalities of Noveleta, Rosario, Kawit, Tanza, Naic, Maragondon, and Ternate.

The disaster, triggered by the MT Terannova oil spill—which released 1.4 million liters of industrial fuel into the waters—coincided with the wrath of Typhoon Carina, leaving Cavite's coastal areas devastated. Fisherfolk, whose livelihoods depend on the health of

these waters, have been hit hardest, struggling to recover from the compounded crises.

"We understand the crucial role fisherfolk play in sustaining both the livelihoods of Caviteños and the province's food supply, said MPT South President and General Manager, Raul L. Ignacio. "The devastation they face during calamities not only disrupts their way of life but also the larger agricultural ecosystem. Our donation aims to provide

(From left) Arlette V. Capistrano, VP for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South; Raul L. Ignacio, President and General Manager, MPT South; (Center) Former Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla; Ramoncito S. Fernandez, President and CEO, Maynilad; and Marie Antonette De Ocampo, SAVP and Head, Corporate Affairs and Communication, Maynilad.

immediate relief while igniting hope for recovery in the hearts of these communities."

Joining the initiative was Maynilad President Ramon S. Fernandez, who reinforced the

urgency of supporting the affected fisherfolk during this challenging time.

MPT South is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC). Aside from CAVITEX and CALAX, MPTC also

holds domestic concession rights for North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), NLEX Connector and Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX). PR

## CMDI inaugurated another facility in Lubao, Pampanga



The ribbon cutting ceremony led by CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle Alip marks the opening of CMDI Pampanga Facility, a significant milestone in the journey of progress of CMDI and CMPMI.

CARD-MRI Development Institute, Inc. (CMDI), the training institute of CARD MRI, officially opened its facility in Ruthay's Place Lubao, Pampanga on June 22, 2024.

"The opening of this new facility signifies CMDI's commitment to extending its training services to more CARD MRI staff, clients, and external stakeholders. We continue to provide exceptional enhancement courses and enterprise development trainings to help develop and improve their current skills and practices," said CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle

Alip. Dr. Alip emphasized, "We continue to offer opportunities for the community of learners to invest in its future and provide a safe and welcoming environment to hone knowledge and skills. Our goal is to foster growth in our facilities, a conducive place where we can develop future leaders and successful business owners."

Present at the inauguration are CARD MRI Property Management (CMPMI) President Maida Decano, CMDI President Dr. Edzel A. Ramos, with the CARD MRI advisers, key officers and clients.

The CMDI Lubao facility is located at Jose Abad Santos Avenue, Lu-

bao, Pampanga.

The opening of this CMDI Pampanga facility is an addition to its existing campuses in Bay and San Pablo City in Laguna, Pasay in National Capital Region, Baguio in Ben-quet, Tagum City in Davao del Norte, and Buenavista in Agusan del Norte.

CMDI is dedicated to providing exceptional practitioner-led training and education services to create competent and dedicated individuals who can empower, and uplift socio-economically challenged families. Since its establishment in 2000, CMDI has been instrumental in producing passionate and skilled men and women who manage and lead various institutions and enterprises.

The opening of their new training facility demonstrates CMDI's continuous efforts towards providing accessible and quality education, fostering growth in communities across the Philippines. PR

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## Governor Athena Tolentino sworn in as Cavite Chief Executive



In a solemn ceremony attended by family, friends, and fellow public servants, Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino officially took her oath as the new Chief Executive of the Province of Cavite on October 8, 2024, at the Hall of Justice in the Legislative Building in Tagaytay City. She was sworn into office by Judge Racquel V. Aspiras-Sanchez, together with Vice Governor Sherman S. Jaro.

Accompanied and supported by Tagaytay City Mayor Abraham Tolentino, Vice Mayor Agnes Tolentino, 8th District representative Aniela Bianca Tolentino, Aizack Brent Tolentino, their families and fellow public servants, Governor Tolentino and Vice



Governor Jaro pledged to continue the initiatives launched by former Governor Jonvic C. Remulla following his appointment as the Secretary of the Department of the Interior and Local Government. They expressed their commitment to serve with compassion, determination, and effective leadership to foster a progressive and brighter future for the province.

Governor Tolentino's appointment marks another historic spot in the political landscape of Cavite, being the first female Governor of the province and the youngest to hold the position at just twenty-five years old. - J. Reyes

## Sol Aragones Files Certificate of Candidacy for Laguna Governor, with Peewee Perez as Running Mate

Former Congresswoman Sol Aragones has officially filed her Certificate of Candidacy (COC) for the position of governor of Laguna. She is joined by incumbent board member Peewee Perez, who will be running as her vice governor. Their partnership is expected to bring a new dynamic to the local political landscape in the upcoming elections.

Aragones, a former reporter who transitioned into politics, won her first seat as Congresswoman for

Laguna in 2013. She successfully served three consecutive terms before her defeat in the 2022 gubernatorial race against incumbent Governor Ramil Hernandez. Despite the loss, Aragones remained committed to public service. Even after her defeat, she continued assisting the needy, particularly persons with disabilities (PWDs) and senior citizens.

One of Aragones' key advocacies is improving the quality of service in public hospitals. She aims to prohibit hospital staff from being rude to patients, a common

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# Editorial ANO NGA BA ANG HALALAN O ELEKSYON?

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Panahon na naman ng halalan o eleksyon, lahat ng tao ay nakakaalam nito. Ngunit ang iba sa atin ay hindi yata alam ang tunay na kahulugan at kahalagahan nito.

**Ano nga ba ang halalan o eleksyon?** Ang halalan o eleksyon ay nangyayari sa mga demokrasyang bansa. Ito ay dumadaan sa isang pormal na proseso ng pagpapasiya kung saan ang isang populasyon ay pumipili ng mga indibidwal na kandidato sa eleksiyon na siyang hahawak ng posisyon kung siya ay naitalaga na.

Ito ay ang malayang pagpili ng mga kandidato na may plata porma o pangako para sa ikauunlad ng bansa, bayan, city o barangay. Ang mga rehistradong mamamayan lamang ang puwedeng bumota sa halalan. Ang maaring bumoto ay ang may edad na 18 pataas. May demokratikong pagpili ng mga tao kung sino ang gusto nilang mamuno at mamahala sa kanila.

**SINO ANG NAMAMAHALA NG ELEKSYON?**

Ang Commission on elections, COMELEC o komisyon sa halalan ang naatasang mamahala ng isang halalan o eleksyon. Sila ang naatasan na magpanatili na magpanatili, magpatupad at mamahala ng isang malinis, tahimik at maayos na halalan.

Nasa COMELEC ang kapag-yarihan na magpatupad at magharap sa pangulo ng lahat ng batas at regulasyon sa halalan plebisito, initiatibo, reperendum at recall;

Sila ang nag-aayos ng mga hidwaan ng mga kandidato patungkol sa mga halalan, mga kinalabasan, at katangian ng lahat ng halal na mga pinunong pangrehiyon, panlalawigan, at panglungsod; May control kung sino ang hinirang na pinuno, kinalabasan sa botohan, inspector sa halalan at pag rehistro ng mga botante.

Tagapagpatupad din ng batas ng pamahalaan kasama ng iba pang pangulo, iba pang sangay, kasundaluhan na naglalayong matiyak ang malaya, maayos, malinis, mapayapa at kapani-paniwalang halalan. Sila ang nagrehihistro ng mga Partido, koalisyon. Sa kanila hinaharap ang mga plata porma o programa ng pamahalaan, at kilalanin ang mga lingkod-bayan ng Komisyon sa Halalan;

May karapatan ding sumiyasat ang COMELEC kung sino-sino ba ang mga kwalipikadong botante at kung may mga sumbong o sa pagkukusa nito, magharap ng mga petisyon sa hukuman ukol sa pagdarakip o pagwawaksi ng mga botante sa rehistro ng mga kwalipikadong botante.

Pati budget ng eleksyon, kung saan gaganapin ang halalan, saan dapat ilagay ang mga propaganda ay kontrolado din nila. May karapatan na pigilin ang mga pandaraya at magkaroon ng kaparusahan ang ng mga ito ayun sa batas kabilang na din ang mga pagkakasala at mga masasamang gawain sa halalan. Hindi lamang yan may karapatan na mag-alis ng isang pinuno o kawani na isinugo nito o pagpapataw ng anumang iba pang aksiyong disiplinaryo dahil sa paglabag sa batas.

Ngayong napapanahon na naman ang halalan o eleksyon, gamitin natin ang karapatan nating bumoto o pumili ng tama at karapat-dapat na pinuno o mamumuno sa ating lungsod, lalawigan at bayan

# Dan Fernandez and Gem Castillo Amante Launch Gubernatorial Bid with Promises of Healthcare Reforms

SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA – Congressman Dan Fernandez of Sta. Rosa and Gem Castillo Amante, wife of San Pablo City Mayor Vic Amante, have officially joined the race for Laguna's top provincial posts. Filing their Certificates of Candidacy (COC) on October 6, the pair announced their plans to bring significant changes to the province if elected, with a particular focus on healthcare and social services.

Fernandez, a first-term lawmaker under the National Unity Party (NUP), is campaigning for the governorship, while Amante is running for vice governor. Both have established reputations in Laguna, especially for their efforts in healthcare. Fernandez, who has built over 10 health centers in Santa Rosa City, aims to extend his healthcare initiatives across the province, prioritizing reforms that will support healthcare workers and improve medical facilities.

Gem Castillo Amante, known for her community work in San Pablo City, has partnered with her husband, Mayor Vic Amante, in leading various welfare projects, particularly aimed at underprivileged families. Her candidacy for vice governor brings her local governance experience to the forefront, as she seeks

to broaden her impact by focusing on health and social services across Laguna.

The Dan-Gem ticket enters an increasingly competitive race for Laguna's top positions. Fernandez and Amante are up against several high-profile contenders, including former 3rd District Representative Sol Aragoes of the Akay National Political Party, incumbent 2nd District Representative Ruth Hernandez of Lakas-CMD, and Vice Governor Karen Agapay of the Partido Federal ng Pilipinas (PFP). Each of these candidates has their own strong support base, making this gubernatorial race one of the most closely watched in Laguna.

Despite the tough competition, Fernandez and Amante are expected to draw significant backing from their respective constituencies. Fernandez's legislative achievements and Amante's extensive community engagement have built them a solid reputation among voters, particularly in their focus on healthcare and welfare for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

As the campaign season progresses, the Dan-Gem team is poised to focus on their message of healthcare reform and public service. With their track record in improving

health facilities and assisting underserved communities, their platform resonates with a province seeking responsive leadership.

With Laguna's

## PBBM pinuri ng AGAP Party-list sa Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act

Ikinagalak ni Agri-cultural Sector Alliance of the Philippines (AGAP) Partylist Congressman Nic-anor 'Nikki' Briones ang paglagda ni Pangulong Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos, Jr. sa Republic Act 12022, o ang Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act.

Pinasalamatan ni Briones ang pangulo sabay sabi na isa lamang ito sa marami pang habbang ng Marcos administration upang maseguro ang seguridad sa pagkain ng mga Pilipino at masupportahan ang sektor ng agrikultura.

Ayon sa kongre-sista mula sa AGAP Party-list, nilalayon ng batas na puksain ang mga krimen at anumang uri ng pananamantala na siyang makakaapekto sa mga magsasaka gayundin sa buong industriya ng agrikultura.

Ipinaliwanag din

future leadership at stake, the four-way contest will not only determine the province's political direction but also influence the trajectory of its healthcare, social services, and overall governance in the years to come. (Edjun Mariposque)

ni Briones na ang mga itinuturing na economic sabotage ay ang smuggling, hoarding, profiteering at cartel sa mga produktong agrikultural pati na ang pagpapakalat ng mga maling impormasyon tungkol sa lokal na produkto.

Sinabi pa niya na ang sinumang lalabag sa batas na ito ay posibleng maharap sa pagkakakulong o multa ng higit pa sa halaga ng produktong ginamit sa krimen.

Sa ilalim ng batas na iniakda at inisponsor ng AGAP Party-list representative, nakatakdang bumuo ng Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Council na siyang pangungunahan mismo ng pangulo katuwang ang mga kalihim ng agriculture, finance, transportation, trade and industry, interior and local government, justice at iba pang opisyal ng

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cause of complaints. However, she clarified that her intention is not to terminate any employees, but rather to provide proper guidance to enhance patient care.

In addition to healthcare, Aragoes has also expressed her commitment to offering scholarships to students in Laguna, regardless of their grades. She believes that education is a funda-

mental right and wants to ensure that no child is deprived of it, regardless of academic performance.

The tandem of Aragoes and Perez is expected to raise the stakes in Laguna's political arena, especially as they present new platforms to the voters. As the 2025 elections draw near, the public eagerly awaits the outcome of their campaign efforts. (EDJUN MARIPOSQUE)

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# CALAMBA CITY CELEBRATES 20-YEAR MILESTONE WITH GROUNDBREAKING OF AYALA GREENFIELD INTERCHANGE

In a long-awaited development, the Ayala Greenfield Interchange is set to become a reality in Calamba City after 20 years of anticipation. The project, spearheaded by the local government under Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal, is a collaboration between the Calamba City LGU, San Miguel Corporation (SMC), and Ayala Greenfield Development Corporation.

During the groundbreaking ceremony at the Ayala Greenfield Estates' Spine Road, SMC Chief Operating Officer Ramon Ag highlighted the two-decade journey leading up to this momentous event. The Calamba LGU, led by Mayor Rizal, successfully acquired the necessary land for the project's route, paving the way for its implementation.

In his speech, Mayor Rizal emphasized the significance of the interchange, stating, "This project is not just about addressing the volume of vehicles and visitors to our city; it opens up numerous opportunities for our residents. It symbolizes a vibrant and bright future for the people of Calamba."



The Ayala Greenfield Interchange is envisioned to improve traffic flow and connectivity while promoting economic growth by making the city more business-friendly.

Mayor Rizal also reaffirmed his administration's commitment to embracing positive change for the benefit of every Calambefio. As the city moves

forward with this landmark project, the mayor concluded with a call for unity, saying, "In our CalambaBAGO, we continue to embrace change for the betterment of every



Calambefio. Together, we shall rise and prosper in our dynamic city of Calamba." The interchange marks a significant step towards realizing Calam-

ba City's vision of progress and development, enhancing both infrastructure and the quality of life for its residents. (EDJUN MARIPOSQUE)(NELSON DIMAPILIS)

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town hall, she said, adding that police personnel who rushed to the scene were also fired upon. Fortunately, no one was reported hurt on the side of the police.

"Hindi pa ito considered ERIs (election-related incidents) kasi wala pa tayo sa (because we are not yet in the) election period. The directive of our Chief PNP, Gen. Marbil, is to intensify police presence and border controls, as well as the conduct of strategic checkpoints, particularly those in areas where there are potential ERIs to prevent a repeat of these incidents, as well as possible violence," Fajardo said.

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Army troops reminded: Stay non-partisan The Philippine Army (PA) on Wednesday reminded all its personnel to remain non-partisan in the coming 2025 midterm elections.

"We also remind all our personnel to remain non-partisan in strict adherence to our constitutional mandate," PA spokesperson Col. Louie Dema-ala said in a statement.

He added that the PA would maintain the highest standards of professionalism, discipline, and integrity as it looks forward to safe, orderly, and peaceful elections.

## GESI sa pang-agrikulturang aktibidad, isinusulong ng DA-4A, RAFC



Ininusulong ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) at Regional Agriculture and Fishery Council (RAFC) ang pagkakaroon ng Gender Equality at Social inclusion (GESI) sa mga aktibidad at programa ng kagawaran sa isinagawang sectoral meeting noong ika-30 ng Agosto sa Lipa City, Batangas.

Ang RAFC ay ang pamunuan ng mga kinatawan sa pribadong sektor ng agrikultura sa rehiyon na katuwang ng DA-4A sa pagpapaunlad ng industriya ng pagsasaka.

Ibinahagi sa mga miyembro ng kumite ang kahalagahan ng pagkapatay-pantay sa oportunidad ng mamamayan

o magsasaka sa kabila ng kasarian, edad, rehiyon, kultura, kapansanan o estado sa pamumuhay na maari nilang gamitin sa pagbuo ng mga resolusiyong makakatulong sa pagpapalakas ng industriya. Ayon kay G. Eugene Puentes, tagapagsalita sa naturang pagpupu-



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LLDA Department Manager III for Management Services Department Catherine Buena extended the agency's gratitude to PIA CALABARZON for its initiative to conduct a barangay forum which gave them the opportunity to communicate with Calamba-based fisherfolks their programs and services for the sector. (Anna Mole/PIA-4A)

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) -- The Philippine Information Agency (PIA) IV-A has formally launched its grassroots communications program, which aims to communicate the various programs and services of the government directly to the barangays and members of different sectors and organizations.

Entitled 'Bagong Calabarzon Barangay Forum', it is in line with the Bagong Pilipinas campaign of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., which serves as the national government's branding and communications strategy.

During the inaugural program held in Barangay Palingon, Calamba City, Laguna on February 29, PIA Calabarzon Deputy Regional Head Fredmoore Cavan said that the forum intends to get the suggestions, views, and attitudes of different sectors towards the national government, which the PIA conveys to appropriate government agencies.

"Bagong Calabarzon Barangay Forum aims to inform and explain the programs, projects and also the services of the national and local governments as we take the path towards the Bagong Pilipinas" Cavan said in his message.

The Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) served as the first special guest of the forum, wherein they presented

the agency's projects and initiatives aimed at the development of fisherfolk communities around Laguna de Bay and the conservation efforts being done for the largest freshwater lake in the country.

Fisherfolks from 10 lakeshore barangays in Calamba City were also invited to witness the program and inquire about LLDA's services for their sector.

Catherine Buena, LLDA's Department Manager III for Management Services Department extended the agency's gratitude to PIA CALABARZON for its initiative to conduct a barangay forum.

"This PIA project is really good for LLDA to share our programs and projects. This is our chance to inform the public about the numerous projects we are working on that our barangay colleagues under Laguna Lake Development Authority are currently unaware of," she said.

Among the recent programs mentioned by the LLDA is the 100-hectare floating solar farm to be installed in Barangay Looc in Calamba City which will provide energy to surrounding communities as the country faces pressure to transition away from fossil fuels, after they have concluded that it will have little to no significant effect on the lake.

Barangay Ling-



Fisherfolks who attended the forum expressed appreciation to the program for giving them a direct platform to engage with decision-makers and share their perspectives on important issues affecting their sector, fostering meaningful dialogue and driving positive change at the local level. (Anna Mole/PIA-4A)

ga Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Council (FARMC) Chairman Nexter Talatala expressed appreciation for the initiative, which enabled them to engage with decision-makers and share their perspectives on important issues affecting their livelihood, fostering meaningful dialogue and driving positive change at the local level.

Talatala also pledged his support to the initiatives of the national and local government for the fishing industry.

"To the Philippine Information Agency, thank you for your support and care for the fishermen. Thank you for your continuous support to us. On behalf of FARMC, we thank you and will continue to support all the programs that LLDA will carry out" he said.

The city government of Calamba, through the office of the City Mayor and City Agricultural Services Department, and the office of Calamba City Lone District Represent-

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concerned agencies.

Binigyang-diin ng mambabatas na magkakaroon ng special team of prosecutors sa buong bansa para mapabilis ang resolusyon ng mga kasong may kaugnayan sa agricultural sabotage.

Dagdag pa niya na hindi lang puntirya ng nasabing batas ang mga mastermind kung hindi lahat ng kasabwat, kabilang ang mga broker, empleyado ng gobyerno may ari ng warehouse, cold storage at truckers ay mananagot at kakasuhan din.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

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MULING PINULONG KO ANG CITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL



Pinangunahan natin ang City Development Council meeting upang masiguro na ang mga plano at programang pangkaunlaran ng Calamba ay nasa tamang landas. Kasama ang ating mga department heads, ang mga punong barangay, at ang ating mga Non-Government Organization, pinag-usapan namin ang Annual Investment Plan, Gender and Development Plan, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan, at mga inisyati-

ba para sa kaligtasan at kapakanan ng ating mga kabataan, senior citizens, at persons with disabilities.

Bilang Mayor, patuloy kong sisiguraduhin na ang bawat hakbang ay nagdadala ng tunay na pagbabago at progreso sa ating mahal na lungsod. Sa ilalim ng Ramdam na Reporma, sama-sama nating itutulak ang mas matatag, mas ligtas, at mas maunlad na Calamba para sa bawat Calambeño!

(Nelson Dimapilis COG)



HUDYAT NA NAMAN NG MAHUSAY NA PAGPILI

Nagsimula Oktubre 1 ang pagsusumite ng mga kandidatong may puntirya sa posisyong lokal, probinsyal at mambabatas ng bansa.

Hindi pa man sumasapit ang buwan ng Oktubre marami na ang pumupustura. May mga nag-iikot sa iba't ibang barangay, bayan, probinsya para magpakilala, meron din namang mga dumadalo sa mga pagtitipon para dumulog ng suporta, gayundin ang mga namumuhunan sa paraan ng pera at ayuda.

Hindi rin naman nagpapaiwan ang mga trapong diskarte ay paninira sa kapwa kandidato, ang mga politikong magaling lang mangako at iyong pupuntahan ka lang dahil kailangan ang boto.

Lahat 'yan hindi na bago sa publikong kadalasan ginogoyo at kalaunan nakalilimutan 'pag nakaupo na sa pwesto.

Sa nalalapit na halalan, sana naman meron na tayong natutunan at gising sa katotohanan. Marami sa mga kandidato'y nagbabait-baitan. Meron din namang akala mo'y henyo sa pagpapalakad ng pamahalaan.

Ang hindi alam ng taong bayan ay mas masaklap, mas mataas ang antas ng siraan sa lokal na halalan, palibhasa magkakalugar at magkakakilala. May mga pagkakataong pami-pamilya nagkakagalit dahil hindi magkatugma kanilang kursunadang kandidato.

Pagkaminsan ay hindi nawawala ang walang saysay na karahasan sa malalayong lalawigan.

Sa ganitong pangyayari kung Comelec lang ang aasahan, malabong mangyari 'yan. Pero kung kalakip ang ating wastong kamalayan, lahat ng 'yan maiwasan. Dapat marahil ipaalala sa sam-bayanan, higit na malakas ang tinig ng nagkakaisang mamamayan. Iwaksi ang kaisipang wala kang magagawa dahil isa lang ang boto mo.

Dapat ay may kaalaman ang tao sa paano nga ba ang tamang pagkilatis ng mga kandidato?

Hindi lang puro porma. Ang mahalagang may plataporma. Kung walang plano, wala pang plataporma de gobyerno, bakit mo iboboto?

Dapat batid mo ang kanilang tunay na pagkatao. Malaking bentahe ang mayroon nang nagawa, walang kwenta kung puro dada at patutsada.

Dapat din ay subok ang kakayahan. Hindi sapat ang maingay lang. Dapat may paninindigan. Hindi pamantayan ng pagboto ang kasikatan. Dapat 'yung 'busilak ang kalooban. Hindi angkop ang puro ayuda. Dapat kabuhayan edukasyon ang pangunahing programa.

CONGRESSWOMAN RUTH HERNANDEZ TO CONTINUE 'SERBISYONG TAMA' LEGACY AS SHE FILES FOR LAGUNA GOVERNORSHIP, GOV. RAMIL HERNANDEZ SEEKS CONGRESSIONAL SEAT

In a political development for Laguna, Congresswoman Ruth Mariano Hernandez has filed her candidacy for governor, vowing to uphold and continue the "Serbisyong Tama" legacy of her husband, outgoing Governor Ramil Hernandez. This comes as Governor Hernandez, concluding his third and final term, announced his bid to represent the second district of Laguna in Congress.

Congresswoman Ruth Hernandez expressed her dedication to maintaining the high standards of governance initiated by her husband.

"Ipagpapatuloy ko ang serbisyong tama na sinimulan ni Governor Ramil. Ang serbisyong ito ay hindi lamang para sa kasalukuyan, kundi para



sa kinabukasan ng bawat Lagunense," she affirmed, committing to carry on their joint mission of improving the lives of the people of Laguna.

Gov. Ramil Hernandez, in his own statement, expressed gratitude to the people of Laguna for their continuous support over his nine years in office. While preparing for his run as Congressman,

he assured the public that his dedication to service remains steadfast. "Bagamat ito ay hudyat na ng pulitika, patuloy pa rin ang aming pagtatrabaho ng may buong sipag at malasakit," he said.

Both Ruth and Ramil Hernandez emphasized that their "Serbisyong Tama" brand of governance—centered on integrity, transparency,

and public welfare—will continue to guide their leadership. As Laguna enters a new chapter, the couple remains committed to furthering the progress and development of the province.

The political transition within the Hernandez family signals a unified effort to sustain the programs that have benefited the province and ensure Laguna's bright future. (Edjun Mariposque)

New DILG chief to shut down POGOs 'one by one'



MANILA – Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jonvic Remulla on Wednesday vowed to shut down all Philippine Offshore Gaming Operator (POGO) hubs in the country.

"As far as I am concerned, I will get all the list of POGOs and I will personally lock them down, one by one, personally, lahat sila (all of them)," Remulla said after assuming his new post as DILG chief in turnover rites in Quezon City.

He said he has already talked to the officials of the POGO hub operating in Island Cove

in Kawit, Cavite, a resort property previously owned by his family.

"They will close down Dec. 15 for good," he added.

Remulla, meanwhile, said all officials of the DILG would remain in their posts for now.

"The instructions of President (Ferdinand R.) Marcos (Jr.) are very clear. One is the recommended structural reforms for the various agencies under the DILG. Next is the increased responsiveness of the local governments (and) last is the safety and security of the candidates and the public for the 2025 elections," he

said. Remulla said he wants to ensure "zero casualty" for next year's midterm elections.

The former Cavite governor recalled some measures he implemented to ensure peace and order in past elections in Cavite.

"What I did was each and every candidate for mayor (was) always accompanied by (a) mobile patrol vehicle," he said, clarifying that the police officers did not serve as bodyguards of these candidates.

"Maybe we can do (the) same but I don't know if mobility is possible. But we will enlist the help of all agencies of government to make the elections as peaceful as possible."

At least 16 people died during the entire election period in the 2022 elections.

Remulla, meanwhile, said they are looking at areas in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in

Muslim Mindanao, Cagayan, Nueva Ecija, and Palawan as hotspots for next year's midterm polls.

"Those are premature, just off-the-cuff assessments. We will get into a definite list in the next few weeks because filing (of certificates of candidacy or COCs) ended just yesterday (Tuesday). We will give a definite list afterwards," he said.

In a separate press briefing held in Camp Crame, Philippine National Police (PNP) spokesperson Brig. Gen. Jean Fajardo said the filing of COCs was generally peaceful, except for a shooting incident in Shariff Aguak town in Maguindanao del Sur on Tuesday.

The incident, between supporters of mayoral candidates, led to the death of one person and wounding of five others, Fajardo said.

The PNP is conducting a thorough investigation of the incident, which occurred near the

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# Atty. Leif Opiña Files Candidacy for Cabuyao Mayor, Vows to Revitalize City Services



Cabuyao, Laguna – On October 8, 2024, the final day for filing Certificates of Candidacy (COC), Atty. Leif Opiña officially submitted his bid to run for mayor of Cabuyao. The filing was marked by a mass held at San Bartolome Church in Barangay Marinig, attended by close friends, family, and

members of the Opiña-Gecolea team. In his emotional speech, Atty. Opiña reflected on the struggles he endured as vice mayor under the current administration. He recounted facing budget cuts and a lack of recognition from council members, but said these experiences strengthened his resolve to push for genuine change in the city. Atty. Opiña pledged to restore vibrancy to Cabuyao, starting with the reopening of the CI Tech educational institution. He also vowed to eliminate tuition fees for students attending Pamantasan ng Cabuyao, aiming to make higher education more accessible to the city's youth. Another key promise from Opiña is the expansion of the city's scholarship program. He emphasized the need to



increase opportunities for deserving students, ensuring that more young Cabuyeños have access to quality education and a brighter future. Healthcare is another cornerstone of Opiña's platform. He highlighted his plan to reopen the long-delayed Cabuyao Hospital and ensure that local pharmacies are well-stocked with essential medicines for the sick and elderly. Additionally, he expressed his intent to resume the operations of the city's unfinished dialysis center, which would provide vital care to residents suffering from kidney-related illnesses. This, he said, would be a significant step towards improving the city's health services. Former Mayor Atty. Rommel Gecolea, who is running for vice mayor alongside Opiña, voiced his strong support. Gecolea shared his commitment to continuing his legacy of service, focusing on two principles: "compassion" for the needy and "conscience" in fulfilling the city's obligations to its people. (Edjun Mariposque)(Nelson Dimapilis)

# Mayor Roseller "ROSS" Rizal Files COC for 2025 Calamba City Mayoral Election



Calamba City, Laguna – In a resounding display of leadership and dedication, Mayor Roseller "Ross" Rizal has officially filed his Certificate of Candidacy (COC) for the upcoming 2025 mayoral elections in Calamba City. Standing on the foundation of his three-year term, Mayor Ross reflected on the strides made by his administration and the unwavering support of Calambefios in driving progress and change. "Three years have passed since we

heard the collective cry of every Calambefio—together, we changed the course of our city," said Mayor Ross. "What seemed impossible, we made possible through unity and determination." Under his leadership, Mayor Ross emphasized his commitment to a governance that prioritizes the people above any vested interests. He proudly noted how Calamba's citizens turned away from the old system and embraced the hope of a brighter tomorrow. He urged everyone to take inspiration from the past, not to return to its darkest moments, but to be reminded of the strength and capability of the city. "As we move towards 2025, we carry with us the lessons and victories of the past. Together with Vice Mayor Totie, Congresswoman Cha, and the entire Calambago team, we will continue the progress we have started—real progress, a change that everyone feels," Mayor Ross declared.

# PAPA P FILES CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY.



Pormal nang nagpasa ng Certificate of Candidacy si Papa P para sa kanyang laban sa Konseho sa 2025 Elections. Kasama siya sa Ticket ng Team Calambago sa pangunguna ni Dugong Bayani - Mayor Ross Rizal, Cong. CHA Hernandez, at Vice Mayor Angelito "Totie" Lazaro Jr. "Ang laban ko, ay laban niyo rin. At ang panalo ko, ay panalo ng buong Calambefio" (Nelson Dimapilis)



# Vice Governor Atty. Karen Agapay Announces Gubernatorial Candidacy Amid Rainy Celebration

Laguna, Philippines – October 7, 2024 — Vice Governor Karen Agapay officially filed her Certificate of Candidacy (COC) for the 2025 gubernatorial race, seeking to become the governor in Laguna. Agapay, who completed three consecutive terms as Vice Governor—the first to do so in Laguna's history—made the announcement during a modest yet joyful gathering despite the rainy weather.

Running under the Partido Federal ng Pilipinas (PFP), Agapay is partnering with Lorenzo "Boy" Zuñiga Jr. as her candidate for Vice Governor. The tandem is gearing up for the upcoming 2025 elections with a platform focused on sustainable development, public welfare, and inclusive governance.

"Maraming salamat po sa lahat ng nakibahagi sa aming simple ngunit masaya, bagamat umuulan, na Filing ng Certificate of Candidacy for Governor at Lorenzo Boy Zuñiga Jr. bilang Vice Governor. Eto na po ang simula ng bagong chapter ng ating buhay. May the good Lord, guide us all," Agapay shared on social media, expressing gratitude for the support and enthusiasm of her followers. The province,



Known as the Abogada ng Masa and KaAgapay ng Laguna, Agapay has built a reputation for her public service, particularly her advocacy for the marginalized and her dedication to improving local governance. She aims to bring her experience and passion into the governorship, pledging to continue working towards the welfare and progress of Laguna residents. With her slogan "KaAgapay sa Tagumpay," Agapay's gubernatorial run signals a fresh chapter not only for her political career but also for the province of Laguna as it faces crucial decisions in the upcoming 2025 elections.



Ang mga Kasundaluhan ng 81st Infantry Battalion "Charlie Company" ay sumailalim sa isinagawang Sustain Warfighting Enhancement and Evaluation Program o SWEEP na isinagawa sa himplilan ng 81IB sa Brgy. F. Simeon, Ragay, Camarines Sur mula ika-25 ng

# GAGAWIN NG MAY PAGMAMAHAL NA NAGMUMULA SA PUSO, MAYOR ERIC SULIBIT

Itong ilan sa binitiwang mensahe ni Hon. Ericson Sulibit ng liliw Laguna. Matapos magsumute ito ng kanyang Certificate of Candidacy bilang Alkalde sa tangapan ng Commission on Election sa kanilang bayan.

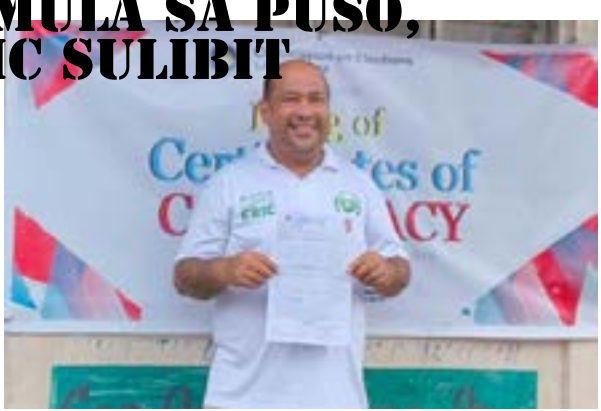
Ayon Kay Sulibit hindi siya bulag upang hindi makita ang maganda at hindi magandang nangyayari sa bayan. At lalong hindi siya bingi upang hindi maring ang hinaing at iyak ng kanyang mga kababayan.

Kaya sa pagkatakatan ito ang commitment ni Sulibit ay hindi lamang sa isang pulitiko. Bagkus ang kanyang commitment ay para sa kanyang kababayan. Na nagnanais ibalik ang sigla, saya at tunay na pagmamahal na may kasamang pagkalinga na tunay na mararamdaman ng mga liliweño

Dagdag pa ni Sulibit wala sa kanyang

long considered a political and economic hub in Southern Luzon, awaits with anticipation as Agapay looks to make history once again—this time, as Governor. (Edjun Mariposque)

napga-atras o pumigil na tumakbong bilang Mayor. Mayroon lamang sa kanilang namangungulan ng mga liliweño. Dagdag pa ni Sulibit wala sa kanyang



nito na ang kanyang hangarin ay para lamang sa kanyang bayan. Kasama niyang manunungkulan si Grajon Obico bilang ikalawang Punumbayan. (Kevin Pamatmat)

# 81 IB, sumailalim sa SWEEP Training



June hanggang ika-7 ng October taong 2024. Sa isinagawang training, sinanay ang mga pinuno ng maliliit na yunit sa pagbibigay ng mabisang kautosan at control sa kanilang grupo. Gayundin, sinanay ang lakas ng pangangatawan, talas at tatag ng isipan ng bawat isa para sa epektibong pagsasagawa ng kanilang misyon. Sa huling parte ng pagsasanay, sumailalim ang lahat ng kalahok sa evaluation o pagsusuri ng kanilang

mga natutunan na isinagawa ng mga kasundaluhan mula sa 2nd Infantry Division katuwang ang 201st Infantry Brigade. A 9-man team led by SSg Ryan Kee Llamasares earned the prestigious "Top Gun" title during the Marksmanship Trainers and Evaluators Training held from August 5-22 at the Training Command in Camp O'Donnell, Capas, Tarlac. Meanwhile, another 9-man 2ID team led by 2nd Lt. Rhyll Romerosa secured 2nd place in the

