Enchanted Kingdom marks enchanting June with its Pride Month and Father's Day celebration

P-pop girl group were also there to cap off the more than two-month run of its seasonal musical show, SMS Summer Blast, with a high-energy finale.

Meanwhile, the all-male vocal group, Kingsmen, also honored all dads through their weekend show at the Bandstand.

Other exciting

Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, celebrated inclusivity, togetherness, and strong family ties among Filipinos through its back-to-back Pride Month and Father's Day festivities last June.

Concluding this quarter's Forever Enchanted Summer campaign on a high note, EK brought to life a series of seasonal activities and popup experiences that created even more quality bonding moments for families and communities throughout the month.

The festivities kicked off with Magic of EKquality: A Celebration of Pride Talents, which showcased world-class Filipino talent through performances by exceptional members of the LGBTQIA+ community last June 7, 13 and 14 at the Bandstand.

Among the featured acts were Magic of EKquality Talent Competition 2024 grand winner Alquin Gutierrez, World World Supremacy BattleGrounds International 2023 finalist Vivacious, OPM indie-pop singer-songwriter Rhodessa, and Asia's Trans Dual Diva Sephy Francisco.

The theme park also paid a heartfelt tribute to all devoted dads who bring magic into every home with the return of its Forever Enchanted Father's Day specials on the third and fourth weekends of June.

Beloved EK Storyverse paternal figures, Faerie King and Balasik, offered exclusive treats for fathers, such as body care and relaxation services situated at Eldar's Theater.

While the fathers enjoyed the pampering sessions, they were serenaded by special performances from rising Viva Records artists Dana Pauline and Jehramae.

EK's very own Father's Day activities were rolled out around the Park, including the Fun Kart's Rev Up Speed Showdown, High Striker's Dad's Ultimate Strike, and a car display and test drive experience.

The magic continues this July as EK announces the return of its regular operating hours from 11AM to 8PM every Friday to Sunday until August 30. Starting September 1, the Park will be open Thursdays to Sundays, also from 11AM to 8PM.

Guests can secure passes for their next EK visit as early as today and enjoy a refreshing experience with Sip the Magic! Promo, in collaboration with Coca-Cola. Bundle includes one Regular Day Pass and a free magical drink featuring the newest drinks from Coca-cola, all for Php 1,400.

This offer is available for walk-in purchase and through the EK Online Store until August 9 only.

For more information and updates on this and EK's other events and offerings, visit https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and TikTok, and @ek_philippines for Instagram. PR

CARD Bank holds 1st konekTAYO 2026 in Samal, Davao del Norte

CARD Bank clients took part in the konekTAYO event in Samal, along with the konek2CARD brand ambassador, Mr. JC Santos.

On April 18, 2026, the first konekTAYO 2026, attended by 462 CARD Bank clients, was held at the New Kaputian Gymnasium, Purok Tower, Poblacion Kaputian, Samal, Davao del Norte.

konekTAYO is an initiative of CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI) designed to assist CARD clients who are not yet registered to the konek2CARD app, as well as those clients who have inactive accounts. During the event, CARD MRI staff provide assistance to help clients access and navigate the konek2CARD mobile

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Narekober ng QCPD ang Nawawalang Pampasaherong Bus sa Follow-up Operation

Cayetano: Ilayo ang kabataang Pilipino sa krimen, huwag silang ituring na 'hardened criminals'

Cavite ramps up health services with Php 500-M hospital upgrade

Cavite strengthens LGU planning capacity through AIP training workshop

ARANGKADA PROGRAM IN MUNICIPLAITY OF SILANG

In another series of Arangkada Program today, Governor Abeng Remulla brings hope and much-needed financial subsidy to the transportation sector in the Municipality of Silang. Joining him in interacting with the constituents were Vice Governor Ram Revilla-Bautista, 5th District Representative Roy Loyola, and 5th District Board Members Ivee Jayne Reyes and Aidel Paul Belamide. As the Provincial Government of Cavite reaffirms its commitment to uplifting the welfare of Caviteño drivers, the local officials of Silang, headed by Mayor Gen. Ted Carranza, conveyed their utmost gratitude for extending the services to the Silangueños

BLESSING OF GOVERNMENT COMPLEX CONGRESSIONAL ENTRANCE & PROMENADE DES DASMARIÑAS WALKING AND JOGGING TRAIL

Held last July 7, 2026, the blessing and inauguration of the Government Complex Congressional Entrance and the Promenade Des Dasmariñas Walking and Jogging Trail marked the opening of these newly completed facilities. The ceremony was attended by Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga, Vice Mayor Third Barzaga, Sangguniang Panlungsod Members, City Department Heads and Barangay Officials. The blessing was led by Rev. Fr. Herald T. Arenal, followed by the ribbon-cutting and ceremonial walk. Inspired by the initiative of Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga and vision of the late Congressman Pidi Barzaga, the project transforms the river into a safe and accessible public space where Dasmarineños can walk, jog, exercise, and enjoy outdoor recreation.

PHILHEALTH CABG Z BENEFIT PACKAGE, MAS PINALAPIT SA MGA QUEZONIAN

SARIAYA, QUEZON – Opisyal na nilagdaan noong Hulyo 1, 2026, ng PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A (PRO IV-A) at ACE Medical Center Sariaya ang kontrata na magbibigay-daan upang maging isang contracted facility ang ospital para sa pagpapatupad ng PhilHealth Z Benefit Package para sa Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) sa lalawigan ng Quezon.

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SSS CAREravan Dasmariñas "Sa SSS, Sigurado Ang Bukas"

The Social Security System (SSS) of South Luzon 1 Division Caravan on Friday morning allowed members and potential members to transact without visiting a branch office, helping them save time and transportation costs while making public services more accessible.

The campaign held at the Kadiwa Avenue along Congressional Road, Dasmariñas City, Cavite the caravan along with Mrs. Heidelita Lat Paginag of Dateline Weekly Newspapers and Mr. Webster Ace Paginag of Press N' Picks News and other two police escorts from Dasmariñas PNP office brought essential SSS services closer to market vendors, self-employed individuals, workers in the informal sector, and walk-in clients. And representatives from the Social Security System (SSS) provide counseling, disseminate relevant information, extend technical assistance, and remind them of their obligations under the law.

Engr. Edwin Ig-

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EDITORYAL:
"BAWAT BALA, MAY PANGARAP NA NAWALA"

Ang mga batang nabaril sa Tacloban ay hindi lamang mga pangalan sa balita sila ay mga anak, kapatid at mga batang may pangarap. Nakakalungkot isipin na sa murang edad, naging biktima sila ng karahasang hindi nila dapat mararanasan.

Hindi dapat masanay ang lipunin sa ganitong mga trahedya, panahon na upang higit na palakasin ang seguridad, pananagutin ang mga may sala at tiyaking ligtas ang mga bawat komunidad para sa mga bata.

Ang bawat batang nawawala dahil sa karahasan ay paalala na may tungkulin tayong protektahan ang kanilang kinabukasan. Walang batang nawalan ng pagkakataong mabuhay at managarap.

Narekober...

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QUEZON CITY — Matagumpay na narekober ng Quezon City Police District (QCPD) ang isang pampasaherong bus na iniulat na hindi na ibinalik ng driver at konduktor nito matapos ang isinagawang follow-up operation sa Rodriguez, Rizal.

Sa ulat ng QCPD sa pamumuno ni PBGen. Randy Glenn Silvio, ang insidente ay nag-ugat sa umano'y paglabag sa tiwala ng driver na kinilalang si alias "David" ng Cainta, Rizal at ng konduktor na si alias "Argel" ng San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal, na kapwa nahaharap ngayon sa kasong paglabag sa Republic Act No. 10883 o ang New Anti-Carnapping Act of 2016.

Ayon sa imbestigasyon, nagtungo noong Hulyo 9 sa District Anti-Carnapping Unit (DACU) ang operator ng bus upang iulat na hindi naibalik sa kanya ang isang 2011 Daewoo BH115E na may plakang UVL-197, sa kabila ng paulit-ulit na panawagan sa mga responsable. Nabatid din ng operator na namataan umano ang naturang sasakyan sa Rodriguez, Rizal kaya agad siyang humingi ng tulong sa pulisya para sa agarang pagbawi nito.

Agad namang nagsagawa ng follow-up operation ang mga operatiba ng DACU sa pangunguna ni PLTCOL Hector Ortencio sa Barangay San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal. Sa kanilang paghahanap, natagpuan ang naturang bus na nakaparada at walang nagbabantay sa loob ng isang dumpsite.

Batay sa salaysay ng isang testigo, isang hindi nakikilalang lalaki ang nagparada ng bus sa lugar noong Hunyo 2026 at hindi na muling bumalik. Kalaunan ay positibong kinilala ng operator ang sasakyan bilang siya ring iniulat na nawawala.

Nagsampa na ng kasong paglabag sa New Anti-Carnapping Act of 2016 ang mga awtoridad laban sa dalawang suspek sa Quezon City Prosecutor's Office. Samantala, nananatili sa kustodiya ng District Anti-Carnapping Unit ang narekober na bus habang isinasagawa ang beripikasyon sa Land Transportation Office (LTO) at hinihintay ang pagsumite ng kaukulang dokumento ng rehistradong may-ari.

Binigyang-diin ni PBGen. Silvio na ang mabilis na pagtugon at masusing follow-up operation ng mga operatiba ang naging susi sa matagumpay na pagbawi ng sasakyan. Aniya, magpapatuloy ang pinaigting na kampanya ng QCPD laban sa mga krimeng may kaugnayan sa mga sasakyan at tiniyak na mananagot ang sinumang lalabag sa batas.

Hinimok din niya ang publiko na agad iulat sa pinakamalapit na himpilan ng pulisya o sa E911/QC Helpline 122 ang anumang kahina-hinalang insidente upang agad itong maaksyunan ng mga awtoridad.

(Pau Dela Cruz)

Cavite strengthens...

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Reinforcing its commitment to responsive governance and strategic local development, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (OPPDC), successfully conducted the Training-Workshop on the Formulation of the Annual Investment Program (AIP) for the Local Planning and Development Offices in the Province of Cavite on July 1–2, 2026, at the 2nd Floor Function Hall of the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

The two-day capacity-building activity gathered representatives from the Local Planning and Development Offices of the province's cities and municipalities, along with selected personnel from the OPPDC. The workshop aimed to strengthen the technical knowledge and skills of local planners in preparing responsive, compliant, and results-oriented Annual Investment Programs (AIPs) that effectively translate development priorities into implementable programs, projects, and activities (PPAs).

Provincial Administrator Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia graced the activity and delivered an inspirational message, emphasizing the Provincial Government's continued commitment to strengthening the capabilities of local government personnel through capacity development initiatives. He underscored the vital role of sound planning and investment programming in ensuring efficient public service delivery and sustainable development across the province.

Meanwhile, Engr. EnP Lorna R. Leyran, Head of the OPPDC, presented an overview of the training-workshop, highlighting the significance of the Annual Investment Program as the operational link between planning and budgeting. She emphasized that a well-formulated AIP ensures that priority interventions identified in the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) and the Local Development Investment Program (LDIP) are effectively translated into fundable and implementable projects that address the evolving needs of Caviteños.

The training featured technical discussions on key components of local investment programming by OPPDC staff. Engr. Gretzel Bea Ganaba discussed the National Mandated Appropriations on Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (LDRRM), providing participants with guidance on complying with statutory requirements for disaster preparedness and resilience. Engr. Alisxander Joshua P. Babaan tackled the integration of Peace and Order and Public Safety initiatives into local investment programming, emphasizing their importance in fostering safe, secure, and resilient communities.

Engr. Florelet Dimapilis, on the other hand, discussed the utilization of the 20% Development Fund, highlighting the policies and guidelines that ensure strategic allocation of resources for priority development programs and projects.

Adopting a participatory and output-based approach, the workshop combined lectures, technical presentations, hands-on exercises, open forums, and critiquing sessions. By the end of the activity, participants successfully developed initial AIP outputs, including prioritized lists of PPAs and partially accomplished AIP forms, which will serve as key references in the finalization of their respective local government units' Annual Investment Programs.

Concluding the two-day workshop, Engr. Leyran encouraged the participants to apply the knowledge and skills they acquired in crafting strategic and responsive Annual Investment Programs that are aligned with national policies and responsive to the development priorities of their respective local government units.

As Cavite continues to experience rapid urbanization, industrial growth, and increasing demand for public services, the Provincial Government remains steadfast in investing in capacity development initiatives that enhance institutional effectiveness and improve public service delivery. — OPIO

CARD BANK...

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banking app.

Through this initiative, CARD MRI aims to strengthen digital financial inclusion by encouraging more clients to use the app. The program also intends to empower communities with more convenient, faster, and more secure payment transactions while continuing to enhance the overall digital banking experience.

"By visiting communities, our goal remains to bring them along with us in this journey toward digital innovation. Beyond providing services, we take time to listen and understand their evolving needs while walking alongside them, offering support in every step of their journey," CARD Bank President Ms. Marivic Austria stated.

The first konekTAYO was held in Davao City on November 14, 2025, with 350 clients from CARD Bank, followed by a second event in Pangasinan attended by 511 clients from CARD SME Bank.

The event has a registration booth for those who are not yet registered in the konek2CARD app and a reactivation booth to help inactive users regain access to their accounts.

As of March 31, 2026, the konek2CARD app has reached over 3 million registered users. CARD MRI aims to increase this number further in the coming months while continuing to enhance its features to ensure a faster, more efficient experience in the app. PR

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DTI's KALAKAL trade fair generates P8.4M in MSME sales

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Region IV-A generated significant market opportunities for local micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) at the recent 13th KALAKAL CALABARZON Regional Trade Fair. The five-day event recorded P8,456,449.60 million in sales, surpassing its original P5 million target and helping local businesses expand their market reach.

The trade fair featured 51 DTI-assisted MSMEs from the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon. The event provided these entrepreneurs with a direct platform to connect with bulk buyers, boost retail sales, and introduce locally made products to a wider market.

DTI Regional Operations Group Supervising Head Undersecretary Blesila Lantayona emphasized the important role these trade fairs play in helping entrepreneurs scale up.

She commended the DTI-CALABARZON team for continuously creating avenues that allow small businesses to showcase their products, strengthen their brand identities, and increase market competitiveness.

"At the DTI, our goal is to help our entrepreneurs transition from micro to small, from small to medium, and from medium to large enterprises, and ultimately becoming globally competitive businesses and exporters," Undersecretary Lantayona said.

Beyond immediate sales, organizers noted that KALAKAL serves as an incubator for long-term business growth, prompting entrepreneurs to improve product quality and gain vital market exposure.

Marilyn Del Rosario of Daine, a women-led cacao enterprise under the Association of Daine Lady Farmers in Indang, Cavite, shared that DTI's training, packaging assistance, and event placement made their locally produced tablea more recognizable in the market, enabling them to scale up production.

Similarly, Valerieza Orio, owner of Nana's Craft in Angono, Rizal, credited the agency;s mentoring initiatives with transforming her crochet hobby into a viable business.

As a graduate of the Kapatid Mentor ME (KMME) Program and currently a mentee under the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Program, Orio said DTI's continued business coaching has opened doors for her to showcase her work at both regional and national trade fairs.

DTI Regional Director Marissa C. Argente lauded the exhibitors for their resilience, innovation, and commitment to excellence, calling the trade fair a gateway to larger consumer markets.

"The success of KALAKAL CALABARZON 2026 reflects the strength and competitiveness of our MSMEs," Argante said. "Surpassing our sales target demonstrates a growing appreciation for locally made products and the increasing confidence of consumers and buyers in the quality of regional enterprises."

To recognize outstanding innovation and market performance, the trade fair concluded with the presentation of the Most Innovative Product and Top Seller Awards.

In the food category for innovation, Anitta Café (Batangas) secured first place, followed by R3B2P Ube Manufacturing (Rizal) and Café Cuatro PH Coffee Store (Laguna). In the non-food category, Olvin Scrapwood Furniture and Antique (Quezon) took top honors, with Wangis Laro at Kwento Corp. (Cavite) and Vin Vie Integrated Farm (Batangas) rounding out the top three.

For the Top Seller Awards, Mira's Food and Agriventure Inc. (Batangas) won first place in the food category, followed by Phil. Morinda Citrifolia Inc. (Laguna) and Sauce On Food House (Rizal). In the non-food category, Camar Creation Furniture Design Corporation (Quezon) claimed the top spot, followed by Souq Salamanca Artisan Arts and Crafts (Batangas) and Olvin Scrapwood Furniture and Antiques (Quezon).

Through ongoing initiatives like the KALAKAL trade fair, DTI continues to strengthen market access for MSMEs, helping local businesses grow and create jobs, and bring proudly Filipino craftsmanship to a wider audience both at home and abroad. PR

PHILHEALTH...

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Pinangunahan ang ceremonial signing nina PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A Acting Regional Vice President Dr. Edwin M. Oriña at Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO) Lucena City Head Jonathan R. Alim, kasama sina ACE Medical Center Sariaya President Dr. Fernando P. Carlos at Medical Director Dr. Belen T. Garana.

Ang Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) ay isang uri ng open-heart surgery na isinasagawa upang maibalik ang maayos na daloy ng dugo sa puso sa pamamagitan ng paggawa ng panibagong daanan ng dugo (bypass) kapag may matinding pagbabara o pagkipot sa isa o higit pang coronary arteries.

Sa ilalim ng PhilHealth Z Benefit Package, maaaring makatanggap ang mga kwalipikadong miyembro ng benepisyong nagkakahalaga ng ₱660,000 para sa standard risk cases at hanggang ₱960,000 para sa expanded risk cases. Saklaw nito ang gastusin sa operasyon, pagpapaospital, professional fees ng mga doktor, mga gamot, laboratoryo at iba pang kinakailangang pagsusuri, pati na rin ang cardiac rehabilitation pagkatapos ng operasyon.

Ang cardiovascular diseases o mga sakit sa puso ay nananatiling pangunahing sanhi ng pagkamatay sa Pilipinas. Dahil dito, mahalagang hakbang ang pagkakaroon ng PhilHealth CABG Z Benefit Package contracted facility sa Quezon Province upang mas mailapit ang mga serbisyong medikal na hindi na kinakailangang bumiyahe pa sa malalayong ospital ng mga kwalipikadong miyembro upang makatanggap ng specialized cardiac care. Patuloy ang PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A sa pagpapalawak ng access sa dekalidad, abot-kaya, at napapanahong serbisyong pangkalusugan, alinsunod sa layunin ng Universal Health Care. #JKTV

Pagsibol ng Bagong Ako opens Cavite Nutrition Month celebration at DATRC

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial health Officer officially launched its 2026 Nutrition Month celebration through the opening activity dubbed "Pagsibol ng Bagong Ako" held on July 2, at the Drug Abuse Treatment and Rehabilitation Center (DATRC) in Brgy. Osorio, Trece Martires City.

The activity attended by residents of the rehabilitation facility highlighted the vital role of proper nutrition, oral health, and environmental stewardship in rebuilding healthier lives and fostering holistic wellness.

Guided by this year's National Nutrition Month theme, "Nutrisyon at Kalikasan, Ating Pangalagaan!", and the overarching campaign, "Sa PPAN, Sama-Sama sa Nutrisyong Sapat Para sa Lahat," the activity highlighted the shared responsibility of protecting both human health and the environment as essential foundations of healthier and more resilient communities.

As part of the opening activity, participants attended informative lectures on nutrition and oral health designed to strengthen their understanding of healthy lifestyle practices that support their recovery and overall well-being. Free oral health services were also provided to help promote good dental hygiene as an essential component of total health.

To reinforce the month's environmental advocacy, the participants also received garden kits and planting materials. The symbolic activity reflected the message that, just as every seed can thrive with proper care and nourishment, every individual is capable of healing, growing, and embracing a fresh start through guidance, commitment, and hope.

The nutrition lectures were facilitated by Provincial Nutrition Action Officer (PNAO) Dessa May Alibangbang and District Nutrition Program Coordinators (DNPCs) Marydel Pili and Liberty De Guzman. Meanwhile, the oral health lecture was delivered by Dr. Cristina J. Lim of the Office of the Provincial Health Officer's Oral Health Cluster.

Through initiatives such as "Pagsibol ng Bagong Ako," the Provincial Government of Cavite continues to promote nutrition as a foundation for health while recognizing that recovery extends beyond physical healing. — OPIO

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Calamba Equips Nearly 1,500 Daycare Learners with Free School Supplies Ahead of New School Year

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — The City Government of Calamba has strengthened its commitment to early childhood education by distributing free school supplies, bags, uniforms, and umbrellas to 1,481 daycare learners across the city, ensuring they are prepared for this school year.

The assistance was first rolled out to children from 15 daycare centers in Barangay Canlubang, where young learners happily received their new educational essentials from the local government.

Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal emphasized that every item given carries a deeper purpose beyond its practical use.

"Bawat bag na kanilang pasan ay may kasamang pangarap. Bawat unipormeng kanilang isusuot ay simbolo ng pagkakataong matuto. At bawat simpleng tulong ay hakbang tungo sa mas maliwanag na kinabukasan."

He also reaffirmed the city's commitment to making education accessible to every child.

"Sa Calamba, naniniwala tayo na walang batang dapat mapag-iwanan pagdating sa edukasyon."

In total, 1,481 daycare students from Barangays 1 to 7, Lecheria, Hope, San Jose, San Juan, Bañadero, Palingon, Lingga, Sampiruhan, Looc A, Looc Relocation, and Uwisan received the free school supplies, school bags, uniforms, and umbrellas as part of the city's school readiness initiative.

Mayor Rizal said the program is more than just a distribution of school materials, as it also seeks to inspire young Calambeños to pursue their education with confidence.

"Hindi lamang mga gamit ang ipinagkakaloob—kundi pag-asa, kumpiyansa, at inspirasyon upang mas maging masaya at handa ang bawat batang Calambeño sa kanilang pag-aaral."

He added that investing in children's education remains one of the city's highest priorities.

"Sa Calamba, ang edukasyon ay inuuna, at ang kinabukasan ng bawat bata ay patuloy na inaalagaan."

The initiative reflects the Calamba City Government's continuing efforts to provide equal learning opportunities and ensure that every young learner begins the school year equipped, confident, and ready to succeed.

(Edjun Mariposque)

Kampo ni VP Sara, Iginiit na Depensibong Tugon ang Kontrobersyal na Pahayag noong 2024

konteksto at dahilan ang naging kontrobersyal niyang pahayag noong 2024 na may kinalaman kina Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr., First Lady Liza Araneta-Marcos, at dating House Speaker Martin Romualdez. Ayon kay Atty. Mark Vinluan, isa sa mga abogado ng depensa, ang naturang pahayag ay hindi umano pagbabanta kundi isang reaksiyon sa sinasabing "Operation Romanov"—isang umano'y plano na naglalayong ipahamak si Vice President Duterte at ang kanyang buong pamilya.

Ipinaliwanag ng depensa na nagsalita umano ang Bise Presidente upang ipagtanggol ang kanyang sarili at ang kanyang pamilya laban sa mga umano'y banta sa kanilang seguridad. Ayon kay Vinluan, naging target umano si Duterte ng hindi awtorisadong intelligence at surveillance operations, kabilang ang umano'y pag-profile sa kanyang mga tirahan sa Davao at Maynila, pagtanggal sa ilan niyang security personnel, at ang umano'y pagbibigay ng kanyang iskedyul sa isang opisyal na aktibidad sa Naga City, na nagdulot umano ng matinding pangamba sa kanyang kaligtasan.

Samantala, sinabi ng National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) na sinubukan nitong imbestigahan ang sinasabing "Operation Romanov." Ayon kay NBI Senior Agent Mark Calilung, inimbitahan nila sina Vice President Duterte at Princess Maui upang magbigay ng karagdagang impormasyon tungkol sa umano'y banta, subalit hindi umano dumalo ang dalawa. Nanindigan ang NBI na bukas itong magsagawa ng masusing imbestigasyon sa anumang ulat ng banta sa buhay ng sinumang opisyal ng pamahalaan, ngunit kinakailangan umano ang pakikipagtulungan ng mga may direktang kaalaman sa naturang alegasyon. Ang pangalang "Romanov" ay hango sa angkan ng huling maharlikang pamilya ng Russia na pinaslang noong 1918 kasama ang kanilang mga anak matapos ang Bolshevik Revolution.

Carmona's Smart City program comes alive with DICT Quiz Bee

CARMONA CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Driving forward its transformation into a smart city, the City Government of Carmona hosted its second ICT Quiz Bee to promote digital literacy, technological awareness, and excellence in Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

The 2nd Carmona ICT Quiz Bee rounded up the city's future innovators and digital leaders last June 27, in partnership with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) – Cavite through its Office of the City Information Technology Officer (OCITO) and Community Affairs and Youth Development Office (CAYDO).

The quiz bee showcased inclusivity across various ICT disciplines, bringing together participants across four categories: Elementary, Junior High School, Senior High School, and Teachers.

In a statement, DICT CALABARZON emphasized that the competition covered a wide range of topics, including computer fundamentals, internet and cybersecurity, digital citizenship, emerging technologies, and current ICT trends.

"Participants and challenged on topics such as computer fundamentals, internet and cybersecurity, digital citizenship, emerging technologies and current ICT trends, encouraging critical thinking, continuous learning, and a deeper appreciation of technology." By partnering with the local government, the DICT CALABARZON reaffirmed its commitment to empowering the youth, strengthening digital competencies, and advancing inclusive digital transformation as Carmona delivers its vision of a smart and technology-driven city.

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Akay sa Pag-asa ng mga Batang may Autism

Sa lipunang matagal nang kulang ang mga programang tunay na nakatuon sa mga batang may Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), isang hakbang na nagbibigay ng pag-asa ang patuloy na pagpapatupad ng "Akay ni Gob sa May Autism" ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Laguna sa pangunguna ni Governor Sol Aragones.

Noong Hulyo 9, umabot ang pagpaparehistro ng programa sa Ikalawang Distrito ng Laguna sa Hectan Extension Office sa Calamba City sa pangangasiwa ng Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO). Ngunit higit pa sa simpleng registration ang naging kabuluhan ng aktibidad. Ito ay naging pagkakataon upang marinig ang mga tinig ng mga magulang, lolo't lola, at tagapag-alaga na araw-araw na humaharap sa hamon ng pag-aaruga sa kanilang mga anak at apo na may autism.

Isa sa mga kapansin-pansing mensahe ng mga benepisyaryo ay ang matagal nilang paghihintay sa isang programang tunay na kumikilala sa kanilang kalagayan. Marami ang nag-aakalang ang tulong ay para lamang sa mga batang kasalukuyang sumasailalim sa therapy. Kaya naman malaking ginhawa ang malaman nilang maaari rin silang maging bahagi ng programa kahit hindi na aktibong nagpapagamot ang kanilang anak.

Masasalamin sa kanilang mga pahayag ang katotohanang hindi lamang pinansiyal ang kanilang pangangailangan. Ang pagpapalaki ng isang batang may autism ay nangangailangan ng matinding pasensya, sapat na kaalaman, at malaking gastusin. Para sa maraming pamilya, bawat tulong na kanilang natatanggap ay nagbibigay ng kaunting ginhawa sa mabigat na responsibilidad na kanilang pasan.

Lalong naging makahulugan ang pahayag ng isang lola na nagsabing kailangang-kailangan ng kanyang apo ang naturang suporta. Ipinakikita nito na hindi lamang mga magulang ang nakikipaglaban para sa kapakanan ng mga batang may autism. Marami ring lolo, lola, at iba pang kamag-anak ang nagsisilbing pangunahing tagapag-alaga at umaasa rin sa tulong ng pamahalaan.

Higit sa lahat, naging malinaw ang panawagan ng ilang magulang na sana'y hindi lamang tulong pinansiyal ang maging tugon ng pamahalaan. Hangad nilang magkaroon sa lalawigan ng sariling occupational at behavioral therapy facilities upang hindi na sila mapilitang bumiyahe nang malayo at gumastos nang malaki para lamang mabigyan ng kinakailangang serbisyo ang kanilang mga anak.

Ang ganitong mga mungkahi ay nagpapakita na ang usapin ng autism ay hindi lamang tungkol sa ayuda. Ito ay tungkol sa pagkakaroon ng isang komprehensibong sistemang nagbibigay ng pantay na oportunidad sa bawat batang may espesyal na pangangailangan.

Sa pagpapatuloy ng "Akay ni Gob sa May Autism," nabibigyan ng pag-asa ang maraming pamilyang matagal nang naghahangad na mapansin ang kanilang kalagayan. Ang tunay na tagumpay ng programa ay hindi lamang masusukat sa dami ng mga nairehistro, kundi sa lawak ng serbisyong maihahatid at sa kalidad ng buhay na maibibigay sa mga batang may autism.

Sa huli, ang isang lipunang may malasakit ay nasusukat sa paraan ng pag-aaruga nito sa mga pinakamahinang sektor. At kung ang bawat batang may autism ay mabibigyan ng sapat na suporta, pagkakataon, at pag-unawa, mas magiging makatarungan at mas makatao ang kinabukasan para sa lahat.

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BBM NAMAHAGI NG LIBRENG BIGAS

Nagpahayag ng suporta ang National Nutrition Council (NNC) CALABARZON sa programang "Bawat Bayan Makikinabang" (BBM) ng pamahalaan, na layong maghatid ng tulong na bigas sa mga komunidad bilang bahagi ng pagpapalakas ng food security at paglaban sa malnutrisyon sa bansa.

Ayon sa NNC, ang programa ay kabilang sa mga prayoridad na inisyatiba ng administrasyon ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. upang matiyak na may sapat at abot-kayang suplay ng pangunahing pagkain ang mga Pilipino sa pamamagitan ng pagtutulungan ng mga ahensya ng pamahalaan, lokal na pamahalaan, at iba pang katuwang sa komunidad.

Sa panayam sa programang pangradyo ng Philippine Information Agency (PIA), sinabi ni NNC CALABARZON Nutrition Officer Theresa Rivas na malaking tulong ang pamamahagi ng bigas sa ilalim ng Local Government Support Fund (LGSF), lalo na para sa mga pamilyang higit na nangangailangan.

"Malaking tulong po ang programang ito na nagbibigay ng suporta sa pagkain tulad ng pamamahagi ng bigas sa ilalim ng Local Government Support Fund, lalo na po sa mga pamilyang higit na nangangailangan.

Nakakatulong po ito sa food insecurity o kakulangan sa pagkain ng isang pamilya at nakatutulong upang matiyak na may pangunahing pagkain ang bawat tahanan," ani Rivas.

Sa ilalim ng LGSF, target ng programa na mabigyan ng tulong na bigas ang mga komunidad sa buong bansa, partikular ang mga mahihirap at bulnerableng pamilya na nahihirapang makasabay sa patuloy na pagtaas ng presyo ng mga pangunahing bilihin.

Ipinaliwanag din ni Rivas na nagsisimula ang malnutrisyon kapag hindi natutugunan ng isang pamilya ang kanilang pang-araw-araw na pangangailangan sa pagkain. Aniya, ang matagal na kakulangan sa pagkain ay may malaking epekto sa kalusugan, paglaki, pagkatuto, at pagiging produktibo ng isang tao, lalo na sa mga bata.

"Kapag hindi sapat ang kinakain ng isang tao o ng isang pamilya sa loob ng maraming araw, maaari silang maging malnourished. Kaya kailangan nating maibsan ang kagutuman upang mabawasan din ang malnutrisyon sa ating bansa. Malaking tulong po itong BBM rice program," dagdag niya.

Bukod sa pamamahagi ng pagkain, binigyang-diin din ng NNC ang kahalagahan ng mga programang pangnutrisyon sa mga paaralan, kabilang ang Gulayan sa Paaralan Program ng Department of Education, na nagtataguyod ng pagtatanim ng gulay, wastong nutrisyon, at pagpapalakas ng seguridad sa pagkain sa antas ng paaralan at tahanan.

Ayon sa konseho, ang mga programang ito ay kaakibat ng layunin ng Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition na mabawasan ang lahat ng uri ng malnutrisyon at mapabuti ang kalagayang pangkalusugan ng mga Pilipino sa pamamagitan ng magkakaugnay na mga programang pangnutrisyon at pangkabuhayan.

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Paksa: THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA (WPS)

Ang West Philippine Sea ay nagsisilbing pangunahing lugar ng pangingisda na nagbibigay kabuhayan sa libu-libong mangingisdang Pilipino at malaki ang naiaambag sa suplay ng pagkain sa bansa. Bukod sa mayamang yamang dagat, ang lugar ay pinaniniwalaang naglalaman din ng malaking deposito ng langis at natural gas na maaaring makatulong sa pagpapalakas ng pangmatagalang seguridad sa enerhiya ng bansa. Bukod dito, ang WPS ay isa sa mga pinaka-abalang internasyonal na daanan ng dagat sa mundo, na ginagawa itong estratehikong mahalaga hindi lamang sa Pilipinas kundi pati na rin sa rehiyonal at pandaigdigang kalakalan.

Sa pagkilala sa kahalagahan nito, ang gobyerno ng Pilipinas ay patuloy na nagsusumikap ng isang mapayapa, nakabatay sa mga patakaran, at diplomatikong diskarte sa pagtugon sa mga isyu tungkol sa West Philippine Sea.

Ginagabayan ng internasyonal na batas, nananatiling nakatuon ang pamahalaan sa pagprotekta sa soberanya ng bansa, mga karapatan sa soberanya, at hurisdiksyon sa dagat habang isinusulong ang kapayapaan at katatagan ng rehiyon.

Ang mga diplomatikong pakikipag-ugnayan, bilateral at multilateral na kooperasyon, at pagsunod sa mga itinatag na internasyunal na legal na mekanismo ay nananatiling sentro ng patakaran ng bansa sa pagresolba sa mga alitan sa dagat.

Ang West Philippine Sea ay binibigyang-diin din ang kahalagahan ng isang wholeofnation approach sa pangangalaga ng mga maritime na interes ng bansa.

Ang mga ahensya ng gobyerno, mga yunit ng lokal na pamahalaan, ang komunidad ng akademya, mga organisasyon ng lipunang sibil, at ang pribadong sektor ay lahat ay may mahalagang papel sa pagtataguyod ng kamalayan ng publiko, pagsuporta sa konserbasyon sa dagat, pagpapalakas ng mga komunidad sa baybayin, at paghikayat sa responsableng pagkamamamayan. Ang mga kampanya sa pampublikong edukasyon ay patuloy na binibigyang-diin ang kahalagahan ng pag-unawa sa mga karapatang pandagat ng bansa, pangangalaga sa mga marine ecosystem, at pagsuporta sa mga matuwid at mapayapang hakbang sa pagtugon sa mga alalahanin sa dagat.

Para sa proteksyon ng WPS, ang Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), at iba pang kinauukulang ahensya ng gobyerno ay patuloy na nagsasagawa ng mga legal na maritime patrol, maritime domain awareness operations, humanitarian missions, at support activities para sa mga mangingisdang Pilipino.

Ang mga pagsisikap na ito ay naglalayong tiyakin ang kaligtasan ng mga pamayanang Pilipino sa dagat, protektahan ang yamang dagat, itaguyod ang kalayaan sa paglalayag, at palakasin ang postura ng seguridad sa dagat ng bansa alinsunod sa mga batas ng Pilipinas at internasyonal na batas.

Ang pangangalaga sa West Philippine Sea ay hindi lamang isang usapin ng interes sa teritoryo kundi isa rin sa pambansang kaunlaran at kapakanan ng mga susunod na henerasyon.

Sa pamamagitan ng pagtataguyod ng internasyonal na batas, pagpapalakas ng pambansang katatagan, pagtataguyod ng responsableng pangangasiwa ng yamang dagat, at pagpapaunlad ng pagkakaisa ng mga Pilipino, ang Pilipinas ay patuloy na nagsusumikap ng isang mapayapa at may prinsipyong pamamaraan sa pagprotekta sa mga lehitimong karapatang maritime nito habang nag-aambag sa kapayapaan, seguridad, at katatagan ng rehiyon.

Cayetano...

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Sa gitna ng mga panawagang pababain ang edad ng criminal liability sa bansa kasunod ng madudugong krimen sa loob ng ilang paaralan, binigyang diin ni Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano ang kahalagahan ng maayos na "total environment" bilang epektibong paraan para mailayo ang kabataang Pilipino mula sa krimen.

Sa isang Facebook livestream nitong June 24, 2026, sinabi ni Cayetano na nauunawaan niya ang panawagan ng publiko para sa hustisya, lalo na ng mga pamilya ng mga biktima.

Pero giit niya, hindi kailangang ituring na "hardened criminals" ang kabataan para mapigilan silang gumawa ng krimen.

"I just want to really pray for the parents, for the loved ones ng mga nasawi. And of course, ask people to be sensitive, to pray for them… We understand their cry for justice," aniya.

Ikinagulat ng publiko ngayong buwan ang pamamaril ng dalawang estudyanteng menor de edad sa loob ng San Jose National High School sa Tacloban City, kung saan tatlong estudyante ang nasawi at ilan pa ang nasugatan. Bago ito, dalawang magkahiwalay na insidente naman ng pananaksak ang kinasangkutan ng ilang estudyante sa loob ng kanilang paaralan sa Cavite.

"Hindi tayo pwedeng ma-desensitize d'yan (school violence). Hindi pwedeng maging normal iyan," giit ni Cayetano.

Sa gitna ng panibagong panawagan na amyendahan ang Juvenile Justice and Welfare Act, hinimok ng senador ang mga kapwa mambabatas na maging maingat sa pagbuo ng reporma dahil baka lalo pang mapalapit ang kabataan sa krimen imbes na mailayo sila mula rito.

"It's really getting to a consensus of what law will be most proactive and relevant to us where we can protect our young people, not expose them to criminality; not treat them as hardened criminals, but also deter them and their parents from going into violence and violent crimes," aniya.

Sa ilalim ng batas, ang mga batang edad 15 pababa ay hindi maaaring panagutin sa krimen, ngunit isinasailalim sila sa intervention programs sa halip na ilagay sa ordinaryong kulungan. Ang mga batang higit 15 ngunit wala pang 18 taong gulang naman ay maaaring panagutin kung mapatutunayang ginawa nila ang krimen kahit alam na nilang mali; kung hindi ay isasailalim din sila sa intervention.

Giit ni Cayetano, hindi sapat na sagot ang pababain ang edad ng criminal liability sa bansa. Sa halip ay siguraduhin aniya na maayos ang "total environment" ng kabataang Pilipino, kabilang ang mga napapanood nila online, at ang mga natututunan at nararanasan nila sa paaralan, sa tahanan, at sa kanilang komunidad.

"Everything is just a shock to us. So, we have to reflect kung anong tinatanim natin sa isip ng mga bata," aniya.

Diin niya, dapat manatiling "safest place" para sa kabataan ang kanilang paaralan, tahanan, at ang simbahan.

"The reason po that we're more sensitive when it is schools, churches, or home is because this is the place where children should be safe," aniya.

Isa sa mga unang mahahalagang hakbang, ayon kay Cayetano, ay ang solusyunan ang pag-ikli ng school hours dahil sa kakulangan ng silid-aralan.

"Ano naman kinalaman ng K to 12 sa nangyari? Eh guys, half day na lang po most of our schools. I don't know exactly sa Leyte, but most of our schools sa highly urbanized places are half day. So mas madami pang oras ang bata sa lansangan at saka sa social media," paliwanag niya.

Binigyang-diin ng senador na dapat kumilos ang bansa kaugnay nito nang may karunungan dahil ang kabataan aniya ang pinakamahalagang yaman ng Pilipinas.

"Ang number one resource natin is not oil or gas or gold or livestock. It's our children," aniya.

"We have to have very, very deep thought into this problem because existential 'to sa pamilya ng bawat Pilipino," dagdag niya. PR

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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION
Petitioner-Mortgagee.

EJF NO. TG-26-047
FOR: Extra Judicial Foreclosure of Mortgage [Under Act No. 3135, as amended]

-versus-

SPOUSES MAUREEN ROSALES VILLAVICENCIO AND DANILO VILLANUEVA CAPUNO, JR., as rep. by attorney-in-fact, Jhune de Leon Manalo,
Respondent-Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extrajudicial Foreclosure Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act no. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Philippines, with business address located at A.T. Yuchengco Centre, 26th and 25th Streets, BGC, Taguig City, Metro Manila, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement (Real Estate) Executed and notarized on March 16, 2023, by respondents/mortgagors , Spouses **MAUREEN ROSALES VILLAVICENCIO and DANILO VILLANUEVA CAPUNO Jr., as represented by their attorney-in-fact, JHUNE DE LEON MANALO,** both of legal age, Filipino citizens, with postal address at (1) Bihis, Taal, Batangas; (2) 230 Malvar Street, Poblacion, San Nicolas, Batangas, and (3) Ground floor, Pine Suite, Building 2, Tagaytay City Cavite, in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **CONDOMUNIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021000111** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagor in the amount of **TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE PESOS AND 79/100 (PHP 2, 127,231.79),** as of April 21, 2026, the undersigned Clerk of Count & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Baby Leem B. Maristela, will sell at public auction on **JULY 27, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for cash or Manager's Check and in the Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit.

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021000111
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Unit identified and described as:

PINE SUITES TAGAY – BUILDING 2
GROUND FLOOR

UNIT 11- A RESIDENTIAL STUDIO TYPE WITH BALCONY CONDOMINIUM UNIT LOCATED AT THE GROUND FLOOR LEVEL OF "PINE SUITES BUILDING 2" WITH AN AREA OF 23.79 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.

in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on **TRANSFER CERTICATE OF TITLE 2013006014** which embraces and describes the land located at **TAGAYTAY CITY** with an area of **TEN THOUSAND (10, 000) Square Meter**, is registered in the name of:

OWNER: SPOUSES MAUREEN ROSALES VILLAVICENCIO and DANILO VILLANUEVA CAPUNO Jr., OF LEGAL AGES, FILIPINO
ADDRESS: BIHIS, TAAL, BATANGAS CITY, PHILIPPINES

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on August 3, 2026 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021000111** the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.
Tagaytay City, Philippines, June 15, 2026

ATTY VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMA YUGA
Clerk Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

BABY LEEM B MARISTELLA
Sheriff-In-Charge

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haras Vice President of Luzon South 1 Division said, "the primary goal of the 'CAREravan" is to bring our services closer to our members. They no longer have to visit our office because we are the ones reaching out to them. Making our services faster and making our services faster and more convenient"

He added "Furthermore, I encourage those who are not yet SSS members to apply and treat SSS as an investment for a more secure future. Active members may avail of sickness maternity, disability, unemployment, retirement, funeral, and death benefits. This caravan also helps the people to save money since SSS is bringing its services directly to them"

Through this campaign, SSS remains committed to bringing quality public service closer to the people through outreach activities, such as the 'CAREravan' Counsel – Assist – Reinforce Employers, in line with its mission to extend social security and encourage more Filipinos to become active SSS members and continue paying their contributions to secure their future benefits.

Calamba Honors Outstanding Educators at Gawad CalamBayani 2026

The City Government of Calamba joined the celebration of Gawad CalamBayani 2026, a program recognizing the remarkable dedication and invaluable contributions of educators who have helped shape the future of young Calambeños through excellence in teaching and unwavering commitment to public service.

The recognition program, led by the Department of Education (DepEd) Calamba, pays tribute to teachers who go beyond classroom instruction by inspiring students, nurturing their potential, and serving as role models in the community.

It highlights the vital role educators play in building a brighter future for the city through quality education and compassionate service.

Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal expressed his admiration for the city's teachers, emphasizing that they are among the true heroes of society.

"Hindi lahat ng bayani ay may kapa—ang iba ay may hawak na chalk, libro, at walang sawang pangarap para sa bawat mag-aaral."

The mayor also praised the purpose of the Gawad CalamBayani program, saying it rightfully honors educators whose dedication extends far beyond their official responsibilities.

"Sa pamamagitan ng Gawad CalamBayani 2026, binibigyang pagkilala ng DepEd Calamba ang mga gurong hindi lamang nagtuturo ng aralin, kundi humuhubog ng kinabukasan, nagbibigay inspirasyon, at nagsisilbing ilaw sa bawat kabataang Calambeño.

Ang programang ito ay pagkilala sa kanilang dedikasyon, sipag, at malasakit na higit pa sa tungkulin."

Mayor Rizal concluded by congratulating the awardees and recognizing them as champions of education in Calamba.

"Mabuhay ang ating mga natatanging guro! Kayo ang tunay na CalamBayani ng edukasyon."

The Gawad CalamBayani 2026 program serves as a testament to the city's continuing commitment to honoring educators whose passion, sacrifice, and dedication continue to inspire generations and strengthen the foundation of quality education in Calamba.

(Edjun Mariposque)

Palace Denies Extension for PRO CALABARZON Chief Hansel Marantan, Set to Retire on July 10

The Malacañang Palace has confirmed that the requested one-year extension of service for PBGEN Hansel Marantan will not be granted, paving the way for his mandatory retirement on July 10, 2026.

During a press briefing on Thursday, Claire Castro announced that the request for Marantan's extension had not been approved despite an appeal from Jonvic Remulla to the National Police Commission.

"Wala pong extension para po kay General Marantan. Maaari po siyang makatulong sa ibang pamamaraan," Castro said, emphasizing that while his tenure as regional director will end, the government believes he can continue contributing through other capacities.

Marantan, who currently heads the Police Regional Office 4A, has been widely recognized for his leadership and law enforcement initiatives throughout the CALABARZON region. His career has also been marked by controversies and challenges, but many supporters regard his journey as one of resilience, redemption, and dedicated public service.

The request for a one-year extension was earlier endorsed by Remulla in recognition of Marantan's performance and leadership.

However, with the Palace's confirmation, the police general will retire upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 56 on July 10, officially concluding his decades-long career in the Philippine National Police.

(Edjun Mariposque)

Cavite ramps...

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) – To better serve its population of over 4.3 million, the Provincial Government of Cavite is further strengthening its public health services through modernized healthcare facilities and enhanced support for healthcare workers.

Following his inspection of local health facilities last May, Governor Francisco Gabriel Remulla announced that the Provincial Government has allotted a total of Php 500 million to upgrade the General Emilio Aguinaldo Hospital (GEAMH) and the Cavite Center for Mental Health.

In a statement, Remulla said the provincial government will allot Php 300 million to GEAMH and the remaining Php 200 million to the Cavite Center for Mental Health. The funds will cover the rehabilitation and improvement of hospital infrastructure as well as the procurement of modern medical equipment.

"Naglaan ang pamahalaang panlalawigan ng Cavite ng Php 300 milyon para sa pagpapagawa ng mga ospital, at masuportahan ang ating healthcare workers upang mas maayos at mas mabilis ang serbisyong natatanggap ng bawat Caviteño."

The local chief executive added that the province will continue to modernize local hospitals and provide support to medical frontliners as part of its continuous bid to improve the local healthcare system. Patuloy nating inuuna ang kalusugan dahil naniniwala tayo na ang maayos na ospital at sapat na suporta sa ating medical frontliners ay direktang nararamdaman ng publiko at kalidad na serbisyo."