

# TRB approves toll collection for CALAX Subsection 3

**NEW CALAX TOLL FEES**  
Effective August 9, 2026

|         | Greenfield to Governor's Drive | Silang (Aguinaldo) to Governor's Drive |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| CLASS 1 | P117.00                        | P35.00                                 |
| CLASS 2 | P234.00                        | P70.00                                 |
| CLASS 3 | P351.00                        | P106.00                                |



After providing toll-free access for three (3) months, the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) has approved the start of toll collection for the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) Subsection 3, covering Silang (Aguinaldo) to Governor's Drive in General Trias, effective August 9, 2026.

Since its opening on May 4, 2026, the new segment has provided free passage to almost 9,000 motorists daily, offering a more convenient and efficient travel option for residents, workers, students, and businesses in Cavite.

The 7.88-kilometer CALAX Subsection 3 was built to provide a faster alternative route for

commuters and businesses, bypassing heavily congested local roads along Cavite's growing industrial and residential corridors.

Starting August 9, motorists using the CALAX Subsection 3 from Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange to Governor's Drive will be charged the following rates: P35 for Class 1, P70 for Class 2, and P106 for Class 3 vehicles.

Meanwhile, the following toll rates will apply for motorists traveling from Governor's Drive in General Trias, Cavite, and going straight to Greenfield in Laguna: P117 for Class 1, P234 for Class 2, and P351 for Class 3 vehicles.

The opening

of CALAX Subsection 3 brings the operational length of CALAX to 26 kilometers, starting from the Greenfield-Mamplasan Entry in Biñan, Laguna.

Once fully completed, the entire expressway network is projected to serve up to 65,000 vehicles per day, strengthening regional connectivity and supporting the movement of people, goods, and services across Cavite, Laguna, and Southern Metro Manila.

CALAX is a vital infrastructure project designed to reduce travel time, ease traffic congestion on major local roads, and support economic growth in one of the country's fastest-growing regions.

## SMFB first-half revenue rises 2% amid a more cautious consumer environment



San Miguel Food and Beverage Inc. posted a 2% increase in first-half 2026 revenue to P205.3 billion, led by continued growth in its Food business, even as inflation, slower economic growth and geopolitical disruptions weighed on consumer spending and some export markets.

Gross profit was steady at P58.4 billion, supported by revenue growth and efficient cost management.

EBITDA slipped 1% to P38.8 billion, with margins at 19%, while operating income and net income both eased 4% to P28.8 billion and P22.1 billion, respectively.

Despite these pressures, overall demand across the company's

forable product lines. Operating income increased 2% to P8.8 billion, while net income rose 8% to P6.4 billion.

Beer remained the Group's largest earnings contributor, although revenue slipped 1% to P73.7 billion as consumers became more selective with discretionary spending amid elevated inflation and a weaker peso. Domestic beer revenue was steady at P66 billion, as a price adjust-

ment earlier in the year to offset higher excise taxes helped cushion softer volumes. International operations posted revenue of USD128.5 million, lower than a year earlier, as shipping disruptions in the Middle East affected deliveries to the region. Beer operating income fell 11% to P14.4 billion, while net income declined 12% to P11.4 billion.

Meanwhile, Spir-

its revenue was steady at P32.3 billion as higher pricing offset softer volumes. Profitability improved despite the lower volumes, with operating income rising 8% to P5.4 billion and net income increasing 3% to P4.4 billion.

SMFB ended the first half with total equity of P205.3 billion, up 4%, alongside improved liquidity and leverage ra-

tios. The company expects consumer demand to remain under pressure in the near term, but said its market-leading brands and stronger financial position leave it well placed to manage the current environment. It added that it will continue investing in capacity, operations and its supply chain while maintaining cost discipline to support longer-term growth.

## Coming back to weaving, coming back home



**Luzviminda R. Esperanza, 68, from Luisiana, Laguna, happily weaves pandan leaves into native bags by hand. The finished products are neatly arranged and ready for pickup by a distributor.**

In the quiet town of Luisiana, Laguna, a simple woman gracefully weaves strands of pandan leaves, turning them into

bayong or baskets and native bags. Luzviminda R. Esperanza, more fondly called "Lucy" by her friends and loved ones,

has long been passionate about weaving.

Long before life demanded more of her, Lucy had been weaving with her bare hands since childhood. She not only turned this into an income-earning activity, but it is also a handed-down craft she first learned by watching her parents weave mats and bags.

But driven by the growing necessity, she braved life in Manila when she turned into a teenager. Lucy worked in stores and eateries. Later on, she also worked in parlor shops, offering hairstyling and beauty services

to make a living. The soft rustle of pandan leaves in her hands was replaced by the fast-paced rhythm of survival in the city.

When her siblings started having families on their own, Lucy returned home to Luisiana, Laguna in 1983 to take care of her aging parents. Little did she know that her homecoming would also lead her to meet the man who would become her husband. The following year, they married and began raising a family together.

While her husband worked as a tricycle **cont. on page 7**

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**P700M worth of fake top footwear brands seized in Cavite**

## Carmona opens PH's first fully-integrated PWD resource, residential facility



CARMONA CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The City Government of Carmona opened the country's first fully integrated resource center and residential care facility for Persons With Disabilities (PWD) as part of its continuous bid towards a more inclusive community.

On July 31, the Kalingyakap Integrated Shelter, Support, and Ser-

vices for PWDs opened its doors to the public.

A program launched in partnership with the Delos Santos Family Foundation, the Kalingyakap Shelter features PWD-friendly facilities, including classrooms and areas for speech, physical, and occupational therapies.

Having previously been recognized by

the United Nations' Public Service Awards, Mayor Dahlia Loyola noted that the Kalingyakap Integrated Shelter was a 'dream' and a product of the support and involvement of stakeholders and community members in their city.

"Ito na po ang katuparan ng ating pangarap, kung saan ang shelter facilities natin ay bubuksan na. Tayo ay

naririto hindi lang upang i-celebrate ang blessing, kundi para i-celebrate ang mga totoong nangyayari sa City of Carmona kung saan mayroong inclusive development [where] nobody is left behind. Ito po ay nangyari sa pamamagitan ng strong political will, sustained leadership, at involvement of many stakeholders."

As the first of its kind, the Kalingyakap Integrated Shelter, Support, and Services and its accompanying programs earned praises from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of

Education (DepEd), and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

Secretary Rex Gatchalian lauded the city, which has long been a business-friendly community, for its PWD-centered governance.

"The true mark of a progressive city is how it takes care of its citizens, more so those who are poor, marginalized, and vulnerable. Dito sa Carmona, ipinamalas ng lungsod na hindi lang sila progresibo sa imprastruktura, ease of doing

business, at sa iba't ibang larangan, kundi ipinakikita nila na pati ang kanilang number one agenda sa governance, [which] is taking care of People With Disabilities."

Gatchalian noted that the Kalingyakap Shelter is the first facility of its kind in the country, focusing on helping PWDs adapt to society by offering various livelihood packages and psychosocial support.

"The innovation of this Center lies not in the structure itself, kundi **cont. on page 6**

## Cayetano inusisa kung paano sinusuri ng mga bangko ang malalaking gov't withdrawal



P700M...

MANILA – Operatives of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) seized around PHP700 million worth of fake footwear from a Chinese-owned warehouse in Barangay Alapan II-A, Imus City, Cavite, the Philippine National Police (PNP) said on Wednesday.

In a statement, PNP chief Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. said the Chinese owner of the facility remains at large and is facing charges for estafa, in relation to Republic Act 10175 (Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012).

The operation stemmed from validated intelligence information indicating that the warehouse was being used for the packaging, storage and sale of illicit and sub-standard footwear products.

Acting as deputized personnel of the Bureau of Customs (BOC), the operating teams implemented a mission order and letter of authority for the inspection of the warehouse.

“Counterfeit goods do not only violate intellectual property rights — they also undermine legitimate businesses, deceive consumers, and fuel unlawful enterprises. The PNP will relentlessly pursue those who profit from these illegal activities and ensure they are held accountable under the law,” Nartatez said.

All seized items were turned over to the BOC for documentation and proper disposition.

During the inspection, Customs operatives found footwear bearing trademarks such as Adidas, On Cloud, New

Balance, Asics, Crocs, Nike, Jordan, Puma, Converse, Skechers and Louis Vuitton. The goods were valued at approximately PHP700 million, based on the initial inventory and valuation.

BOC Commissioner Ariel Nepomuceno thanked the CIDG and partner agencies for their timely intelligence support and close coordination.

Meanwhile, the PNP units nationwide have been directed to intensify intelligence monitoring of suspected smuggling routes, warehouses, distribution hubs, ports and transport terminals following the seizure of PHP628 million worth of smuggled and counterfeit goods in July.

Nartatez hailed all involved police units for the seizure and arrest of 656 suspects during 2,927

anti-smuggling operations conducted nationwide from July 1 to 31.

The operations targeted smuggling, intellectual property violations and other forms of illegal trade in line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., through the guidance of Interior Secretary Jonvic Remulla, to intensify the campaign against smuggling and other forms of economic sabotage.

“We will sustain intelligence-driven operations and strengthen coordination among our regional and local police units so that criminal groups cannot simply transfer their activities to other areas,” Nartatez said.

He also called on the public and the business sector to help authorities identify and report illegal trade activities.

DILG...

LUCENA CITY, Quezon – Ipinaninindigan ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Quezon na nananatiling Component City ng lalawigan ang Lucena City, batay sa mga legal na opinyon at sertipikasyong inilabas ng Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

Nagsimula ang usapin matapos humiling si Quezon Governor Helen Tan noong

2025 ng opisyal na paglililnaw mula sa DILG hinggil sa tunay na legal na katayuan ng Lucena City bilang Highly Urbanized City (HUC). Bilang tugon, inilabas ng DILG ang Opinion No. 171 noong Disyembre 12, 2025, na nagsasaad na ang conversion ng isang component city tungo sa HUC ay nangangailangan ng Presidential Declaration at isang ratipikadong plebisito, alinsunod sa 1987 Constitution at Republic Act No. 7160 o Local Government Code of 1991.

Matapos ang karagdagang beripikasyon sa Commission on Elections (COMELEC), naglabas ang DILG noong Mayo 13, 2026 ng isang Certification na nilagdaan ni DILG Secretary Juanito Victor “Jonvic” Remulla. Nakasaad dito na walang umiiral na Presidential Proclamation at walang rekord ng plebisito para sa conversion ng Lucena bilang HUC. Dahil dito, sinabi ng DILG na patuloy na may legal na katayuan ang Lucena bilang Component City ng Lalawigan ng Quezon.

Ayon kay Q BBMuezon Provincial Legal Officer Atty. Julianne Therese Salvacion, ang dokumentong inilabas noon ni dating DILG Secretary Rafael Alunan ay isang “First Indorsement” o “No Objection” lamang at hindi isang opisyal na deklarasyon ng pagiging Highly Urbanized City. Aniya, hindi rin naisagawa ang kinakailangang plebisito na magpapatibay sa naturang conversion.

Ipinaliwanag din ni Salvacion na ang patuloy na pagboto ng mga residente ng Lucena para sa gobernador, bise gobernador, at mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan ay nakabatay sa Charter ng lungsod at hindi nangangahulugang HUC na ito. Binigyang-diin din niya na sa ilalim ng prinsipyo ng Constitutional Supremacy, ang Konstitusyon ang mananaig kung may salungatan sa pagitan ng batas at iba pang legal na interpretasyon.

Sa ngayon, nananatili ang posisyon ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan na ang opisyal na Certification ng DILG ang umiiral na batayan sa legal na katayuan ng Lucena City, hanggang sa magkaroon ng pinal na desisyon mula sa Office of the President o sa mga kinauukulang hukuman.

By: Sol Luzano

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SSS...

QUEZON CITY – The Social Security System (SSS) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) on Friday formalized a landmark partnership to strengthen compliance with tax and social security laws, enhance data sharing, and improve public service delivery.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed by SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. De Claro and BIR Commissioner Atty. Charlito Martin R. Mendoza at the BIR National Office in Quezon City, establishes a framework for stronger institutional coordination in carrying out the agencies' respective mandates.

The MOU also lays the groundwork for a Memorandum of Agreement that will govern specific collaborative initiatives, including the establishment of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) as a common and reliable identifier across the BIR and the SSS to enhance data integrity, strengthen compliance monitoring, and improve ease of doing business.

PCEO De Claro said the MOU marks a significant step in aligning the mandates, expertise, and resources of the SSS and the BIR.

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“We all recognize that taxes provide the resources that enable our government to deliver essential programs and services to the Filipino people. Likewise, the social security contributions are the lifeblood of SSS operations, allowing us to provide meaningful protection and financial security to millions of workers, pensioners, and their families,” De Claro said.

“By strengthening our collaboration between our agencies, we are creating a more coordinated and responsive government, one that makes compliance easier, improves service delivery, and ultimately benefits every Filipino.”

BIR Commissioner Mendoza said the MOU provides a strong foundation for sustained collaboration between the two agencies, adding that its success will ultimately be measured by “simpler processes, stronger coordination, better informed decisions, and more effective public service.”

“Our mandates may be different, but our work is closely connected. Government works best when institutions trust one another enough to share responsibility, information, and expertise,” Mendoza said.

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driver, Lucy continued offering makeup and hair-styling services in their town to help provide for their children. Yet in between responsibilities as a mother while also trying to earn, weaving remained stitched into her. Lucy picked up the pandan leaves once again and continued crafting bags by hand. Each woven piece she produces from there also helps support her children's education and daily needs.

In 2016, after being invited by some of the first clients in their area, Lucy became a client of CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc., a microfinance-oriented rural bank. As a client, she began saving and became enrolled in the insurance services under CARD MRI.

When her hus-

band died in 2019, Lucy was left to move in with one of her children in Batangas City and tried to continue offering beauty services in the new place. However, despite being with family, city life and its heat did not suit her.

Lucy eventually returned once again to the quiet rural life in Luisiana. With her two children now grown, one staying in Batangas and the other in Cabuyao, Laguna, she decided to stop taking other jobs and fully return to weaving. Back in the very place where she learned the craft, weaving once again became both her source of livelihood and comfort.

Through the loan services of CARD RBI, she was able to gain additional capital to sustain her weaving business. Aside from the savings

Cayetano...

Inusisa ni Senator-Judge Alan Peter Cayetano ang pagkakaiba ng pagsusuri ng mga bangko kung kahina-hinala ang malalaking withdrawal ng mga pribadong customer at ng mga ahensya ng gobyerno sa impeachment trial nitong Miyerkules, July 29, 2026.

Kasunod ito ng pahayag ni dating Land-Bank Shaw Boulevard branch manager Violeta Constantino sa trial na “unusual” o ‘di pangkaraniwan ang apat na P125-milyong tseke na in-encash ng staff ni Vice President Sara Duterte.

Sa pagtatangon ni Cayetano, sinabi ni Constantino na hindi siya pamilyar sa mga detalye ng confidential funds at discretionary funds ng mga ahensya ng gobyerno.

Binigyang diin ng senator-judge na pagdating sa mga pribadong customer ay kaya ng mga tagapamahala ng mga bangko na surin kung “unusual” ang transaksyon base sa profile ng customer sa ilalim ng “know your customer” na polisiya ng mga ito.

“Suddenly, magwi-withdraw ng P3 million. Minsan, nagtatanong, ‘di ba?...Ganoon din sa deposit,” pahayag ni Cayetano.

Pero sa mga transaksyon naman ng gobyerno, mapapansin lang aniya ng bangko ang “unusual” na halaga pero hindi masusuri kung kahina-hinala dahil sa limitadong kaalaman ng mga bangko patungkol sa discretionary funds na mayroon ang bawat ahensya ng gobyerno.

And loan services, the insurance services provided through the partner institutions of CARD RBI gave her peace of mind, knowing she has a safety net during difficult times. She also finds comfort knowing that these insurances can spare her family from hardship should anything happen to her.

Today, Lucy carefully buys pandan leaves, molds them, and transforms them into baskets and bags with her hands that have long memorized the process, but still craft it intently. It has now be-

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“Pag government, as long as you're dealing with the people you identified with, basta't everything is in order, magtataka lang kapag sobrang laki ng amount, but then you'll release it,” aniya.

Matapos ang paliwanag, tinanong ni Cayetano si Constantino kung ilegal ba agad na maituturing ang transaksyon ng isang ahensya dahil sa “unusual” ang halaga kumpara sa mga regular na transaksyon.

“Just because it's unusual, it doesn't mean it's illegal. Tama po ba?” Cayetano asked.

Tugon ni Constantino, “wala naman pong ilegal” sa pagencash ng mga tseke ng tanggapan ni Duterte.

Nililnaw din ni Cayetano na magkaiba ang “usual” at “unusual” sa “covered” at “suspicious” transactions, na may mga legal na implikasyon.

Sa ilalim ng Anti-Money Laundering Act, “covered” ang isang cash o monetary transaction kapag lampas ito sa P500,000 sa loob ng isang banking day. “Suspicious transaction” naman ang transaksyong walang malinaw na ekonomikong dahilan, taliwas sa profile ng customer, o may kaganyan sa ilegal na gawain.

“As we go along, let's help the public understand what's the difference between 'covered,' 'suspicious,' and 'usual' or 'unusual,' para lang walang conclusions that are made that are prejudicial to either the prosecution or the defense,” pahayag ni Cayetano.###

come the main thread that sustains her everyday life. She can finish one basket in around fifteen minutes and create up to ten pieces a day while still tending to household chores. Her neighbors, who also weave, bring their finished products to Lucy's house, where distributors later collect them for the market.

With the same wisdom reflected in her woven creations, Lucy encourages fellow clients to continue saving and investing in insurance for their future: “Sila ay may

Tagaytay...

TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite — Community-grown harvests, healthy local food, and the dedication of grassroots nutrition workers took center stage as the City Government of Tagaytay culminated its 52nd Nutrition Month celebration with a Food Festival and Gawad Nutrisyon on July 24 at Sigtuna Hall, reaffirming its commitment to building healthier families through community participation and sustainable nutrition practices.

Anchored on the theme “Sa PPAN: Sama-sama sa Nutrisyong Sapat Para sa Lahat,” and sub-theme “Nutrisyon at Kalikasan, Ating Pangalagaan,” the celebration highlighted the vital role of proper nutrition, environmental stewardship, and community action in improving the health and well-being of Tagaytayenos.

A highlight of the event was the Pista ng Masustansyang Pagkain, where participants showcased nutritious dishes made from locally available ingredients in the main dish, dessert, snack, and beverage categories. The activity promoted healthy eating while encouraging the use of indigenous food resources and community-grown produce as affordable and sustainable sources of nutrition.

The city also recognized outstanding Barangay Nutrition Committees (BNCs), Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSSs), and Barangay Nutrition Action Officers (BNAOs) for their invaluable contributions to implementing nutrition programs and improving the nutritional status of families at the barangay level.

City Nutrition Action Officer Emilia Pello emphasized that the celebration was more than recognizing winners—it was a tribute to the people whose daily efforts have transformed lives.

“Hindi lang tunggulus sa savings at insurance) para may aasahan sila balang araw,” she advised.

Lucy's fulfillment now rests in the well-being of her children and grandchildren, and in doing what she loves while

kol sa tema, banner at poster. Tungkol ito sa nanay na gumigising para magluto ng gulay, sa tatay na nagtatanim, at sa batang dati ay payat, ngayon ay masigla na,” said Pello.

She likewise paid tribute to the dedication of barangay nutrition workers, describing them as the backbone of the city's nutrition programs

“BNS, kayo ang paa at kamay ng nutrisyon. Naglalakad kayo sa malalayong parte ng bawat barangay. Kabisa-do ninyo ang bawat bahay at bawat bata. Ang bawat timbang na nire-record ninyo at bawat nanay na inyong natutulungan, buhay ang inililigtas ninyo,” she added.

The culmination program also featured the search for Lakan at Lakambini ng Nutrisyon at Kalikasan, where contestants wore gowns made from recyclable materials, promoting environmental awareness and demonstrating how sustainability can complement nutrition advocacy.

Meanwhile, Theresa Rivas, Information Officer of the National Nutrition Council (NNC) CALABARZON, reminded participants that every award represents years of dedication and service to the community.

“Behind every plaque is a story of sacrifice,” she said, noting that the success of every nutrition program reflects the commitment of local nutrition workers who continue to ensure that every child has the opportunity to grow healthy and every family receives proper nutrition guidance.

The annual celebration concluded with a renewed call for stronger collaboration among local government units, barangay nutrition workers, and communities in advancing sustainable nutrition initiatives that will help secure healthier and more resilient generations of Tagaytayenos.

living. She chose a quiet life. No grand displays, just a humble contentment gently woven through experiences she gained throughout the years, just like the strands of pandan leaves that she patiently moves by hand. PR

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EDITORIAL: MGA TAGA-SAN PABLO NA NAG-IWAN NG BAKAS SA KASAYSAYAN

VICTOR CORPUS: ANG ANAK NG SAN PABLO NA NAGING HENERAL AT PINUNO NG MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

Hindi lahat ng isinilang sa San Pablo City ay naging bahagi lamang ng lokal na kasaysayan. May ilan na umabot sa pambansang entablado at naging bahagi mismo ng mahahalagang yugto ng kasaysayan ng Pilipinas.

Isa rito si Brigadier General Victor Navarro Corpus, isang San Pabloano na naging isa sa mga pinakakontrobersyal at pinaka-kagiliw-giliw na personalidad sa kasaysayan ng militar ng bansa.

ISINILANG SA SAN PABLO

Si Victor Navarro Corpus ay isinilang noong Oktubre 4, 1944 sa San Pablo, Laguna. Anak siya ni Col. Vicente Corpus ng AFP Medical Corps. Kalaunan ay pumasok siya sa Philippine Military Academy at nagtapos bilang bahagi ng PMA Class of 1967 “Dimaspil.” (Wikipedia)

Mula sa pagiging batang opisyal ng militar, mabilis na umangat ang kanyang karera. Naging instructor din siya sa PMA.

ISANG DESISYONG YUMANIG SA MILITAR

Noong 1970, habang isa siyang batang opisyal, gumawa si Corpus ng isang desisyon magiging malaking bahagi ng kanyang pangalan sa kasaysayan.

Kumalas siya sa Armed Forces of the Philippines at sumapi sa New People's Army (NPA). Bilang dating opisyal at instructor ng PMA, naging mahalaga ang kanyang kaalaman sa operasyon ng militar.

Noong Disyembre 29, 1970, pinangunahan niya ang paglusob sa armory ng Philippine Military Academy. Nakakuha ang grupo ng iba't ibang armas at bala bago nakatakas. (Wikipedia)

ANG MV KARAGATAN

Naging bahagi rin si Corpus ng operasyon na may kaganyan sa MV Karagatan, isang barkong may kargang mga armas na sinubukang ipasok sa Pilipinas noong 1972.

Gayunman, kalaunan ay nagbago ang kanyang pananaw sa kilusang kanyang sinailhan.

MULA REBELDE, BUMALIK SA GOBERNO

Noong 1976, nagpasya si Corpus na sumuko sa pamahalaan. Nakulong siya nang maraming taon.

Matapos ang EDSA People Power Revolution, nabigyan siya ng pagkakataong makabalik sa serbisyo. Noong 1987, naibalik siya sa Armed Forces of the Philippines. (GMA Network)

Mula roon, muli niyang binuo ang kanyang karera sa militar.

NAGING HENERAL AT PINUNO NG ISAFP

Ang dating batang opisyal na tumalikod sa militar ay muling nagsilbi sa AFP at kalaunan ay naging Brigadier General.

Isa sa pinakamahalagang posisyon na kanyang hinawakan ay ang pagiging Chief ng Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP)—ang pangunahing military intelligence service ng AFP. (GMA Network)

Noong 2004, nagretiro siya sa serbisyo militar.

ANG “SILENT WAR”

Isinulat din ni Corpus ang aklat na “Silent War,” na naglahad ng kanyang mga karanasan at pananaw hinggil sa communist insurgency at sa kanyang mga pinagdaanan sa loob at labas ng militar. Nailathala ang aklat noong 1989. (Manila Bulletin)

NAGING PELIKULA ANG KANYANG BUHAY

Dahil sa kakaibang takbo ng kanyang buhay—mula sundalo, pagiging rebelde, pagbabalik sa pamahalaan at pagiging heneral—naging paksa rin siya ng pelikulang “Operation: Get Victor Corpus, the Rebel Soldier,” kung saan siya ay ginampanan ng aktor na si Rudy Fernandez. (Wikipedia)

PAGPANAW

Pumanaw si Victor Corpus noong Abril 4, 2024, sa edad na 79. (GMA Network)

ISANG KOMPLEKSONG PAMANA

Ang kuwento ni Victor Corpus ay hindi madaling ikahon bilang simpleng kuwento ng isang sundalo.

Isa siyang anak ng San Pablo na dumaan sa isang pambihirang landas—mula sa pagiging batang opisyal ng AFP, pagiging rebelde, pagkakakulong, pagbabalik sa serbisyo ng pamahalaan, hanggang sa pagiging Brigadier General at pinuno ng military intelligence.

Sa kasaysayan ng San Pablo City, nananatili siyang isang personalidad na nagpapakita kung paano maaaring magbago ang direksiyon ng buhay ng isang tao—at kung paano ang isang San Pabloano ay maaaring umabot sa pinakamataas na antas ng pambansang serbisyo.

VICTOR NAVARRO CORPUS

1944–2024

Isang anak ng San Pablo na naging bahagi ng magulong kasaysayan ng Pilipinas.



## Calamba Honors Outstanding PNP, BJMP, and BFP Officers, Reinforces Commitment to a Safer Community



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — The City Government of Calamba reaffirmed its commitment to public safety and peace and order by holding a meaningful dialogue with members of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bu-



reau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), while recognizing outstanding officers for their exemplary service.

The gathering served as an avenue for open discussions on strengthening collaboration among law enforcement agencies and the local government in maintaining a safe, peaceful, and orderly community.

It also highlighted the city's appreciation for the dedication, courage, and professionalism of its uniformed personnel.

As part of the program, exceptional PNP, BJMP, and BFP officers were honored and received incentives in recognition of their unwavering commitment to protecting the people of Calamba and upholding public service with integrity.

Mayor Ross Rizal underscored the importance of continued cooperation among all stakeholders in ensuring the city's peace and security.

"Isang makabuluhang malayang talakayan ang ating isinagawa kasama ang ating mga kapulisan at iba pang katuwang sa pagpapanatili ng kapayapaan at seguridad sa Lungsod ng Calamba."

"Kasabay nito, ating kinilala ang mga natatanging PNP, BJMP at BFP Officers at nagbigay tayo ng insentibo bilang munting pagkilala sa kanilang dedikasyon, tapang at tapat na paglilingkod."

"Patuloy tayong magtutulungan para sa isang ligtas, mapayapa at maayos na Calamba para sa bawat Calambeño."

The initiative reflects the Calamba City Government's continued

support for its frontline public safety officers, recognizing that strong partnerships between local authorities and law enforcement agencies are essential in fostering a secure environment where every Calambeño can live, work, and thrive.

(Edjun Mariposque)

## Carmona...

doon sa community-based programs na fully integrated. Most of the Learning and Resource Centers sa buong Pilipinas normally ang point of view is always as an education facility."

Gatchalian added, "[But] Carmona took it a bit further and looked at it as part of the community-complete package of services na kasama ang livelihood, involvement ng mga magulang, [at] kasama pagtatala ng People with Disabilities sa community, and I think this is the only type of it [integrated shelter facility] right now."

Currently, the Kalingyakap program caters to 368 PWD learners, including college students, in partnership with the Cavite State University (CvSU). The Shelter is also caring for neglected and abandoned PWDs, and can accommodate up to 20 male and female residents.

*be still  
and know*  
PSALM 46:10

## Makasaysayang espada ni Col. Pablo Astilla, natagpuan matapos ang mahigit isang siglo



Muling nasilayan sa bayan ng Infanta ang mga makasaysayang espada na sinasabing pag-aari ni Col. Pablo Astilla, lider ng mga Katipunero sa Distrito de la Infanta at kinilalang una at huling gobernador ng dating Probinsya ng Infanta noong panahon ng Revolutionary Government at Unang Republika ng Pilipinas. Natagpuan ang mga espada matapos ang mahigit isang siglo at muling nabigyang-pansin ang kasaysayan ni Astilla at ng mga Katipunero na naging bahagi ng pakikibaka para sa kalayaan sa Infanta.

Ayon kay Infanta Mayor L.A. Ruanto, naging makabuluhan para sa kanya ang pagkakataong personal na mahawakan at makita ang mga espada na itinuturing na bahagi ng kasaysayan ng bayan.

Ang pagkakatatagpo sa mga ito ay kasunod ng panawagan ni Ruanto noong Hulyo 20, 2026 na hanapin ang mga makasaysayang sandata ni Astilla, kasabay ng muling paggunita ng bayan sa Kalayaan ng Infanta matapos ang mahigit



80 taon.

Nagpasalamat naman ang alkalde sa pamilya Miras, kabilang ang mga apo sa tuhod ni Astilla, sa pangangalaga sa mga makasaysayang kagamitan at sa pagbabahagi ng mga ito.

Bukod sa pamilya Astilla, binanggit din ni Ruanto ang mga pamilyang Huertazuela, Mercado, Nakar, Peñaverde, Mortiz, Peñamante at Villaflor na may kaugnayan sa kasaysayan at mga naging bahagi ng pag-unlad ng Infanta.

kasaysayan ng Infanta, kabilang ang mga Katipunerong sina Rafael Ruatquio at Rufino Ortiz.

Hinikayat ni Ruanto ang mga residente na nag-iingat ng mga lumang kagamitan, dokumento o impormasyon tungkol sa kasaysayan ng Infanta na makipag-ugnayan sa Infanta Culture, Heritage, Arts and Tourism Section upang makatulong sa pangangalaga at dokumentasyon ng kasaysayan ng bayan.

(Aida C. Dapula)



## Pointer

Pau Dela Cruz

## Serbisyong Ramdam: Kalusugan at Kabuhayan, Patuloy na Isinusulong sa Laguna

Sa isang lalawigan na ang tunay na yaman ay hindi lamang nasusukat sa mga imprastraktura kundi sa kalagayan ng mga mamamayan, mahalagang makita kung paano naipararating ang serbisyo ng pamahalaan hanggang sa mga komunidad.

Sa Laguna, kapansin-pansin ang patuloy na pagtutok ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan sa dalawang mahalagang pangangailangan ng mga mamamayan—kalusugan at kabuhayan.

BHWs, kinilala ang mahalagang serbisyo Libu-libong Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) mula sa iba't ibang bayan at lungsod ng Laguna ang tumanggap ng kanilang honorarium para sa unang semestre sa isinagawang Barangay Health Worker Payout noong Agosto 6 sa Laguna Sports Complex.

Pinangunahan ito ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan sa ilalim ni Governor Sol Aragonese, katuwang ang Provincial Health Office (PHO), Provincial Treasury Office (PTO), at Provincial Nutrition Action Office (PNAO), sa pamumuno ni Jervis Malleta.

Hindi lamang simpleng honorarium ang maituturing na natanggap ng mga BHW. Para sa mga taong araw-araw na nasa barangay at nagsisilbing katuwang ng health professionals sa paghahatid ng pangunahing serbisyong pangkalusugan, ang tulong na ito ay pagkilala rin sa kanilang mahalagang papel.

Sila ang madalas unang nilalapitan ng mga residente kapag may nangangailangan ng impormasyon, health assistance o agarang gabay tungkol sa kalusugan.

Libreng operasyon sa katarata, malaking ginhaw

Samantala, panibagong magandang balita para sa mga Lagunense ang ilulunsad na Libreng Cataract Operation Program ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan sa Agosto 27, 2026.

Ayon kay Governor Sol Aragonese, sasailalim sa libreng operasyon ang unang batch ng mga kwalipikadong benepisaryo.

Malaking bagay ito para sa mga pasyenteng nangangailangan ng operasyon ngunit nahaharap sa mata-as na gastusin. Karaniwang umaabot umano sa ₱10,000 hanggang ₱80,000 bawat mata ang halaga ng operasyon, depende sa procedure at iba pang kaugnay na gastusin.

Sa pamamagitan ng programa, nabibigyan ng pagkakataon ang mga kwalipikadong benepisaryo na maiibalik o mapabuti ang kanilang paningin nang hindi kinakailangang pansin ang malaking halaga ng operasyon.

At kung tutuusin, ang malinaw na paningin ay

hindi lamang usapin ng kalusugan.

Para sa isang magulang, lolo o lola, o manggagawang umaasa sa sariling kakayahang, ang pagkakaroon muli ng maayos na paningin ay maaaring mangahulugan ng pagbabalik ng tiwala sa sarili at kakayahang mamuhay nang mas malaya.

Kabuhayan, hindi lamang ayuda

Hindi rin nakalimutan ang usapin ng kabuhayan.

Noong Agosto 7, nakatanggap ng pinansyal na tulong ang mga kwalipikadong benepisaryo ng Akay Hanapbuhay sa Laguna Provincial Extension Office sa Calamba City.

Ang tulong ay bahagi ng programang naglalayong mabigyan ng pagkakakitaan ang mga Lagunense sa pamamagitan ng Programang Paggawa ng Longganisa.

Mahalaga ang ganitong uri ng programa dahil higit pa sa pansamantalang ayuda ang layunin nito—ang mabigyan ang mga benepisaryo ng pagkakataong magkaroon ng sariling pagkakakitaan.

Sa panahon ngayon, malaking bagay ang isang programang hindi lamang nagbibigay ng tulong kundi nagtuturo rin ng paraan upang ang isang pamilya ay magkaroon ng sariling pinagkakakitaan.

Serbisyo na dapat maramdaman

Tatlong magkakaibang programa, ngunit iisa ang mensahe: ang serbisyo publiko ay higit na mahalaga kapag nararamdaman at napapakinabangan mismo ng mga mamamayan.

Honorarium para sa mga BHW na katuwang ng pamahalaan sa barangay. Libreng operasyon para sa mga nangangailangan ng lunas sa kanilang paningin. At tulong pangkabuhayan para sa mga nais magkaroon ng sariling pagkakakitaan.

Ito ang mga programang maaaring maliit tingnan sa kabuuan ng isang lalawigan, ngunit malaki ang maaaring maging epekto sa buhay ng bawat benepisaryong direktang nakatatanggap nito.

Sa huli, ang sukatan ng mabuting pamamahala ay hindi lamang kung ilang proyekto ang nailunsad o kung gaano karaming programa ang naipatupad.

Mas mahalagang itanong: Ilang buhay ang gumaan? Ilang pamilya ang natulungan? At ilang mamamayan ang nabigyan ng bagong pag-asa?

Sa Laguna, tila malinaw ang direksiyong tinatahak—kalusugan para sa mamamayan, pagkilala sa mga frontliner sa barangay, at oportunidad para sa kabuhayan.

At kung ang serbisyo ay patuloy na naihatid sa mismong komunidad, doon tunay na nagiging makabuluhan ang pamamahala.

## EXPLICIT

DALAWANG MOST WANTED PERSONS, TIMBOG SA MAGKAHIWALAY NA MANHUNT NG RIZAL

Dalawang Most Wanted Persons ang nasakote sa magkahiwalay na operasyon ng mga operatiba ng Binangonan Municipal Police Station (MPS) at Taytay MPS noong Hulyo 27, 2026, bilang bahagi ng pinaigting na kampanya ng Rizal Police Provincial Office (Rizal PPO) laban sa mga nagtatagong akusado. Bandang 2:50 ng hapon nang maaresto sa Brgy. Batingan, Binangonan si alyas "Jhong," na nakatala bilang Provincial Level Most Wanted Person. Inaresto siya sa bisa ng warrant

of arrest kaugnay ng kasong Acts of Lasciviousness, na may inirekomendang piyansa na ₱200,000.

Sa hiwalay namang operasyon, bandang 5:10 ng hapon, nadakip sa Brgy. Sta. Ana, Taytay si alyas "Francis," isang Regional Level Most Wanted Person. Nahaharap siya sa kasong Estafa at inaresto sa bisa ng warrant of arrest na inilabas ng Regional Trial Court, Branch 114, Bacoor, Cavite. Ayon sa pulisya, maayos na ipinaalam sa dalawang akusado ang kanilang mga karpapatan matapos ang pag-aresto. Kasalukuyan silang nasa

## Madelaine Go



igtingin ang aming kampanya upang mapanatili ang kapayapaan at kaligtasan ng bawat mamamayan sa lalawigan ng Rizal," ani Barber. Samantala, muling nanawagan ang Rizal PPO sa publiko na maki-pagtulungan sa pamamagitan ng pagbibigay ng impormasyon na makatutulong sa pagdakip sa iba pang mga wanted na indibidwal, bilang bahagi ng patuloy na pagsisikap na mapanatili ang isang ligtas at mapayapang komunidad.

## PUBLISHER CORNER

Sino nga ba si Nancy Dimaranan? Bakit siya tinawag na "Pandemic Hero"?



Noong January 12, 2020, nang pumutok ang Bulkang Taal, isa si Nancy Dimaranan sa mga unang tumugon upang maghatid ng pagkain, tubig, gamot, at iba pang pangunahing pangangailangan sa mga pamilyang naapektuhan ng kalamidad.

Hindi pa man natatapos ang pagsubok, dumating naman ang COVID-19 Global Pandemic. Sa panahong maraming nawalan ng pag-asa, libu-libong pamilya mula sa Calamba, Laguna, at iba pang bahagi ng Luzon, Visayas, at Mindanao ang kanyang natulungan sa pamamagitan ng tulo-tulo na relief operations, food assistance, at iba't ibang outreach programs.

Dahil sa kanyang malasakit, dedikasyon, at walang sawang paglilingkod sa kapwa, marami ang kumilala sa kanya bilang "Pandemic Hero."

Ngunit hindi doon nagtapos ang kanyang misyon.

Upang mas marami pang mabigyan ng panibagong pag-asa, itinatag niya ang Panhero Ang Tamang Landas Rehabilitation Center, na ngayon ay 5 taon na namamayagpag at madami ng buhay ang nailigtas at natulungan, isang pasilidad na naglalayong tulungan ang mga taong nais makabangon at magsimulang muli.

**Nagbibigay ang Panhero ng mga programang para sa:**

- Drug Addiction Recovery
- Alcohol Dependency
- Smoking Cessation
- Gambling Addiction
- Gadget Addiction
- Behavioral Problems
- Behavioral Issues at iba pang kaugnay

na pangangailangan sa rehabilitasyon.

Bagama't pribadong pasilidad ito, sinisikap na panatilihin abot-kaya ang halaga ng serbisyo upang mas maraming pamilya, lalo na ang mga nangangailangan, ang magkaroon ng pagkakataong makapagsimula muli.

Panhero – Ang Tamang Landas Rehabilitation Center

Sta. Rosa–Tagaytay Road, Brgy. Lumil, Silang, Cavite

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Mula sa pagtulong sa mga biktima ng kalamidad at pandemya hanggang sa pagbibigay ng pangalawang pagkakataon sa mga taong nais magbago, nananatiling buhay ang iisang misyon ni Nancy Dimaranan ang maglingkod, magmalasakit, at magbigay ng pag-asa.

Kung may mahal sa buhay kang nangangailangan ng gabay at pangalawang pagkakataon, huwag mawalan ng pag-asa. May mga taong handang umalalay at maniwalang kaya pa nilang magbago.

PEACE



Ang ating mga Committee Hearings ay isinasagawa bilang mahalagang bahagi ng proseso ng pagbuo ng mga polisiya, ordinansa, at programang naglalayong tugunan ang mga pangangailangan ng ating mga mamamayan at isulong ang patuloy na pag-unlad ng Lungsod ng Calamba.

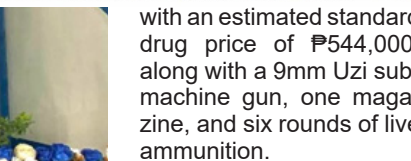
Bilang Chairman ng Committee on Trade, Commerce and Industry, patuloy nating tinututukan ang mga inisyatibong magpapalago sa ating Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Isinusu-long natin ang mga programa at polisiyang magpapal-awak ng oportunidad sa pagnenegosyo, magpapalakas sa lokal na ekonomiya, at lilikha ng mas maraming hanapbuhay para sa mga Calambeño.

Naniniwala tayo na ang isang matatag na sektor ng negosyo ay pundasyon ng isang mas maunlad na lungsod. Sa pamamagitan ng aktibong pagtalakay at maayos na pagpapalano sa bawat committee hearing, patuloy nating inilalatag ang mga hakbang tungo sa inklusibo at pangmatagalang kaunlaran para sa bawat Calambeño.

(Nelson Dimapilis)



## CALAMBA POLICE CHIEF, TEAM RECEIVE PNP MEDALYA NG KAGALINGAN FOR MAJOR DRUG BUST



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna — Calamba City Chief of Police PLTCOL Dennis C. De Guzman and eight members of the Calamba Component City Police Station (CCPS) have been awarded the Medalya ng Kagalingan (PNP Medal of Merit) held at Camp BGen. Paciano Rizal, LPPO, Sta. Cruz, Laguna in recognition of their outstanding performance during a successful anti-illegal drugs operation that led to the seizure of illegal drugs and a high-powered firearm.

The recognition

was granted pursuant to National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) Memorandum Circular No. 2025-007 and the guidelines of PNP Memorandum Circular No. 2022-043, in line with the provisions of Republic Act No. 6975 governing the authorized awards and decorations for Philippine National Police personnel.

Aside from PLT-

COL De Guzman, the awardees include PMAJ Anastacio Mangabat Motas Jr., PMSG Christopher John Lu Chupeco, PSSg Arnel Manaig Sanque,

Authorities re-

covered approximately 80

grams of suspected shabu

with an estimated standard drug price of ₱544,000, along with a 9mm Uzi sub-machine gun, one magazine, and six rounds of live ammunition.

According to the citation, the successful operation demonstrated the awardees' professionalism, dedication, and unwavering commitment to their sworn duties, bringing honor not only to themselves but also to the Philippine National Police.

The Medal of Merit was awarded by command of Police Brigadier General Dominic L. Bacca, recognizing the team's commendable performance during a buy-bust operation conducted on August 1, 2026, in Barangay Looc, Calamba City, which resulted in the arrest of Baltazar Al-

yas Val.

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(Edjun Mariposque)



## SM Little Stars 2026 Celebrates 17 Years of Nurturing Next-Gen Stars at Grand Finals

MANILA, Philippines, 3rd August 2026 — For 17 years, SM Supermalls has been where young dreamers discover the first spark that ignites their journey to becoming the stars they aspire to be. This August 8, the country's brightest young talents will once again take center stage at the SM Little Stars 2026 Grand Finals at the SM Mall of Asia Music Hall, where the country's brightest young dreamers take their biggest step toward the spotlight.

This year's SM Little Stars continues to inspire thousands of children to showcase their talents in singing, dancing, and more.

After six weeks of auditions across 68 of your most-loved SM Supermalls nationwide, more than 40,000 children aged 4 to 7 wowed audiences with their talent, confidence, and charm. Only 30 exceptional young dreamers earned a coveted spot in this year's Grand Finals.

More than a talent competition, SM Little Stars gives children a stage to discover their confidence, express themselves, and celebrate their unique talents. For families, every performance becomes a proud milestone as they witness their little stars take their first steps toward bigger dreams.

Out of the 30 grand finalists, only two will earn this year's highest honors—the Grand Shining Star, recognizing the young performer whose extraordinary talent leaves audiences in awe, and the Grand Dazzling Star, celebrating the child whose charm and confidence captivate everyone.

"Every child deserves a chance to shine, and SM Little Stars has given thousands of young dreamers that opportunity.

Watching children grow in confidence, supported by their families and cheered on by their communities, is what makes this program truly special. We look forward to welcoming everyone as we celebrate this year's Grand Finals," said Hanna Carinna T. Sy, SM Supermalls Senior Assistant Vice President for Marketing and Leasing.

This year's Grand Finals will be judged by an esteemed panel composed of Karylle Yuzon, versatile actress, singer, and host; acclaimed filmmaker Antoinette Jadaone; OPM hitmaker and ABS-CBN Music Assistant Vice President Jonathan Manalo; Angel Datanaan, choreographer behind the viral "Gala To The Max" campaign; and Marcus Cabais, SM Little Stars 2016 Boy Grand Winner. The event will be hosted by GMA heartthrob Michael Sager and SM Little Stars 2017 Girl Grand Winner Gaea Mischa.

The finalists will vie for over ₱16 million in prizes, including National University college scholarships, a brand-new car, a trip to Hong Kong, recording and management contracts, ₱200,000 in cash, SM Gift Certificates, and many more exciting rewards.

Join us on August 8 at 3:00 PM at the SM Mall of Asia Music Hall and cheer on the country's brightest young dreamers as they take the biggest stage of their young lives. Admission is free.



## Bagong Commander ng 2ID, Inilatatag ang "SECURE" Leadership Focus



**MGEN ARSENIO DELA CRUZ SADURAL PA BAGONG COMMANDING GENERAL NG 2ID JUNGLE FIGHTER DIVISION, CAMP GEN MATEO CAPINPIN, BRGY SAMPALOC, TANAY, RIZAL**

TANAY, Rizal — Inilatatag ni Major Gen. Arsenio DC Sadural PA, bagong Commander ng 2nd Infantry Division (2ID) ng Philippine Army, ang kanyang strategic leadership direction na nakatuon sa pagpapatatag ng kapayapaan, seguridad at kahandaan ng mga tropa sa gitna ng patuloy na pagbabago ng security landscape ng bansa.

Ang kanyang pag-upo sa pamunuan ng 2ID ay kasabay ng mahalagang transisyon ng Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) mula sa pangunahing pagtutok sa internal security operations tungo sa mas malawak na paghahanda at pagtugon sa external security challenges.

Sa kanyang talumpati sa Change of Command Ceremony, sinabi ni Sadural na bago siya muling itataga sa field command, matagumpay niyang natapos ang mga pangunahing misyon sa kanyang naunang assignment, kabilang ang pagtugon sa mga natukoy na banta sa kanyang nasa-sakupan.

Aniya, naging bahagi ang mga naturang pagsisikap sa pagkakamit ng mas matatag na

kapayapaan at seguridad sa lugar na kanyang pinamunuan.

Matapos ang limang buwan, itinalaga siya sa General Headquarters bilang Deputy Chief of Staff for Education and Training (J8), kung saan nagsilbi siya nang anim na buwan bago muling humarap sa field command bilang bagong pinuno ng 2ID.

Para kay Sadural, ang kanyang paghirang sa 2ID ay hindi lamang isang bagong assignment kundi isang malaking pananagutan at pagkakataong ipagpatuloy ang kultura ng serbisyo, disiplina at kahusayan na matagal nang kinikilala sa hanay ng mga "Gallant Fighters."

Binigyang-diin niya na ang mga prinsipyong ito ay hindi lamang mga salitang ginagamit sa militar kundi isang paraan ng pamumuhay—ang tinatawag niyang "Gallant Fighters' Way of Life."

Naniniwala rin ang opisyal na ang kanyang paglipat sa bagong tungkulin bago pa man ganap na maisakatuparan ang lahat ng kanyang mga layunin sa mga naunang assignment ay bahagi ng mas malak-

## Panukala ni Cong. Mike Tan para sa skills training ng mga PDL, tinalakay sa komite



Tinalakay ng House Committee on Higher and Technical Education ang House Bill No. 3096 na inihain ni Quezon 4th District Representative Cong. Atorni Mike Tan na naglalayong magtatag ng institutionalized skills training program para sa Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs).

Sa ilalim ng panukala, bibigyan ng technical-vocational training ang mga PDL upang magkaroon sila ng sapat na kasanayan na magagamit sa paghahanap ng trabaho o pagtatayo ng sariling kabuhayan sa oras na sila ay makalaya.

Sa kanyang sponsorship speech, igininito na ang pagkakakulong ay hindi dapat maging katapusan ng pag-asa kundi simula ng tunay na rehabilitasyon.

Ayon kay Cong. Tan, mahalagang mabigyan ng pagkakataon ang

ing plano ng Diyos.

"Indeed, Almighty God is our Great Planner who unfolds His plans in His rightful time. To God be all the glory," ani Sadural.

Sa kanyang bagong tungkulin, inilatatag ni Sadural ang "SECURE" bilang kanyang strategic leadership focus, na na-kaayon sa direksyon ng Higher Headquarters at naglalayong palakasin ang seguridad, kahandaan at katatagan ng mga lugar na sakop ng 2ID.

Ayon sa opisyal, mahalaga ang pagkakaroon ng malinaw na direksyon sa pamumuno lalo na sa panahong patuloy na nagbabago ang mga hamon sa pambansang seguridad.

Sinabi rin niya

mga PDL na makapagghanda para sa kanilang pagbabalik sa komunidad sa pamamagitan ng edukasyon at pagsasanay. Aniya, makatutulong ito upang magkaroon sila ng mas maayos na kinabukasan at maiwasan ang muling masangkot sa krimen.

Nakapaloob din sa panukala ang pagtatayo ng Job Assistance Office sa bawat penal institution upang tumulong sa paghahanap ng trabaho ng mga dating PDL. May probisyon din ito para sa pagbibigay ng insentibo sa mga employer na tatanggap sa kanila bilang manggagawa.

Sa oras na maisabatas, inaasahang magbibigay ang panukala ng mas maraming pagkakataon sa mga dating PDL na makapagbagong-buhay at maging produktibong miyembro ng lipunan.

(Aida C. Dupula)

na isang malaking karanalan at hamon ang pamunuan ay 2ID, isang mahalagang yunit ng AFP na may malaking papel sa pagpapanatili ng kapayapaan at seguridad sa Eastern at Southern Luzon.

"Hindi lahat ay nabibigyan ng pagkakataong mamuno sa ganitong mahalagang yunit ng ating Sandatahang Lakas," ani Sadural, habang binibigyang-diin ang kanyang pagpapahalaga sa tiwalang ipinagkaloob sa kanya. Bilang personal na gabay sa kanyang panunungkulan, ibinahagi ng bagong commander ang kanyang paboritong kasabihan:

"I shall pass this way but once. Any good that I can do, let me do it now, for I shall not pass

## GOV. HELEN TAN NAKIPAGPULONG SA HIRAYA WATER UKOL SA PAGPAPABUTI NG SUPLAY NG TUBIG SA QUEZON



Nakipagpulong si Quezon Governor Angelina "Doktora Helen" Tan sa pamunuan ng Hiraya Water, sa pangunguna ni Mr. Lucio Co, noong Agosto 4 upang talakayin ang mga plano ng kumpanya para sa pagpapahusay ng serbisyo ng suplay ng tubig sa Lucena City, Tayabas City, at mga bayan ng Pagbilao, Mauban, at Atimonan.

Sa ginawang pulong, hiniling ng gobernador sa Hiraya Water na agad makipag-ugnayan sa Quezon Metropolitan Water District (QMWD) at sa mga mayors ng mga apektadong lugar upang maipresenta ang kanilang plano para sa pagpapabuti ng serbisyo ng tubig.

Ayon kay Gov. Tan, mahalagang magkaroon ng malinaw na direksiyon at koordinasyon upang matugunan ang mga suliranin sa suplay ng

this way again."

Sa ilalim ng kanyang pamumuno, inaasahang pagtutunanan ng 2ID ang pagpapanatili ng operational readiness, pagpapalakas ng organisasyon at patuloy na kikipagtulungan sa mga local government units, law enforcement agencies at iba pang stakeholders upang matiyak ang isang ligtas, mapayapa at

tubig at maisakatuparan ang layuning makapagbigay ng sapat, maayos, at tuluy-tuloy na 24-oras na serbisyo sa mga residente.

Ibinahagi rin ng gobernador na nagpahayag ang Hiraya Water ng kanilang pagtitiyak na tutugunan ang mga umiiral na isyu ng kawalan ng maayos na daloy ng tubig at paigtingin ang kalidad ng kanilang serbisyo.

Dagdag pa niya, siya mismo ang personal na magmomonitor sa implementasyon ng proyekto.

Nagpasalamat din si Gov. Tan kay Mr. Lucio Co at sa iba pang opisyal ng Hiraya Water sa kanilang pakikipagdayalogo at pakikiisa sa layuning mapabuti ang serbisyo ng tubig at matugunan ang pangangailangan ng mga mamamayan ng Quezon.

(Aida C. Dupula)

matatag na komunidad. Sa kanyang mensahe, ipinakita ni Sadural na ang pamumuno sa 2ID ay hindi lamang tungkol sa command responsibility kundi sa pagpapatuloy ng isang kultura ng serbisyo, integridad, disiplina at kahusayan—mga pagpapahalagang inaasahan niyang magiging pundasyon ng bawat "Gallant Fighter."

(Pau Mojar)