

CARD MRI exposure tour highlights community services



Panaghiusa participants visited CARD MRI Astro Laboratories, Inc. in Barangay Tranca, Bay, Laguna. As its manufacturing arm, the facility supports CARD MRI's mission of poverty eradication by producing affordable healthcare, personal care, household, and other essential products.

CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI) held this year's last Panaghiusa: CARD MRI Exposure Tour Program for Media in Laguna from August 26 to 28, 2026.

Led by CARD MRI Publishing House Inc., the program aimed to deepen media practitioners' understanding of CARD MRI's diverse community development services, including healthcare, business development, education, and community livelihood initiatives.

"Ending poverty takes more than offering microfinance. It requires an integrated community development approach that tackles core challenges like healthcare, education, and business support. By bringing our media partners on this exposure tour, they can see these connected programs in action, helping us raise awareness of how we do things in empowering Filipinos and even-

tually eradicating poverty in the country," said Marilyn M. Manila, President of CARD MRI Publishing House.

During the tour, participants visited several client-facing institutions to witness CARD MRI's diverse programs firsthand. These included the CARD-MRI Development Institute, Inc. (CMDI), CARD

MRI's school and learning institute; Bay New Town, a one-stop housing and community project; health-care facilities under CARD Care Network, namely BEST Health Clinics, BotiCARD, CARD Clinics and Allied Services, and CARD Astro Laboratories; Mga Likha ni Inay (MLNI), its marketing arm; CARD Indogrosir, its grocery distribution arm; and the CARD-Business Development Service Foundation Inc. (CARD-BDSFI), an institution focused in organic farming, value chain, and business development.

One highlight of the exposure tour program was the Heritage and Lagos Tour, facilitated by CARD MRI Hijos Tours, CARD MRI's community-based tour company. The tour allowed participants to experience local culture and history by visiting several lakes in San Pablo City, as well as the historical City Hall and the Cathedral of Saint Paul the First Hermit.

In addition to learning CARD MRI's operations, participants met and interviewed Rhodora

Angeles, a CARD SME Bank client from Brgy. Mabacan, Calauan, Laguna, known for producing homemade "Trio Juice."

The participating media saw firsthand how community development works from the ground up. This lets them share real, human-centered stories that build awareness and inspire action toward poverty eradication.

The tour brought together eight media practitioners from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao: Sheila Mae Butlig of Gold Star Daily News from Cagayan de Oro City; Menzie Montes of RMN INC and iFM CDO; Edalyn B. Acta of Capiz Times Publishing from Roxas City, Capiz; Maritess Fernandez of Mindanao Examiner from Zamboanga City; Dexter A. Perez of MindaNet Balita from Davao de Oro; Marlon Alexander S. Luistro of Dy-aryo Veritas from Batangas City; Claire S. Cariño of Manila Bulletin Publishing Corp. from Manila; and Sheena Ann Ancheta of Pahayagan ng Kabitenyo from Cavite. PR



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Handog ng Pangulo brings government services closer to Caviteños



More than 5,000 Caviteños benefited from various government services and assistance during Handog ng Pangulo, Serbisyon Sapat para sa Lahat, a government

service convergence initiative held on September 14 at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City, simultaneously with activities in various cities and provinc-

es nationwide.

Leading the Cavite activity was DILG Secretary Juanito Victor Remulla, together with Governor Abeng Remulla, Vice Governor Ram

Revilla Bautista, 7th District Representative Ping Remulla, provincial board members, and mayors from Cavite's cities and municipalities.

The activity brought together the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) and participating national government agencies (NGAs), providing one-stop access to essential services, livelihood and agricultural assistance, educational support, legal services, health care, employment opportunities, and other government programs.

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EDITORIAL:

PWD, WHEELCHAIR AT KARAPATANG MAGKAROON NG BARIL

May mga nagtatanong: Kapag ba ang isang tao ay PWD o naka-wheelchair, bawal na agad siyang kumuha o mag-renew ng LTOPF at PTCFOR?

Batay sa RA 10591 at Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations, hindi nakasaad na ang pagiging PWD o wheelchair user, sa sarili lamang nito, ay automatic na disqualification para magkaroon ng firearm.

Sa katunayan, may partikular na provision ang Revised IRR para sa PWD na may physical at/o sensory impairment. Ang requirement ay medical certificate na nagsasabing kaya ng applicant na gamitin ang partikular na firearm nang efficiently, effectively at safely.

Ibig sabihin, hindi dapat ang simpleng tanong ay:

“PWD ba siya?”

Mas mahalagang tanong ay:

“Qualified ba siya sa ilalim ng batas at kaya ba niyang gamitin at pangasiwaan ang firearm nang ligtas?”

Mahalaga ring tandaan na magkaiba ang LTOPF at PTCFOR. Ang pagkakaroon ng LTOPF ay hindi automatic na nagbibigay ng PTCFOR. May hiwalay na requirements at qualification ang permit to carry.

Hindi rin dapat paghaluin ang physical disability at mental incapacity. Ang pagiging wheelchair user ay hindi nangangahulugan na ang isang tao ay mentally incapacitated o awtomatikong legally disqualified.

Kung may aplikanteng PWD na hindi pinagbigyan, makatarungan lamang na malaman niya ang eksaktong legal o administrative basis ng denial. Hindi sapat ang simpleng paliwanag na:

“Naka-wheelchair ka kasi.”

Kung mayroong partikular na regulation o memorandum na nagbabawal sa isang wheelchair user, dapat itong malinaw na maipakita at maipaliwanag kung paano ito naaayon sa umiiral na firearms law.

Ang pagiging PWD ay hindi dapat awtomatikong ituring na kawalan ng kakayahan. Ang dapat suriin ay ang qualification, medical condition, functional capability at safety, ayon sa itinakda ng batas.

Sa batas, mahalaga ang qualification—hindi ang label.

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DOLE...

Tagaytay City, Cavite-The Department of Labor and Employment Regional Office No. IV-A (DOLE CALABARZON) mounted a two-day training for DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) Focal Persons and Livelihood Development Specialists, September 16-17.

This activity is in line with the Department's initiative in addressing

Cayetano...

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano on Sunday said the government stands to gain if allegations of illegally titled properties along Laguna Lake in Taguig are proven true, as authorities continue to scrutinize the questioned land titles.

Cayetano made the statement a day after Senator Panfilo Lacson alleged that there are four parcels of illegally reclaimed land in Taguig City covered by “fraudulently” issued titles, including a 181,077-square-meter property whose title originated from a homestead patent.

Lacson said the findings would form part of documents to be submitted to the Office of the Ombudsman.

Speaking at the 44th anniversary of Manaport Apostolic Pentecostals (MAP) Church on August 30, Cayetano said the roughly 18-hectare property could ultimately benefit the government if the allegation surrounding its title is established.

“May isang nasa dyaryo kahapon na (nagsabi na may) 181,000 square meters o 18 hectares daw na ‘illegally titled.’ Sa isang banda po, nagho-hope din kami na totoo iyon. Bakit? Kasi kung totoong illegal iyon, sa gobyerno iyon [mapupunta], eh di may 18 hectares tayo ngayon para sa gobyerno,” he said.

Cayetano also welcomed the scrutiny of land titles in the area, noting that City of Taguig Mayor Lani Cayetano had long wanted the properties

challenges on program implementation, exploring new strategies that could further enhance the quality of service of its beneficiaries.

On the first day of training sessions, Mr. Ericson Mag-isa and Ms. Charisma Cruz, LEO III of Bureau of Workers with Special Concerns (BWSC) discussed the amendments on policy guidelines

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examined.

“Katulad ngayon na gusto nilang tingnan lahat ng titulo, matagal na pong gusto ni Lani iyon,” he said.

Lacson earlier asked the Land Registration Authority (LRA) to trace the origins and history of titles covering properties in areas he linked to alleged illegal reclamation in Taguig.

He said those responsible could face charges should authorities establish that the titles had been manipulated.

Cayetano, meanwhile, recalled that MAP Church had previously held one of its anniversary celebrations at the Lakeshore Tent, which has since been drawn into allegations involving supposed illegal reclamation.

“N a t a n d a a n ninyo po na doon kayo nag-anniversary isang beses sa Lakeshore Tent? Iyon po ang iniintriga ngayon,” he told the congregation.

“Iyon ang pinapalabas na illegal reclamation at pinapalabas na kinakamkam ko rin daw po y’ung iba para sa aking sarili. Pero ang blessing po ay marami kasing gugamit at alam naman po na hindi amin iyon,” he added.

For Cayetano, the continuing scrutiny could ultimately result in additional land for the government should the allegations be substantiated.

“Ipag-pray nyo lang mga kapatid na ang mini-mean ng iba na harm ay mini-mean ni Lord para sa good,” he said. PR

on DILP implementation as well as the issuance of program identification cards to its beneficiaries.

DOLE CALABARZON also tapped Mr. John Philip Tan from the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) to provide technical knowledge on the Effective and Smarter Use of Artificial Intelligence. The integration of this new technology to program implementation could help the implementers to fasten the service delivery to the beneficiaries.

Concepts on Financial Literacy, Digital Entrepreneurship, Business Planning and Data Studio Application operations were also tackled by various DOLE IV-A personnel.

DOLE Cavite Provincial Director Marivic B. Martinez also graced the activity. She emphasized to the participants the importance of effective coordination, accountability, and continuous learning in ensuring the successful implementation of DOLE's livelihood program.

This activity served as an avenue for DILP focal persons to enhance their understanding

of program policies, implementation procedures, monitoring mechanisms, documentation requirements, and other operational concerns. It also encouraged the sharing of experiences and good practices among the participating personnel from the different field offices.

Aligned with the goals and priorities of Secretary Francis Tolentino, the activity aims to enhance the capabilities of DILP focal persons and strengthen the delivery of livelihood programs

Ms. Ma. Angeli-que E. Yaun, Supervising Labor and Employment Officer of Technical Support and Services Division-Employment Promotion and Workers' Welfare, concluded the activity by underscoring the agency's commitment to continuously develop the competence of its workforce and improve program implementation.

The activity likewise reaffirmed the importance of collaboration, continuous learning, and shared responsibility in advancing DOLE's mandate of promoting decent and productive employment and protecting the welfare of Filipino workers. PR



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Remulla...

More than 5,000 Caviteños received government assistance, benefits, and frontline services as Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jonvic Remulla led the Cavite leg of “Handog ng Pangulo: Serbisyong Sapat Para sa Lahat” at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City on Monday.

Some P12.7 million in government assistance and benefits were extended to beneficiaries as national government agencies and local government units came together to bring essential services closer to communities.

Handog ng Pangulo 2026 is being held simultaneously across the country in celebration of the 69th birthday of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., underscoring the administration's push for responsive, inclusive, and people-centered governance.

Among the assistance distributed in Cavite were P8.1 million for displaced overseas Filipino workers under the Department of Migrant Workers' Agarang Kalinga at Saklolo para sa mga OFWs na Nangangailangan (AKSYON) Fund and P1.86 million in student financial assistance for grantees of Cavite State University through the Commission on Higher Education. Remulla was joined by Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel “Abeng” Remulla and city and municipal mayors from across the province.

During the event, the DILG Secretary also announced major developments expected to generate jobs and strengthen access to essential ser-

vices in Cavite.

Remulla said construction of the Sangley International Airport is expected to move forward next year, with the project projected to generate employment opportunities for more than 30,000 Filipinos.

He said he had just returned from India, where he and other government officials finalized an agreement on behalf of the Philippine government in connection with the project.

Remulla also announced that the Philippine General Hospital in Carmona, Cavite is expected to become operational this year, providing Caviteños greater access to quality and efficient medical services closer to home.

Various government agencies likewise provided services during the event, including the regional offices of the Bureau of Immigration, Department of Agrarian Reform, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, Land Registration Authority-Registry of Deeds, Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation, and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

First launched by the Office of the President in 2024, Handog ng Pangulo brings national government agencies and LGUs together in one venue so Filipinos can more easily access government programs, assistance, and frontline services.

Through the initiative, the government continues to bring public service closer to the people, ensuring that assistance is not only available, but reaches the communities and families who need it most. By DILG



CHED...

TAGAYTAY CITY – The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), in partnership with the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), conducted the Elevating Leadership and Institutional Capacity Towards Excellence in Philippine Higher Education (ELITE-PHE) program from September 6 to 9, 2026, at the DAP Conference Center, bringing together leaders and officials of state universities and colleges (SUCs).

Conducted under CHED HUSAY, ELITE-PHE strengthens the leadership and governance capabilities of SUC leaders and officials to enhance institutional performance, improve decision-making, and strengthen the delivery of quality higher education.

Aligned with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s thrust to strengthen the country's human capital, the program also prepares higher education institutions to respond to changing learner needs, rapid technological developments, and the evolving demands of the workforce.

At the opening ceremony on September 7, CHED Chairperson Shirley C. Agrupis underscored the critical role of institutional leaders in translating policies, resources, and reforms into concrete results. DAP President and CEO Leo-

MULANAY...

MULANAY, QUEZON — Isinusulong ang pagtatatag ng Mulanay Medical Center, isang Level II general hospital na layong maghatid ng mas abot-kayang serbisyong pangkalusugan sa mga residente ng Mulanay at mga karatig-bayan.

Ang panukala ay nakapaloob sa House Bill No. 7626 na itinataguyod ni Congressman Reynan Arrogancia, ng ikatlong distrito ng lalawigan ng Quezon.

Sa ilalim ng panukala, layunin nitong mailapit ang mga serbisyong medikal sa mga residente ng Bondoc Peninsula, par-

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cadio Sebastian also welcomed the participants and reaffirmed DAP's partnership with CHED in strengthening leadership across the higher education sector.

“A policy can establish a direction. A framework can provide guidance. Resources can make implementation possible. But institutional leaders still have to make the crucial decisions,” Chairperson Agrupis said.

ELITE-PHE has three tracks designed for different roles in SUC leadership and governance: the Executive Training Program for Presidents for SUC presidents; Governance Strengthening for Effective SUC Oversight for Board Secretaries; and the Executive Leadership Development Program for selected future SUC presidents and higher education leaders.

Forty CHED-DAP scholars nationwide were selected for the three-month Executive Leadership Development Program, which focuses on strategic leadership and advanced governance skills and runs until November 2026.

ELITE-PHE supports CHED's ACHIEVE Agenda, particularly the Centralized One Nation Human Capital Development Plan, which seeks to better align higher education with the country's workforce and long-term development needs. PR

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tikular sa mga nangangailangan ng mas mataas na antas ng serbisyong pangkalusugan.

Iminumungkahin na ang naturang ospital ay mapasailalim sa direktang pangangasiwa at pagpopondo ng Department of Health (DOH) kapag naisabat sa naitatag.

Ayon sa pagsusulong ng panukala, ang Mulanay Medical Center ay magiging isang mahalagang hakbang upang mapalawak ang access ng mga mamamayan sa serbisyong pangkalusugan sa Mulanay at mga kalapit na bayan.

(Aida Dapula)

PhilHealth...

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. continues to push for more accessible primary health care for Filipinos nationwide through Handog ng Pangulo (HNP).

As part of the celebration, DOH and PhilHealth will bring YAKAP and other health services to schools and workplaces across the country on September 14, 2026.

With the participation of 257 Yakap Clinics with partner GAMOT Providers, PhilHealth will offer the following services at all HNP sites: member services, YAKAP selection and empanelment, consultation, claiming of free medicines through GAMOT, and PSA registration support.

“We want to bring YAKAP to where Filipinos already are. Pinagtutulungan namin ng DOH, under UNA, yung holistic approach to health in schools, workplaces, and communities namerong kang health promotion interventions at may primary care services na available,” said PhilHealth Acting President and CEO Dr. Beverly Ho. “On this day, we want to show the member experience that we are working toward. Dapat ganito kadali mag-access ng primary

Barko...

Binangga diumano ng China Coast Guard (CCG) ang barko ng Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) na BRP Datu Magat Salamat ngayong Biyernes, Setyembre 18, sa may baybayin ng Palawan habang naghahatid ng tulong na krudo sa mga mangangisdang Pilipino sa West Philippine Sea.

Ayon sa Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), nagdulot ng pinsala sa starboard side o kanang bahagi ng barko ng BFAR ang nangyaring pagbangga.

Dahil sa insidente, nabaluktot, natanggal, at naalis sa puwesto ang mga railings, metal support, deck fixture, at iba pang gamitang naturang barko.

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care services para sa lahat ng Pilipino.”

For region 4A, school-based and community-based sites will be in the following:

LAGUNA

- Alonte Sports Arena – Biñan, Laguna
- Pedro Guevara Memorial National High School – Santa Cruz, Laguna

CAVITE

- Greenbreeze Elementary School – Dasmaríñas, Cavite
- New Provincial Government Center – Trece Martires City, Cavite
- Kanggahan Elementary School – Trece Martires City, Cavite
- Tagaytay City Velodrome – Tagaytay City, Cavite

QUEZON

- Philippine Normal University South Luzon – Lopez, Quezon
- Quezon Convention Center – Lucena City, Quezon
- Lucena East 7 Elementary School – Lucena City, Quezon

For further details on YAKAP na Handog ng Pangulo venues, members may call PhilHealth's 24/7 touch points at (02) 8662-2588 or visit PhilHealth Facebook Page @PhilHealthOfficial.

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Nangyari ang pagbangga isang araw matapos matagumpay na maiahon at maipalutag magat mula sa pagkakasadsad nito sa Hasa-Hasa Shoal.

Nagsasagawa noon ang BRP Datu Magat Salamat ng probisyon ng fuel subsidy mission ng pamahalaan sa ilalim ng proyektong KBBM para sa mga lokal na mangangisda nang mangyari ang magkasunod na insidente.

Patuloy namang binabantayan ng mga awtoridad ang kalagayan ng mga tauhan at ng barko habang nakikipagugnayan sa mga kaukulang ahensya para sa susunod na mga hakbang (Nelson Dimapilis)

Suspect in Death of 20-Year-Old Student in Calamba Arrested; Homicide Case Filed



CALAMBA CITY, LAGUNA — Police have arrested a 19-year-old man in connection with the death of a 20-year-old female student whose body was found inside a residence along Alihan Street, Purok 3, Barangay Dos, Calamba City, Laguna, on September 13, 2026.

The victim was discovered lifeless at around 6 p.m. on September 13, with the incident reported to the Calamba City Police Station at approximately 8 p.m. the same day. Police immediately conducted a follow-up investigation to determine the circumstances surrounding her death.

Investigators identified the 19-year-old suspect as the last person seen with the victim. At around 1:20 a.m. on September 14, the suspect was voluntarily surrendered by his parents to the Calamba Police.

In the presence of his counsel de officio, the suspect executed an extra-judicial confession and admitted his participation in the incident. According to his statement, he and the victim had a heated argument that escalated into a physical confrontation, during which he restrained the victim using a “choke hold.” The confession was duly notarized.

Initial autopsy findings by the Regional Forensic Unit-4A indicated that the victim died from asphyxia resulting from manual strangulation.

Based on the evidence and information gathered by investigators, police classified the inci-

dent as a homicide case. The suspect remains under the custody of the Calamba Police and was informed of his constitutional rights.



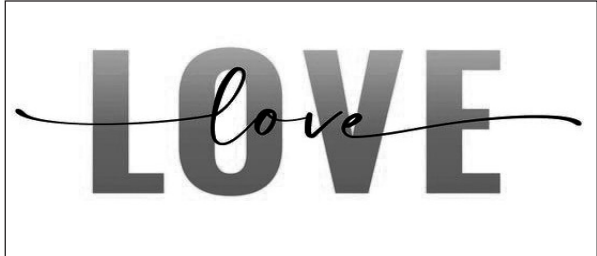
The Homicide case was filed through inquest proceedings on September 14, 2026, and docketed as NPS Docket No. IV-12-INQ-261-00830 before the Office of the Prosecutor in Calamba City, Laguna.

Meanwhile, the Calamba Police urged residents to remain calm amid social media posts circulating about the incident. Authorities cautioned the public against sharing unverified information that

“Nauunawaan namin ang pangamba ng ating mga kababayan. Ngunit hinihikayat namin ang lahat na manatiling kalmado, mapagmatyag, at huwag magpakalat ng mga impormasyong hindi pa beripikado. Mabilis na kumilos ang Calamba Police, naaresto ang suspek at naisampa na ang kaukulang kaso. Patuloy kaming magbabantay para sa kaligtasan ng bawat Calambeno.”

The Calamba Police reiterated its appeal for residents to remain calm, stay vigilant, and trust the legal process as the case proceeds.

(Edjun Mariposque)



Naic

NAIC, Cavite (PIA) — Faced with a rapidly growing population and solid waste management concerns, the Municipal Government of Naic has called for guidance from the national government in creating long-term solutions to its environmental challenges.

In a video message addressed to President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., Mayor Rommel Magbitang has called for guidance to address their town's waste disposal crisis.

“Mahal na Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr., ako po ay nagpapakumbabang lumalapit sa inyo hindi bilang mayor, kundi bilang kinatawan ng isang bayan na matagal nang tumutulong sa ating pamahalaan.

Kailangan po namin ang tulong ninyo. Ang hinihiling lang namin ay gabay at suporta upang makahanap kami ng pangmatagalang solusyon para sa problema sa basura.”

Naic currently hosts multiple government housing projects, including those under the Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pamilyang Pilipino (4PH)

and other agency-led relocations. Some of these developments, such as the Pasinaya Homes Series, were personally unveiled by the President.

While the town remained supportive of national housing projects, Magbitang emphasized that the growing population has significantly strained local waste management systems.

“Kasabay ng paglaki ng ating populasyon ang paglaki ng pangangailangan sa mga pangunahing serbisyo, at isa po sa pinakamabigat na hamon na kinakaharap natin ngayon ay ang problema sa basura.”

Representative Aniela Tolentino of Cavite's Eighth District backed Magbitang's appeal and called on the concerned agencies such as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to help identify practical solutions to address the town's needs.

“The appeal of Naic, Cavite Mayor Rommel Magbitang for the

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national government's guidance and support deserves our attention not only because of the urgency of the situation, but more importantly because it reflects a problem confronting many of our local government units.”

Meanwhile, Magbitang assured that they will cooperate on solutions that the national government will propose.

Based on LGU records, Naic produces around 96.74 metric tonnes of waste daily, and up to 2,902 tonnes of waste each month or 35,310 tonnes in a year.

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) classified Naic as a first-class income municipality and mainly a coastal and agricultural town with a population of 160, 987 based on the 2020 census.

But over the years, Naic's population ballooned to nearly 276,411 residents. Tolentino said the surge was driven by national relocations from Metro Manila which resulted in more resettlement housing and private residential development.

Pagbuo sa Ortograpiyang Mëñubú Duláñgan, Isinagawa ng KWF sa Lungsod ng Koronadal

Nagsagawa ng Palihan sa Pagbuo ng Ortograpiya ng wikang Mëñubú Duláñgan ang Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) noong 6–8 Agosto 2026 sa Paraiso Verde Hotel, Lungsod Koronadal.

Ang mga gawain ay pinangunahan ng mga mananaliksik ng KWF na sina Dr. Jose Evie G. Duclay, Rolien Mark M. Balisi, at Christian DS. Nayles; SWK ng University of Southern Mindanao (USM); mga gurong manunulat mula sa DepEd Sultan Kudarat, at mga elder ng komunidad ng Mëñubú Duláñgan mula sa pitong (7) bayan ng Sultan Kudarat.

Naging katuwang ng KWF sa pananaliksik

na ito ang mga kinatawan mula sa Sentro ng Wika at Kultura (SWK) ng USM para matiyak ang maayos na implementasyon ng mga gawain at mapalakas ang ugnayan ng dalawang institusyon sa mga proyektong pangwika.

Sa unang araw ng palihan, tinalakay ni Dr. Jose Evie G. Duclay ang introduksiyon sa proyekto ng KWF na pagbuo ng ortograpiya, kabilang ang henetikong ugnayan ng mga wika sa Pilipinas.

Ipinakilala naman ng mananaliksik na si G. Rolien Mark M. Balisi ang International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) at ginabayan ang mga kalahok sa pagtuklas ng mga tunog na ginagamit sa wikang Mëñubú Duláñgan

at mga prosesong morponemiko.

Sa ikalawang araw, pinangunahan naman ng mananaliksik na si G. Christian DS. Nayles ang pagsulat ng mga kabanata ng ortograpiya, kabilang ang pantig at pagpapantig, pagbaybay na pagbigkas at pasulat, at paggamit ng mga tuldik at bantas.

Ang Pagbuo ng Ortograpiya ng mga Wika ng Pilipinas ay isang patuluyang programa ng KWF sa ilalim ng Sangay ng Lingguwistika, Publikasyon, at Promosyon (SLPP) na naglalayong paigtingin ang dokumentasyon, pagpapaunlad, at pagsusulong sa paggamit ng mga katutubong wika sa Pilipinas.

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CHIZ WELCOMES SENATE'S APPROVAL OF BILL FIXING TERM OF BARANGAY, SK OFFICIALS

Senator Francis “Chiz” Escudero on Monday thanked his colleagues for approving on third and final reading Senate Bill No. 2387, which fixes the term of office of barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) to five years.

With its approval, the Barangay and SK Elections (BSKE) originally set for November 2026 will be moved to November 2028, and thereafter held every five years on the second Monday of November to avoid conflict with the annual observance of All Saints' Day.

“I am grateful to my colleagues for supporting this measure that will strengthen barangay governance and give our local leaders the time they need to deliver meaningful programs,” Escudero said after the plenary vote.

The bill was passed during the chamber's session this afternoon, with 13 affirmative votes, 5 negative vote, and zero abstention.

Among the amendments introduced during the plenary debate was the limitation of service to two consecutive five-year terms for barangay officials, instead of three, while SK officials are restricted to only one term to ensure broader youth participation and leadership turnover.

Escudero, principal author and sponsor of the measure, explained that a five-year term provides barangay and SK officials a longer, uninterrupted period to plan, implement, and evaluate programs before the next electoral transition.

“Barangays are planners, implementers, first responders, peacekeepers, and frontline service providers—all at a level where government interacts directly with households and families,” he said.

The veteran legislator stressed that the measure strikes a balance between continuity and democratic accountability, granting local officials ample time to complete long-term initiatives without the constant disruption of frequent elections.

“Sa limang taong termino, mas may panahon ang ating mga opisyal na magpatupad ng mga programa at proyekto na tunay na makikinabang ang kanilang mga komunidad,” he concluded. #

After...

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BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) — After 25 years of waiting, residents of Salinas Bacoor, Inc. and Salinasville Phase II can finally call their government housing a home after receiving their Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT).

Last September 10, the Department of Human Settlements and Development (DHSUD) and Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) led the distribution of TCTs to more than 200 individuals, as part of the government's bid to give informal settler families a permanent home.

DHSUD Secretary Jose Ramon Alliling and SHFC President Federico Laxa awarded the certificates to the families of Salinasville Homeowners Association Phase 2 and Bayanihan Homeowners Association. The program, which was part of the Enhanced Community Mortgage Program (ECMP) under the Expanded Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pamilyang

Pilipino (4PH) Program, aimed to help families secure ownership over their homes.

Representative Lani Mercado-Revilla of Cavite's Second District, highlighted Bacoor City's housing challenges which was caused by relocation projects. Through the Enhanced Community Mortgage Program, the lawmaker underscored the government's commitment to provide decent and secure homes for every family. “Isang malaking suliranin sa lungsod ng Bacoor ang relokasyon at resettlement. How can we resettle and relocate if we do not have enough houses to build, at kung walang sapat na pondo and DHSUD?”

The lawmaker and thanked President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., whose flagship housing program paved the way for more Filipinos to claim ownership over their homes. “Itong araw na ito ay patunay na matibay ang Samahan ng paba-



hay at ng local government unit ng lungsod ng Bacoor, and the national government sa tulong ng ating mahal na Pangulong Bongbong Marcos.”

The awarding of the TCTs marked the beginning of a new chapter for the Bayanihan Homeowners' Association Salinas after 25 years. For President Ruelito Garcia, they can finally call their houses their own.

“Itong 'yung bungang pinaghirapan namin ng 25 years., at ipinagkaloob na ito sa amin. Dumaan tayo sa mga pagsubok, bilang homeowners association tulad ng mga monthly dues.”

Salinasville Homeowners Association Phase 2 and Bayanihan Homeowners Association are among the 47 approved ECMP project since the program was revived and expanded under the Expanded 4PH.

To date, the DHSUD has estimated 8,000 member-beneficiaries since the project's 2025 expansion.

EXPLICIT

34 WANTED PERSONS, TIMBOG SA 24-ORAS NA OPERASYON NG PULIS CALABARZON

Umabot sa 34 wanted persons ang naaresto ng Police Regional Office 4A sa isinagawang 24-oras na operasyon laban sa mga wanted na indibidwal mula alas-6:00 ng umaga ng Setyembre 17 hanggang alas-6:00 ng umaga ng Setyembre 18, 2026.

Sa kabuuang bilang ng mga naaresto, 14 ang kabilang sa Most Wanted Persons habang 20 naman ang Other Wanted.

Kabilang sa mga kasong kinahaharap ng mga naarestong wanted persons ang Rape, Murder, paglabag sa Republic Act No. 9165 o Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, at Republic Act No. 10883 o New Anti-Carnapping Act of 2016, bukod sa iba pang paglabag sa batas na may kaukulang warrant of arrest.

Ayon kay Regional Director PBGen Dominic L. Baccay, bahagi ng mandato ng Philippine National Police ang patuloy na pagsasagawa ng operasyon laban sa mga wanted person upang mapanatili ang kaayusan at kapayapaan sa mga komunidad.

Binigyang-diin din ni Baccay na kailangang harapin ng mga indibidwal na may kinakaharap na kaso ang kaukulang proseso sa korte.

“Hindi titigil ang ating kapulisan sa paghahanap sa mga wanted persons. Walang makakatakas sa batas, hahanapin namin kayo at iharap sa hustisiya. We will not tolerate violence, abuse, or any unlawful acts. Face the full force of the law,” ani Baccay.

Samantala, kasalukuyang nasa kustodiya ng mga awtoridad ang mga naarestong wanted persons para sa dokumentasyon at kaukulang disposisyon ng kanilang mga kaso.

Kasabay nito, patuloy na isinusulong ng pamunuan ng PRO 4A ang pinaigting na manhunt operations upang matiyak ang agarang pagpapatupad ng mga warrant of arrest at mapanatili ang seguridad, kapayapaan at kaayusan sa buong CALABARZON.

Patuloy rin ang koordinasyon ng mga yunit ng pulisya sa rehiyon para sa pagtugis at pag-aresto sa iba pang wanted persons na may umiiral na warrant of arrest.



Pau Dela Cruz

Pinalawak ng Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Region IV-A at Calamba Medical Center (CMC) ang access sa specialized healthcare sa pamagitan ng kanilang bagong partnership sa mga PhilHealth Z Benefit packages.

Sa ilalim ng Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) na nilagdaan noong September 16, 2026, accredited ang CMC bilang provider ng Z Benefits para sa Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG), perito-

neal dialysis, at hearing impairment services para sa mga batang edad 0 hanggang 17.

Maaaring umabot sa ₱660,000 hanggang ₱960,000 ang CABG coverage, habang ang peritoneal dialysis package ay may taunang coverage na hanggang ₱1.269 milyon para sa ilang pediatric cases.

Kasama rin sa mga benepisyo ang mga piling gamot, laboratory at diagnostic procedures, rehabilitation, catheter-related services at iba pang kinakailangang medical care, depende sa package at eligibility ng pasyente.

Nilagdaan ang kasunduan nina Dr. Ed-



Madelaine Go

Pointer

PhilHealth, CMC Pinalawak ang Access sa Espesyal na Serbisyon Medikal

win Oriña, PhilHealth Region IV-A Regional Vice President, at Atty. Pilar Nenuca P. Almira, President and CEO ng CMC.

Ayon sa CMC, bahagi ng partnership ang kanilang commitment na gawing mas accessible ang specialized healthcare sa CALABARZON, alinsunod sa kanilang brand promise na “Kalingang may Husay at Puso.”

Pinapayuhan ang mga pasyente na makipag-ugnayan sa PhilHealth o CMC para sa eligibility requirements at proseso ng pag-avail ng Z Benefits.



49 Calambeños Receive Land Titles, Bringing Homeownership Dreams to Reality



CALAMBA CITY, LAGUNA — Forty-nine Calambeños have taken a major step toward secure homeownership after receiving their own land titles as part of a government housing initiative aimed at providing families with greater security and stability.

The 49 beneficiaries were among 913

Filipinos who received their respective land titles, marking what Mayor Roseller “Ross” H. Rizal described as a historic day for the families who had long faced uncertainty over their homes and land.

“Isang makasaysayang araw para sa 49 nating mga kababayan sa Calamba na kabilang sa 913 Pilipinong tumanggap

ngayong araw ng kanilang sariling titulo ng lupa.”

The issuance of the titles provides the beneficiaries with greater security in their place of residence after years of renting and living with uncertainty, while giving their families a stronger foundation for the future.

The initiative was made possible through the Community Mortgage Pro-

under Secretary Atty. Jose Ramon Aliling, with the continuing support of the Calamba City Government.

“Sa pamamagitan ng Community Mortgage Program ng Social Housing Finance Corporation sa pangunguna ng kanilang President and CEO, Mr. Federico Laxa. Kasama din ang Department of Human

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“Maraming salamat, Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., sa inyong Serbisyong Sapat Para sa Lahat.”

For the 49 Calambeño beneficiaries, the land titles represent more than legal documents—they signify security, dignity and a permanent place they can call home.

“Bahay at lupa, seguridad at dignidad—para sa bawat pamilyang Calambeño.”

(Edjun Mariposque)

ALABAT AT BALESin ISLAND, PINALALAKAS ANG UGNAYAN; DAY TOUR, TINALAKAY

ALABAT, QUEZON — Nakipagpulong ang Punong Bayan ng Alabat sa mga kinatawan ng Balesin Island, isang barangay na sakop ng Bayan ng Polillo, Quezon, upang talakayin ang mga posibleng hakbang sa pagpapalakas ng ugnayan, turismo at pagtutulongan ng dalawang magkalapit na isla.

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Ang paglilina sa naturang usapin ay nagbigay-daan sa mas maayos na pagkakaunawaan at ugnayan ng dalawang isla.

Samantala, pag-aaralan ng Municipal Tourism Office ang mga posibleng programa, patakaran at kinakailangang koordinasyon para mai-sakatuparan ang planong Alabat–Balesin Island Day Tour.

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For assistance provided was the Rice Distribution Program, which served 5,000 beneficiaries from Barangay Cabuco, Trece Martires City.

Participating agencies also delivered substantial sector-specific assistance.

TESDA distributed allowances, training support funds, starter toolkits, and scholarship vouchers, while NIA Cavite-Batangas awarded livelihood projects, including a ₱300,000 Rice-Duck Farming Livelihood Project, ₱210,000 High-Value Crop Production with Drip Irrigation System Project, and ₱500,000 RTL Chicken Project for the CY 2026 Most Outstanding Irrigators Association at the regional level.

The Department of Agriculture provided ₱4,034,902 worth of agricultural programs and services, while DTI-Cavite awarded ₱673,000 for an Ideation, Design, and Development Laboratory and ₱580,000 for a Coffee Roasting Facility.

For education and migrant assistance, CHED RO IV-A granted ₱1.86 million in UniFAST assistance to qualified Cavite State University grantees, while DMW RO IV-A extended ₱8.1 million through the AKSYON Fund for overseas Filipino workers in need.

Meanwhile, BFAR IV-A provided three FRP boats worth ₱210,000, ₱1.8 million worth of inputs for three HDPE fish cages, and ₱15 million for the establishment of a Common Post-Harvest Facility under the FishCoRe Project.

Legal and public assistance were also

made available through the Department of Justice–Office of the Provincial Prosecutor–Cavite, Public Attorney’s Office, Department of Agrarian Reform–Cavite, Bureau of Immigration, OWWA RWO IV-A, Land Registration Authority–Registry of Deeds, and Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation.

The DOH Center for Health Development–CALABARZON likewise turned over assistive devices, including wheelchairs, canes, and crutches, to identified beneficiaries.

The PGC, through the Office of the Governor Medical Mission Team, provided medical and dental consultations, while the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OP-PESM) facilitated a job

BAGONG DALUYAN NG TUBIG SA INFANTA, ITATAYO PARA MABAWASAN ANG PAGBAHA



INFANTA, QUEZON — Inihahanda na ang pagtatayo ng bagong daluyan ng tubig na mag-uugnay sa Bantilan River at Agos River sa bahagi ng Pinaglapatan bilang bahagi ng mga hakbang upang mabawasan ang pagbaha sa Infanta.

Ayon kay Mayor L.A. Ruanto, tinatayang 80 metro ang magiging lapad ng planong channel at idisenyo ito ayon sa natural na daloy ng tubig sa lugar.

Dumating na rin ang mga heavy equipment ng Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Bureau of Equipment na gagamitin sa dredging at pagpapalawak ng mga waterways, kabilang ang Bantilan River.

Sinabi ni Ruanto na maaaring umabot ng isang taon o higit pa ang

mga kailangang trabaho dahil sa lawak ng sakop ng proyekto. Kabilang din sa target na isailalim sa dredging at restoration ang Quago Creek at Malucanag Creek.

Hinihintay pa ang karagdagang kagamitan

upang mapalawak ang operasyon sa iba pang mga daluyan ng tubig sa bayan.

Layunin ng mga isasagawang trabaho na palalimin at paluwagin ang mga ilog at creek upang mas mabilis na makadaloy ang tubig at mabawasan



ang panganib ng pagbaha sa Infanta.

Patuloy ang koordinasyon ng lokal na pamahalaan at DPWH sa pagpapatupad ng mga proyekto para sa flood mitigation sa bayan.

(Aida Dapula)

NephroPlus Dialysis Angono Branch, Inireklamo Kaugnay ng Iniulat na nagkaka hawaan ng Hepatitis B sa kanilang mga pasyente



Lumapit sa media ang ilang pasyente at isang dating nurse ng NephroPlus Dialysis Angono Branch sa Angono, Rizal, kaugnay ng iniulat na pagkakaroon ng Hepatitis B sa ilang pasyenteng sumasailalim sa dialysis sa naturang clinic.

Kabilang sa mga

nagsumbong si alyas Joyce, asawa ng isang dialysis patient na tinukoy sa alyas na Roy, isa sa limang nagkaroon ng sakit na Hepatitis B. Ayon kay Joyce, tatlong taon nang sumasailalim sa dialysis ang kanyang asawa, ngunit ngayon lamang umano ito nagpositibo sa

Hepatitis B.

Sinabi rin ni Joyce na nalaman niya sa kanilang group chat ang pahayag umano ng dating nurse na si alyas Christine tungkol sa sinasabing pagkakaroon ng Hepatitis B outbreak sa clinic.

Ayon naman kay Christine, posibleng hindi umano agad nakita ng doktor ang resulta ng isang pasyenteng positibo sa Hepatitis B. Dahil dito, sinabi niyang posibleng nailipat ang naturang pasyente sa iba’t ibang dialysis machine dahil sa bawat araw ng paggamot ay napapalipat lipat sa ibang dialysis machine ang nag positibo sa hepatitis B na maaaring nagresulta umano sa pagkaha-

wa ng iba pang pasyente at apat ang nahawaang pasyente ang nagpositibo umano sa Hepatitis B.

Samantala, sina-

bi ni Mr. Elmer Deloritos, BPLO Head ng Angono, Rizal, na nabigyan na umano ng kaukulang notice o violation ang nasabing clinic dahil nagkaroon na ito ng kaso sa kanilang tanggapan sa hindi pag-comply sa sanitary requirements kaugnay ng water inspection ngayong 2026.

Hindi pa malinaw kung may direktang kaugnayan ang naturang sanitary compliance issue sa mga kaso ng Hepatitis B na maaaring nagresulta umano sa pagkaha-

wa ng iba pang pasyente at apat ang nahawaang pasyente ang nagpositibo umano sa Hepatitis B.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

Ang paglilina sa