CALAX is now approaching full completion







MPCALA Holdings, Inc. is nearing completion of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), marking substantial progress toward the full operation of the 45-kilometer, four-lane expressway with two lanes in each direction, connecting Cavite and Laguna.

Construction continues on the remaining 18.5 kilometers of CALAX, covering Subsections 1 and 2, with active works focused on mainline road pavements, bridge superstructures, drainage systems, interchange ramps, and other associated infrastructure.

CALAX currently operates continuously from Mamplasan, Binan to Governors Drive in General Trias. Completion of Subsections 1 and 2 will extend the expressway through Open Canal to Kawit, completing the CALAX corridor and connecting it to CAVITEX through the CAVITEX-CALAX Link (CCLink).

This will give motorists a more direct route across the Cavite-Laguna corridor and toward Metro Manila, providing an alternative route to major local roads and improving access to residential, commercial, industrial, and economic centers across the region. The interconnected network will also provide a more seamless expressway connection, supporting the movement of people and goods and strengthening access to key destinations across the region.

The completed CALAX will further support logistics and business activity by strengthening connections between industrial areas, warehouses, distribution hubs, commercial centers, and major markets in Cavite, Laguna, and Metro Manila. Improved expressway connectivity can provide logistics and delivery operators with more efficient routes for transporting cargo, raw materials, finished products, and other goods across key economic centers and supply networks.

For businesses, improved accessibility can facilitate the movement of workers, goods, and supplies while supporting stronger links to industrial and commercial areas. More broadly, the integrated expressway network is expected to contribute to regional mobility, logistics connectivity, and economic activity across Cavite and Laguna.

The Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) is a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) project with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) serving as the government grantor, and MPCALA Holdings, Inc., a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation, acting as the private concessionaire.

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Enchanted Kingdom marks its 31st Anniversary with enhanced AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY and a night of OPM music







Enchanted Kingdom (EK), the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, renews its commitment to sustainability and biodiversity as it celebrates its 31st Anniversary with the second set of enhancements of its award-winning flying theater, AGILA The EKsperience: SARI-BUHAY this October. As a highlight of its Fiesta ng Saribuhay anniversary campaign, EK will continue to share more enchanting stories of Saribuhay through the attraction's new and enhanced pre- and post-show experiences that showcase the rich biodiversity of the Philippines and reinforce its call for Filipinos to appreciate and take care of our environment.

Among the enhancements is Kwento ng Agila, an immersive walk-through accessible upon enter-ing the AGILA building. Through immersive visuals and storytelling, the new entry experience takes guests behind the scenes of the attraction, revealing its inspiration, the symbolism behind its architecture, and its development by an all-Filipino team. Further along the walkthrough, guests will be introduced to the world of the Agila, or Philippine eagle, through a glimpse of its natural habitat and the various species that thrive within its ecosys-tem. It also traces the lifecycle of the Agila, highlighting its plight as one of the critically endangered birds in the world. This builds on EK's steadfast commitment to eagle conservation, earlier demonstrated by its adoption and continued support for the care and breeding of Enchanting Kagitingan, a male Philippine eagle, in partnership with the Philippine Eagle Foundation.

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CAVITE COOPERATIVE MONTH CELEBRATION 2026 | OPENING SALVO



The Cavite Cooperative Month Celebration Opening Salvo was successfully conducted on October 2, 2026 at the S.T.R.I.K.E. Gymnasium, City of Bacoor, Cavite, bringing together around 2,300 cooperative members and leaders from different cooperatives across the Province of Cavite.

The event was organized and facilitated by the Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Pro-

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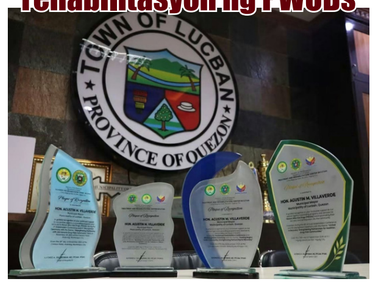


SANTA CRUZ, LAGUNA — The Provincial Government of Laguna, under the leadership of Governor Sol Aragones, continues to strengthen its efforts to protect mothers and newborns through specialized training for midwives on community-based HIV screening and the prevention of mother-to-child transmission.

The second day of the "Training on Community-Based HIV Screening for Midwives: Triple Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission" was held on October 8 at the Provincial Health Office (PHO) Conference Room inside the Provincial Cap-

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Lucban, kinilala ng DOH-Bicutan sa suporta sa rehabilitasyon ng PWUDs



LUCBAN, Quezon — Kinilala ng Department of Health (DOH) Treatment and Rehabilitation Center–Bicutan ang Lokal na Pamahalaang Bayan ng Lucban sa patuloy nitong suporta sa mga programang naglalayong tulungan ang mga Persons Who Use Drugs (PWUDs) sa kanilang rehabilitasyon at pagbabalik sa komunidad.

Tumanggap ang pamahalaang bayan ng Plaque of Recognition bilang pagkilala sa apat na magkakasunod na taon ng pakikiisa at suporta nito sa mga naturang programa mula 2023 hanggang 2026.

Sa pamumuno ni Mayor Agustin "Tenten" Villaverde, patuloy na nakikipagtulungan ang lokal na pamahalaan sa mga katuwang na ahensya upang maisulong ang mga programang nakatuon sa rehabilitasyon, reintegrasyon, at pagbibigay ng kinakailangang suporta sa mga indibidwal na nangangailangan ng tulong kaugnay ng paggamit ng droga.

Ayon sa pahayag ng Lokal na Pamahalaang Bayan ng Lucban, patunay ang pagkilalang ito sa kahalagahan ng pagtutulungan ng mga lokal na pamahalaan at mga ahensya ng pamahalaan sa pagpapatupad ng mga programang nagtataguyod ng pagbangon at muling pakikibahagi ng mga PWUDs sa lipunan.

Patuloy namang isinusulong ng pamahalaang bayan ang mga hakbang at programang naglalayong makabuo ng isang ligtas, maayos, at inklusibong pamayanan para sa lahat.

(Aida Dapula)

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BINANGGA NG CHINA CG ANG BARKO NG BFAR NA NASA MISYON PARA SA FUEL SUBSIDY NG MGA MANGINGISDANG PILIPINO — 54 NM MULA SA PALAWAN

Noong Setyembre 18, 2026, intensyonal na binangga ng China Coast Guard vessel CCG-21585 ang BRP Datu Magat Salamat (MMOV 3015). Ito ang kaparehong barko ng BFAR na tinulungan ng Philippine Coast Guard kahapon habang nagsasagawa ng maritime patrol upang maghatid ng fuel subsidy sa ating mga mangingisda.

Narito ang pagkakasunod-sunod ng mga kaganapan:

• 11:04 AM: Dumaan nang pahalang ang CCG-21585 sa hulihan (stern) ng barko ng BFAR sa distansyang humigit-kumulang 10 metro lamang.

• 11:13 AM: Habang pinapanatili ng MMOV 3015 ang direksyon nito, inulit ng barko ng Tsina ang naturang maniobra at sa pagkakataong ito ay tumama na at binangga ang barko ng BFAR.

• 11:48 AM: Nakumpirma ang laki ng pinsala sa kanang bahagi (starboard side) ng barko: nayupi, nabali, at natanggal ang mga pangunahing gabay o railings; nayupi ang mga metal stanchion at suportang istruktura; at naisod ang mga kagamitan at gamit sa deck, kung saan kumalat ang mga debris sa buong deck.

• Matapos ang banggaan: Muling nagsagawa ng peligrosong maniobra ang CCG-21585 sa pamamagitan ng pagdaan sa mismong hulihan (dead astern) ng barko sa distansyang humigit-kumulang 5 metro lamang.

Nangyari ito sa 09°34.445'N, 116°53.714'E — humigit-kumulang 6.36 NM NNW ng Abad Santos Shoal at humigit-kumulang 54 NM lamang mula sa dalampasigan ng Palawan — na malinaw na nasa loob ng exclusive economic zone (EEZ) ng Pilipinas. Inatasan na ni PCG Commandant Admiral Ronnie Gil Gavan ang mga surface at air assets ng PCG na pumunta sa kinaroroonan ng barko ng BFAR upang magbigay ng tulong at tiyakin ang kaligtasan ng mga tripulante nito. Maging malinaw tayo sa ginagawa ng barkong ito: naghahatid ito ng krudo sa mga mangingisdang Pilipino upang makapagpatuloy sila sa pangingisda sa ating sariling karagatan at magkaroon ng pagkain sa mesa ng mga pamilyang Pilipino. Sadyang binangga ng China Coast Guard ang isang sibilyang barko ng gobyerno na nasa isang misyong pangkabuhayan at humanitarian, na naglagay sa panganib sa buhay ng mga tripulanteng Pilipino. Ang mga kilos na ito ay tahasang paglabag sa 1972 COLREGs, 2016 Arbitral Award, at UNCLOS. Walang anumang pambabangga o peligrosong maniobra ang makapagpapabago sa katotohanang ang mga karagatang ito ay pagmamay-ari ng mamamayang Pilipino. Kailangang pagbayaran ng China ang halagang ₱1.4 milyong danyos sa ginawa nito sa BRP Datu Magat Salamat. Patuloy na susuportahan ng PCG ang mga misyon ng BFAR sa West Philippine Sea, alinsunod sa utos ng Pangulo na tiyaking ligtas na naipapahayag at naipaglalaban ng ating mga mangingisda ang kanilang mga karapatan sa ating sariling exclusive economic zone.

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itol Compound in Santa Cruz, Laguna.

Led by the Laguna Provincial Health Office (PHO) in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH) Center for Health Development–CALABARZON, the training focused on practical skills and return demonstration to equip midwives with the proper procedures for HIV screening and related health services.

The session began with a recap and discussion on Treatment, Referral, and Management, facilitated by Kate S. Pelagio, RPh.

Peter Paul Elazegui, RMT, meanwhile, discussed Service Delivery Mapping and Standard Precaution, covering proper donning and doffing of personal protective equipment, finger-pricking and blood collection techniques,

the use of HIV Rapid Diagnostic Test Kits, proper waste disposal, and quality assurance.

A major component of the training was the Return Demonstration, where participants performed the actual finger-pricking procedure and practiced filling out the HIV Testing Services (HTS) Form, interpreting screening results, and ensuring proper linkage to care.

The participants also took part in a Triad Activity, where they alternated roles as client, provider, and observer.

The activity was designed to ensure that the correct procedures were followed while maintaining the quality and safety of HIV testing services.

A Post-Test, Debriefing, and Synthesis followed to assess the participants' understanding of the lessons and reinforce key practices. The training concluded with the Awarding of Certificates and Closing Ceremonies.

The initiative forms part of the provincial government's continuing commitment under Governor Sol Aragones to strengthen the capabilities of midwives as frontline healthcare workers.

Through enhanced training and practical skills, Laguna aims to help prevent the transmission of HIV, syphilis, and hepatitis B from mothers to their infants, supporting the province's goal of providing safer pregnancies and healthier futures for Lagunenses.

(Edjun Mariposque)

ENCHANTED...

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immersive experience extends beyond the atrium lobby, as augmented reality (AR) brings the landing queue leading to the Enchanted Forest to life through the guests' smartphones.

EK has also given PUGAD, the attraction's in-house concept store, a new direction as part of the AGILA improvements. The refreshed retail space will now incorporate an enchanting mix of enter-tainment and learning to encapsulate the overall AGILA experience. The attraction's existing facilities remain operational and accessible to all guests, while its newly updated areas will officially launch on October 17.

Almost a decade after its launch, AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY was reimagined in Octo-ber 2025, placing renewed focus not only on tourism but also on sustainability and appreciation for the country's natural heritage. It was later recognized as the Best ASEAN New Tourism Attraction by the ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA) in January 2026. EK celebrates its 31st Anniversary with Fiesta ng Saribuhay. EK is all set to celebrate its 31st Anniversary as it releases more updates on its events, shows, and other offerings throughout October. Following the announcement of its anniversary events in late August, the theme park has unveiled the complete lineup of performers at its Fiesta ng Saribuhay Concert on October 17 at the Spaceport Grounds. The spectacular night will showcase world-class Filipino music and talent through live performances by award-winning R&B hitmaker Dionela, 1Z Entertainment's rising P-pop girl group XONARA, indie band Sacred Red, and other up-and-coming artists, alongside EK's homegrown talents, SMS and Kingsmen. The celebration will culminate in the Lipad ng Agila: A Pyromusical Fiesta, giving EK's signature evening send-off a magical twist as vibrant pyrotechnic displays and symbolic imagery bring the spirit of the festivities to the night sky.

Every weekend in October, the EK Storyverse Characters will bring all the magic and excitement across the Park's themed zones during the Fiesta ng Saribuhay Anniversary Parade. And on October 17, streetdance performers will join in the parade as it serves as a festive prelude to the concert proper. Meanwhile, Run to 31: Takbo ng Saribuhay, a fun run celebrating biodiversity through fitness and togetherness, will take place on October 11 in partnership with the United RSBS Boulevard Stakeholders Federation (URSF). Registration is now ongoing at the EK Online Store, with 1.5K, 3K, and 5K routes available for interested participants.

SMS and Kingsmen will also mark the Park's 31st Anniversary with new music. The P-pop girl group will release their rendition of Lipad, while the all-male vocal group has re-recorded a festive version of their song, Saribuhay. Both tracks will soon be available on all major streaming platforms. Meanwhile, parkgoers can immerse themselves in other seasonal experiences at the Agila Grounds, including the Ube-Matcha Festival from October 14 to 18, which showcases the fusion of local flavors with other well-loved favorites, and Palarong Pinoy, a set of skill-based activities featuring traditional Filipino street games, launching just in time for the main anniversary festivities.

More in-park food options also await Filipinos as EK welcomes new tenant partners, with Min-imelts launched in September and Mango Royal scheduled to open on October 3.

*Schedules are subject to change with prior notice.

For more information and updates on EK's 31st Anniversary Celebration and its other events and offerings, visit https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and TikTok, and @ek_philippines for Instagram.

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vincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO), in partnership with the Provincial Cooperative Development Council (PCDC), as part of the province-wide celebration of Cooperative Month.

Gracing the Opening Salvo were Governor Francisco Gabriel D. Remulla, Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, SP Chairperson, Committee on Cooperatives Hon. Lloyd Emman D. Jaro, and Hon. Alde Joselito Pagulayan, Representative of Bacoor City Mayor Strike B. Revilla.

Congresswoman Lani Mercado-Revilla also shared her warm greetings and support through a video message prepared especially for the Opening Salvo.

Also joining the celebration were Cooperative Development Authority Chairperson Usec. Alexander Raquepo, Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer Ms. Myrachel P. Cuadra, and Cavite PCDC Chairperson Atty. Alex Nicole V. Salvador.

The event was further honored by the presence of Senator JV Ejercito as the Keynote Speaker.

Adding excitement and energy to the celebration were the various activities that showcased the unity, creativity, camaraderie, and sportsmanship of Cavite's cooperative sector.

Cooperatives proudly competed in the Best Coop Council Chant and Best Coop Council Uniform, bringing their unique spirit and identity to the celebration.

The event also featured the much-awaited 2026 Koop Prince and Princess, celebrating the confidence, personality, and participation of the province's cooperative members.

Meanwhile, the Coop Cup Games brought cooperatives together in friendly competition, demonstrating that beyond business and economic development, cooperativism is also about teamwork, mutual support, and working together toward a common goal.

Anchored on this year's theme, "Matibay na Kooperatiba: Nagkakaisang Pamayanan para sa Kapayapaan at Kaunlaran," the celebration truly reflected the heart of cooperativism.

From chants and creative expressions to friendly competition and sportsmanship, every activity highlighted how Cavite's cooperatives can come together as one united community.

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GENERAL TRIAS CITY - The Land Transportation Office (LTO) CALABARZON, in partnership with the City Government of General Trias, officially conducted and launched the

TODA Rescue Program during an activity held at the City Park, General Trias City, Cavite.

The initiative forms part of the continuing efforts of the LTO CALABARZON and the City Government of General Trias to strengthen coordination and cooperation in the delivery of responsive transportation services, particularly in addressing the needs of tricycle operators and drivers and promoting road safety within the locality.

The activity was led by LTO CALABARZON Regional Director Elmer J. Decena, together with key officials and personnel of the Land Transportation Office.

Representing the City Government of General Trias were Hon. Luis A. Ferrer IV, City Mayor, Hon. Jonas Glyn P. Labuguen, City Vice Mayor, Hon. J-M Vergel M. Columna, City Councilor, Atty. Donna Mar Tiongson-Jordan, City Administrator, Mr. Noel A. Morena, Chief, City Traffic Management Office, Mr, Ariel Arvilla, Chief, CDRMMO, Mr. Reneboy Potente, OIC Tricycle Franchise and Regulatory Unit and other concerned city officials.

The launch of the TODA Rescue Program demonstrates the importance of strengthened collaboration between the LTO and local government units in implementing programs that promote **road safety, orderly transportation, and improved public service**.

Through this joint initiative, the LTO CALABARZON and the City Government of General

Trias reaffirm their commitment to working together with the transportation sector and local stakeholders in fostering a safer,

more organized, and more efficient transportation environment for the riding public.

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The Mindanao Tourism Expo (MTEx) 2026, held from October 1–5, 2026 at the Sultan Kudarat Gymnasium in Isulan, Sultan Kudarat, became a vibrant convergence of cultures, destinations, and regional pride. Among the distinguished participants was CALABARZON, whose presence underscored its commitment to promoting tourism excellence and strengthening interregional collaboration.

CALABARZON's booth featured iconic destinations such as Nasugbu, Taal Basilica, and the scenic landscapes of Batangas, complemented by the hospitality of partner establishments like Forest Crest Nature Hotel & Resort and travel agencies including Jyl Tres Marias Travel & Tours. The exhibit was adorned with cultural motifs, promotional materials, and interactive displays, inviting visitors to "Discover More to Love" in the region.

The delegation highlighted CALABARZON's diverse tourism offerings—from heritage towns and natural wonders to modern leisure hubs—while embodying the Filipino Brand of Service Excellence. Staff and representatives warmly engaged with expo-goers, offering brochures, local products, and immersive storytelling that reflected the region's dedication to sustainable and community-driven tourism.

CALABARZON's participation was not only a showcase of destinations but also a celebration of partnerships. The presence of provincial tourism offices, private stakeholders, and DOT representatives reinforced the region's united front in promoting Philippine tourism.

The exhibit stood alongside other regional showcases from Caraga, Eastern Visayas, and Central Visayas, creating a tapestry of cultural pride and hospitality across the archipelago.

As confetti filled the air during the grand opening and cultural performances enlivened the venue, CALABARZON's contribution to MTEx 2026 resonated with visitors: tourism is not only about destinations, but also about stories, heritage, and the people who bring them to life.

RDRRMC...

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CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) Calabarzon has stepped up preparedness measures as the country braces for the potential worsening of El Niño conditions.

In an interview, RDRRMC Chairperson and Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Calabarzon Regional Director Carlos Eduardo Alvarez said the council is closely monitoring the situation and coordinating with local government units (LGUs) and government agencies to address emerging risks.

"The RDRRMC and Office of Civil Defense Calabarzon remain committed to close coordination with stakeholders and timely action to address the impacts of El Niño," Alvarez said.

As part of its preparedness efforts, the OCD Calabarzon continues to disseminate advisories on potential hazards associated with the phenomenon, including water shortages, agricultural losses, heat-related illnesses, and fires.

The agency has also directed member-agencies and to monitor local conditions, conserve water, protect livelihoods, promote public health and safety, and strengthen fire prevention and response measures.

Alvarez likewise urged LGUs to take proactive steps as El Niño conditions could worsen in the coming months.

"LGUs are encouraged to activate and strengthen their El Niño Task Forces, review and update their contingency plans, and ensure the availability of critical resources and appropriate response measures," he said.

Based on OCD data, four LGUs in the region have already declared a state of calamity due to the effects of El Niño.

These are the municipalities of Alabat, Jomalig, General Nakar, and Guinayangan in Quezon Province. Guinayangan was placed under a state of calamity effective September 1 to October 31, 2026.

Meanwhile, a total of 191 farmers in Batangas, Cavite, and Quezon have been reported affected by the phenomenon, with agricultural damages amounting to PHP 19,704,214.20.

The RDRRMC also urged households and communities to conserve water and use it responsibly, especially as water availability may be affected by El Niño.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has warned that extremely dry conditions are expected to persist until the first half of 2027 as El Niño intensifies.

DOH mas papaigtingin ang kampanya para ipaalam sa publiko kung paano maging ligtas sa El Niño

Inatasan ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr ang Department of Health (DOH) na palakasin ang kampanya nila laban sa banta ng tinatawag na "very strong El Niño" sa kalusugan.

Sinabi ni DOH Secretar Edwin Mercado, na nais ng Pangulo na hindi lamang sa mga posters at mga online ibahagi ng

DOH ang magiging masamang epekto ng "very strong El Niño".

Kung maaari aniya na magtungo sa bawat mga barangay o komunidad para maibahagi kung ano ang

dapat gawin para maiwasan ang pagkakaroon ng sakit dahil sa sobrang init ng panahon.

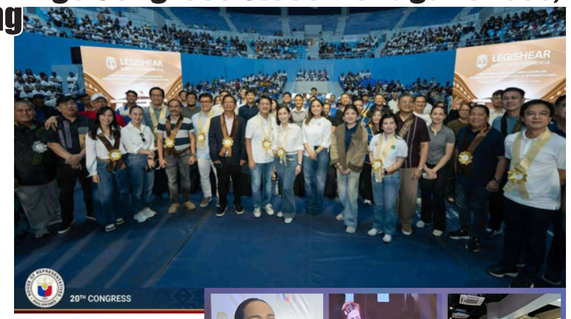
Ibinahagi na rin ni Mercado sa kanilang regional DOH offices ang nasabing mensahe para magkaroon ng pagbabahay-bahay ng mga ito.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

"You don't always need a plan. Sometimes you just need to breathe, trust, let go, and see what happens."

MANDY HALE

'LEGISHEAR' Brings Congress Closer to Lagunenses, Strengthens Public Voice in Lawmaking







CALAMBA CITY, Laguna** — Laguna lawmakers, led by House Speaker Faustino "Bojie" Dy III and Governor Sol Aragones, joined forces in the "LEGISHEAR" program to bring Congress closer to the people and strengthen public participation in the legislative process.

Held on Friday, October 9, at the Jose Rizal Coliseum in Calamba City, the gathering brought together representatives from Laguna's congressional districts, the Provincial Government of Laguna, and local government officials to promote public understanding of lawmaking and ensure that the voices of Lagunenses are heard in discussions on proposed legislation.

Carrying the message "Mahalaga ang Bawat Batas," the initiative sought to explain how laws are crafted, highlight their impact on communities, and encourage greater public involvement in shaping policies that affect the province and its residents.

The event was led by Speaker Dy, alongside Senior Deputy Speaker Ferdinand Hernandez and Deputy Speaker Rachel Arenas. Laguna's district representatives in attendance included Rep. Ann Matibag of the First District, Rep. Ramil Hernandez of the Second District, Rep. Loreto Amante of the Third District, and Rep. Benjamin Agarao of the Fourth District.

Also present were Rep. Charisse Anne "Cha" Hernandez of Calamba City, Rep. Arman Dimaguila of Biñan City, and Rep. Roy Gonzales of Santa Rosa City, representing their respective lone congressional districts. National Bureau of Investigation Director Melvin Matibag also attended the gathering.

Calamba City Mayor Ross Rizal, Vice Mayor Atty. Totie Lazaro, members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, barangay chairpersons, and members of the Liga ng mga Punongbayan ng Laguna, led by Rizal Mayor Vener Munoz, also joined the event. Rep. Tonypet Albano and Laguna Vice Governor JM Carait were likewise present in support of the province's legislative initiatives.

In her message, Governor Aragones underscored the importance of laws in maintaining peace, order, and justice, stressing that legislation provides the rules and boundaries necessary to protect communities and promote accountability.

"Kapag walang batas, walang kaayusan," Aragones said.

Using everyday situations as examples, the governor explained how laws guide people's behavior and safeguard the public, from traffic regulations to measures against theft and abuse.

"Ang problema, kapag ang batas ay nagbibigay ng benepisyo, masaya tayo. Pero kapag may parusa o disiplina, nag-aalinlangan tayo. Gayunpaman, kailangan ang batas — ito ang nagpapanatili ng kaayusan at katarungan sa ating lipunan," she emphasized.

Aragones also expressed her gratitude to the House of Representatives, where she previously served for three terms, acknowledging the institution's role in crafting laws and advancing programs for the benefit of Filipinos.

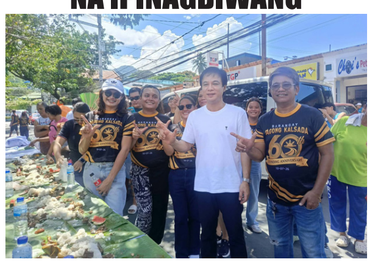
Among the key concerns discussed during the gathering was the proposed legislation on dredging as part of efforts to address flooding in Laguna. The initiative is being pushed by Laguna lawmakers, led by Dimaguila, whose city of Biñan is among the areas affected by flooding associated with the overflowing of Laguna de Bay.

The discussion highlighted the importance of legislative action and cooperation among national and local officials in finding long-term solutions to flooding and other challenges affecting communities across the province.

Through LEGISHEAR, Laguna's congressional delegation and provincial leadership reaffirmed the importance of working together to make the legislative process more accessible, responsive, and inclusive, ensuring that the concerns of ordinary citizens remain part of the national conversation on lawmaking.

(Edjun Mariposque)

IKA-60 ANIBERSARYO NG BAGONG KALSADA, MATAGUMPAY NA IPINAGDIWANG



Matagumpay na ipinagdiwang ng Barangay Bagong Kalsada ang ika-60 anibersaryo nito sa pamamagitan ng iba't ibang aktibidad na nagbigay-diin sa kasaysayan, pagkakaisa at pakikipagtulungan ng komunidad.

Isa sa mga tampok sa selebrasyon ang isinagawang street boodle fight na umabot sa 250 metro, na naging simbolo ng pagkakaisa at bayanihan ng mga residente.

Nagkaroon din ng parada bilang bahagi ng pagdiriwang, na nilahukan ng mga residente at iba't ibang sektor ng barangay.

Ayon kay Barangay Chairman Clemente "Boy" Manato, kabilang sa mahahalagang bahagi ng programa ang pagkilala sa mga naging opisyal at nanungkulan sa Barangay Bagong Kalsada mula 1968 hanggang 1972.

Layunin ng pagkilala na bigyang-pugay ang mga dating barangay officials na naglaan ng panahon at serbisyo para sa kanilang mga kabarangay at naging bahagi ng paghubog sa kasaysayan at pag-unlad ng Bagong Kalsada.

Binigyang-diin ni Manato na mahalagang kilalanin ang mga taong naglingkod sa barangay sa iba't ibang panahon, bilang pagpapahalaga sa kanilang kontribusyon at serbisyo sa komunidad.

Sa pamamagitan ng selebrasyon, muling ipinakita ng Barangay Bagong Kalsada ang pagkakaisa ng mga residente at ang patuloy na pagpapahalaga sa kanilang kasaysayan habang sama-samang hinaharap ang mga susunod pang taon.

Hog...

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Nawawalan umano ng malaking pondo at nahaharap sa pangkalahatang pagbagsak ang lokal na industriya ng pagbababoy sa Pilipinas, kaya naman naglabas ng formal na panawagan ngayong Biyernes ang mga grupo ng hog producers para sa agarang pagtataas ng taripa at pansamantalang pagpapatigil sa pag-aangkat ng karne.

Sa isang joint manifesto ng alyansa ng mga lokal na nag-aalaga ng baboy, inihayag nilang bumagsak sa P90 hanggang P120 bawat kilo ang liveweight farmgate price habang patuloy naman ang pagtaas ng presyo ng pakain, dahilan upang malugi ang mga magbababoy ng hanggang P9,000 sa bawat alagang baboy.

Dahil dito, hiling ng grupo ang mabilis na pagbabalik ng import tariff sa 40 porsiyento para sa out-quota at 30 porsiyento para sa in-quota kasabay ng pagpapatupad ng temporary import ban, freeze order sa paglalabas ng frozen imported pork mula sa cold storage, at 100% quarantine inspection sa mga daungan.

Samantala, naghain naman si Senador Francis Pangilinan ng Senate Resolution 726 upang imbestigahan ang krisis sa sektor ng livestock at poultry, kung saan tinantiya niyang umaabot sa P250 milyon araw-araw ang nalulugi sa mga lokal na magbababoy dahil sa napakababang farmgate price kumpara sa production cost na P180 hanggang P190 kada kilo.

Binigyang-diin ng senador at ng mga grupo sa industriya na kung hindi kaagad maaagapan ang sitwasyon sa tulong ng tamang taripa at proteksyon sa lokal na produksyon, maraming magbababoy ang tuluyang titigil sa negosyo na magdudulot ng mas matinding pagdepende ng bansa sa imported na karne at maglalagay sa banta sa pambansang food security.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

PUBLISHER CORNER

CHIZ: NEW HOUSING BILL TO BOOST RENTAL OPTIONS FOR POOR FAMILIES



The Senate recently passed on Second Reading a bill offering incentives to private developers to build affordable rental units for poor and low-income families.

Sponsored by Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero, Senate Bill No. 2507, passed Wednesday, gives life to the Constitution's mandate to government and the private sector to work together in addressing the country's housing needs.

"The Constitution itself recognizes that the challenge of housing cannot be met by government alone," he said during his sponsorship speech, citing Article XIII, Section 9 on urban land reform and housing. "The 'Affordable and Decent Rental Housing Incentives Act' gives life to this constitutional mandate by providing incentives for the private sector to develop, construct, rehabilitate, and operate affordable and decent rental housing for poor and low-income households." The bill establishes a system for registration and certification system for qualified rental housing. It requires providers to offer units at rental rates set by the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), based on household income, prevailing rental prices in the area, and the size and type of the unit. Only units that meet these standards and are leased to poor and low-income tenants will be eligible for the incentives. Under SB 2507, developers and operators of qualified units may receive the following incentives:

- Value Added Tax (VAT) exemption on the leases
- Tax incentives under Republic Act No. 11534 or the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act
- A 25-percent tax credit on gross rental income for five years

They may also access preferential lending terms from Pag-IBIG Fund, Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), and the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), alongside risk-sharing mechanisms such as credit guarantees, interest subsidies, and viability gap funding. The veteran legislator said the measure also allows government land and assets to be used for affordable rental housing through usufruct, lease, concession, and public-private partnership arrangements.

"These incentives give government the tools to orchestrate and harmonize public and private resources toward a common goal: decent and affordable housing for every Filipino family," he said. Escudero emphasized that the measure is designed to expand rental housing supply, and not merely regulate it. "In doing so, we fulfill the vision of our Constitution—government and the private sector working together to put decent and affordable housing within reach of our people," he added. Funding for the implementation of the measure will be included in the annual General Appropriations Act and in the spending plan of concerned government-owned and controlled corporations. #

Cayetano...

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Hinimok ni Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano nitong Miyerkules ang mga kapwa pinuno ng bansa na gawing sentro ang integridad sa kanilang pamumuno.

Aniya, ito ay sa pamamagitan ng pagamin at pagwawasto sa mga naging pagkakamali, na siyang susi sa pagsasaayos ng pamamalakad sa bansa. "There is a spiritual war that is happening. Honesty versus dishonesty. Integrity versus kawalan ng integrity. So we want to fix our government? It's not about the sinner. It's about the sin," pahayag ni Cayetano sa kanyang Facebook livestream nitong October 7.

"So to myself, to the Senate, to all the leaders – business leaders, youth leaders, religious leaders: let's make integrity central to us. As I say it to you, I say it to myself," aniya. Tinukoy ni Cayetano ang flood control scandal bilang "culmination" ng mga naging pagkakamali sa iba't ibang administrasyon "na akala natin na-address na… tapos biglang lumitaw." Para maibalik ang integridad sa programang pang-imprastruktura, bahagi lang aniya ng solusyon ang pagkakaroon ng mga bagong hakbang para sa transparency. Ang kailangan muna aniyang lutasin ay ang puno't dulo ng buong iskandalo: ang mga ghost project. "Where do we start? How do we put integrity back? It's not by saying, 'O simula 2026, simula 2027, bantayan n'yo na kami.' Hindi po," aniya. "Kailangan natin makita y'ung mali. Ka0073i kung hindi, y'ung mga corrupt, hindi naman titigil 'yan eh. Ulit at ulit 'yan," aniya.

Muling iminungkahi ni Cayetano na maglabas ang DPWH ng kumpletong listahan ng lahat ng mga naunang flood control project at ipakuha sa mga district engineer at lokal na opisyal ang litrato ng bawat isa. Kung walang litrato, kumpirmadong "ghost" ang proyekto. "Kunan lang [ng litrato] lahat ng projects, may listahan ka lang, and by now, you should know which one is ghost at hindi," aniya. Dagdag ni Cayetano, ang integridad sa flood control investigation ay nangangahulugang walang papaburan at walang pag-iinitan. "So hindi mo masisi ang tao kung nagtatanong, 'ano ba ang nangyayari d'yan?' Because after a year, hindi pa maibigay eksakto y'ung listahan [ng ghost projects], and then may mga lugar na pinag-iinitan, may mga lugar naman na parang hindi tinitignan. So again, it goes back to what? Integrity," aniya. Kaugnay ng pagdiriwang ng World Teachers' Day, nanawagan din si Cayetano ng integridad sa sistema ng edukasyon. Aniya, kailangang harapin ang tinawag niyang "mistake" ng gobyerno sa pagpapatupad ng K to 12 at maging handang gumawa ng mga "radical" na solusyon.

"When we say K to 12, let's look in the mirror and say, kaya ba natin ibigay ito sa mga bata? Kung hindi, let's admit our mistake and fix it," aniya, kasabay ang mungkahing ibalik ang dating kurikulum kung hindi kayang pondohan nang buo ng gobyerno ang K to 12. Hinikayat din ni Cayetano ang kanyang mga manonood na isabuhay ang integridad sa araw-araw. "We have to ask ourselves, sa buhay ba natin, do we have integrity? Ang gobyerno ba natin may integrity? Ang relationships ba natin may integrity? Y'ung pagtatrabaho po ba natin sa ating boss, do we do it with integrity?" aniya. PR

EXPLICIT

2CMOBn, KAAGAPAY SA KALUSUGAN AT PAGKAKAISA NG WALKING AND ZUMBA LADIES



Madelaine Go

Masasabi nating hindi lang pakikibaka o pakikipaggiyera lamang ang ginagawang paglilingkod ng ating mga sundalo. Dahil naglilingkod sila sa ating komunidad at nakikisalamuha din upang maramdaman ng mga mamamayan na sila ay palaging nakaalalay sa bayan. Anumang kaganapan sila ay handang tumalima katulad ng kanila ginawang partisipasyon sa ika - 5 taong Annibersayo ng The Walking and zba Ladies na ginanap noong ika 6 ng Oktubre, 2026 sa Saint Joseph Street, Sampaloc, Tanay, Rizal.

Hindi lamang pagtatanghal ang hatid ng 2nd Civil-Military Operations (Taga-Aktas) Battalion ng Civil-Military Operations Regiment, Philippine Army, sa naturang pagdiriwang. Higit sa lahat, ipinamalas nila ang kahalagahan ng pakikiisa ng militar sa mga programang nagtataguyod ng kalusugan, pagkakaibigan at pagkakaisa ng pamayanan.

Naging bahagi ng makabuluhang selebrasyon ang mga tauhan ng Taga-Aktas Battalion sa pamamagitan ng isang espesyal na bilang ng pagtatanghal na nagdagdag-sigla at aliw sa okasyon. Ang kanilang paglahok ay hindi lamang nagbigay-kulay sa programa kundi nagpatibay rin sa ugnayan ng mga sundalo at mamamayan.

Gayundin ang mahusay na pagtugtog at pagkanta ng mga miyembro ng 2CMO Band ay nagpaindak sa mga nagsidalo maging ang mga kinikilalang personalidad na panauhin.

Sa limang taong pagsusulong ng aktibong pamumuhay, nagsisilbing inspirasyon ang Walking and Zumba Ladies sa patuloy na paghikayat sa mga residente na pangalagaan ang kanilang kalusugan habang pinahahalagahan ang pagkakaibigan at pagtutulungan.

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LAGUNA, KINILALA BILANG OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTING OFFICE



Pau Dela Cruz

Kinilala ang Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Laguna bilang isa sa mga Outstanding Accounting Offices of the Philippines for 2025 ng Association of Government Accountants of the Philippines (AGAP), bilang pagkilala sa kalidad at pagiging maagap ng mga ulat pinansiyal nito.

Ayon sa AGAP, nakabatay ang pagkilala sa kalidad, pagiging napapanahon at kaugnayan ng mga ulat na inihahanda ng Accounting Office ng Provincial Capitol.

Para kay Gov. Sol Aragones, patunay ang parangal sa dedikasyon ng mga kawani sa maayos na pagtatala at pamamahala ng pondo ng bayan.

Sa gitna ng mga tanong hinggil sa pagpapatupad ng ilang programa ng lalawigan, binigyang-diin ng administrasyon ang kahalagahan ng transparency, accountability at responsableng paggamit ng pampublikong pondo.

Gayunman, ang pagkilala sa Accounting Office ay hindi awtomatikong patunay sa legalidad ng bawat proyekto o transaksiyon. Mahalaga pa ring pairalin ang bukas na pag-uulat at pananagutan sa lahat ng gastusin ng pamahalaan.

"Let's continue serving — let's ignore the detractors, if we pay attention to them, we will just waste our time. Ito ang gawain ng Gobyernong may Solusyon," pahayag ni Aragones.

Sa huli, ang mahusay na pamamahala ay hindi lamang nasusukat sa mga parangal, kundi higit sa maayos na paggamit ng pondo at serbisyong naibibigay sa mamamayan. Ang pagkilala ng AGAP ay isang mahalagang tagumpay para sa Laguna at paalala sa patuloy na pangangailangang panatilihin ang transparency at pananagutan sa pamahalaan.

Sa ganitong mga pagtitipon, higit na naipakikita na ang matatag na pamayanan ay nabubuo hindi lamang sa pamamagitan ng mga programa ng pamahalaan kundi sa aktibong pakikilahok ng mga organisasyon, institusyon at mamamayang may iisang layunin.

Mahalaga rin ang papel ng Philippine Army sa pagpapatibay ng ugnayang sibil-militar. Sa pamamagitan ng pakikiisa sa mga gawaing pangkomunidad, patuloy na pinalalawak ng 2CMOBn ang tiwala ng publiko, pinatitibay ang pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga lokal na sektor at isinusulong ang sama-samang pagkilos tungo sa isang mapayapa at matatag na pamayanan.

Sa huli, ang tunay na tagumpay ng ganitong pagdiriwang ay hindi lamang nasusukat sa dami ng dumalo o sigla ng programa, kundi sa pagkakaibigang napagtitibay, kalusugang naitataguyod at pagkakaisang naiiwan sa puso ng bawat kalahok.

Sa pangunguna ng Walking and Zumba Ladies at sa pakikiisa ng Taga-Aktas Battalion, muling pinatunayan na kapag nagkakaisa ang komunidad at mga lingkod-bayan, mas nagiging makabuluhan ang bawat hakbang tungo sa mas malusog, mas masaya at mas matatag na lipunan.

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DA kumikilos na para mapigilan ang pagtaas ng presyo ng pagkain dahil sa El NiNo

May hakbang ng ginagawa ang Department of Agriculture (DA) para mapigilan ang pagtaas ng presyo ng pagkainAyon kay Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr, na mayroong inilaan ang gobyerno ng P45 bilyon para sa El Niño response. Sa nasabing halaga ay nailabas na ang P6.2-B kung saan layon nito ay para mapanatili ang sapat na suplay ng pagkain at maiwasan ang pagtaas ng presyo ng mga pagkain. Magugunitang iniulat ng Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) na umakyat ang inflation nitong buwan ng Setyembre. May hakbang din aniya ang gobyerno para labanan ang anumang epekto ng El Niño sa bansa.

(Nelson Dimapilis)

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CHINA BANKING CORPORATION,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-26-094
FOR: Extra Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135 as Amended

SPOUSES ROMANO R. CALUPAD and ESPERANZA R. CALUPAD
Mortgagors,
x----------x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by mortgagee, **CHINA BANKING CORPORATION**, a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under and by the virtue of the Philippines laws, with principal office and place of business at 8745 Paseo De Roxas cor. Villar St., Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of Real Estate Mortgage executed and notarized on August 24, 2021 by mortgagors, **SPOUSES ROMANO R. CALUPAD and ESPERANZA R. CALUPAD**, both of legal age, Filipino citizens and with postal addresses at (1) Block 5, Lot 11, Narra Street, Alfonso 2 Homes, Barangay Sinalhan, 4026 Sta. Rosa, Laguna, and (2) Block 5 Lot 5, Nirwana Bali West, South Forbes Golf City, Barangay Inchican, Silang, Cavite 4118, in favor of the mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2015004587** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the mortgagors in the amount of **ONE MILLION TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE PERSOS AND 86/100 (Php 1,028,179.86)** inclusive of interest, penalties, attorney's fees and other charges and expenses, as of April 7, 2026, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex- Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Alex E. Martinez, will sell at public auction on **November 4, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 076-2015004587
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. OF PUTTING KAHOY, MUN. OF SILANG, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY RD. LOT 5, ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 4, BLK. 5, ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4-5 BY LOT 25, BLK. 5 & ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 6, BLK. 5 ALL OF THE SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 77 DEG. 47' E., 5463.39 M. FROM BLLM 1, CAD-452-D, SILANG CAD, THENCEN. 45 DEG. 18' E., 12.50 M. TO PT. 2; THENCE S. 44 DEG.42' E., 12.50 M. TO PT. 3; THENCE S. 45 DEG. 18'W., 7.45 M. TO PT. 4; THENCE S. 45 DEG. 18' W., 5,05 M. TO THE POINT. 5; THENCE N. 44 DEG. 42'W., 12.50 M. TO THE PT. OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX (156) SQ. M. MORE OR LESS. ALL PTS. REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CM., BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIG. SURVEY, AUG. 26-SEPT. 28, 1982 & THAT OF SUBD. SURVEY, JUNE 1-15, 2008 & WAS APPROVED ON DEC.12, 2008.

Is registered in accordance with the provision of Section 103 of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: SPOUSES ROMANO R. CALUPAD AND ESPERANZA R. CALUPAD FILIPINOS
Address: BLOCK 5, LOT 11 NARRA STREET, ALFONSO 2, BRGY. SINALHAN, STA. ROSA LAGUNA"

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date. It shall be held on November 11, 2026, without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2015004587**, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date.

Tagaytay City, September 11, 2026.

(SGD) VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA
Clerk of Court & Ex-officio Sheriff

(SGD) ALEX E. MARTINEZ
Sheriff-in-Charge

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Quezon, tumanggap ng 30 Unified 911 emergency motorcycles



LUCENA CITY — Pormal na binasbasan at itinurn-over sa lalawigan ng Quezon ang 30 Unified 911 Emergency Response Motorcycles noong Oktubre 7 sa Quezon Police Provincial Office (QPPO) Camp BGen Guillermo Nakar sa Lungsod ng Lucena.

Pinangunahan ni Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Jonvic Remulla ang seremonya, kasama sina Quezon Governor Angelina "Doktora Helen" Tan, Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief PGEN Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr., QPPO Provincial Director PCOL Romulo Albacea, at DILG Quezon Provincial Director Abigail Andres.

Ipinamahagi ang mga motorsiklo sa mga bayan ng Real at Lucban at sa Lungsod ng Lucena upang mapalakas ang kakayahan ng kapulisan sa pagresponde sa mga emergency, insidente, at iba pang sitwasyong nangangailangan ng agarang aksyon.

Sa kanyang mensahe, pinasalamatan ni Governor Tan si Secretary Remulla at ang DILG sa patuloy na pagsuporta sa mga programang naglalayong palakasin ang kaligtasan at seguridad ng mga mamamayan ng Quezon.

Hinimok din ng gobernador ang mga lokal na pamahalaang tatanggap ng mga motorsiklo na pangalagaan at gamitin nang wasto ang mga ito upang matiyak na mapapakinabangan ng publiko ang nasabing motorsiklo, lalo na sa mga pagkakataong nangangailangan ng agarang tulong.

Samantala, ibinahagi ni Secretary Remulla ang mga programa at inobasyon ng DILG na naglalayong palakasin ang emergency response system sa bansa. Binigyang-diin niya ang kahalagahan ng mabilis, maagap, at episyenteng pagtugon sa mga hindi inaasahang insidente.

Hinimok din niya ang publiko na gamitin ang numerong 911 sa mga sitwasyong nangangailangan ng agarang tulong at aksyon. Inaasahang makatutulong ang karagdagang mga motorsiklo upang mapabilis ang paggalaw ng mga rumespondeng pulis at higit na mapalakas ang paghahatid ng serbisyong pangkaligtasan sa mga komunidad na sakop ng programa.

(Aida C. Dapula)

ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publication of Notice of Extrajudicial Sale Notice of Extrajudicial Sale filed by RCBC vs. SPOUSES MAUREEN ROSALES VILLAVICENCIO AND DANILO VILLANUEVA CAPUNO, JR., as rep. by Attorney-in-Fact Jhune de Leon Manalo with EJF No. TG-26-047 which was published in DERETSAHAN Weekly News Publishing on Publication dates: June 28, July 5 and 12, 2026. The address of the Mortgagors in PINE SUITES TAGAY - BUILDING 2 should be changed to PINE SUITES TAGAYTAY - BUILDING 2 and not as published earlier.

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DOLE, AboitizPower, nagsanib-puwersa kontra child labor sa Quezon



LUCENA CITY, Quezon — Nakiisa ang Therma Luzon, Inc. (TLI), isang subsidiary ng AboitizPower, sa Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) at iba pang katuwang na ahensya sa pagsuporta sa 100 batang nakaranas ng child labor at kanilang mga pamilya sa pamamagitan ng Project Angel Tree sa lalawigan ng Quezon.

Isinagawa ang programa noong Setyembre 23, 2026 bilang bahagi ng paggunita sa ikapitong anibersaryo ng institusyonalisasyon ng National Council Against Child Labor (NCACL). Layunin nitong palakasin ang kamalayan ng publiko at isulong ang mga hakbang upang maiwasan at tuluyang mapuksa ang child labor.

Kabilang sa mga lumahok sa aktibidad ang Quezon Tripartite Industrial Peace Council (QPITIPC) at iba pang katuwang mula sa pamahalaan at pribadong sektor.

Tampok sa programa ang mga learning session tungkol sa proteksyon ng mga bata at mga batas laban sa child labor, Information and Services Caravan, at pamamahagi ng mga regalo sa mga benepisyaryo.

Bilang isa sa mga katuwang ng Project Angel Tree, nagkaloob ang TLI ng 100 bag na naglalaman ng raincoat at hygiene kit para sa mga bata. Nagbahagi rin ang AboitizPower ng impormasyon tungkol sa mga oportunidad sa scholarship upang maipakita ang kahalagahan ng edukasyon sa pagbuo ng mas magandang kinabukasan.

Ayon kay Lou Jason Deligencia, assistant vice president for Corporate Services for South Luzon and Metro Manila ng AboitizPower Transition Business Group, karangalan para sa TLI na makiisa sa adbokasiya ng DOLE na protektahan ang mga bata laban sa child labor.

Samantala, pinasalamatan ni Ma. Angelique E. Yaun, Supervising Labor and Employment Officer ng DOLE Technical Support and Services Division–Employment Promotion and Workers' Welfare (TSSD-EPWW), ang mga katuwang mula sa pribadong sektor sa pagsuporta sa programa.

Binigyang-diin ni Yaun ang kahalagahan ng pagtutulungan ng pamahalaan at pribadong sektor upang matugunan at tuluyang mapuksa ang child labor.

Bukod sa paghahatid ng serbisyo sa larangan ng enerhiya, patuloy na sinusuportahan ng TLI ang mga programang nagtataguyod ng kapakanan, edukasyon, at pag-unlad ng kabataang Pilipino.

(Aida Dapula)

SSS...

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QUEZON CITY, 2 October 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) is urging members with at least 12 posted monthly contributions to apply for its new digital microloan facility, the SSS Micro Loan Program, also known as SSS LoanLite.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said SSS LoanLite is designed to provide qualified members with accessible, secure, and affordable short-term financial assistance for immediate needs.

De Claro said qualified members may apply for loans ranging from ₱1,000 to ₱20,000, depending on the average of their 12 latest Monthly Salary Credits (MSCs). "Available repayment periods are 15, 30, 60, or 90 days, with an interest rate of 8% per annum, equivalent to approximately 0.67% per month."

Eligibility

To qualify for SSS LoanLite, eligible employed, self-employed, voluntary, and OFW members must:

Be at least 18 years old at the time of application and below 65 years old at the end of the loan term

Have at least 12 posted monthly contributions

Have no past-due Short-Term Member Loan (e.g., Salary, Calamity, or Emergency Loan)

Have no pending or settled final benefit claim (e.g., retirement or permanent total disability), unless previously cancelled due to re-employment, resumption of self-employment, or recovery

Have no active Restructured Loan (or, if fully paid, the required restrictive period must have lapsed)

Have an account enrolled in the online facility of a participating financial institution (PFI)

Have no active SSS Micro Loan and have fully paid any prior microloan refinanced by a PFI

Have no record of fraud against SSS

Loanable amount

De Claro noted that while 12 contributions are enough to be eligible for the SSS LoanLite, members with at least 36 total contributions—including at least six posted within the 12 months immediately before applying—qualify for higher loan amounts up to the ₱20,000 ceiling.

De Claro said that members with at least 12 monthly contributions can borrow a loanable amount equal to 11% of their average MSCs in the last 12 months.

"For example, if a member's average MSC over the last 12 months is ₱20,000 but the member has only 12 total contributions, the loanable amount is ₱2,200 (11% of ₱20,000)," he said.

Members with at least 36 total contributions, including at least six posted monthly contributions within the 12-month period immediately preceding the application, may qualify for the maximum loan amount of up to ₱20,000, depending on their average MSC.

Furthermore, members with existing Short-Term Member Loans (Salary, Calamity, or Emergency Loans) may still apply for SSS LoanLite, provided those loans are not past due and they have no active SSS Micro Loan.

Repayment and renewal

Repayments will be collected according to the agreed schedule through an automatic debit arrangement, which is the default collection mode. Deductions will primarily be made from the account where the loan proceeds were credited.

Loan renewal is allowed after full payment of the current microloan, as reported by the participating financial institutions.

Where to apply

At present, SSS LoanLite is available through the UnionDigital Bank mobile application.

De Claro said SSS is also working with Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC), Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), and Union Bank of the Philippines (UBP) to make LoanLite available through their respective digital platforms. PR

CARD Bank expands digital services with Express Loan



A CARD Bank client couple successfully received their newly approved Express Loan through the konek2CARD app.

CARD Bank, a microfinance-oriented rural bank, officially began offering its Express Loan across its branches, providing its clients with a faster, more convenient way to access loans.

Express Loan is a digital loan facility within the konek2CARD mobile application that allows CARD Bank's eligible clients to apply and immediately receive its loan services anytime using their mobile phones. Eligible clients can apply for a loan of up to PHP 20,000.

CARD Bank's Express Loan makes loan application faster and easier through a fully automated system. Clients can now enjoy a simplified and convenient loan application experience.

Clients eligible to apply for Express Loan are "whitelisted" clients. These are clients with a good repayment history and no past-due or defaulted loan accounts. To qualify, clients must be active, have updated insurance coverage with CARD Mutual Benefits Association (CARD MBA), be registered in the konek2CARD app, and maintain an active Pledge Savings Account.

This is part of the Bank's ongoing digital transformation and its commitment to improving its ser-vices. Through the konek2CARD mobile app, eligible clients can apply for an Express Loan using their mobile phones.

With just a few taps, clients can select their loan amount, repayment term, and purpose, and receive instant approval. The loan is then credited directly to their sav-ings account, with full access to loan details and schedules available anytime through the app.

"Express Loan reflects the trust that our clients have built through fulfilling their financial com-mitments. At the same time, it serves as a reminder of the value of consistent savings and re-sponsible repayment habits," said CARD Bank President Marivic M. Austria.

As of June 2026, more than 45,000 clients have availed the Express Loan. Qualified clients may be eligible for one or more loan products offered through the same digital platform.

Cavite is...

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BACOOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) – Cavite Province reported the fastest economic growth in the CALABARZON for the year 2025, posting a 6.7 percent increase in its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

In its report on the 2025 Provincial Product Accounts, the PSA noted that the GDP of Cavite Province was valued at Php 875.67 billion in 2025 from Php 820.76 billion in 2024.

Meanwhile, the province's estimated per capita GDP was valued at Php 181, 561 which is a 4.6 percent increase in 2024.

A key indicator of local economic growth, per capita GDP indicates the average economic value or output by each person in a given area.

According to the PSA, Cavite posted the largest contribution for the entire region's growth rate for the services sector with a 2.0 percent share.

Among the industries, the Human health and social work activities sector saw the fastest growth with 15.5 percent, followed by public administration and defense and compulsory social security at 10.5 percent.

On the other hand, the mining and quarrying industry accounted for the lowest economic performance at 4.1 percent.