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Nagbigay-pugay po tayo sa mga kawani ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus na patuloy na tumatayo sa kanilang tungkulin sa loob ng 10 hanggang 30 taon.

Ang inyong karanasan at paninindigan sa serbisyo publiko ang nagsisilbing gabay ng ating pamahalaan sa araw-araw na trabaho para sa mga Imuseño. Sa simpleng pagganap ng tungkulin, napakalaki ng naiaambag ninyo sa lungsod.

Taos-puso po ang aming pasasalamat sa inyong patuloy na paninilbihan at malasakit sa bayan.



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129th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Jose Rizal (Rizal Day) Ceremony at Samonte Park

Nakiisa ang City Government of Cavite ngayong araw sa pagpapanatili sa alaala ng kabayanihan ng ating tanyag na pambansang bayani, Dr. Jose Rizal.

Sa alaala ng "First

Filipino", nawa'y masinagan tayo ngayong araw ng diwa ng kalayaan na binayaran gamit ang dugo, pawis, at luha ng mga tulad ni Rizal.

Nawa'y magsilbing paalala ang sakripisyo ni Jose Rizal sa tunay na kahalagahan ng pag-

babago na nagsisimula sa kawanggawa ng mga Pilipinong may paninindigan, malasakit, at pagasa.

Mabuhay ang alaala ni Rizal, mabuhay ang Lungsod ng Cavite, mabuhay ang bansang Pilipinas.

D.A.H.L.I.A. Year-End Zumba Activity sa City of Carmona

End the Year right with D.A.H.L.I.A. Year-End Zumba!

Maraming salamat sa lahat ng nakiindak at nakisaya sa ating Zumba activity! Ipinakita ninyo na ang kasiyahan at kalusugan ay puwedeng pagsabayin, lalo na ngayong holiday season. Sa pamamagitan

ng Direct Access to Healthy Lifestyle, Intervention, and Advocacy o D.A.H.L.I.A., patuloy nating isusulong ang isang aktibo at malusog na pamumuhay para sa bawat isa. Sama-sama nating ipagdiwang ang holidays sa City of Carmona nang masigla, masaya, at malusog!

BJMPRO-NCR AND PASAY CITY TEAM UP FOR BETTER JAIL SERVICES

Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Regional Office - National Capital Region (BJMPRO-NCR) Director C. Supt. Baby Noel P. Montalvo meets with Mayor Emi Calixto-Rubiano to discuss collaborative efforts in improving jail management. Key topics included the implementation of the Deed of Usufruct, utility support, and land allocation for a more secure and spacious jail for both PDUs and personnel.

(*Benjie J. Murillo / BJMPRO-NCR*)

QCFD REINFORCES HOLIDAY READINESS

Quezon City Fire District (QCFD) Marshal, Sr. Supt. Rodrigo N. Reyes (foreground), leads a strategic meeting with top district officials and personnel on December 24, 2025.

The assembly focused on the rigorous implementation of OPLAN PAALALA: IWAS PAPUTOK, IWAS SUNOG 2025 and fire prevention protocols for the holiday season. Reyes emphasized heightened vigilance, proactive response, and the Fire Bureau's commitment to ensuring public safety during the nationwide intensified safety campaign. (*Benjie J. Murillo / QCFD*)

JOINT BFP-PNP PARAÑAQUE INSPECTION FOR A SAFE NEW YEAR

BFP-Parañaque City Fire Marshal Supt. Liher L. Barrios (center) and City Police Chief Col. Nicolas S. Piñon (partly hidden) conduct a fire safety inspection of a designated Community Fire

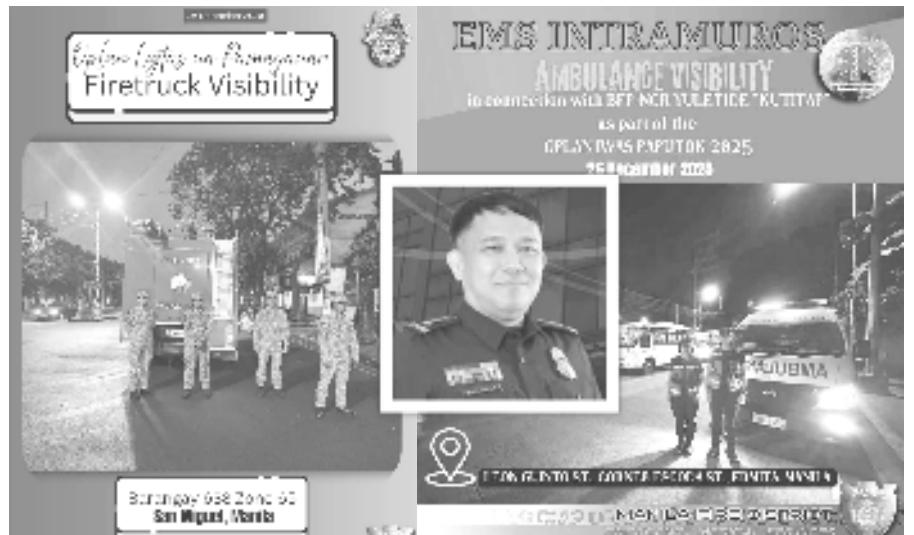
works Display Area on December 26, 2025. The joint operation ensures strict compliance with safety standards, including proper layout and safe clearance from residential structures. By assessing crowd control and emergency protocols, the BFP and PNP underscore their commitment to maintaining public order and protecting lives during the New Year revelry. (*Benjie J. Murillo / BFP P'que*)

LAS PIÑAS FIRE MARSHAL PROMOTES HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY ON AIR

Las Piñas City Fire Marshal Supt. Josephus F. Alburo (center), guest on the NET25 radio program, "Ano Sa Palagay N'yo?" shares essential fire prevention tips for the Christmas and

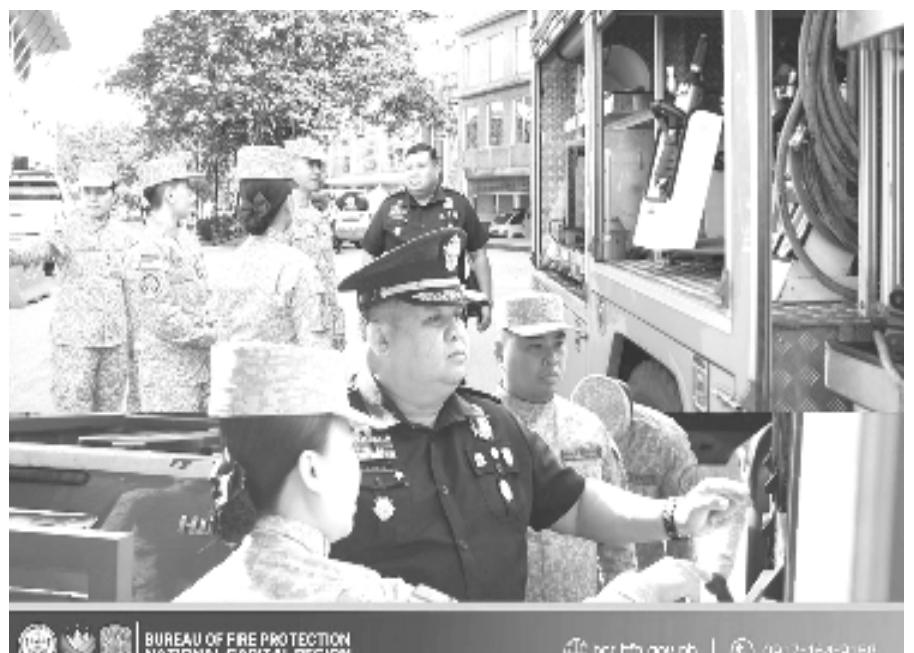
New Year celebrations. During the broadcast, Alburo advocated for a firecracker-free holiday and introduced the Automated Check-In System (ACS)—a vital tool designed to streamline personnel

accountability and accelerate emergency response times. For fire or medical emergencies, the public may contact 911, (02) 8661-7252, or 0915-349-1207. (*Benjie J. Murillo / BFP LP*)

MFD STRENGTHENS HOLIDAY EMERGENCY READINESS

Manila Fire District (MFD) Marshal Sr. Supt. Eddie W. Tanawan (inset) orders the strategic deployment of firetrucks and ambulances across key areas

in the city. This proactive visibility campaign aims to guarantee immediate response times during the holiday season. By maintaining a strong presence in public spaces, the MFD also seeks to remind residents to stay vigilant and adhere to fire safety protocols for a safe community celebration. (*Benjie J. Murillo / MFD*)

BFP-NCR CHIEF INSPECTS HOLIDAY READINESS

BFP-NCR Acting Regional Director Sr. Supt. Catalino C. Ramos, Jr. (center) conducts a region-wide inspection of fire stations across Metro Manila on December 24, 2025. Accompanied by Assistant Regional Director for Administra-

tion Sr. Supt. Bonifacio C. Carta and Regional Chief of Staff Supt. Elaine Baylon-Evangelista, Ramos ensured all units are fully prepared for emergency response during the long holiday break. During the visit, Ramos urged the public

to abandon dangerous firecrackers in favor of safer alternatives such as party poppers, "totrotots," loud music, or light displays to ensure a pollution-free and accident-free New Year celebration. (*Benjie J. Murillo / BFP-NCR*)

BFP-R11 OPERATIONAL CHECK:

Bureau of Fire Protection Regional Office 11 (BFP R11) Director CSupt. Junito F. Maslang (right) inspects a fire-rescue team during his station visits in preparation for the holiday season. With the entire BFP Command placed on Red Alert, Maslang personally verified the readiness of personnel and resources across the region. The visits

aim to ensure that all units are prepared to provide immediate and effective emergency response as the year ends. *(Benjie J. Murillo / BFPR11)*

BFP 11 | PUBLIC INFO

Gen. Trias Farmers Graduate from Sustainable Pig Farming Program

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The City Government of General Trias marked a milestone in local agriculture with the graduation ceremony of the Farmers Field School on Sustainable Pig Farming (FFS-SPF) held on December 19, 2025, at the Animal Pound Center in Bagong Kalsada, Brgy. Pasong Kawayan II.

The program celebrated the completion of learning-by-doing training by local farmers aimed at promoting environmentally sound, safe, and profitable pig farming practices. Participants were equipped

with practical knowledge on animal health, biosecurity, and sustainable livestock management to strengthen food security and livelihood opportunities in the city.

The ceremony featured messages from key officials and partner agencies, including Dr. May M. Magno, Provincial Veterinarian, Ms. Marian Lovella, Learning Specialist, ATI CAL-ABARZON, Hon. Mario C. Amante, Barangay Captain and the City Government, highlighting the importance of empowering farmers through education and innovation.

Graduates were for-

mally recognized during the event, underscoring their commitment to adopting sustainable practices that benefit both the community and the environment. The activity reaffirmed General Trias' dedication to developing resilient farmers and advancing responsible livestock production.

The program concluded with a closing message from Dr. Gloria C. Digma, the City Veterinarian, who expressed her sincere gratitude to all the dedicated graduates for their hard work and commitment throughout the program. — A. Sarte

Indang Police Arrested Rank OO MW of peak solar capacity now powers SM Supermalls

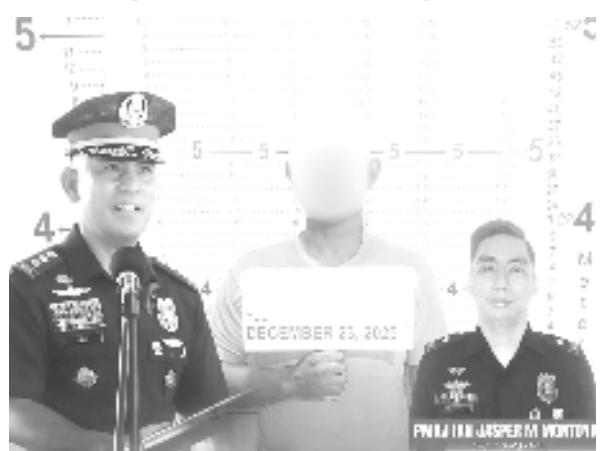
Indang Police Arrested Ran No.2 Municipal Level

Most Wanted for Homicide in Imus City

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, City of Imus, Cavite - In a manhunt operation conducted on December 23, 2025 by the warrant personnel of Indang Municipal Police Station resulted in the arrest of Rank No.2 Municipal Level Most Wanted at Imus City, Cavite.

PMAJ IAN JASPER MONTOYA, Officer-in-Charge of Indang Municipal Police Station, identified the accused as alias WILL, and a resident of Imus City, Cavite.

He was apprehended by virtue of a warrant of arrest for the crime of Homicide under Article



249 of the Revised Penal Code. The warrant was issued by the Regional Trial Court, Branch 15, Naic, Cavite. After arrest, the accused was secured and prepared for turnover to the Indang Municipal Police Station for documentation and proper disposition.

Acting Provincial Director, PCOL ARIEL R RED underscored that crimes involving loss of

life demand unrelenting pursuit of justice. Justice does not expire. Every arrest like this reaffirms our duty to the victims and their families. The sustained manhunt operations remain a priority to ensure accountability and public confidence in the justice system., he added. *By Billy David Sadikng Cavite*

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Masig-asig la at maku- la y na ipinagdiwang sa Ternate, Cavite ang Mardicas Festival kahapon. Tampok ang pagtatanghal ng mga mag-aaral ng Ternate West National High School na nagwagi bilang Champion at Best in Costume sa Secondary Level. Ang pagdiriwang ay pagbibigay-pugay sa mga ninuno ng mga Ternateño na nagmula sa Ternate, Maluku, Indonesia, at sa makulay na kasaysayan ng Bayan.

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Isinagawa ngayong Disyembre 23, 2025 sa

Strike Gymnasium ang programang "Kalinga sa PWD's" ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa pamamagitan ng City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWD) sa pamumuno ni Ms. Emiliana Ugalde, na naglalayong maghatid ng tulong, saya, at pagkalinga sa mga Taong May Kapanasan (PWDs) ng Distrito 2.

■ Pinangunahan ni Mayor Strike ang programa bilang patunay ng patuloy na adbokasiya ng lungsod para sa inklusibo at mapagmalasakit na serbisyo para sa lahat, lalo na sa mga sektor na higit na nangangailangan.

■ Dumalo ang mga opisyal ng Federation of PWDs, mga PWD mula sa mga barangay ng Molino 4-7, Queensrow Central, East at West, at San Nicolas 1-3, pati na rin ang mga kawani ng CSWD at mga PWD Presidents. Sina G. Ar-

man Albesa (LEDIPO) at Aiza Obias (CICRD) ang nagsilbing masigla at masayang Master of Ceremony.

■ Nagsilbing plataporma ang "Kalinga sa PWD's" para sa pagkakaisa, pagbabahagi ng karanasan, at pagbibigay ng mahahalagang kaalaman—patunay ng hangarin ni Mayor Strike na bumuong isang mapagmahal at inklusibong Bacoor, kung saan ang bawat Bacooriano ay pinahalagahan at sinusuportahan.



The Provincial Government of Cavite, under the leadership of Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" D. Remulla, continues to prioritize education through the Iskolar ng Lalawigan ng Cavite program, an initiative aimed at easing the financial burden of students in higher education.

A total of 15,249 students from Cavite State University (CVSU) received ₱2,000 in cash assistance, benefiting enrollees from CVSU campuses in Silang, Imus, Rosario, and Cavite City. The program seeks to provide direct educational support to deserving Caviteño students, helping them meet academic and daily school-related expenses.

The initiative reflects the provincial government's ongoing efforts to invest in human capital by ensuring that students have access to resources necessary to pursue and complete their studies. Through programs like Iskolar ng Lalawigan ng Cavite, the province reaffirms its commitment to empowering the youth and building a more educated and resilient Cavite.---- OPIO

Wheelchair Distribution sa Bayan ng Naic

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S a pag-
suporta
ni Mayor
Rommel

Magbitang, katuwang ang Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO), isinagawa ang pamamahagi ng mga wheelchair para sa mga Naicueño na Persons with Disability (PWDs) mula sa iba't ibang barangay ng bayan ng Naic. Ngayong Lunes, December 22, 2025 sa Naic Municipal Hall.

Layunin ng programang ito na makatulong sa mas maginhawang paggalaw at mas aktibong pamumuhay ng ating mga kapwa Naicueño na may kapanasan, bilang bahagi ng patuloy na adbokasiya ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Naic para sa inklusibo at makataong serbisyo.

Municipality of Naic

■ Approved!

Kasama ang inyong Ate Lani sa nag-apruba ng bicameral conference committee report ukol sa House Bill 4058 o ang 2026 General Appropriations Bill. Ang panukala ay bunga ng inisyatibo ng inyong mga mambabatas tungo sa mas malinaw, maayos, at makatarungang pamamahala ng buwis ng bayan.

Sama-sama, tulong-tulong tayo sa mas maunlad na Pilipinas! ☺



Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
Dasmariñas City, Cavite

SECURITY BANK CORPORATION,
Petitioner / Mortgagee,

-versus- File No. FC-DC-1977 - 25
For: Extra-Judicial
Foreclosure of Real Estate
Mortgage under Act No.3135
as amended by Act No. 4118

BERNARD R. FANG,
Mortgagor-Debtor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No.3135, as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagor, **SECURITY BANK CORPORATION**, with postal address at Security Bank Centre Building, 6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City against the mortgagor/debtor, **BERNARD R. FANG**, with postal addresses at Block 96 Lot 22, Fortune St., Barangay Rizal, Makati City, Metro Manila; Blk: 6-A Lot 5, Phase 9A, Wind Crest, Barangay Paliparan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite; and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 07 November 2025 amounts to **TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT PESOS & 22/100 (PhP 2,176,738.22)**, exclusive of legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **February 13, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter at the Ground Floor Lobby, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Burol 2, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 057-2019003652

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in Barangay of Paliparan, Municipality of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon, bounded and described as follows:

Lot No. 5 / Block No. 6-A Plan No. PCS-04-028841
PORTION OF: Lot 7319-A, PSD-04-213306, Lot 7325-A, PSD-04-202162, Lot 7329 (Plan A-15), RS-04-004752, Lot 7330-A, PSD-04-211698, Lot 6182-N, FLS-2006, Imus Estate

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PALIPARAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:

| LINE | DIRECTION | ADJOINING LOTS) |
|------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1-2 | SW | Lot 22, Block 6-A, PCS-04-028841 |
| 2-3 | NW | Lot 4, Block 6-A PCS-04-028841 |
| 3-4 | NE | Road Lot 10, PCS-04-028841 |
| 4-1 | SE | Lot 6, Block 6-A PCS-04-028841 |

TIE POINT: Mon. No. 81, Imus Estate

| LINE | BEARING | DISTANCE |
|-------------|--------------|------------|
| To corner 1 | N. 02° 54' E | 1107.28 M. |
| 1-2 | N. 15° 48' W | 11.00 M. |
| 2-3 | N. 74° 12' E | 12.00 M. |
| 3-4 | S. 15° 48' E | 11.00 M. |
| 4-1 | S. 74° 12' W | 12.00 M. |

AREA: ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO (132) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS

DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS: All points are referred to are indicated on the plan and marked on the ground by P.S CYL. Conc. Mons. 15 x40 cms. Bearings: True Date of Original Survey: July 27, 1905 - June 11, 1908; Date of Subd/Cons Survey: Oct. 2 - Dec. 23, 2013 Date of Approved Survey: March 7, 2014 Geodetic Engineer - Abraham O. Maling

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **February 27, 2026** at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, December 3, 2025.

(Sgd)GERALD A. FARGAS
Sheriff IV

(Sgd) ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

4.8 Milyong HALAGA ng ilegal na mga Paputok at Boga Winasak

NASA mahigit 4.8 na milyong

halaga ng mga ilegal na paputok at mga Boga na nakumpiska na isinagawang operasyon buong Calabarzon kahapon ng umaga na Sunita sa pamamagitan ng paglubog sa mga drum na puno ng tubig at pag-sagasa gamit ang PNP Truck sa loob ng PNP Headquarters Camp Vicente Lim Canlubang Laguna kahapon ng umaga.

Pinangunahan ni Regional Director PB-Gen Paul Kenneth T Lucas kasama ang 5 Provincial Director ng Calabarzon 4A na sina, Cavite Provincial Director PCol Ariel Red, PD PCol Jonar Yupio ng Laguna, PD PCol Geovanni Sibalo ng Batangas, PD PCol Feloteo Gonzalgo Rizal at PD PCol Romulo Albacea ng Quezon.

Isinagawa ang Destruction ng mga ilegal na paputok sa Camp Vicente Lim Calamba City.

Ang mga nakumpiskang ay kinabibilangan ng mga Boga, mga improvised cannons, kwtis, sinturon ni Hudas, sawa, dart bombs, dynamite, piccolo, five star, great bawang, plapla, super king-kong, and other prohibited firecrackers na may kabuuan bilang na na P4.8 million.

Ayon kay Gen Lucas, mas bumaba ngayong taon ang mga nakumpiskang paputok kumpara noong taong 2024. Limang insidente lamang din umano na may kinalaman sa paputok ang naitala kumpara noong nakaraang taon na umabot sa 24 bilang.

Sa isinagawang Press Conference, iprinisinta ni Gen Lucas na ang mga nakumpiska paputok ay programa ng "Ligtas Paskuhan 2025" na kampanya kontra ilegal na mga pagbebenta at mga pag manufacture



na isinagawang operation simula ng Disyembre 16 hangang kasalukuyan.

Umabot ng 238 police operations at nagresulta sa pagkaaresto sa 12 suspek.

Pinuri naman ni PB Gen Lucas ang kaniyang mga tauhan sa mga isinagawang police operations ng mga ito na halos wala ng tulugan mapanatili lang ang kalgutan ng mga mamayahan.

"Hinihikayat ko ang publiko na iwasan ang pagbili at paggamit ng mga ilegal na firecracker at pyrotechnics. Gaminin natin ang mga fireworks lamang sa mga itinalagang lugar at mag-report ng anumang impormasyon na makakatulong na matigil ang ilegal na pagkalangal ng mga mapanganib na

bagay na ito. Sama-sama nating panatilihin ang kalgutan ng ating komunidad! ☺ Kung may impormasyon kayo, huwag mag-atubili na i-report sa mga awtoridad. Gawing masaya at ligtas ang ating pagdiriwang", Ayon naman kay RD Lucas.

JIMMY BARRIENTOS

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF BANK ACCOUNT DEPOSIT OF THE LATE ROBERTO SAWI SAWI

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ROBERTO SAWI SAWI**, who died intestate at Brgy. Lantik Carmona Estate, Carmona, Cavite on January 26, 2024, the said deceased left a certain Bank Account Deposit which is more particularly described as follows: (1) Account Number 0707-0105-41, Type of Account: VISA ATM Payroll, Currency: Peso, Date Opened: 09/02/2004, Current Balance: PhP 4,051.88; (2) Account Number 5107-7334-52, Type of Account: GSIS Account, Currency: Peso, Date Opened: 07/19/2012, Current Balance: PhP 1,142,883.06, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs, executed on 10th day of December 2025 and ratified before Notary Public Atty. Cheryl D. Alsim, CPA, under Doc. No. 276, Page No. 57, Book No. XLIX, Series of 2025.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED MARCIANO SAQUILAYAN CADATAL

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **MARCIANO SAQUILAYAN CADATAL**, who died intestate on June 19, 2018 in Dasmariñas City, Cavite, the said decedent at the time of his death, was the registered owner of two (2) motor vehicles more particularly described as follows: Motor Vehicle No. 1: Make - Toyota, Series - Fortuner 4x2, Body Type - SUV, Year Model - 2011, Plate No. PQT 724, Engine No. 2TR7053973, Chassis No. MHFZX69G007022890, M/V File No. 1324-00000755917, CR No. 149650012; Motor Vehicle No. 2: Make - Subaru, Series - Forester 2.0XT, Body Type - Wagon, Year Model - 2018, Plate No. NBJ 3026, Engine No. CA99867, Chassis No. JFISJGL85JG361306, M/V File No. 1301-00001014848, CR No. 319401132, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs, executed on 25th day of November 2025 and ratified before Notary Public Atty. Wilfredo P. Saquiliyan, under Doc. No. 190, Page No. 39, Book No. XXXIII, Series of 2025.

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Notice Posted at
1. The Bulletin Board of Regional Trial Court Dasmariñas City, Cavite
2. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Hall
3. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Post Office
4. The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Public Market

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From Screen to Spotlight: Southeast Asian community filmmakers shine at the 2025 SineMaya Community Short Film Festival



BENTE Productions Chairman Mr. Hugo C. Yonzon III (leftmost) and CARD MRI Senior Adviser Ms. Aniceta R. Alip (second from left) pose with the Light by the Sea Productions team from Vietnam, recipients of the Best Film award in the Legacy Lens Category for their film "Light by the Sea", a SineMaya film entry that tells the story of a woman struggling to care for her children and elderly mother after losing her husband at sea, who receives help from her community so her son can stay in school.

The 2025 SineMaya Community Film Festival, organized by BENTE Productions, the multimedia arm of CARD MRI, culminated in an awarding ceremony on December 15, 2025, at SM City San Pablo. The festival celebrated short films that embodied the official theme, "PAMANAON: Stewards of the Future," highlighting the importance of legacy, responsibility, and collective action.

This year's festival brought together filmmakers from diverse communities who used filmmaking as a platform to explore social realities, cultural heritage, and hope, while also embracing innovation through emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence. By combining storytelling with innovation, the event showcased how film can be both an artistic and transformative medium.

Reaffirming the festival's vision, CARD MRI Founder and Chair Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip highlighted the transformative power of storytelling, saying, "Through SineMaya, filmmakers were encouraged to craft stories that reflect how

the choices and actions of today shape the lives and opportunities of future generations." He also praised the participants for creating works that go beyond entertainment. "Their courage, creativity, and purposeful narratives demonstrate how art can help shape a more compassionate and responsible world," he added.

Following a rigorous judging process of all 18 SineMaya finalists, where each entry was carefully assessed for storytelling, technical skill, creativity, and social relevance, the winning films emerged as works that inspired, moved, and touched the audience.

Top honors were awarded to "Alab" by Paroy Film Productions, which received Best Film for the AI-Powered Film category, and "Light by the Sea" by Light by the Sea Productions, which won Best Film for the Legacy Lens category. Both films also earned special recognition through the Legacy Awards, with "Alab" receiving the CARD MRI Managing Director's Choice Award, and "Light by the Sea" being named one of the recipients of the CARD MRI Founder's Excellence Award, alongside

"Pamaon" by ShotUp Productions. These recognitions underscored the films' ability to merge artistic excellence with strong messages of service, resilience, and intergenerational responsibility—values closely aligned with the festival's theme.

Outstanding achievements in performance, direction, and technical craft were also recognized. The Acting Awards honored Rosalie Castillo as Best Supporting Actor in a Female Role for her portrayal of Nanay Riya in "Pag-alala" of Balik-Tanaw Productions, and Ken Laurence Ante as Best Supporting Actor in a Male Role for his role as Arvin in "Liham" by Bikolanong Lagalag Productions. The Best Actor in a Female Role was bagged by Jorlyn Ledesma for her performance as Lira in "Binhi sa Kaugmaon" by Kanaon Film Productions, while Nel Estuya received Best Actor in a Male Role for his portrayal of Tatay Fernando in "Saan Aabot Ang Singkuenta Ni Tatay?" filmed by Kisapmata Film Productions.

Technical excellence was likewise celebrated, with Best Editing awarded to Jhon Lorenz Jegillos for "Liham" and Best Cinematography to Jimuel Sohitado for "Bin-

hi sa Kaugmaon". Meanwhile, Dang Thi Hanh was named Best Director for the visually and emotionally compelling "Light by the Sea".

Innovation took center stage in the AI-lammat Category, where "Alab" emerged as a dominant force, winning multiple awards, including Best AI-Powered Visual Effects, Editing, and Cinematography, as well as Excellence in AI-Enhanced Directing for Christian Laurence Jegillos. Meanwhile, "Damay: Mangagaway" by Dangshin Productions received Best Lifelike AI Characterization, highlighting how technology can be harnessed to deepen storytelling while maintaining emotional authenticity.

Special awards recognized creativity and audience impact, with "Ang Huling Punla" by Dos-T Productions winning Best Musical Scoring; "Saan Aabot Ang Singkuenta Ni Tatay?" by Kisapmata Film Productions earning both Best Screenplay and the People's Choice Award; and "Damay: Mangagaway" by Dangshin Productions taking home Best Trailer.

The festival also underscored its commitment to social advocacies through the

Community Development Awards. Honorees included "Hope in the Rain" by Catalyst Productions for Agriculture; "The End of the Sky" by CanhDieuVanh Productions for Gender Equality; "Pamaon" by Liwayway Films for Education; "Ang Huling Punla" by Dos-T Productions for Environmental Protection; "Hangarin" by Kumatha Productions for Disability Representation; and "Pag-alala" by Balik-Tanaw Productions for Youth Empowerment. Additional recognitions went to "Tao Rin Ako" by Panangaawat Productions, which received the Inclusive Service Award, and "Pamaon" by ShotUp Productions, honored with the Young Filmmaker Award.

The success of the festival was made possible through the guidance and leadership of key figures who continue to champion community development through the arts. "SineMaya is more than a film festival. It is a shared journey of storytelling where every film becomes a mirror of our values and a bridge to the future we want to build together," said Ms. Marilyn M. Manila, BENTE Productions President.

Before the awarding

ceremony, all 18 SineMaya finalists were simultaneously screened at SM Cinemas in Iloilo City, Davao City, and Manila on November 22, 2025. This nationwide screening allowed audiences from different regions to experience the stories firsthand and actively participated in determining the People's Choice Award.

SineMaya Community Film Festival is a platform dedicated to empowering grassroots and community filmmakers to tell stories that promote social development, inclusion, and shared responsibility. Anchored in the belief that cinema can be a tool for education, advocacy, and transformation, SineMaya encourages narratives that reflect lived experiences, highlight community issues, and inspire positive action.

As the festival concluded, the 2025 SineMaya Community Film Festival once again affirmed that storytelling—grounded in compassion, innovation, and service—remains a powerful force in strengthening communities and shaping a more inclusive, hopeful, and sustainable future.

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Armed Drug Suspect Arrested in Alfonso Buy-Bust Operation



Camp Pantaleon Garcia, City of Imus, Cavite - In an intensified campaign against illegal drugs, personnel of the Station Drug Enforcement Unit and Intelligence personnel of the Alfonso Municipal Police Station conducted a buy-bust operation at Alfonso, Cavite at around 1:00 AM of December 23, 2025 that resulted in the arrest of one (1) individual.

PMAJ JULIUS L MOJICA, Officer-in-Charge of Alfonso Municipal Police Station, identified the arrested individual

as alias "Omy" and a resident Alfonso, Cavite. According to the report, the operation led to the confiscation of an unregistered caliber .45 pistol without serial number, a magazine, assorted live ammunition, five heat-sealed sachets containing more or less twelve (12) grams of suspected shabu valued at approximately ₱81,600.00, buy-bust money, a cellphone, and personal belongings.

The operation was conducted following intelligence reports regarding the suspect's involvement in illegal drug activities and possession of loose fire-

arms. Confiscated drug evidence was turned over to the Cavite Provincial Forensic Unit for laboratory examination, while a request for firearm verification was forwarded to the Regional Civil Security Unit 4A to determine the origin and legality of the seized firearm.

PCOL ARIEL R RED, Acting Provincial Director, emphasized that the arrest reflects the police force's intensified campaign against illegal drugs and firearms at the grassroots level. He noted that armed drug personalities pose a serious danger to communities. "When drugs and firearms intersect, violence becomes inevitable. Our goal is to prevent that from happening by acting decisively and lawfully," he said, assuring the public that cases are being prepared for inquest proceedings in coordination with the Office of the Provincial Prosecutor. **By Billy David Sadik ng Cavite**

Grow with Silang 2026: First Silang Business Summit, Isinulong ang Enterprise Empowerment at Business Innovation

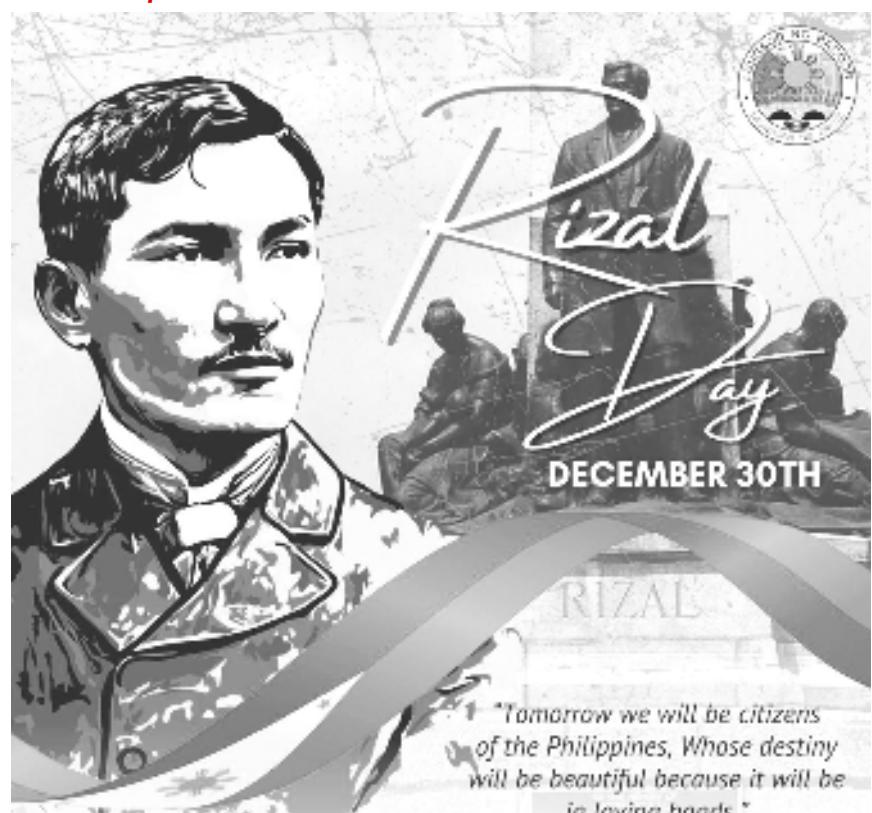


MAYOR STRIKE, PINARANGALAN ANG "STRIKE ZUMBA" INSTRUCTORS



Ngayong araw, we remember and honor Dr. José Rizal, our national hero. Ang kanyang talino, tapang, at pagmamahal sa bayan ay patuloy na nagbibigay inspirasyon sa bawat Pilipino.

Sa Bacoor, sama-sama nating ipagdiwang ang kanyang legacy of unity and nationalism. Nawa'y magsilbing paalala ang Rizal Day na ang tunay na pagbabago ay nagsisimula sa pagkakaisa at malasakit sa kapwa.



M atagumpay na isinagawa ng Pama-halaang Bayan ng Silang ang kauna-unahang Grow with Silang 2026: Enterprise Empowerment & Business Innovation Summit, na nagtipon sa mga lokal na negosyante, MSMEs, at stakeholders upang palakasin ang kaalaman, inobasyon, at kakayahang makipagsabayan sa nagbabagong ekonomiya.

Ang summit ay in-



The Marcos administration has cushioned the scores. Prices from rising rents by keeping inflation low while sustaining economic growth in 2025, according to Naicellaño.

Inflation eased to 1.6 percent from January to November 2025, down from 3.4 percent in 2024 and sharply lower than levels recorded in 2022 and 2023. Executive Secretary Ralph Recto said the decline reflects decisive government measures to stabilize prices, secure food supply, and protect household purchasing power, particularly for rice, the biggest expense of low-income families.



Happy New Year 2026, mga Naicqueños!

Malugod nating sinasalubong ang Taong 2026 bilang isang bayan na patuloy na naninindigan sa maayos na pamamahala, pagkakaisa, at sama-samang paglilingkod para sa kapakanan ng bawat Naicqueño.

Ang bagong taon ay paalala na ipagpatuloy ang mga programang may malasakit at harapin ang mga hamon nang may disiplina, panaganutan, at pag-asaya sa mas maliwanag na bukas.

Sa pagtutulungan ng pamahalaan at mamayahan, nawa'y manatiling matatag ang Bayan ng Naic at maging makabuluhang ang bawat hakbang natin para sa hinaharap sa buong Taong 2026.