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## Pamamahagi ng Armchairs at Monoblock Chairs sa Trece Martires City, Cavite

**N**oong Enero 09, kasama ni Trece Martires City Mayor Gemma Lubigan sina Vice Mayor Bobby Montehermoso at mga Engineers ng Lungsod ay personal po naming inikot at pinangunahan ang pamamahagi ng mga armchairs at monoblock chairs gayundin ay isinabay natin ang inspeksyon sa mga kasalukuyang pagawain sa mga sumusunod na Pamublikong Paaralan dito sa ating lungsod: TMCNHS Sunshineville Extension HS Barangay Cabuco • 800 armchairs • 200 monoblock chairs; Southville Elementary School Barangay Inocencio • 300

armchairs; Francisco Osorio Integrated Senior High School Barangay Osorio • 300 armchairs at Trece Martires City Senior High School Barangay Gregorio • 200 armchairs

Ang inisyatibong ito ay bahagi ng aming patuloy na hangarin na matiyak na ang ating mga mag-aaral ay magkaroon ng maayos na mga pasilidad na makatutulong sa kanilang pag-aaral.

Maraming salamat sa ating mga guro at school heads na walang sawang tumutulong at nagsusumikap upang patuloy tayong makapagbigay ng de-kalidad na edukasyon para sa bawat Treceño.



## ATI CALABARZON Trains Over 7,000 Farmers, Agri Stakeholders in 2025

**I**n 2025, the Department of Agriculture (DA) capacity builder, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) in CALABARZON,

equipped a total of 7,084 individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to help steer a competitive and prosperous agriculture and fisheries sectors

towards a vibrant economy.

As the catalyst and knowledge bank of the Philippine agriculture and fishery extension (AFE) system, the

DA-ATI CALABARZON trained 4,783 farmers; 1,209 agricultural extension workers (AEWs) from various local government units; 555 DA staff; and 537 students, agri-enthusiasts, and individuals from the general public.

Training and other extension initiatives by the DA-ATI CALABARZON primarily focused on good agricultural practices, farm mechanization, climate-resilient agriculture, smart farming, and integrated nutrient and pest management.

These programs were not limited to the production aspect, as the agency also equipped the aforementioned individuals with technologies along the agricultural value chain, including post-harvest technologies, processing, and marketing—across different banner programs like rice, corn, livestock, Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP), High Value Crops Development Program (HVC-DP), organic agriculture, and National Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP), and additional extension services.

"Sobra po ang pas-

asalamat ko sa ATI CALABARZON dahil ine-ensure po nila na may bago silang kaalamang naihatid at nakakarating po ito sa aming mga farmers. Sa training na ito, privilege po para sa akin na matuto at ma-experience 'yung mga hands-on kung paano ba bumuo ng cacao-coconut fusion products, na totoo pong helpful para mas ma-maximize pa 'yung gamit ng raw materials and ma-improve 'yung pwedeng pagkitaan ng mga farmers," said Carla Pante, one of the farmer participants who shared her impression of the Training on Coconut and Cacao Fusion: Value Chain-based Product Development and Market Integration last July.

John Mark Sto. Domingo, an agricultural and biosystems engineer from Teresa, Rizal, also shared how the DA-ATI CALABARZON helps extension workers like him in performing their duties at the grassroots level.

In his impression of the Training on Testing and Evaluation of Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery held last June, he said: "This training is a great help for me to understand how

procurement and acceptance testing work in acquiring farm machinery. That's why every one of us ay sobrang eager ding pumasa – 'cause it will give us a chance to evaluate the machinery that we're acquiring more thoroughly. Because in the end, we want our farmers to receive those interventions na up-to-standards and fit talaga sa kung ano ang needs nila."

Moreover, social technologies, including training facilitation and management, and extension communication, were also imparted to participants, especially AEWs, farmer-leaders, and farm cooperators.

These accomplishments reflect the unwavering dedication of the DA-ATI CALABARZON in empowering its stakeholders through a resilient and responsive agriculture and fisheries extension system in the region.

Meanwhile, Dr. Rolando Maningas, Center Director of the DA-ATI CALABARZON, shared a glimpse of the agency's plans as it gears towards 2026.

"For 2026, we will solidify our efforts to modernize and mech-

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**Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**



## Anilag Festival... from p. 1

selebrasyon sa kasaysayan ng lalawigan na may temang Anilag Festival Level Up 2026.

“Ang Anilag ay palaging tungkol sa ani – ang bunga ng ating pagsisikap, kultura, at pagkakaisa. Sa pamamagitan ng ‘Level Up,’ matitiyak nating alam ng bawat henerasyon ang pinagmulan at maabot ang kanilang hinaharap,” wika ni Gobernadora Aragonés.

Binigyang diin niya ang kahalagahan ng isang malakihang pista bilang pagdiriwang ng tatag at pagkakaisa, habang pinapalakas ang pagpapahalaga sa kultura at tradisyon.

Para kay Gobernadora Aragonés ang Anilag ay higit pa sa isang pista, ito ay tulay na nag-uugnay sa nakaraan at hinaharap ng Laguna. Ang temang “Level Up” ay naglalayong magpakilala ng mga inobasyon na nakaugat sa pamana, na nagbibigay ng modernong anyo sa pista nang hindi nakakalimot sa kultura ng lalawigan.

Bilang panimulang

hakbang, inilunsad ng gobernador ang Logo Making Contest para sa Anilag Festival Level Up 2026, na may P20,000 na premyo sa grand winner at apat na consolation prize para sa iba pang mananalo. Kilala si Gobernadora Aragonés sa kanyang malinaw at maayos na pamamahala, tinitiyak niya na bawat proyekto ay maingat na pinaplano at isinasakatuparan bago tuluyang ipatupad.

Maagang sinimulan ang paghahanda ng provincial capitol ngayong taon, na pinangungunahan ng Laguna Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office (LTCATO). Ipinahayag ng gobernador na bagamat mas maikli ang selebrasyon ngayong taon, ito ay magiging makulay, makahulugan, at hindi malilimutan, na gaganapin mula Marso 16 hanggang 21.

Maikling kasaysayan, nagsimula ang Anilag Festival, pinaikling mula sa Ani ng Laguna, noong 2004 bilang isang linggong pasasalamat sa masaganang



ani ng lalawigan. Pinagbuklod nito ang anim na lungsod at 24 na bayan ng Laguna sa isang selebrasyon ng pagkakaisa, kultura, at mayamang pamana ng lalawigan.

Ngayong taon, ang

Anilag Level Up 2026 ay naglalayong palawakin ang pamana na ito, pinagsasama ang tradisyon at inobasyon. Bukod sa street dancing, cultural showcases, at parada, tampok din

ang mga kompetisyon sa sining, pelikula, at digital media, na nagbibigay ng plataporma sa kabataan at mga malikhaing isip upang ipakita ang kanilang talento. Hindi lamang ito

isang pista, ito ay pagpatunay na ang Laguna ay patuloy na umuunlad, nagbabago, at pinahalagahan ang pinagmulan habang tinatanggap ang hinaharap.

## PARA SA IISANG LAYUNIN, PARA SA ISANG DIREKSYONG PANALO ANG CALAMBEÑOS

**P**inatitibay natin ang ugnayan ng National Government at Local Government sa pamamagitan ng sama-samang talakayan kasama ang ating mga katuwang sa paglilingkod—Con-

gresswoman Cha Hernandez, Vice Mayor Totie Lazaro, ang inyong lingkod, Mayor Ross Rizal, at ang ilan sa mga miyembro ng Executive Committee.

Tinalakay sa pulong ang mga umiiral na proyektong pangkaun-

laran ng ating lungsod tulad ng bypass roads, drainage systems, road repair at road widening, pati na rin ang iba’t ibang imprastraktura na layong mapabuti ang daloy ng trapiko at kalidad ng pamumuhay ng ating mga kababayan.

Kasama rin sa na-

pag-usapan ang mga nakatakdang future development projects na magsisilbing pundasyon ng mas maunlad, mas ligtas, at mas progresibong lungsod para sa lahat. Sama-sama, tuloy-tuloy ang serbisyo para sa ating mga mamamayan.

## CONSULTATION AND PRESENTATION OF CURRENT AND FUTURE PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF BASIC EDUCATION



**N**oong Enero 13, pinangunahan ni Congressman Arman Dimaguila ang Consultation at Presentation ng mga kasalukuyan at mga nakatakdang future projects na patuloy na magpapalakas sa suporta para sa basic education sa ating lungsod.

Katuwang po sa gawaing ito ang City Government ng Binan sa pangunguna ni Mayor Angelo ‘Gel’ Alonte, kasama si Vice Mayor

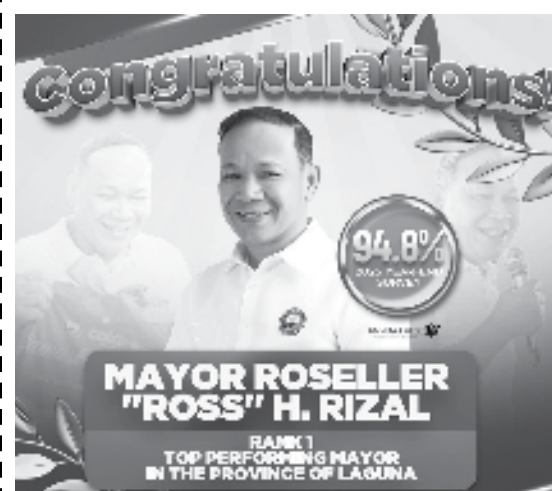


Jonalina ‘Dada’ Reyes, ang buong Sangguniang Panlungsod at ang Local School Board, na nagkakaisang isinusulong ang mga programang magbibigay ng mas

maayos na pasilidad, sapat na kagamitan, at mas de-kalidad na edukasyon para sa lahat.

Sa pamamagitan ng konsultasyon at matitibay na pagtutulungan

ng pambansa at lokal na pamahalaan, mas lalo nating pinagtitiyap ang paniniwala na ang edukasyon ay puhunan ng kinabukasan. (via fb Dada Reyes)



Muling nagbunga ang tapat at tuloy-tuloy na paglilingkod! **CONGRATULATIONS Calamba City Mayor Roseller “Ross” H. Rizal** sa pagkamit ng **RANK 1 | Top Performing Mayor sa Lalawigan ng Laguna** ayon sa 2025 Year-End Survey ng Social Pulse Philippines, na may kahalanga-hangang 94.8% approval rating!

Ang pagkilalang ito ay malinaw na patunay na ang pamumunong may pakikinig, malasakit, at aksyon ay tunay na nararamdaman ng mamamayan. Hindi lang ito award—ito ay boses ng taumbayan na nagsasabing “Totoo ang serbisyo at ramdam ang reporma”.

Sa huli, ang tagumpay na ito ay tagumpay ng bawat Calambeño—para sa mamamayan, kasama ang mamamayan. Patunay na kapag ang pamahalaan ay tunay na nakikinig at kumikilos, ang pagbabago ay hindi lang pangarap, kundi isang realidad na matatamo at mararanasan ng lahat.



## HANDOG EXTRANG LINGAP PROGRAM: BIRTHDAY CASH GIFT PARA SA 670 PWDs SA CITY OF CARMONA



halaang Lungsod ng Carmona. Ang HELP ay isa sa mga programa ng Pama-halaang Lungsod na naglalayong magkaroon ng inklusibo ng komunidad para sa ating mga PWDs kung saan walang kahit sino man ang maiiwan at DapatAngatLahat.

**P**inangunahan ng Persons with Disability Affairs Office ang Birthday Cash Gift distribution mula sa Handog Extrang Lingap Program o HELP na ating dinaluhan para sa 670 PWDs

ng ating Lungsod na nagdiwang ng kanilang kaarawan noong buwan ng November at December.

Bumabati po kami ng belated happy birthday sa inyong lahat at nawa'y makatulong po ang munting regalo na ito mula sa Pama-

### AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ADENA MARCOS CANAY**, who died on April 18, 2025 in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya who is the owner of that certain parcel of land located at Brgy. Carsadang Bago 1, Imus City, Cavite, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2018039747 of the land records of Cavite, containing an area of Thirty-Six square meters (36) more or less, and was the subject of the sole heir, executed on 31st day of December 2025 and ratified before Notary Public Atty. Jerome Galapon Marcos, under Doc. No. 433, Page No. 87, Book No. 18, Series of 2025.

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### PAGBABAHAGING LABAS SA HUKUMAN NG LUPANG NAIWAN NG YUMAONG SINA LEONILA GONZALES RIVERA AT ISIDRO G. RIVERA

ANG LATHALAING ITO ay nagpapatunay na ang yumaong sina **LEONILA GONZALES RIVERA**, namatay noong ika-23 ng Nobyembre, taong 2014, sa Silang, Cavite; at **ISIDRO G. RIVERA**, namatay noong ika-19 ng Setyembre, taong 2023, sa Silang, Cavite, na sila ay namatay na walang ginawa at iniwan na Huling Habilin o Testamento, at walang naiwang anumang pagkakautang sa kaninomanang tao o samahan, na sa kanilang kamatayan, ang nabanggit na yumaong sina Leonila Gonzales Rivera at Isidro G. Rivera ay nakapag-iwan ng Bahagi o Portion ng Isang (1) parselang lupa, at higit na makikilala bilang: "One (1) parcel of land situated at Brgy. Puting Kahoy, Silang, Cavite, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. OP-1396 issued by the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, identified as Lot 8374 of the Approved Silang Cadastre Cad-452-D, containing an area of approximately Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty (9,730) square meters, more or less", na may Pagbabahaging Labas sa Hukuman sa Dahon Blg. 443, Pahina Blg. 90, Aklat Blg. 3, Taong 2025 sa Notaryo ni Atty. Edgardo G. Baniaga.

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### PAGBABAHAGING LABAS SA HUKUMAN NG LUPANG NAIWAN NG YUMAONG SINA ANGELINA GONZALES LOTINO AT ALBERTO S. LOTINO

ANG LATHALAING ITO ay nagpapatunay na ang yumaong sina **ANGELINA GONZALES LOTINO**, namatay noong ika-27 ng Pebrero, taong 2021, sa Silang, Cavite; at **ALBERTO S. LOTINO**, namatay noong ika-2 ng Agosto, taong 2017, sa Silang, Cavite, na sila ay namatay na walang ginawa at iniwan na Huling Habilin o Testamento, at walang naiwang anumang pagkakautang sa kaninomanang tao o samahan, na sa kanilang kamatayan, ang nabanggit na yumaong sina Angelina Gonzales Lotino at Alberto S. Lotino ay nakapag-iwan ng Bahagi o Portion ng Isang (1) parselang lupa, at higit na makikilala bilang: "One (1) parcel of land situated at Brgy. Puting Kahoy, Silang, Cavite, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. OP-1396 issued by the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, identified as Lot 8374 of the Approved Silang Cadastre Cad-452-D, containing an area of approximately Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty (9,730) square meters, more or less", na may Pagbabahaging Labas sa Hukuman sa Dahon Blg. 446, Pahina Blg. 91, Aklat Blg. 3, Taong 2025 sa Notaryo ni Atty. Edgardo G. Baniaga.

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## PGC brings medical and dental mission to Brgy. San Francisco, General Trias

**O**n January 13, a total of 354 residents received medical consultations while 75 patients availed of dental services during a Medical and Dental Mission spearheaded by the Provincial Government of Cavite in Barangay San Francisco, City of General Trias.

The activity also offered diagnostic services to Gentriseños, with 75 patients undergoing fasting blood

sugar (FBS) tests, eight availing of electrocardiogram (ECG) procedures, and another eight receiving X-ray examinations. These services aided health professionals in providing proper medical advice and appropriate care. Free prescribed medicines and vitamins were subsequently distributed to the patients.

City Councilor Kyle Salazar graced the activity, expressing his support and appreciation for the medical and dental mission team.



Dental professionals from the City Health Office, along with Barangay Health Workers, also assisted to ensure the smooth and efficient conduct of the activity.

Through the continued partnership of the Office of the Provincial

Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, the medical and dental mission program continues to expand access to quality healthcare services across the province, promoting hope, wellness, and improved health outcomes for Caviteños. (OPIO)

## Free healthcare services for Barangay San Juan residents



**T**he Provincial Government of Cavite brought essential healthcare services to the community through a medical mission held on December 26, 2025, at Brgy. San Juan, Dasmariñas City, benefiting a total of 364 residents.

During the one-day activity, 356 patients received free medical consultations, while eight (8) residents availed

themselves of ECG examinations, reinforcing the importance of early detection and preventive care.

Spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor, the initiative highlighted the province's continued commitment to accessible, people-centered healthcare, made possible through the support of health personnel, barangay officials, and volunteers.--- (OPIO)

## PGC medical mission expands access to healthcare in GMA

**O**n January 9, the Office of the Provincial Governor – Medical Mission Team, in collaboration with doctors and volunteers from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), conducted a medical mission in Barangay. Aldiano Olaes, GMA, Cavite.

The activity served a total of 390 patients who were provided with comprehensive medical consultations, physical examinations, and free medicines. Diagnostic services included fasting blood sugar (FBS) testing for 100 patients, 13 electrocardiogram (ECG) procedures, and 23 X-ray examinations.

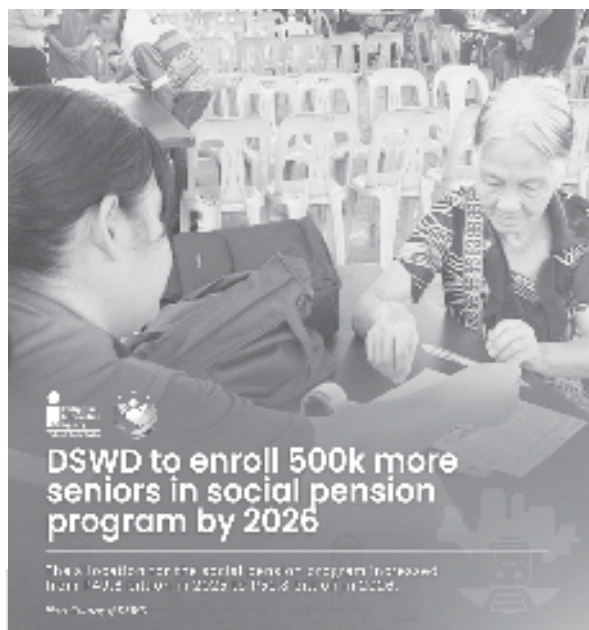


The initiative was also supported by 5th District Board Member Aidel Belamide, who graced the activity, a testament to the continued commitment of the

Provincial Government and its healthcare arm to improving access to basic medical services. The strong cooperation among the organizers, healthcare profession-

als, volunteers, and the local community contributed significantly to the success of the activity and to the promotion of community health and well-being.--- (OPIO)





**T**he Department of Social Welfare and Development - DSWD is set to enroll an additional 500,000 beneficiaries from the waitlist of the Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens (SPISC) starting this

2026.

Qualified beneficiaries under the SPISC are entitled to a monthly stipend of P1,000, which was doubled from the previous P500 to help the elderly cope with the rising costs of healthcare and basic necessities.(PIA)

## ATI CALABARZON... from p. 2

anize the agri-fishery sector by reinforcing technologies, innovations, quality extension services, inclusivity, and skills-based trainings that respond to the evolving needs of our farmers and fishers," said Dr. Maningas.

He added, "At the same time, we will

strengthen our role as a nexus in empowering and catalyzing our extension workers as key change agents in the region, ensuring that our services and their impacts are met on the ground and will truly lead to 'masaganang agrikultura at maunlad na ekonomiya.'"

### PAGBABAHAING LABAS SA HUKUMAN NG LUPANG NAIWAN NG YUMAONG SINA VIRGINIA GONZALES PEREZ AT EMILIANO PEREZ

ANG LATHALAING ITO ay nagpapatunay na ang yumaong sina **VIRGINIA GONZALES PEREZ**, namatay noong ika-24 ng Hulyo, taong 2008, sa Sta. Rosa City, Laguna; at **EMILIANO PEREZ**, namatay noong ika-17 ng Mayo, taong 2014, sa Sta. Rosa City, Laguna, na sila ay namatay na walang ginawa at iniwan na Huling Habilidad o Testamento, at walang naiwang anumang pagkakautang sa kaninomanang tao o samahan, na sa kanilang kamatayan, ang nabanggit na yumaong sina Virginia Gonzales Perez at Emiliano Perez ay nakapag-iwan ng Bahagi o Portion ng Isang (1) parselang lupa, at higit na makikilala bilang: "One (1) parcel of land situated at Brgy. Puting Kahoy, Silang, Cavite, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. OP-1396 issued by the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, identified as Lot 8374 of the Approved Silang Cadastre Cad-452-D, containing an area of approximately Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty (9,730) square meters, more or less", na may Pagbabahaging Labas sa Hukuman sa Dahon Blg. 445, Pahina Blg. 90, Aklat Blg. 3, Taong 2025 sa Notaryo ni Atty. Edgardo G. Baniaga.

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## BACOR CITY GOVERNMENT CONCLUDES 2ND DAY OF ISO MANAGEMENT REVIEW | PLANS FOR 2026 UNVEILED

**T**he City Government of Bacoar, under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, successfully concluded the 2nd Day of the ISO Management Review, led by the Human Resources Development and Management Department (HRDMD) headed by Ms. Natividad Ludwig Ople.

All city departments proudly remain ISO Certified, reflecting Bacoar's strong commitment to international standards, efficiency, and quality public service. During the

review, department, unit, and assistant heads presented their plans and programs for 2026, setting clear directions for the year ahead.

The activity was guided by ISO Consultants Engr. Maria Luisa Jalandoni and Mr. Mike Dave Bucher, with Mayor Strike actively participating in the discussions.

The ISO Management Review plays a vital role in continuously improving city systems and processes—ensuring maayos, episyente, at de-kalidad na serbisyo para sa bawat Bacooreño.

## PhilHealth Implements One-Time Interest Waiver to Help Employers and Members Settle Contributions

**P**hilHealth welcomes the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to implement a one-time waiver program for incurred interests from missed premium payments. This is a concrete measure to help employers, self-employed individuals, and other covered members settle long-standing contribution obligations and restore good standing with the National Health Insurance Program.

The waiver policy underscores the administration's commitment to fairness, economic recovery, and sustained access to healthcare by addressing the accumulated burden of interest arising from missed premium payments.

To provide clarity, the one-time waiver applies strictly to interest charges, and does not cover unpaid premium contributions. The policy is designed to assist employers and self-employed individu-

als whose arrears have ballooned primarily because of compounded interest, while ensuring continuous delivery of benefits of employees and members of PhilHealth.

To further ease the financial burden on covered entities, PhilHealth is providing a one-year settlement window from the effectivity of the Circular, during which outstanding premium contributions may be paid. Employers who settle earlier within the prescribed period may qualify for greater reductions in interest, including partial or full waiver, depending on the length of the payment term.

For the employed sector, the guidelines for availing waiver will be published soon. Meanwhile, the detailed implementing mechanics for the self-employed sector are being finalized and will be issued separately to ensure proper guidance and orderly implementation.

As part of the program safeguards, em-

ployers availing of the one-time waiver are required to register their employees under the Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) and ensure completion of the First Patient Encounter (FPE), in line with PhilHealth policy. This requirement reinforces the intent of the waiver—not only to recover missed contributions, but also to connect workers and their families to accessible primary care services.

PhilHealth encourages all eligible employers and members to take advantage of this limited, one-time opportunity, and advises the public to await official announcements for further details on implementation timelines and payment arrangement options, particularly for the self-employed sector.

For accurate information and updates, the public is urged to follow PhilHealth's verified communication channels.(via fb Philippine Health Insurance Corporation)



### One-Time Waiver of Interest on Missed Employer Contributions

In line with the recent publication of PhilHealth Circular No. 2026-0001, PhilHealth announces the implementation of a one-time waiver of interest program designed to provide government and private employers a fair and reasonable opportunity to settle unpaid premium contributions accumulated over time, while strengthening PhilHealth's partnership with them to support sustained compliance going forward. This initiative recognizes that the high level of compounded interest, coupled with the economic challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, has made compliance difficult for many employers.

Under this program, employers with missed premium contributions covering the period July 2012 to December 2024 may settle their obligations within a dedicated one-year window, subject to the following settlement options:

1. Two percent (2%) interest rate for seven to twelve (7-12)-month payment arrangement;
2. One percent (1%) interest rate for two to six (2-6)-month payment arrangement; and,
3. Zero percent (0%) interest rate or full waiver of interest for one (1)-month payment arrangement.

#### Requirements:

1. Submission of all required documents;
2. Updating of Employee Masterlist; and,
3. Registration and assignment of all employees in the Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) & completion of First Patient Encounter (FPE).

The program offers flexibility through partial or full waiver of interest depending on the period of settlement, with the objective of easing the financial burden on employers while enabling PhilHealth to recover unpaid contributions critical to sustaining the National Health Insurance Program.

Employer requests to avail of the program shall be accepted until December 31, 2026 only. This is a time-bound, one-time initiative intended to encourage compliance and strengthen PhilHealth's capacity to deliver health benefits to the Filipino people.

For further inquiries, interested employers may coordinate with their assigned PhilHealth Accounts Information Management Specialist (PAIMS) or visit the nearest PhilHealth Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO).

(Sgd.) **EDWIN M. MERCADO, MD, MHA, MMSc**  
President and Chief Executive Officer





**Belated Birthday Greetings to Jail Director Ruel S. Rivera.** We honor the birth anniversary of Jail Director Ruel "RSR" S. Rivera (January 5), Chief of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, whose exemplary dedication to the BJMP inspires a culture of integrity and excellence. His strategic focus on resource management and learning and growth is transforming the Bureau into a premier institution for humane safekeeping and developmental opportunities. Southern Sparkle News & Publishing joins the BJMP community in celebrating a leader committed to genuine public service and institutional transformation. (Benjie J. Murillo)

## BFP-NCR Leadership Inspects MBOSS Regionwide



**S**r. Supt. Bonifacio C. Carta (center, top photo), officer-in-charge Regional Director of Bureau of Fire – National Capital Region, conducted an on-site inspection of Mobile Business One-Stop Shop (MBOSS) operations on January 14, 2026 at Quezon City Fire District headed by officer-in-charge District Fire Marshal Supt. Froilan B. Guzman (5th from left). The visit was aimed at maintaining the highest standards

of transparency and efficiency in fire safety service delivery. Carta's presence on the ground serves as a reminder of the Bureau's dedication to professional excellence and streamlined processing. QCFD The inspection team was received as well at the Manila Fire District by Deputy District Fire Marshal SUPT Melchor B. Isidro (4th from left, lower photo), representing District Fire Marshal Sr. Supt. Eddie W. Tanawan. (Benjie J. Murillo / BFPNCR)

## BJMPRO-NCR Regional Director Leads New Year Inspections in Valenzuela and Malabon

**B**ureau of Jail Management and Penology Regional Office – National Capital Region (BJMPRO-NCR) Director C. Supt. Baby Noel P. Montalvo (left and 2nd from right, left and right photos), kicked off 2026 with a comprehensive inspection and Personnel Information and Education (PI&E) session at the Valenzuela and



Malabon City Jails on January 7. Accompanied by the Command Group, Montalvo reviewed operational compliance and engaged with per-

sonnel to ensure high standards of service and welfare. The photo shows Malabon Male and Female Dormitory Wardens Supt. Lucky O.

Dionisio and Supt. Patricia A. Vidamo leading the inspection team through their respective facilities. (Benjie J. Murillo / BJMPRO-NCR)

## Excellence in Service: Congratulations to New BJMPRO-NCR Lawyers!

**T**he Bureau of Jail Management and Penology Regional Office – National Capital Region salutes the grit and dedication of their very own 2025 Bar Passers: C. Insp. Hernand Amor C. Macoy, and (right photos, top to bottom) JO3 Brel N. Gosimat, JO2 Eliza Amor B. Lateral, and JO1 John James P. Virata. The BJMP family is incredibly proud of their achievement. These jail



officers' journey from the ranks to the bar inspires their peers to

pursue excellence in the service of the nation.

(Benjie J. Murillo / BJMPRO-NCR)

## BFP Taguig Partners with PDAO for Inclusive Fire Safety



**I**n preparation for Fire Prevention Month 2026, Taguig City Fire Marshal Supt. Garynel Z. Julian (standing, 2nd from right) and Persons with Disability Affairs Office Head Helario B. Supaz (standing, right), led a coordination meeting on January 14, 2026, to strengthen inter-agency safety programs. The partnership aims to bridge accessibility gaps in emergency preparedness, ensuring that fire safety education and response protocols are inclusive of

all Taguigueños, especially the PWD community. (Benjie J. Murillo / Taguig BFP)

## Hinatuan Fire Station Streamlines FSIC Process



**T**he Hinatuan Central Fire Station (HCFS), led by OIC Fire Marshal SFO2 Mark Gil A. Ar-

mentano, reinforces its commitment to efficient public service through the Business One-Stop Shop (BOSS). The program encourages fire safety compliance by removing unnecessary hurdles for local entrepreneurs, ensuring a secure business environment. HCFS operates under the BFP CARAGA Regional Office led by Acting Regional Director SSUPT Jerome T. Reano (inset) and the supervision of Surigao del Sur Acting Provincial Fire Marshal C. Insp. and lawyer Jill T. Yusuoke-Diaz. (Benjie J. Murillo / BFP CARAGA)

### DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ELFIDIO D. RUPAC**, who died on August 25, 1996 at Caloocan City, died intestate, without Will or Testament, and without any outstanding debts in favor of any person or entity, that the late Elfidio D. Rupac is the absolute and registered owner of parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. TCT NT-144411 situated in the Poblacion, Mun. of Laur, Nueva Ecija, containing an area of Two Hundred Seventy-Six (276) square meters more or less and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs, executed on 6th day of January 2026 and ratified before Notary Public Atty. Manuel Abuyo Rodriguez II, under Doc. No. 200, Page No. 40, Book No. I, Series of 2026.

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**INTER-ACTIVITY REPORT**

**1. Objective:**

a. To conduct a joint training exercise for the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) in the area of maritime security and disaster response.

b. To enhance the understanding of the operational procedures and capabilities of both the PCG and the USCG.

c. To establish a framework for future joint exercises and information sharing.

**2. Background:**

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) have a long history of cooperation in maritime security and disaster response. This joint training exercise was conducted to further strengthen the partnership between the two agencies.

**3. Description of the Exercise:**

The exercise was conducted over a period of three days. It included a variety of activities, including a search and rescue exercise, a maritime security exercise, and a disaster response exercise. The participants from both the PCG and the USCG worked together to complete the tasks.

**4. Results of the Exercise:**

The exercise was a success. The participants from both the PCG and the USCG demonstrated a high level of professionalism and teamwork. The exercise also provided an opportunity for the participants to share their experiences and knowledge.

**5. Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the PCG and the USCG continue to work together in the future. This could include conducting more joint exercises and sharing information.

**6. Conclusion:**

The joint training exercise was a valuable experience for the participants from both the PCG and the USCG. It provided an opportunity for the participants to learn from each other and to work together to complete the tasks.

**7. Signatures:**

Required by: **EDD. Mike Hood, F. Rodolfo**  
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## TURN OVER CEREMONY



**U**nder the leadership of FCSUPT R O Y RODERICK P. AGUTO, DSC, Regional Director, BFP Region 4-A, FCINSP ARMAND LEE M ANDRES, newly installed City Fire Marshal of Tagaytay City Fire Station, participated in the turnover ceremony for the newly designated City Fire Marshals of Cavite that was presided by FSSUPT NONILON L MACASADIA II DSC, Provincial Fire Marshal, Cavite. In case of EMERGENCY Call : TAGAYTAY CITY FIRE STATION; Hotline no. 483-1193 / 471-3747 / 09429898495 / 09552306663. (BILLY DAVID SADIK)

## Magkatuwang para sa kaligtasan at kalikasan: LGU Indang-PHILIPPINE Coast Guard MOA signing



**I**sinagawa ang of Agreement (MOA) Ceremonial Signing sa pagitan ng Memorandum Pamahalaang Bayan ng

Indang at ng Philippine Coast Guard bilang pagpapalakas ng ugnayan at kooperasyon sa larangan ng kaligtasan, kahandaan sa sakuna, at pangangalaga sa komunidad.

Pinangunahan ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Indang sa pamamagitan nila **Mayor Vergel Fidel Papa**, at PCG Officials, **District Commander Christopher M. Meniado** at **Capt. Charity G. Copiaco**, ang naturang aktibidad. Sa pamamagitan ng kasunduang ito, pagtitibayin

ang koordinasyon ng dalawang institusyon sa mga programang may kinalaman sa disaster preparedness and response, at environmental protection, partikular sa mga yamang-tubig na saklaw ng bayan.

Ang MOA Signing na ito ay sumasalamin sa patuloy na pag-sisikap ng LGU Indang na magtatag ng matibay na partnership sa mga pambansang ahensya para sa mas maayos, ligtas, at maunlad na serbisyo publiko tungo sa Bagong Indang. (BILLY DAVID SADIK)

### DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **CARLOS GALLARDO VILLANUEVA**, who died on February 16, 2025 in Long Beach, California, USA, the said deceased died intestate without a will of testament and without any outstanding debts in favor of any person or entity, the deceased has an AFP pension account maintained at Land Bank of the Philippines-Cavite City Branch, under ATM card number 4748440310148538, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs, executed on 7th day of January 2026 and ratified before Harrison Lurie Farb, Notary Public - California, Los Angeles County, Commission # 2398826, My Comm. Expires Mar 27, 2026.

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### AFFIDAVIT OF ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ADENA MARCOS CANAY**, who died on April 18, 2025 in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya who is the owner of that certain parcel of land located at Brgy. Carsadang Bago 1, Imus City, Cavite, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2018039747 of the land records of Cavite, containing an area of Thirty-Six square meters (36) more or less, and was the subject of the sole heir, executed on 31st day of December 2025 and ratified before Notary Public Atty. Jerome Galapon Marcos, under Doc. No. 433, Page No. 87, Book No. 18, Series of 2025.

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### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES OF LORENZA BAYAS BAYDAN WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF PORTION OF LAND

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **LORENZA BAYAS BAYDAN**, who died on October 5, 2024 and she was a resident of Brgy. Malabag, Silang, Cavite at the time of her death, that the decedent left the following properties: (1) Tax Declaration No. ARPN AD-00027-08200 - A parcel of land located at Brgy. San Jose, Tagaytay City, Cavite with an area of 2,261 square meters, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 076-2024004011 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City; (2) Tax Declaration No. ARPN AD-00027-02165 - A residential building located at Brgy. San Jose, Tagaytay City with an area of 87 square meters; (3) Tax Declaration No. AA-18-0037-03279 - A parcel of land located at Brgy. Malabag, Silang, Cavite with an area of 2,296 square meters, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. 076-2024004012 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City; (4) Tax Declaration No. AA-18-0037-03280 - A residential building located at Brgy. Malabag, Silang, Cavite with an area of 56 square meters, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs, executed on 18th day of December 2025 and ratified before Notary Public Atty. Fe B. Añonuevo, under Doc. No. 127, Page No. 26, Book No. 187, Series of 2025.

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### PAGBABAHAGING LABAS SA HUKUMAN NG LUPANG NAIWAN NG YUMAONG SI CRISTINA GONZALES DELMO

ANG LATHALAING ITO ay nagpapatunay na ang yumaong sina **CRISTINA GONZALES DELMO**, namatay noong ika-08 ng January, taong 2017, sa Sta. Rosa City, Laguna, na siya ay namatay na walang ginawa at iniwan na Huling Habilidad o Testamento, at walang naiwang anumang pagkakautang sa kaninomanang tao o samahan, na sa kaniyang kamatayan, ang nabanggit na yumaong si Cristina Gonzales Delmo ay nakapag-iwan ng Bahagi o Portion ng Isang (1) parselang lupa, at higit na makikilala bilang: "One (1) parcel of land situated at Brgy. Puting Kahoy, Silang, Cavite, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. OP-1396 issued by the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, identified as Lot 8374 of the Approved Silang Cadastre Cad-452-D, containing an area of approximately Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty (9,730) square meters, more or less", na may Pagbabahaging Labas sa Hukuman sa Dahon Blg. 447, Pahina Blg. 91, Aklat Blg. 3, Taong 2025 sa Notaryo ni Atty. Edgardo G. Baniaga.

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### PAGBABAHAGING LABAS SA HUKUMAN NG LUPANG NAIWAN NG YUMAONG SI LEONORA GONZALES GANNABAN

ANG LATHALAING ITO ay nagpapatunay na ang yumaong sina **LEONORA GONZALES GANNABAN**, namatay noong ika-21 ng Mayo, taong 2024, sa Sta. Rosa City, Laguna, na siya ay namatay na walang ginawa at iniwan na Huling Habilidad o Testamento, at walang naiwang anumang pagkakautang sa kaninomanang tao o samahan, na sa kaniyang kamatayan, ang nabanggit na yumaong si Leonora Gonzales Gannaban ay nakapag-iwan ng Bahagi o Portion ng Isang (1) parselang lupa, at higit na makikilala bilang: "One (1) parcel of land situated at Brgy. Puting Kahoy, Silang, Cavite, covered by Original Certificate of Title No. OP-1396 issued by the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, identified as Lot 8374 of the Approved Silang Cadastre Cad-452-D, containing an area of approximately Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty (9,730) square meters, more or less", na may Pagbabahaging Labas sa Hukuman sa Dahon Blg. 444, Pahina Blg. 90, Aklat Blg. 3, Taong 2025 sa Notaryo ni Atty. Edgardo G. Baniaga.

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## Pamamahagi ng Emergency Shelter Assistance sa mga Nasunugan sa Ibayo Estacion, Naic Cavite



**N**amamahagi ng Emergency Shelter Assistance ang Lokal na Pamahalaang Bayan ng Naic sa pangunguna ni Mayor

Rommel Magbitang sa mga pamilyang naapektuhan ng sunog sa Brgy. Ibayo Estacion upang matulungan silang matugunan ang agarang pangangailangan matapos

ang insidente. Sa tulong ng mga lokal na tanggapan at ng barangay, naihatid ang tulong bilang paunang suporta sa mga pamilyang nawalan ng tirahan at

kabuhayan. Patuloy ang pagbabantay at pagtugon ng Bayan ng Naic upang masigurong natutulungan ang mga apektadong residente habang sila ay unti-unting bumabangon.



### BLESSING OF ROAD CONNECTING CONGRESSIONAL ROAD AND GOVERNOR'S DRIVE W/ DASMARINAS CITY MAYOR JENNY BARZAGA



## DTI Laguna and Partners Open MSME Trade Fair at SM City San Pablo for Coconut Festival

**S**an Pablo City, Laguna — In celebration of the San Pablo Coconut Festival, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna, in partnership with the City Government of San Pablo, the Association of Laguna Food Processors (ALAFOP), and SM City San Pablo, organized a trade fair for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from January 14 to 20, 2026. The event aimed to support

local enterprises and promote entrepreneurship in the province.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 14 was attended by Mr. Christian Ted O. Tungohan, Provincial Director of DTI Laguna; Atty. Joseph Marnic V. De Mesa, City Administrator of LGU San Pablo; Mr. Jerry Urriquia, President of ALAFOP; Ms. Leonie Reyes, Board Director of ALAFOP; and Ms. Edesa Sibug, Mall Manager of SM City San Pablo, along



with other guests and participants. Their presence highlighted the collaborative efforts of public and private part-

ners in promoting local businesses.

Featuring 11 MSME exhibitors, the trade fair was held under the

mall's SM4SMEs Community Bazaar program. The activity provided participating enterprises with an opportunity to showcase their products, engage with consumers, and strengthen their market presence in a high-traffic commercial venue. This initiative is part of ongoing efforts to promote local entrepreneurship and enterprise development alongside the city's festive celebration. In line with its mandate to support MSMEs, DTI

Laguna continues to facilitate market access and provide marketing opportunities that help enterprises grow, become competitive, and reach wider markets.

Through this collaborative undertaking, partner institutions reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening the MSME sector by fostering partnerships and offering platforms that contribute to inclusive economic growth in Laguna. #

## CARD MRI launches its four-decade celebration, marking 40 years in 2026



Bente Productions President Marilyn M. Manila (front, left photo) hosts the launching of CARD MRI's Four-Decade Celebration for 2026, while CARD MRI Founder and Chair Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip (right) highlights the institution's ongoing mission and journey, holding a copy of the Five-Year Corporate Strategy 2026-2030.

**C**ARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), a group of 34 institutions that provide social development services to over 9.7 million Filipinos and insure more than 31 million individuals, will celebrate its 40th founding anniversary in 2026. On December 12, 2025, the organization launched its year-long celebration during the 2025 CARD MRI's Year-End Business Planning.

Its 40th year is themed "CARD MRI Four Decades of Legacy: Integrating Traditional and Modern Approaches to

Poverty Eradication." This milestone highlights the organization's combination of hands-on and people-centered approaches with innovative technologies in its continued commitment to the mission of social development and poverty eradication.

"For almost four decades, the recognitions given to me for empowering Filipinos and marginalized communities have always been because of CARD. They are a proof of our collective efforts and shared commitment," said Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip, Founder and Chair Emeritus of CARD MRI. He also

recalled the organization's humble beginning 39 years ago, and how it has grown into 34 different social development institutions today united by a single mission to eradicate poverty. He highlighted how these initiatives have transformed the lives of CARD clients one by one, and emphasized the need to continue this work.

Looking ahead, Dr. Alip confirmed the five-year strategic plan of the institution that was previously discussed during the year-end planning by Mr. Noli Martinez, Vice President for CARD MRI Corporate Planning, Product

Development, and Corporate Advocacy. The plan highlights bringing together initiatives from different institutions to create synergy within CARD MRI. It focuses on strengthening micro-insurance and disaster resilience, as well as expanding health services through CARD Care Network Inc. (CCNI), a newly launched network of healthcare-focused institutions under CARD MRI. It also includes scaling enterprise development through value chain partnerships. Additionally, the plan aims to upgrade digital operations by using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to

provide better support, improve staff efficiency, and enhance the client experience.

The four-decade celebration launch begins with a short film depicting the story of Dr. Alip meeting his younger self 39 years ago, when he was just starting CARD MRI by drafting a business proposal using his father's old typewriter and a twenty-peso bill. "Hanggang sa muli, batang ako... (Until next time, younger me...)" was the final line of the short film, delivered by the present-day Dr. Alip after he encouraged his

wary, hopeful younger self to continue pursuing their dream of building a bank owned by underserved Filipinos.

The film was followed by the entrance of Dr. Alip himself, dressed as a pilot, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Aniceta D. Alip, senior adviser for the research unit of the institution, dressed as a flight attendant. Their attire symbolizes CARD

MRI's 40-year journey and the path ahead. "Our responsibility is to sustain the legacy we have built for the next 40 years and beyond, for the generations to come," said Dr. Alip.



CARD MRI Founder and Chair Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip (right), with his wife and Senior Adviser for Research Ms. Aniceta R. Alip (left), make their entrance to mark the start of the Four-Decade Celebration launch following a short film.