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# VOUCHER BILL NA HANGO SA PANUKALA NI CAYETANO, UMUSAD SA SENADO

Umusad na sa plenaryo ng Senado nitong Lunes ang **(cont. p.2)**



## Kalingyakap shelter for PWDs unveiled in Carmona City

**C**ARMONA CITY, CAVITE - The first-of-its-kind Kalingyakap: Integrated Shelter, Support, and Services for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) in Barangay Milagrosa, Carmona City was formally unveiled to the public on **(cont. p.2)**



**SHELTER FOR PWDs.** Cavite 5th District Rep. Roy Loyola and philanthropist Tomas Delos Santos lead a symbolic goat exchange during the dedication of the Kalingyakap Integrated Shelter for Persons with Disabilities, a two-storey building donated by the Delos Santos Family Foundation in Barangay Milagrosa, Carmona City on February 23, 2026. (Dennis Abrina)

## Ugnayan sa Barangay in Maragondon, Cavite



## Blessing and Inauguration of "Halfway House" sa Bacoor City, Cavite



**N**oong Marso 18, 2026 ang inyong lingkod Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola ay dumalo kasama ang mga City Councilors sa blessing ng proyekto ng City Government na "HALFWAY HOUSE" para sa mga Children in conflict with the law (CICL), sa pangunguna ng ating 24/7 City Mayor Strike B. Revilla, katuwang ang opisna ng CSWD sa pumumuno ni "Mam. Lilian Ugalde". Kasama rin ang ibat-ibang mga opisi- **(cont. p.4)**



## Medical and Dental Mission in Trece Martires City, Cavite

*Happy Birthday*

**MAYOR JOE PADRID**  
Bay, Laguna

*Greetings from:  
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### Joint MPOC-MADAC-MTF-ELGAC Meeting

**| Bayan ng Naic.** Naganap ang Joint MPOC-MADAC-MTF-ELGAC Meeting nitong March 17, 2026 sa ABC Hall, Naic, Cavite, sa suporta at aktibong pakikibahagi si Mayor Rommel Magbitang kasama ang iba't ibang sektor upang talakayin ang mga mahalagang usapin para sa kapayapaan at kaayusan ng bayan ng Naic.

Patuloy ang sama-samang pagkilos ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Naic para sa mas ligtas at maayos na komunidad para sa lahat ng Naicqueño.



## SSS partners with EastWest Rural Bank to bring MySSS Card services closer to rural areas



**Q** U E Z O N CITY - The Social Security System (SSS)

today announced that its MySSS Card will soon reach members in unbanked areas after EastWest Rural Bank (EWRB) became its first rural bank card issuer, a move to expand financial inclusion in underserved communities.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro (right) and EWRB President Shielia Marasigan-Bajado (left) led the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement, authorizing the bank to issue MySSS Cards, primarily for members in rural areas while remaining accessible to qualified members nationwide.

De Claro praised the partnership as a significant project that will simplify disbursement account enroll-

ment and improve convenience for members, highlighting the card's dual role as an official SSS ID and debit card.

"The MySSS card also allows SSS to provide digital payment facilities for our registrants, members, pensioners and beneficiaries," De Claro added.

The SSS uses National ID database checks to confirm that applicants are registered SSS members, ensuring secure card issuance by its partner bank and accurate benefit disbursement through the linked account. The card also enables members to manage their daily financial transactions with ease.

Bajado said that a streamlined MySSS Card application process will be available at EWRB's 112 branches and branch-lites nationwide this year, most of which are in the provinces, particu-

larly in Mindanao and the Visayas. The card may also be offered at Cross-Selling Desks inside EastWest Bank branches, their parent bank, through a digital channel.

"We will waive maintaining balance requirements for MySSS cardholders, who may also earn interest once their balance reaches at least ₱500, allowing them to grow their savings while enjoying flexible account features," Bajado said.

De Claro said that SSS has maintained a decade-long collaboration with EWRB, which began in 2017 when the bank was recognized as the Best Collecting and Best Paying Partner in the rural category of the SSS Balikang Bayan Awards. "We hope our collaboration will help SSS better serve members wherever they are," he said. #

## Voucher bill na hango sa panukala ni Cayetano... from p. 1

panukalang voucher program ni Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano at ng iba pang mga senador na layong tulungan ang mas maraming mahihirap na pamilyang Pilipino na mapag-aral ang kanilang mga anak sa pribadong K to 12 schools.

Sa ilalim ng Senate Bill No. 1981, ang mga estudyante mula sa mga siksikang pamublikong paaralan ay tatanggap ng government-funded voucher na magagamit nila para makapag-enroll sa government-recognized private school na kanilang nais.

Alinsunod sa panukala, ang halaga ng bawat voucher ay itatakda ng Department of Education (DepEd) at sapat para sagutin ang mga gas-tusing kailangan ng benepisyaryo para makapag-aral sa pribadong paaralan.

Prayoridad sa programa ang mga mag-aaral mula sa low-income households.

Ang SBN 1981 ay binuo mula sa walong magkakahiwalay na panukalang batas, kabilang ang Senate Bill No. 422 o The Learner's Choice (TLC) in Private Basic Education Act of 2025 na inihain ni Cayetano noong July ng nakaraang taon at hango sa matagumpay na voucher program ng Taguig City.

Sa kanyang sponsorship speech noong March 16, pinasala-

matan ni Basic Education Committee Chairperson Senator Bam Aquino si Cayetano at ang iba pang co-authors ng panukala.

"Karangalan po na magkakasama tayo sa laban para sa de-kalidad na edukasyon para sa ating bansa," pahayag ni Aquino.

Sa panukalang TLC Act of 2025 ni Cayetano kinuha ng komite ang ideyang unahin ang mga estudyante sa mga "congested" na pamublikong paaralan, upang makatulong na resolbahin ang matagal nang pagsisiksikan sa mga public school.

Ininama rin sa SBN 1981 ang mga penalty provision mula sa bersyon ni Cayetano upang maiwasan ang ghost learners, pagkaantala sa proseso, at ibang uri ng pandaraya o korapsyon.

Ayon kay Cayetano, na dating co-chairperson ng Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2), mahalagang hakbang ang panukala para matiyak ang karapatan ng bawat Pilipino sa accessible at de-kalidad na basic education sa ilalim ng Konstitusyon.

"Basic education, especially the early years of a child's instruction, is important in shaping their future," pahayag niya.

"So I'd like to see the day na kapag pinanganak ka sa Pilipinas, regardless kung ano apelyido mo, kung mayaman ka o hindi, if

you want to go to the best private school sa inyong province or city, you'll have the opportunity to do that," dagdag niya.

Sa ilalim ng SBN 1981, awtomatiko ring makakatanggap ng voucher ang mga "disadvantaged learners" tulad ng persons with disabilities, mga ulila, at mga estudyanteng nakatira sa mga liblib na lugar.

Hindi tulad ng kasalukuyang subsidiya sa ilalim ng Expanded Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education Act (E-GASTPE) kung saan nakatali sa mga paaralan at sa nakalaang slots ang tulong, ang panukalang voucher ay learner-held at portable.

Ibig sabihin, pamilya mismo ang makakapili kung saan mag-aaral ang kanilang anak.

Para tulungan ang mga pamilya sa tamang pagpili ng papasukang paaralan, maglalabas ang DepEd ng public database ng mga pribadong paaralang kalahok sa programa, kasama ang tuition fees, program tracks, at key performance indicators.

Nakatakdang talakayin ang Senate Bill No. 1981 sa mga susunod na sesyon ng plenary, kung saan plano ni Cayetano na maginterpellate at magmungkahi ng mga amyenda sa panukala.###

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

## Kalingyakap shelter for PWDs... from p. 1

Monday.

The "Dedication Day" was led by Mayor Dahlia Loyola, Cavite 5th District Rep. Roy Loyola, philanthropist Tomas Delos Santos of the Delos Santos Family Foundation, along with city officials and the City Social Welfare and Development Office.

The two-storey facility, built on a 3,000-square-meter lot, has 20 classrooms, an

administrative office, shower rooms, comfort rooms, nine dormitory rooms accommodating five persons each, a doctors' area, infirmary, consultation room, dining and entertainment halls, chapel, counseling room, and observation room.


Rep. Loyola thanked Tomas "Ang" of the Delos Santos Family Foundation Inc., an adopted son of Carmona, for donating

the project and supporting the city.

With the continued efforts of the local government led by Loyola, Vice Mayor Cesar Ines Jr., the City Council, the Persons with Disability Affairs Office, and private partners, officials said Kalingyakap aims to be a symbol of unity and compassion. (DENNIS ABRINA/MANILA STANDARD/City Government of Carmona fb)

*Congratulations!*


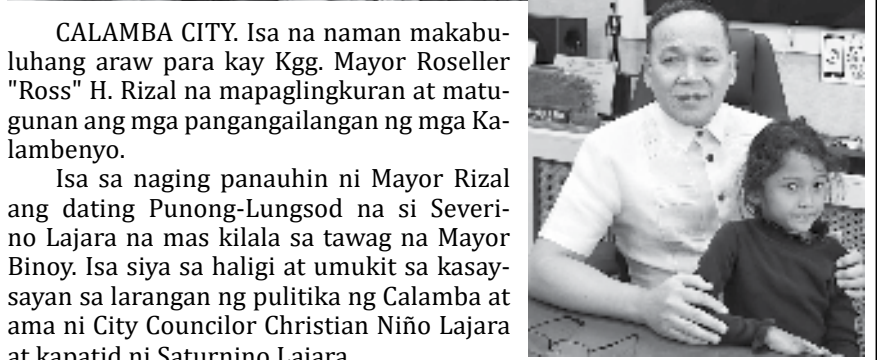
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**PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE YEAR**



MR. EZEQUIEL A. AGUILAR JR.  
GENERAL MANAGER  
CALAMBA WATER DISTRICT

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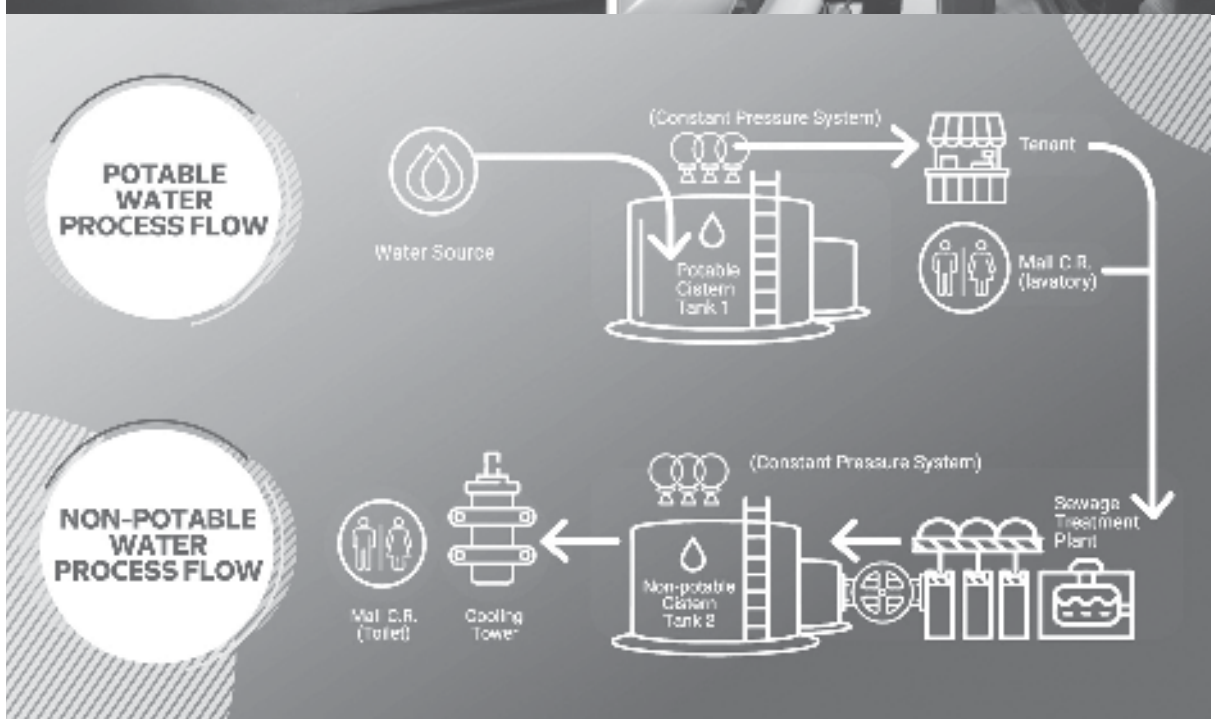
CALAMBA CITY. Isa na naman makabuluhang araw para kay Kgg. Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal na mapaglingkuran at matugunan ang mga pangangailangan ng mga Kalambenyo.

Isa sa naging panauhin ni Mayor Rizal ang dating Punong-Lungsod na si Severino Lajara na mas kilala sa tawag na Mayor Binoy. Isa siya sa haligi at umukit sa kasaysayan sa larangan ng pulitika ng Calamba at ama ni City Councillor Christian Niño Lajara at kapatid ni Saturnino Lajara.

Kabilang din sa mga bisita ang Home Owner's Association ng Villa Palao, Senior Citizen's Officers at Home Owne'rs Association ng Sitio Paikit, Canlubang, DePed at Sangguniang Barangay ng Hornalan. Bumisita rin ang Sagguniang Sangguniang Panlungsod Calamba sa pangunguna ni Vice Mayor Angelito "Totie" Lazaro Jr.

Nagbigay din ang Mayor ng mga bagong prangkisa sa mga tricycle drivers. Dinalaw din siya ng batang babae na minsan ay nakunan ng video nuong panahon ng kampanya na naka-V sign at tinatawag ang kanyang pangalan... Photo/caption: Marra Villegas

**SM's Water Sustainability approach partners on-ground implementation with customer education and engagement**



**AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS**

NOTICE is hereby given that **ALEXANDER A. CUKINGNAN**, a Filipino citizen, of legal age, with address at #28 Riverdale St., St. Ignatius Village, Quezon City, after having been duly sworn to in accordance with the law, hereby depose and state; That I, ALEXANDER A. CUKINGNAN is a shareholder of one (1) class A share of SHERWOOD HILLS GOLF CLUC INC., with stock certificate no. A-1154 "the Share". That sometime on February 22, 2026 upon looking to our files we cannot find the original stock certificate. That my diligent effort to locate the above item proved futile and that the same is now beyond recovery. That I am executing this affidavit of loss to attest to the truth of all the foregoing facts and statement and for whatever legal intent and purpose this may serve, executed on 5th day of March 2026 and ratified before Notary Public Atty. Fe B. Añonuevo, under Doc. No. 86, Page No. 18, Book No. 189, Series of 2026.

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**Ugnayan sa Barangay in Maragondon, Cavite**

The Provincial Government of Cavite, led by Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla, led the Ugnayan sa Barangay program on March 10, 2026, in Mara-

gondon to bring the local government closer to the people. The event was attended by Maragondon Mayor Lawrence "Umbe" Arca, members of the Sangguniang Bayan, and 8th District Board Mem-

ber Jasmine Angelli Maligaya-Bautista, who expressed continued commitment to serve and uplift all Caviteños. By bringing government closer to the people, the Provincial Government

of Cavite continues to foster collaboration with local leaders and communities, reaffirming its dedication to responsive public service and meaningful development for all Caviteños.--- OPIO

**P 2.4M halaga ng shabu at baril nasabat sa CALABARZON**

apat na hinihinalang high-value drug suspects ang naaresto sa magkakahiwalay na operasyon sa Rizal, Batangas, at Laguna, ayon sa Police Regional Office 4A. Nasamsam ang ma-

higit P2.4M halaga ng shabu at isang ilegal na baril. Lahat ng suspek ay nasa kustodiya ng pulisya at nahaharap sa kasong paglabag sa Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act habang nagpapatuloy ang imbestigasyon.(GOCAVITE)

## Blessing and Inauguration of "Halfway House" ... from p. 1



na mga sector ng ating komunidad at national government, na nangangasiwa sa welfare ng mga kabataan sa ating lungsod ay ginanap na ang blessing ng nasabing pasilidad.

Ang proyektong ito ay naglalayon na mas mapataas at mas mag-ing epektibo ang ka-

kayahan ng pagtugon ng City Government, sa pag aalaga at pagtuturo ng tama sa mga kabataang napapabayaang, naabuso, at maagang naharap sa mga di magandang gawain sa ating lipunan.

Ayon sa facebook post ni Bacoor City Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola, "Maka-

kaasa po kayo na ang inyong lingkod at ang bumubuo ng Sangguniang Panlungsod ay patuloy na susuporta sa mg proyektong nangangalaga at pumuprotekta sa mga "Kabataang Bacoreño", patuloy tayong naniniwala ang kabataan ang pag-asa ng ating bayan."

## Cavite Career Caravan Brings Job Opportunities to GMA Residents



**T**he Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM) successfully conducted Cavite Career Caravan on March 11, 2026 at The Porta Mall in the Municipality of General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Cavite, providing employment opportunities to hundreds of jobseek-

ers in the area. A total of 345 applicants registered during the activity, where 51 jobseekers were hired on the spot, reflecting the strong partnership between the government and private sector in addressing local employment needs.

The job fair gathered 52 participating companies, composed of 45 local companies and 7 overseas recruitment agencies, offer-

ing a combined total of 9,418 job vacancies for various positions across different industries.

Through initiatives like the Cavite Career Caravan, the Provincial Government continues to strengthen its commitment to generating employment opportunities and improving the livelihood of Caviteños by bringing job prospects closer to the community.--- OPIO

## Medical and Dental Mission in Trece Martires City, Cavite



**O**n March 12, 2026, the Provincial Government of Cavite's medical mission team conducted a successful health event at Brgy. Conchu, Trece Martires

City, offering free medical and dental services.

With the support of medical professionals from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, a total of 387 patients received med-

ical consultations and free medicines, while 69 individuals benefited from dental services. The program also offered diagnostic services, including FBS, ECG, and X-ray examinations.--- OPIO

## Pinalakas na GAD para sa mas Maunlad at Pantay na Indang!



**N**agsagawa ang Pamahalaang Bayan ng Indang ng Workshop on the Formulation of the Gender and Development (GAD) Agenda at GAD Plan and Budget para sa CY 2027 noong Marso 12-13 sa Via Appia, Tagaytay City.

Layunin ng gawaing ito na higit pang mapalakas ang pagpapalano ng mga programa at serbisyong tumutugon sa pangangailangan ng kababaihan, kalalakihan,

at iba pang sektor sa komunidad. Sa pamamagitan ng workshop na ito, nabigyang-linaw ang mga prayoridad na programa at proyekto na isasama sa GAD Agenda at GAD Plan and Budget ng bayan para sa taong 2027.

Naging Resource Person at Facilitator si Ms. Anne Kimberly P. Babaan, MLGOO, na nagbahagi ng mahahalagang kaalaman at gabay upang matiyak na ang mga planong mabubuo ay naayon sa mga umii-

ral na polisiya at tunay na makakatulong sa pagsusulong ng gender equality at women empowerment.

Aktibong nakilahok ang mga miyem-

bro ng GAD Focal Point System, sa pangunguna ni Municipal Mayor Virgilio F. Fidel, upang masigurong ang mga programang ilalatag ay makabuluhan, in-

klusibo, at tumutugon sa pangangailangan ng mamamayan ng Indang.

Ang gawaing ito ay patunay ng patuloy na pagsisikap ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Indang

na itaguyod ang pantay na oportunidad, inklusibong pamamahala, at gender-responsive na mga programa para sa mas progresibo at makatarungang komunidad.(BILLY DAVID SADIK NG CAVITE)



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**CITY ORDINANCE NO. 500-2026**  
Series of 2026

**AN ORDINANCE MANDATING THE INSTALLATION OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY MARKERS ON ALL BUILDINGS, EDIFICES, MONUMENTS, AND VARIOUS THOROUGHFARES CONSTRUCTED WITH THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.**

Sponsored by:  
**Hon. Reynaldo D. Palabrica**

Co-Sponsored by:  
**Hon. Reynaldo M. Fabian, Hon. Adrielfito G. Gawaran, and Hon. Levy M. Tela.**

**WHEREAS**, the phrase "public office is a public trust" serves as a constant and ringing reminder to all government officials that the people expect the highest degree of transparency and accountability from its public servants.

**WHEREAS**, the installation of permanent markers on all buildings, edifices, monuments and various thoroughfares constructed with the use of public funds within the City of Bacoor, Cavite shall serve as an indelible commitment on the part of the City Government to uphold the principles of transparency and accountability.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it ordained by the 6<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite that:

Attested by:  
ATTY. KHALID A. AZEGA, JR.  
Sangguniang Panlungsod Secretary

Certified by:  
HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA  
City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Approved:  
HON. STRIKER REVILLA  
City Mayor



**Section 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as the "Transparency and Accountability Marker Ordinance of the City of Bacoor".

**Section 2. Installation of Transparency and Accountability Markers.** The City Engineer is hereby mandated to install a Transparency and Accountability Marker on all buildings, edifices, monuments, and various thoroughfares constructed with the use of public

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funds within the City of Bacoor, Cavite not later than five (5) working days prior to the official opening or completion of the said public works.

**Section 3. Contents of the Transparency and Accountability Marker.** All Transparency and Accountability Markers to be installed after the date of effectivity of this Ordinance shall contain the following information:

- 2.1. The heading:  

Republic of the Philippines  
City of Bacoor, Cavite

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY MARKER
- 2.2. Name of the Public Work
- 2.3. Name of the Contractor/s
- 2.4. Date When Project Construction Started
- 2.5. Date When Project Constructed Ended

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 City Mayor



2.6. Total Project Budget  
 2.7. Name of the City Engineer/s (in case the project was completed within the administration of two or more City Engineers, the names of all the said officials shall be included in the marker)  
 2.8. Name of the City Mayor/s (in case the project was completed within the administration of two or more mayors, the names of all the said local chief executives shall be included in the marker)

**Section 3. Penalty For Failure To Install and for Unauthorized Removal of Marker.** Subject to the rules of administrative due process, a fine of P5,000.00 shall be imposed against the City Engineer who fails to cause the installation of the Transparency and Accountability Marker in violation of Sections 1 and 2 hereof. Upon conviction by a court of law, a fine of P5,000 with community service equivalent to thirty (30) working days shall be imposed against any person who removes the said marker without the written authority of the City Mayor or the City Mayor.

**Section 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** The Office of the City Engineer, with the assistance of the City Legal Services Office, shall submit the Implementing Rules and

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**Section 6. Separability.** In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared void or unconstitutional, all provisions hereof not affected thereby shall remain valid and enforceable.

**Section 7. Effectivity.** This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen days after it has posted on at least three conspicuous places within the City of Bacoor, Cavite and after it has been published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Province of Cavite.

APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 at the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly approved in accordance with law.

Certified:  
 HON. ROWENA BAUTISTA-MENDIOLA  
 City Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

Attested:  
 ATTY. KHALID A. ATEGA JR.  
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Regulations of this Ordinance for the approval of the City Mayor within thirty (30) calendar days from the effectivity date hereof.

**Section 5. Repeal.** All ordinances, resolutions, orders, and other local issuances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or amended accordantly.

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 City Mayor

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 City Mayor  
 Date of Approval: 12 MAR 2026



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## Mass Anti-Rabies Vaccination Conducted in Cavite in Celebration of Rabies Awareness Month 2026



**T**he Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian, joined the Nationwide Simultaneous Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive for Animals in celebration of Rabies Awareness Month 2026. A mass anti-rabies vaccination activity was successfully conducted on March 11, 2026, at the

Osorio Animal Breeding Station in Trece Martires City, Cavite.

Anchored on this year's theme, "Rabies-Free na Pusa't Aso, Kaligtasan ng Pamilyang Pilipino," the activity aimed to strengthen public awareness on responsible pet ownership and highlight the importance of protecting pets and communities from rabies.

The activity provided free anti-rabies vaccination, deworming, and castration services to pets brought by residents from different localities in Cavite. The initiative forms part of the province's continuing efforts to prevent and control rabies, a fatal but preventable disease that poses risks to both animals and humans. By ensuring that pets are

vaccinated and properly cared for, the program promotes safer households and healthier communities.

The Provincial Government of Cavite continues to encourage the public to support rabies prevention programs and participate in activities that promote animal welfare and the safety of every Filipino family.--- OPIO

## Zumba 2026 ng Tagaytay City Fire Station: Pagdiriwang at Pagpupugay sa National Women's Month



**S**a pangunahing FCSUPT ROY RODERICK P AGUTO, DSC, Regional Director ng BFP Region IV-A CALABARZON, at sa ilalim ng pamamahala ni FCINSP ARMAND LEE M ANDRES, City Fire Marshal, matagumpay na isinagawa ng Tagaytay City Fire Station ang **Zumba 2026** bilang bahagi ng pagdiriwang ng National Women's Month.

Dinaluhan ang nasabing aktibidad ng mga kalahok mula sa iba't ibang ahensya ng pamahalaan, mga barangay, pribadong kumpanya, at maging ng mga mamamayang nakiisa sa masigla at masayang Zumba session. Kabilang sa mga dumalo ang mga kinatawan mula sa BJMP at CDRMO, gayundin ang mga kalahok mula sa Barangay

San Jose, Silang Crossing East, Dapdap West, Calabuso at Brgy. Maitim na buong pusong nakiisa sa selebrasyon.

Naging posible ang matagumpay na pagsasagawa ng aktibidad sa tulong ng FORA Mall, na nagbigay ng venue para sa nasabing programa. Lubos din ang pasasalamat kay Ms. Anna Go, na nagsilbing sponsor ng mga dance instructors, kasama ang kanyang grupo na ZumbaBelles, na nagbigay ng masiglang intermission number na lalong nagpasaya at nagpasigla sa buong programa.

Naging makabuluhang paraan ang aktibidad upang itaguyod ang kalusugan, wellness, at aktibong pamumuhay, kasabay ng pagkilala at pagdiriwang sa mahalagang kontribusyon ng mga kababaihan sa komunidad.



Sa pamamagitan ng mga gawaing tulad nito, patuloy na pinagtibay ng Tagaytay City Fire Station ang ugnayan at pakikipagtulungan sa komunidad at iba't ibang sektor, habang isinusulong ang pagkakaiba, empowerment, at kooperasyon. Hindi lamang nito hinikayat ang lahat na maging aktibo sa pisikal na gawain, kundi binigyang-diin din ang kahalagahan ng sama-samang pakikila-

hok sa pagbuo ng isang mas malusog at mas nagkakaisang komunidad.

Taos-pusong nagpapasalamat ang Tagaytay City Fire Station sa lahat ng mga ahensya, barangay, pribadong katuwang, at mga mamamayang nakiisa at sumuporta upang maging matagumpay ang pagdiriwang ng National Women's Month 2026. (BILLY DAVID SADIK NG CAVITE)

## PhilHealth Assures Uninterrupted Frontline Services Amid Gov't-Wide Energy Conservation Measures



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he Philippine Health Insurance Corporation

(PhilHealth) assured members that all frontline and hospital-based services will continue operating on a regular five-day schedule even as the agency implements adjusted work arrangements for select administrative and back-office personnel beginning March 9, 2026.

Under the arrangement, administrative and back-office personnel will observe a compressed onsite schedule from Monday to Thursday, with a 10-hour workday. Meanwhile, frontline offices and critical operational units will maintain their regular Monday-to-Friday operations to ensure uninterrupted service to members.

PhilHealth guaranteed members that the following services will remain fully operational throughout the five-day workweek:

1. PhilHealth CARES Nurses and P-Malasakit personnel in hospitals
2. Local Health Insurance Offices (LHIOs), PhilHealth Business Centers, Satellite Offices, and Hospital Desks
3. Claims Processing (Benefit Administration Section) and In-

formation Technology (IT)

4. Legal and Field Operations

While administrative personnel will observe a compressed onsite schedule, PhilHealth emphasized that personnel will remain reachable and responsive on Fridays for urgent operational requirements and member concerns.

The adjusted work arrangement forms part of the government's nationwide energy conservation efforts in response to rising global oil prices and is in compliance with Malacañang Memorandum Circular No. 114, which directs government agencies to adopt flexible work arrangements to reduce fuel consumption and electricity use by 10 to 20 percent.

Dr. Mercado underscored that the agency's commitment to public service remains constant despite the adjustments.

"The efficiency offered by this arrangement must translate into better, more focused service delivery," added Dr. Mercado. "Our digital portals and frontline desks remain your reliable partners in health, every day of the business week." (Philippine Health Insurance Corporation FB)

### EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **RUBEN MOJICA QUIÑONES**, who died intestate on February 10, 2025 at City of General Trias, Cavite, that the deceased being one of the four children of Lucia Mojica Quiñones, at the time of his death left an undivided one-fourth (1/4) portion of a parcel of land identified as Lot No. 15556, Cad-459-D, of the Approved Indang Cadastre, declared for real property taxation purposes under Tax Declaration No. AA-10-0026-00417, (previously Tax Declaration No. AA-10-0026-00375 declared in the name of Lucia Mojica) with an approximate area of Eight Thousand Forty Seven (8,047) square meters, more or less, situated at Barangay Limbon, Indang, Cavite, that the said deceased died intestate without Will and Testament, and without any outstanding debts in favor of any person or entity, and was Extra-Judicially Settled among the legal heirs, executed on 16th day of February 2026 and ratified before Notary Public Atty. Edgardo G. Baniaga, under Doc. No. 142, Page No. 30, Book No. 2, Series of 2026.

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# Side Quest Unlocked: A Journey of Firsts with SM Supermalls in South Luzon



**L**ife's full of unexpected turns. The turns, the detours, the moments that pull us away from continuing the main storyline.

But that is exactly what makes it fun. Because when our dailies get interrupted is when life gets more interesting!

Quest log updated. Grab your controllers, plug the game back in. Prepare to do it for the plot because together with SM Supermalls as your most loved mall, we're taking on a few side adventures that can turn an ordinary day into something way more exciting.

## Food Stops That Power You Up

Your first mission: level up with additional points through dining destinations that truly serve your appetite for great food.



## ●Pizza Maru

For the ultimate power up, head to first-ever Pizza Maru in Cavite at the 2nd Level of SM City Bacoor and get a taste of their Cheesy Maru Oppa—a comforting, flavor-packed choice that can turn your ordinary food stop into an extraordinary one. This K-style certified, K-tastic pizza spot also lands at SM City Dasmariñas, serving the same mozza-ordinary menu at their newly opened branch, which launched on February 5.



## ●Wee Nam Kee

For a satisfying way to gain extra points on your food run, make your way to the first Wee Nam Kee in the PH and dig into their Pork Char Siu, along with other well-loved classics like their signature Hainanese Chicken Rice. Find them at the Upper Ground Level of SM City Bacoor.



## ●Myeong Ryun Ginsa Galbi

For cravings that let you rack up more points with every bite, head to Myeong Ryun Ginsa Galbi, the first in Cavite—and dive into their signature marinated pork ribs, made even better with an unlimited spread that includes pork belly and beef bulgogi. Locate them at the Annex Lower Ground Level of SM City Dasmariñas.

## Sweet & Frozen Power-Ups Activated!

Increase your affinity level with sweet and frozen treats that keep your energy high and your dessert cravings satisfied.

## ●Seattle's Best Coffee

When your energy bar needs a quick boost, swing by the newly opened Seattle's Best Coffee at the Ground Level of SM City Daet.



Recharge with iced favorites like the Java Chip Javakula, Iced White Chocolate Mocha, and Iced Salted Caramel Mocha—sweet, frozen picks that keep your cravings satisfied and your momentum going.



## ●Bebang's Halo-Halo

When your sweet meter is at an all time low, head to the newly opened Bebang's Halo-Halo at the Second Level, Expansion Wing of SM City Santa Rosa to cool down with their Presidential Halo-Halo. With a loaded mix of ube halaya, leche flan, langka, macapuno, and banana-cinnamon it's sure to deliver a rich, indulgent break in the middle of your day.

## ●BLK 513

Need a quick cooldown before your next mission? The newly opened BLK 513 at the 3rd Level, beside the Cinema area of SM City Legazpi unlocks a customizable frozen boost that's light but satisfying. Choose your base, stack your toppings, and build a yogurt combo that matches your craving stats here at their first-ever branch in Albay!



## ●Yo Grab! Frozen Desserts

Need a quick chill before moving on? The first Yo Grab! Frozen Desserts in Cavite at the Ground Level of SM Center Imus lets you cus-

tomize your frozen yogurt boost your way. It's light, refreshing, and perfect for resetting your energy before the next quest.



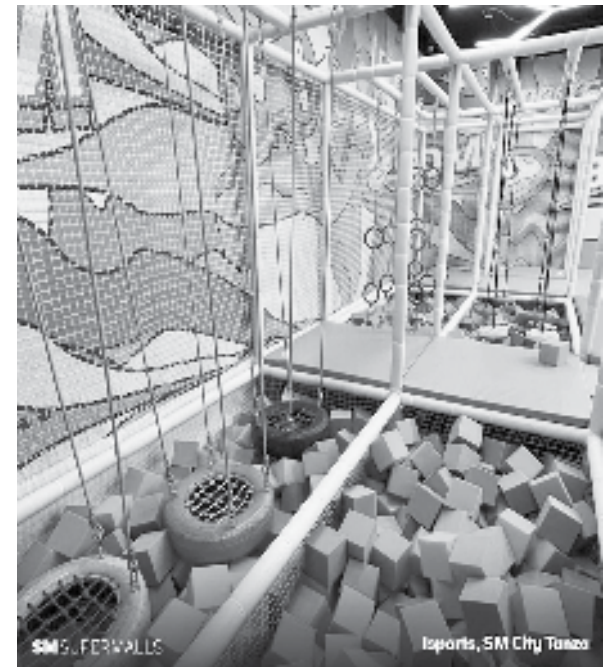
## Level-Up Your Skills with Digital

With your energy restored, it's time to bring your A-game to the next level, unlock new skills, and put your talent to the test!



## ●Insta360

Break away from your usual with the newly opened Insta360 at the Level 2, CyberZone of SM City San Pablo, where interactive camera tech lets you experiment and build new skills in capturing photos and videos.



## ●iSports

Ready for a more physical quest? Then it's time to jump around and test your balance, timing, and coordination at the first iSports in Cavite located on the Level 2 of SM City Tanza, with trampolines and active play zones that keeps energy high.

Side quests complete! Good game, chat. Congratulations on a day made more fun with SM Supermalls, your mall of firsts and evolving finds.

Now, before you head back to the main plot, remember to enjoy the small things in life. Your silly little adventures matter just as much as the bigger plot. And here at your most loved mall, we make sure you get the best-of-the-best store experiences that make you feel like the main character in your own story.

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As we grow, our commitment to sustainability, community empowerment, and creating meaningful moments remains at the heart of everything we do, shaping spaces that people return to and experiences they genuinely enjoy. **Because at your most loved mall, SM Supermalls, everything we do is all for you.** (Karen Christine H. Tiqui)