

CAVITEX TO IMPLEMENT NEW TOLL RATES EFFECTIVE AUGUST 21



on our valued PUV drivers and provide them with a smoother transition during this time. We remain committed to supporting the PUV community and ensuring their continued success on the road," said MPTC President and CEO Rogelio Singson.

The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB), the government agency that regulates all toll roads in the Philippines has recently approved the 2017 periodic toll petition of joint venture partners Cavitex Infrastructure Corporation (CIC) and Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA), for the toll rate adjustments in the 14-kilometer Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX).

Under the Toll Operation Agreement between the TRB, CIC, and PRA, the CAVITEX toll rates are allowed to be periodically adjusted every three (3) years. Exercising their right, CIC and PRA filed their Petition for Approval of Periodic Toll Rate Adjustment for R-1 Expressway (Seaside to Zapote) and R-1 Expressway Extension, Segment 4 (Zapote to Kawit) before the TRB in 2017.

Upon careful consideration and diligent review of the submissions, the TRB issued its Resolution granting the Petition and allowing the implementation of the provisionally approved toll rates.

With this, starting midnight on August 21, 2023, CAVITEX motorists traveling from MIAA Exit to Longos, Bacoor (and vice versa) would be charged the following VAT-inclusive rates per vehicle class at the Parañaque Toll Plaza: Php 35.00 for Class 1, Php 70.00 for Class 2, and Php 104.00 for Class 3. Meanwhile, motorists traversing Longos, Bacoor to Kawit (and vice versa) would be charged at the Kawit Toll Plaza with Php 73.00 for Class 1, Php 146.00 for Class 2, and Php 219.00 for Class 3.

Through the years, CIC and PRA remain dedicated to enhancing and maintaining the CAVITEX, continuously striving to provide a seamless and safe travel experience for all motorists. They have jointly undertaken various enhancements, including a



full asphalt overlay across the entire stretch of the expressway, the construction of the Pacific fly-over and Marina left turning facility, the widening of Las Pinas, Wawa, and Paranaque bridges, and regular heavy maintenance works, to ensure optimal road quality. To enhance the efficiency of its toll collection system, the toll road operator has implemented Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology. This advanced system utilizes smart cameras to instantly recognize and capture vehicle license plates at all toll booths, enabling seamless and fast-track cashless transactions. These improvements have greatly contributed to the safety and convenience of the 160,000 average daily motorists who rely on CAVITEX.

Mindful of the effect of the toll rate adjustment, CIC will be reactivating the Abante Card program. CIC has initiated the program specifically to support public utility vehicle (PUV) operators and drivers who ply the CAVITEX thoroughfare, including jeepneys, UV Express, and buses. Through the program, PUV operators and drivers can enjoy the old toll rates, helping them sustain their businesses and facilitate affordable transportation options for commuters.

"We recognize the impact of the toll increase on Class 1 and Class 2 PUV drivers. That's why we're reactivating our Abante Card program to provide some relief during this transition. With the Abante Card, PUV drivers will have the opportunity to adjust and enjoy the old toll rates for a period of about three months. We believe this program will help alleviate the financial burden

program has been designed to be user-friendly and convenient for PUV operators and drivers. Through a simple RFID enrollment process, operators can easily register their accounts in coordination with their respective transport organizations. Once enrolled, the program will automatically apply the reprieve for a duration of 90 days, starting from the first day of the implementation of the new toll rates.

Cavitex Infrastructure Corporation is a concessionaire of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation, the leading tollway and mobility service provider in the country. Aside from CAVITEX, MPTC also holds concession rights for Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), Subic-Clark Expressway (SCTEX), NLEX Connector, and Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX).

Additional Information: The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) is the government agency that regulates all toll roads in the Philippines. It was established through Presidential Decree No. 1112. It is governed by the Board composed of the following: Secretary of Department of Transportation (DOTr) as Chairman; Secretaries and heads of the following agencies as Members: Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH); Department of Finance (DOF); National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA); and A representative from the private sector to be appointed by the President.

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CARD SME BANK: 12 YEARS OF BUILDING AND NURTURING CONNECTIONS WITH MSMEs



CARD SME Bank management acknowledged the panelists of the Negosyo Talk Series during the celebration of the bank's 12th anniversary. In the photo were (left to right): CARD SME Bank Executive Vice President Julius Adrian Alip; CARD SME Bank Vice Chairperson for External Affairs Mary Jane Perreras; CARD SME Bank President and CEO Cynthia Baldeo; Topyugo Digital Inc. President and CEO Jhopet Fines; Philippine Marketing Association President Sy Bryan Lato; Psychologist Kristianni Bance; Association of Filipino Franchisers Inc. President Goerge Noel Wieneke; and SME Development Program Division Chief Edwin Pasahol.

CARD SME Bank, Inc. (A Thrift Bank), a member of CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), marks its anniversary with the theme "Celebrating 12 years of Partnering with MSMEs: Trust, Dedication, and Growth" on July 25, 2023. The celebration took place in Maharlika Square, Maharlika Highway, San Pablo City, Laguna.

Reflecting on the bank's journey, CARD SME Bank Vice Chairperson for External Affairs Mary Jane Perreras said, "Being the inaugural president and CEO of CARD SME Bank, I recall all the challenges we encountered. The paradigm shift was intense, yet we persevered because we recognized the needs of MSMEs and wanted to facilitate their business growth." According to Ms. Perreras, the bank aspires to serve more MSMEs in the future.

A key segment of the celebration was the Negosyo Talk, designed to equip the bank's clients with knowledge that would enable them to make improved business decisions. The talk emphasized the significance of digitalization and adaptability. The talk also tackles how to maximize the client's potential as a business owner.

Mr. Edwin Pasahol (Chief of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) - Bureau of SME De-

velopment Program Development Division), Mr. Sy Bryan Lato (Philippine Marketing Association President), Mr. George Noel Wieneke (Association of Filipino Franchisers, Inc. President), and Mr. Jhopet Fines (Topyugo Digital Inc. President and CEO) were the panelists during the program.

Another guest speaker, psychologist Kristianni Bance, highlighted the importance of mental health, especially for business owners, underscoring the need for work-life integration.

The event also recognized and awarded the exemplary entrepreneurs of CARD SME Bank. The Outstanding Agri-Entrepreneur award was given to Romeo V. Bustamante, while Julito A. de Torres Jr. was awarded the Laking CARD SME Bank Award. The Tiwala CARD SME Bank Award was presented to Rizalina P. Tolentino. Each winner received a plaque, tokens of appreciation,

DILG: Helping Prepare Taguig's New Barangays for Upcoming Elections

Today, Department of the Interior and the Local Government (DILG) Secretary Benhur Abalos reported that the DILG is already working with the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) to prepare Taguig City's new

and a cash prize of PHP 5,000.00.

"We appreciate everyone who is with us as we begin another year in service. We will make all possible efforts to fulfill our goal of helping MSMEs and generate more employment in the country. This is our way of contributing to CARD MRI's overall mission of eradicating poverty," CARD SME Bank President and CEO Cynthia Baldeo stated.

Several executive committee members and senior advisers of CARD MRI also graced the event, along with staff and clients from the CARD SME Bank, CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO), CARD Bank, and CARD MRI Rizal Bank.

CARD SME Bank is committed to supporting MSMEs in the country by providing them access to banking facilities, products, and services that foster business growth. As of June 2023, the bank has served a total of 1,222,666 clients across the country.

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PNP to procure 45K body cams in 2024

Sen. Alan to DBM: Fund DepEd certification for senior high grads' employment Enter

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano on Wednesday urged the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to give funds to

the Department of Education (DepEd) for the printing and issuance of certificates for students who have finished techni-

Legarda sees TESDA as 'reliable partner' in nation-building



cal-vocational courses in senior high school so they can actually find work after graduation. "Ang promise noon[ginagawa pa lang ang K-12], the TESDA certification will be passed to the DepEd kasi DepEd doesn't have the money to buy the equipment but TESDA does have that. And somehow hindi natupad," Cayetano said during the second briefing of the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) at the Senate on the proposed National Budget for 2024. The independent senator said since the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) gets a budget increase of

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JPE says Marcos foreign trips 'out of his control'



DTI Laguna Empowers MSMEs thru the MSME Boot Camp 2023

PBGEN BENJAMIN H SILO JR, the Acting Director of the Civil Security Group, was warmly welcomed by PBGEN CARLITO M GACES, Regional Director of PRO CALABARZON, with an arrival honor in front of the PRO4A Kiosk at Camp BGen Vicente P Lim in Calamba City, Laguna. PRO4AV



TIH MAGSASAKA MAHAKATANGGAP NG TIG-P3,000 SUPORTA PANG-GASOLINA MULA SA DA-

Aabot sa 11,789 na magsasaka ang makakatanggap ng tig-tatlong libong pisong halaga ng suporta pang-gasolina sa pamamagitan ng Fuel Assistance to Farmers Project (FAFP) ng Department of Agriculture

IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A).

Ang FAFP ay isa sa mga proyekto ng DA na isasakatuparan upang siguruhin ang tuluy-tuloy na produksyon ng pagkain sa kabila nang mataas

na presyo ng krudo na kinakailangan sa pagpapatakbo ng mga makinaryang pangsakahan.

Batay sa panuntunan, ang mga benepisaryo sa naturang proyekto ay mga magsasaka na na-

karehistro sa Registry system for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA); nagmamay-ari o umuupa ng gumaganang makinarya na nakarehistro sa Agricultural and Biosystems

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Trump says he may not participate in 1st Republican debate



EDITORIAL

The green transition

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has underlined the important role of the youth in accelerating the green transition, which aims to turn communities into patches of green edible landscapes.

The President, during the International Youth Day this month, said the young population, who serve as “both the trailblazer of the modern world and hope of the future,” has a crucial role in attaining a more sustainable economy.

The chief executive was on track when he said the youth’s role in undertaking ecological initiatives must be “aggressively” pushed to ensure the full realization of everyone’s desire to have a “healthier home we all deserve.”

“May our love for the youth and Mother Earth be the guidepost as we commit to our collective desire to embark on a green transition,” he said.

“Together, let us embrace this social contract and move towards a future that efficiently, inclusively, and sustainably works for all.”

The President admits drawing inspiration from “the encouraging visions of young Filipinos who exude eagerness to evoke transformational movements that positively impact the current and coming generations.”

This year’s annual observance of International Youth Day carries the theme “Green Skills for Youth: Towards Sustainable World.”

This means the shift towards an environmentally sustainable and climate-friendly world is critical not only for responding to the global climate crisis but also for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

Experts say a successful transition towards a greener world will depend on the development of green skills in the population: knowledge, abilities, val-

ues and attitudes needed to live in, develop and support a sustainable and resource-efficient society.

These include technical knowledge and skills that enable the effective use of green technologies and processes in occupational settings, as well as transversal skills that draw on a range of knowledge, values and attitudes to facilitate environmentally sustainable decisions in work and in life.

Due to their interdisciplinary nature, the essence of green skills is sometimes expressed, partly if not wholly, through other associated terms like “skills for the future” and “skills for green jobs.”

While green skills are relevant for people of all ages, they have heightened importance for younger people, who can contribute to the green transition for a longer period.

Four key climate change indicators – greenhouse gas concentrations, sea level rise, ocean heat and ocean acidification – set new records in 2021.

This is yet another bold sign human activities are causing planetary-scale changes on land, in the ocean, and in the atmosphere, with dramatic and long-lasting ramifications.

Earlier on, the United Nations said the youth’s “green skills” are essential to a successful transition to the green economy.

The UN defines “green skills” as “knowledge, abilities, values, and attitudes needed to live in, develop and support a sustainable and resource-efficient society.”

According to data released by the International Labor Organization, a green transition could yield 8.4 million jobs for young people by 2040.

GMAKF, Army's 2ID inaugurates newschool building in Quezon



CAMP CAPINPIN, Rizal

The GMA Kapuso Foundation Incorporated together with the Philippine Army's 2nd Infantry "Jungle Fighter" Division held an inauguration ceremony for the newly constructed school building of Binibitan Elementary School in Polillo, Quezon

on Thursday, August 17, 2023. The two-classroom Kapuso School Building is part of a project spearheaded by the GMA Kapuso Foundation Incorporated, in conjunction with dedicated partners and the esteemed 2nd Infantry "Jungle Fighter" Division to help schools struck by disasters and calamities. In can be recalled that the construction of the new school building began on May 10, 2023 and was completed in two-months'

time as earlier promised by the GMAKF. The said ceremony was graced by GMAKF Ambassador and Special Adviser Ms. Mel Tiangco, together with GMAKF Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Ms. Rikki Escudero-Catibog, Polillo Municipal Mayor Hon. Angelique Bosque, 2nd Infantry "Jungle Fighter" Division Commander Maj. Gen. Roberto S. Capulong, 202nd Infantry "Unifier" Brigade Com-

mander Brig. Gen. Cerilo C. Balaoro Jr., and representatives from other partner organizations. In a statement, Maj. Gen. Capulong emphasized the importance of unity and partnership in driving sustainable development within communities. He added the new school building represents the convergence of hearts and hands from different sectors, empowering communities to thrive even in the face of challenges. 2ID

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PNP

MÑILA – The Philippine National Police (PNP) will procure at least 45,000 body-worn cam-

eras (BWC) next year to be used in recording incidents during operations. PNP Public Infor-

mation Office chief, Brig. Gen. Redrico Maranan, said in a radio interview Sunday that a BWC-equipped force ensures that there will be no violation in police operational procedures or human rights abuses.

At the same time, PNP personnel will be protected from malicious and baseless charges, Maranan said.

“Ngayon meron lang tayong 2,700 so very, very limited ‘yung mga pulis natin na may issued BWCs but this year, pinrogram na natin ‘yung procurement niyan. Nakapag request na tayo ng budget sa DBM (We only have 2,700 at the moment.

So, our police officers with BWCs are very limited. But this year, we have programmed the procurement. We have requested the budget from the Department of Budget and Management),” Maranan said.

Meanwhile, Maranan confirmed that one of the six police officers in the Navotas incident that killed 17-year-old Jerhoda Baltazar had a BWC but did not use it when they conducted the operation.

“Dito sa Navotas incident ay kasama ‘yan sa ating inimestigahan na napatunayan nga natin na ‘yung pulis na merong body camera na naka-isue sa kanya ay hindi

niya nagamit or hindi niya nabuhay at sinasabi niya nawalang ng baterya. Pero hindi yun katanggap tanggap na dahilan sapagkat being a responsible officer dapat kapag ginamit mo yung iyong BWC, dapat full charge talaga kapag nag start ka ng duty (In the Navotas incident, that was included in our investigation and we found out that the policeman who was a body camera did not use it, claiming that the battery was dead. That is not acceptable because a responsible officer would make sure that your BWC is fully charged when you come to work),” Maranan said. Baltazar was

shot dead after he was mistaken by the police for a murder suspect.

The six policemen involved in the incident were charged with reckless imprudence resulting in homicide and are currently detained at the Navotas City Police Station.

In 2021, the Supreme Court issued guidelines on the utilization of body cameras and required law enforcers to wear them when serving warrants. (PNA)



Rotary International District 3870 Governor's visit starts



CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY – The “Governor’s Visit” to Rotary Clubs under her district is one of the very tiring travels during her term as Rotary International District 3870 Governor for Rotary Year 2023-2024.

Governor Gilda “Gigi” Go has already visited nine of the 44 Clubs of Rotary District 3870, alongside with the District team members. Go’s team visited the Rotary Clubs of Kidapawan, Cotabato, Tacurong, Isulan, Midsayap, Cotabato City South, Pigcawayan, Cotabato East, and Maramag.

Rotary District 3870 has 44 Clubs spread in the provinces of Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental, Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao Del Norte, and Cagayan de Oro City. District Governor Gilda Go is the 47th District Governor of RI District 3870. She started her term as District Governor last July 1, 2023 and she will be serving as District Governor for one year. District Governor Go is a founding member of the Rotary Club of Kalayaan Cagayan de Oro.

The Governor’s Visit in Rotary Purpose of the Governor’s Visit in Rotary: Strengthening Connection and Inspiring Action

Rotary International, a renowned global service organization, holds a significant tradition known as the Governor’s Visit. This event involves the visit of a district governor, a distinguished Rotary leader appointed by Rotary International, to local Rotary clubs within their district. The Governor’s

Visit serves multiple essential purposes, fostering a stronger sense of community, sharing information and insights, inspiring action, and aligning club activities with the broader goals of Rotary International. 1. Strengthening Connections:

The Governor’s Visit acts as a bridge that connects local Rotary clubs with the broader Rotary network. Rotary is a decentralized organization, organized into districts, zones, and ultimately, Rotary International. The Governor’s Visit offers an opportunity for club members to meet the district governor face-to-face, fostering a personal connection and reinforcing the sense of belonging to a larger global movement for positive change. This connection strengthens

the unity and common purpose of Rotary clubs, regardless of geographical location. 2. Sharing Information and Insights:

During the Governor’s Visit, the district governor shares crucial updates, initiatives, and strategies from Rotary International and the district leadership. This exchange of information ensures that Rotary clubs are aligned with the organization’s latest policies, projects, and priorities. Clubs gain insights into global and regional projects, fundraising campaigns, and humanitarian efforts, enabling them to contribute more effectively to Rotary’s overarching mission of advancing goodwill and peace. 3. Inspiring Action:

One of the central purposes of the Governor’s Visit is to inspire and motivate Rotarians to take action in their communities. The district governor often delivers speeches that emphasize Rotary’s core values, including service, leadership, and fellowship. These speeches, filled with personal anecdotes and success stories, motivate club members to embark on new service projects, collaborate with

other clubs, and think creatively about addressing local and global challenges. 4. Recognizing Achievements:

The Governor’s Visit serves as a platform to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of individual clubs, Rotarians, and community partners. District governors often present awards and recognitions to clubs that have excelled in areas such as membership growth, fundraising, community service, and international partnerships. Recognizing these achievements not only boosts club morale but also encourages a culture of continuous improvement within the Rotary community. 5. Strengthening Leadership:

The district governor’s visit provides an opportunity for Rotarians to interact with a seasoned leader who has demonstrated dedication, commitment, and excellence within Rotary. This interaction allows club members to learn from the governor’s experiences and leadership style, thus enhancing their own leadership skills. The governor’s advice and guidance can

shape the development of future club leaders, fostering a sustainable leadership pipeline within Rotary clubs. 6. Building Relationships:

The Governor’s Visit facilitates the building of relationships among club members, district leaders, and the district governor. Networking opportunities arise during the visit, enabling Rotarians to connect with individuals who share their passion for service and community development. These connections can lead to collaborative projects, mentorship opportunities, and the sharing of best practices among clubs. WWW7. Reinforcing Rotary’s Impact:

By witnessing firsthand the impact of Rotary’s projects and initiatives, the district governor gains a deeper understanding of the tangible difference that Rotary clubs make in their local communities. This insight can be carried back to district and international leadership discussions, shaping future strategies and priorities. The Governor’s Visit reinforces the notion that Rotary’s impact is not just theoretical but a reality that transforms lives.

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# SM Cares Advocates for Creating Safe Spaces for Breastfeeding with Free to Feed Photo Campaign



Mothers from Dasmariñas Green Ladies and partners from the public and private sector join hands with SM Cares in advocating for safe spaces for breastfeeding mothers with the Free to Feed photo exhibit and forum at (Mall Name)

In celebration of National Breastfeeding Month this August, SM Cares continues to promote breastfeeding awareness by mounting the "Free to Feed: Championing Safe Spaces for Breastfeeding at SM" forum and photo exhibit roadshow, launched at SM City Dasmariñas last August 16, 2023, together with Provincial Nutrition Office, Dasmariñas City Health Office and Dasmariñas Green Ladies.

The roadshow will be held throughout August to serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of supporting mothers in their breastfeeding journey. Under the #StoriesMatter campaign of the SM Cares advocacy on Women, featured works from photographers reflect the different stories of breastfeeding mothers



The Free to Feed forum and exhibit showcases the different stories of breastfeeding mothers and perspectives of their support groups in the public and private sector, as well as in their own homes and workplace

SM Supermalls provides accessible and safe spaces for nursing mothers through 80 breastfeeding stations available for customers and employees across SM malls nationwide. Earlier this month, SM Cares kicked off World Breastfeeding Week with sensi-

tivity trainings for frontliners conducted by SM Mall Nurses to help create a welcoming environment for breastfeeding mothers. Dede-cation Perks are also available for mothers visiting breastfeeding stations in partnership with Baby Company, Watsons, Cetaphil, Dove and Sans-fluo.



Mothers getting the DE-DEcation perks from the Supermoms Club booth during the event.

To amplify how breastfeeding is welcome at SM, the Free to Feed photo contest was also launched for photo enthusiasts to submit original photos featuring breastfeeding mothers in any area within any SM mall,

such as the food court, car park, tenant areas and more, but most especially at breastfeeding stations at the mall. Participants may send their entries through until August 21, 2023 through this link: [www.bit.ly/FreeToFeedAtSM](http://www.bit.ly/FreeToFeedAtSM)



The SM Cares Free to Feed photo contest invites photo enthusiasts and mothers to capture their breastfeeding moment anywhere within SM Supermalls.

Visitors can view the Free to Feed exhibit during the following schedules at these participating SM malls: August 10-20 at SM City Davao, August 15-21 at SM City Pampanga, August 16-20 at SM City Dasmariñas,

August 19-24 at SM City Iloilo, and August 28 to September 2 at SM City North EDSA.

For more information, please visit [www.smsupermalls.com/sm-cares](http://www.smsupermalls.com/sm-cares) or follow SM Cares on [www.facebook.com/OfficialSMCares](https://www.facebook.com/OfficialSMCares)

# NU visits SM Malls in Laguna



NU Laguna Back to School 2023 is a call out activity of NU Laguna for the opening of a new academic season A.Y. 2023-2024. As National University Philippines continuously promotes #EducationThatWorks by serving affordable, accessible, and quality education, and consistently promoting academic and sports excellence, NU campus, wishes to uphold the vision and educational tagline by lending quality service and showing them the utmost support coming from NU Community. Present at the event at their SM City San Pablo stop are the NU Percussion, NU Laguna Chorale and NU Dance Company. NU initiatives aimed to enrich the lives of young people the community. NU has established itself as a leader of this effort. The vibrancy of their program is undeniable. For more info you may visit <https://national-u.edu.ph/nu-laguna/>.

# EGAY AND FALCON SPUR SM NORTH LUZON RELIEF EFFORTS



Responding to the devastation brought by Typhoons Egay and Falcon in North Luzon, SM Supermalls and SM Foundation Inc. have activated their Operations Tulong Express (OPTE) initiatives, providing relief and support to affected areas.

Volunteers from SM City Marilao and SM City Baliwag have distributed essential "kalinga packs" to 28 barangays in Bulacan, while SM Center Pulilan team has reached 7,320 families through door-to-door relief efforts.

In Pampanga, SM City Pampanga and SM Savemore Market Apalit have supplied 1,970 relief packs, and SM City Olongapo Central, SM City Olongapo Downtown, and SM City Bataan have offered assistance to



their respective communities.

Meanwhile, SM Center Dagupan provided relief to 550 recipients, SM City Tuguegarao aided 300 families in Baggao and Cagayan, and SM City Baguio supported three barangays with 250 relief packs.

These initiatives exemplify the collaborative spirit of SM Foundation's Operation Tulong Express, showcasing the dedicated efforts of SM Supermalls and SM Markets employees and volunteers.

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# DILG...

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"Fort Bonifacio Military Reservation, consisting of Parcels 3 and 4, Psu-2031," as part of Taguig City, rather than Makati City.

Abalos noted that on May 3, 2023, the DILG had written to the Supreme Court requesting guidance in the implementation of the decision with respect to the affected barangays. While awaiting further instructions from the Court, Abalos said the DILG had already activated transition teams to deal with the territorial change. Abalos said, "COMELEC Chairman George Garcia and I agree that it's imperative to take action because there's not much time left before the elections. We respect the Supreme Court's definition of the cities' territorial boundaries and are coordinating accordingly."

With respect to the DILG's attached agencies, Abalos added, "We're

working with the Chiefs of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) to revise the areas of responsibility and reporting lines of their affected local offices, in light of the decided boundaries."

Abalos clarified that the above actions would cover only matters of territorial supervision. "As for specific rights or obligations over affected property, these will be dealt with in accordance with the procedure provided by law. We will also respect any further court orders in this regard."

Abalos noted on the mayors of Taguig and Makati on this matter. "My impression is that they both care deeply for their constituency. We share the same paramount consideration – the best interest of the affected people." Dilg.gov

# CELEBRATING 26 YEARS IN SERVICE SM CITY BACOR PARTICIPATES IN BRIGADA ESHWELA



**SM CITY BACOR, CAVITE** – For 26 years, Cavitenos made SM City Bacoor a part of their lives. From being a one stop shop of everything they need at home, school, or work, to being a place of relaxation and catching ups, the mall played a huge part of the shoppers' everyday lives. Twenty-six years of suc-

cess would not be possible without the support of SM City Bacoor's avid shoppers and mallgoers, and the remarkable service of every employee in the mall.

And to make the celebration even more meaningful, SM City Bacoor partnered with Niog Elementary School in Bacoor, Cavite for its Brigada



Eskwela Program. Agency personnel and mall employees gathered to repaint rooms and clean the school grounds to prepare for the upcoming school-year, making the school look more vibrant and cleaner for the children. The school officials are grateful for SM City Bacoor's support and is looking forward for more partnership in the future to benefit the children the school caters.

# CELEBRATE WOMEN AT SM CITY BACOR, SM CENTER IMUS, AND SM CITY MOLINOS WOMENPRENEUR QMARKET!



This campaign aims to present platforms showcasing profitable business ideas that women can venture into while motivating young women entrepreneurs and leaders to pursue their aspirations, establish their businesses, and create a positive impact on society.



Womenpreneur Market campaign also aims to help shoppers find, discover, and support women-owned MSMEs and local sellers in the



**SM CITY BACOR, SM CENTER IMUS, SM CITY MOLINO, CAVITE** – From comfort food and beauty cosmetics to active lifestyle and more. Great finds that women love are on sale at the Womenpreneur Market at SM City Bacoor, SM Center Imus, and SM City Molino, a gathering of pop ups of small and medium business endeavors for women, by women. Presented in partnership with various SM tenants, affiliates and women's partner organizations.

