

MPT South extends aid to Habagat, Typhoon-hit CAVITEX and CALAX Communities



Kawit, Cavite Mayor Armie Aguinaldo, and other municipal officials received donations from MPT South at Kawit Municipal Hall.

July 25, 2025 – In the wake of the recent typhoon and intensified southwest monsoon (Habagat) that battered parts of Metro Manila, Cavite, and Laguna, Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a unit of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), has launched immediate relief operations to assist severely affected communities along the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) and Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX).



MPT South, LGU employees, and personnel of the Philippine National Police demonstrated “Bayanihan” for the displaced families in Kawit, Cavite.



MPT South swiftly coordinated with local government units of its expressways’ alignment communities to distribute a total of 3,000 relief packs to families temporarily displaced by the widespread flooding. The company also announced plans to extend support to public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers and operators plying CAVITEX whose livelihood and mobility were disrupted by days of relentless rains.

“We’re more than just a tollway operator. We are part of these communities—committed partners and neighbors who show up, especially in times of crisis,” said Elnora D. Rumawak, Officer-in-Charge of MPT South. “We understand the hardships that our communities are facing, and we are here to help ease their burden.”

The relief initiative forms part of MPT South’s broader commitment to corporate social responsibility and disaster response, reinforcing its role not only in infrastructure but also in community care. About MPT South MPT South is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), the infrastructure arm of Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC). Aside from the CALAX and CAVITEX network of toll roads, MPTC’s domestic portfolio includes the concessions for the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), the NLEX Connector Road, the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), and the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.



MPT South turned over relief aids to Imus City, received by the City Social Welfare and Development led by Ms. Josephine Villanueva.nations from MPT South at Kawit Municipal Hall.



MPT South turned over relief aids to Bacoor City, which were received by Councilor Karen Evaristo.

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Cayetano renews EDCOM III proposal to align DepEd, CHED, TESDA goals



ABOITIZ FOUNDATION BRINGS TECH, ENERGY TO REMOTE BATAAN SCHOOL



All aboard for digital transformation. In line with its commitment to transform communities through innovation and purpose, Aboitiz Foundation, in partnership with AboitizPower's GNPowder Mariveles Energy Center (GMEC) and GNPowder Dingin (GNPD), has turned over solar panels and internet connectivity to Bataan Aeta Integrated School (BAIS) in Mariveles, Bataan—marking a major milestone under its flagship program, AuroraPH. Launched in 2024, AuroraPH harnesses the power of renewable energy, and satellite internet to transform last-mile schools into thriving centers of learning, empowering both learners and educators. Its pilot implementation reached 11 schools and benefited over 2,500 learners and educators, including public schools in hard-to-reach areas in Benguet, Bataan, Cebu, and Davao City.

DTI RIZAL, MERALCO, BAYAD, AND MPIONEER INSURANCE EMPOWER MSMES THROUGH “POWER COACHING” EVENT IN MORONG, RIZAL



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Tagaytay

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee

EJF NO. TG-25-062

**For: Application for Extra-Judicial
Foreclosure of Mortgage
(Under Act. No. 3135, As Amended)**

-versus-

**SPS. CHARMAINE A. QUIDOZA and
DANTE P. QUINDOZA,**
Mortgagors.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-judicial forclosure sale under act 3135, as amended, filed by Petition /Mortgagee , **BDO UNIBANK, INC.** a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines ,with principal office and place of business at 33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, #12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Mortgage Loan Agreement (MORTGAGE) executed and notarized on May 28, 2017, by mortgagors/Borrowers, **SPS. CHARMAINE A. QUIDOZA and DANTE P. QUINDOZA**, both of legal age, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Phase 2 Block 11, Lot 22 Ridge Crest Subdivision, Pasong Buaya 2, Imus, Cavit, and (2) Lot4 Block 7 RCD Royale Homes, Brgy, Kalubkob, Silang, Cavite, represented by **JASMINEPERES ONDONG** as per Special Power of Attorney executed and notarized on February 4, 2016, in favor of petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2016007643** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of hte Mortgagor/s-Debtor/s in the amount of **ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-TWO PESOS AND 46/100 (php1,357,842.46)**, as of May23, 2025, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Oliver T. Bocacao, Jr., will sell at public auction on **September 10, 2025 at 10:00** o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter. at the **New Hall of Justice of tagaytay City**, to the highest, for Cash or manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon , to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 076-2016007643**
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

'IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF KALUBKOB. MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

LOT NO: 4 BLOCK NO: 7 PLAN NO: PCS-04-028823
PORTION OF: LOT 401-A &401-B, PSD-04-180693;
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF KALUBKOB. MINICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDRIES;
LINE DERECTION ADJOINING NLOT(S)
1-2 SW LOT6, BLOCK 7, PCS-04-028823
2-3 NW ROAD LOT 7
(6.50 M. WIDE), PCS-04-028823
3-4 NE LOT 2, BLOCK 7, PCS-04-028823
4-5 SE LOT 1, BLOCK 7, PCS-04-028823

JASMIN PEREZ ONDONG
**Authorized Representative of the
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DSWD bares 1.M beneficiaries of 2014 AICS in Calabarzon

“We started the implementation of hybrid digital payment of financial assistance in Batangas City last January 17, 2025, with 577 clients receiving a total of 1.8 million in medical or burial assistance. This is for efficient disbursement and minimizes security risks for DSWD personnel by handling large amounts of cash during payouts,” Chua explained.

Through guarantee letters (GLs), the AICS program now allows access to medical assistance via selected branches of the leading drug-store chain, Mercury Drug. These GLs ensure that the government covers the cost of products and services, including medicines, provided by partner service providers.

“In Calabarzon there are five participating Mercury Drug outlets accepting guarantee letters, including Bayanan in Bacoor City, P. Guevarra Sta. Cruz in Laguna, Kumintang Ilaya in Batangas City, Cathedral in Antipolo City, and Merchan in Lucena City.”

One of the AICS beneficiaries, Donna Talucod, 43, a resident of Victoria, Laguna, whose husband is a kidney transplant patient, expressed gratitude to the government for the help provided by the program.

“The assistance I received through GL helped me ease the financial burden on my shoulders, and getting the medicines at the nearest Mercury Drug assured me of quality medicine. This is such a big help,” Talucod said.

Chua reaffirmed DSWD Calabarzon’s commitment to assisting individuals and families through its social protection programs, underscoring the agency’s goal to uplift those in crisis situations.

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EDITORIAL: BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION NAGBABALA SA TAONG BAYAN NA MAG INGAT SA MGA SCAMMER NA NAGSOSOLICIT PARA SA BIKTIMA NG BAGYO

Pinag-iingat ngayon ng Bureau of Immigration ang publiko sa pagkalat ng ilang mga scammer na nagso-solicit ng pera para umano sa mga biktima ng bagyo.

Kung saan nagbigay babala si Immigration Commissioner Joel Anthony Viado hinggil sa mga indibidwal na

ni Immigration Commissioner Joel Anthony Viado ang maling paggamit sa kanyang ngalan at maring pinabulaanan ang pakiki-bahagi nito sa anumang uri ng solicitation para sa donasyon.

Nakikipag-ugnayan naman aniya sila sa National Bureau of Investigation o NBI para mapaimbestigahan ang naturang insidente ng pangloloko.

DOE Reassures Public on Grid Stability Amid Storms as NGCP Confirms Normal Transmission Operations

Luzon, Philippines — As the country continues to face the effects of the southwest monsoon (habagat) following the recent passage of Tropical Storm Crising, the Department of Energy (DOE) is taking proactive steps to ensure the stability and reliability of the nation's power supply.

Energy Secretary Sharon Garin, accompanied by Undersecretary Wimpy Fuentebella, personally visited the Luzon Regional Control Center to receive a full briefing from

the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) on the operational status of the country's transmission network.

They were welcomed by NGCP's System Operations Vice President Reynaldo Abadilla, who led the technical presentation alongside the System Operations (SO) team. According to NGCP, all transmission facilities nationwide remain fully operational, with no major disruptions reported despite heavy rains and gusty winds triggered by

the combined weather systems.

“The safety and stability of the transmission grid are top priorities, especially during extreme weather events,” said Sec. Garin. “We appreciate NGCP’s round-the-clock monitoring and preparedness in upholding energy security for Filipino households and industries.”

While the system remains in normal condition, NGCP assured the DOE of continued surveillance and readiness should weather conditions escalate. Real-time data monitoring, preventive measures, and coordination with local power distributors are in place to immediately respond to any grid-related concerns.

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CAYETANO RENEWS EDCOM III PROPOSAL TO ALIGN DEPED, CHED, TESDA GOALS

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano on Thursday renewed his call to fix what he described as a fragmented education system by reintroducing a bill that would create the Third Congressional Commission on Education or EDCOM III.

The EDCOM III Act, one of Cayetano’s priority bills in the 20th Congress, seeks to bring together the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) under a single coordinating commission.

Designed as a parliamentary-style body, EDCOM III will not dilute the independence of the three agencies. Instead, it will allow their heads to work closely with lawmakers, local governments, and education stakeholders to ensure better alignment, from policy design down to implementation.

The Commission will be co-chaired by four lawmakers, namely the chairs of the Senate and House committees on Basic Education, Arts, and Culture, and on Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education.

It will also include an Advisory Support Council (ASC) composed of representatives from the academe, business sector, parents’ associations, LGUs, and civil society groups.

Among EDCOM III’s key priorities are tackling the learning crisis, reducing dropout rates, improving digital infrastructure, and addressing persistent issues such as stunting and workforce mismatch.

The bill also proposes using tools like artificial intelligence to modernize education and make it more responsive to industry needs.

Complementary to Cabinet Cluster for Education

EDCOM III is designed to work alongside another major reform: the Education Cabinet Cluster, also proposed by Cayetano and already approved in principle by the President.

The Cabinet Cluster brings together executive agencies involved in education and labor to improve inter-agency coordination and ensure smoother implementation of programs.

EDCOM III, by contrast, focuses on long-term planning, policy development, and stronger oversight from Congress. It is also meant to be permanent, unlike bodies created through Presidential orders.

Cayetano first filed the bill in the 19th Congress as co-chair of EDCOM II, which had flagged the disjointed implementation of programs across DepEd, CHED, and TESDA as a factor in the country’s education woes.

He emphasized the need for a common vision for education and close coordination between Congress and executive agencies to make it a reality.

“The urgency of this reform cannot be overstated,” he said.

“If we are to produce a globally competitive workforce and make education the true driver of national development, we need decisive, coordinated action,” he continued.

Senate President Francis “Chiz” Escudero, Senator Pia Cayetano, and Senator Joel Villanueva, who serves as a commissioner of EDCOM II, co-authored the bill.

In his explanatory note, Cayetano also anchored the bill on a biblical principle from Galatians 6:7: “Kung ano ang itinanim, siyang aanihin.”

“By laying the groundwork for a truly cohesive and responsive education system, we aim to transform the nation by building the right foundations,” he said. PR

SM is Turning and Here’s Everything You Need to Know!

SM Supermalls turns 40 with ₱40 deals, throwback vibes, and community programs! The official anniversary website has all the details—bookmark it now and don’t miss out on the celebration. From childhood malling memories to TikTok-worthy moments, SM Supermalls has been part of our lives for four iconic decades. And now, it’s going all out for its 40th birthday! Whether you’re in it for the pop-ups, the parties, or the perks (hello, freebies and flash sales!), everything you need to know is just a click away—thanks to SM’s official 40th anniversary website. But let’s backtrack a bit... As many of you know, before it became our go-to spot for weekend hangouts, food trips, and shopping sprees, SM started out as a humble shoe store. Back in 1958, Henry Sy, Sr. opened Shoe Mart in Manila with a simple dream: to make quality shoes more accessible to Filipinos. Fast forward to 1985, SM opened its very first mall—



Big vibes, big deals, and bigger memories—see what’s in store!

One of the most exciting sections on the 40th anniversary website? The Deals section, a.k.a. your ultimate cheat sheet to all the anniversary perks happening across SM Supermalls. It neatly rounds up all the promos in one place, so you don’t have to scroll through dozens of posts or hunt for flyers at the mall. Just click, browse, and plan your next budget-friendly barkada day out. Here’s a sneak peek at The Big 4-0 Deals! what’s waiting:



So whether you’re here for the deals, the nostalgia, the community impact—or all of the above—SM’s 40th anniversary is shaping up to be one for the books. And with more exciting announcements, events, and surprises dropping soon, the best way to stay in the loop is through the official website. Bookmark it, share it, and check back often—because the countdown to 40 years of SM-iles has only just begun. Don’t forget to follow us on Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, and X to stay updated with all the latest news and happenings here at SM Supermalls. You can also check the updated entry guidelines and mall hours for 2025 here.



Beyond the sales and celebrations, SM’s 40th anniversary is also about giving back, and that spirit shines through in the website’s “40 Years of Heart” section. Here, you’ll find all the meaningful initiatives SM is rolling out to uplift communities across the country, proving that malling with a heart just hits different.



One standout campaign is the SM Book Nook Book Donation Drive, which kicked off on July 7, 2025. With a goal of collecting 40,000 pre-loved books, the drive supports the National Library of the Philippines and helps expand SM Book Nook reading hubs nationwide. Under the theme “Under the Same Sky: Share the Magic of Stories,” it transforms your well-loved reads into gifts of imagination, learning, and hope for kids and communities.



SM is also going green in a big way with the International Coastal Cleanup Drive happening on September 20, 2025. The mission: gather 40,000 volunteers nationwide to restore our shorelines and protect marine life—one piece of trash at a time. It’s more than a cleanup; it’s a movement. Whether you’re an eco-warrior, a beach lover, or someone who simply wants to help, now’s your chance to make an impact. Getting involved is easy! The website has direct links to help you donate books or sign up as a volunteer in just a few clicks. There’s even a live counter tracking how many books have been donated and how many volunteers have signed up. It’s not just for display. It’s there to celebrate progress, spark momentum, and remind us that every small action adds up. Because at 40, SM isn’t just looking back on its legacy—it’s stepping into the future with heart and purpose.

SMC EXPANDS URBAN FARMING PROJECT TO SIX SITES, TARGETS NATIONWIDE ROLLOUT

San Miguel Corporation (SMC), through its San Miguel Foundation (SMF), has expanded its community farming initiative Backyard Bukid to six sites nationwide, with plans to establish at least three new locations annually as part of a broader push to improve food access and support livelihoods in low-income communities. Originally launched in 2020 at the company’s head office complex in Mandaluyong during the COVID-19 pandemic, the program began as a way to help utility, maintenance, and security staff grow their own food and earn additional income. The initial 750-square-meter farm has since evolved into a multi-site model combining organic farming, skills training, and community enterprise. The project now covers a total of 3,300 square meters and involves over 120 active volunteers, composed of San Miguel workers, third-party personnel,



Support personnel who are members of SMC’s Backyard Bukid program tend to day-to-day farming chores at the SMC Head Office Complex in Mandaluyong City.

have replicated the model in their homes, while others now serve as mentors to new participants. SMF aims to expand the program further, targeting three new farm sites per year, particularly in areas near its facilities. Backyard Bukid is part of SMC’s broader corporate social responsibility initiatives, which also include river rehabilitation, livelihood support, and environmental conservation.

DOST and PEZA Complete Nationwide Orientation of 33 HEIs to Propel Innovation-Driven Regional Economic Growth through KIST Ecozones

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), in collaboration with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), successfully completed the Virtual Orientation Series on the Knowledge, Innovation, Science and Technology (KIST) Ecozone Program. Held every Tuesday from May 13 to June 17, 2025, the series aimed to guide higher education institutions (HEIs) in preparing their applications to become registered KIST Ecozone Developers. The KIST Ecozone Program is a strategic initiative by DOST and PEZA that seeks to establish special economic zones within HEIs. Formally recognized through

Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2023-001 and DOST Memorandum Circular No. 001 s. 2024, which provides the policy and procedural framework for the establishment of KIST Parks/Ecozones across the country, the series opened with strong support from national leaders. DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr., PEZA Director General Tereso O. Panga, and DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Sancho A. Mabborang underscored the transformative potential of KIST Ecozones in turning HEIs into innovation hubs, strengthening university-industry linkages, and driving inclusive, regional economic growth. Each weekly session offered comprehensive guidance on the KIST

Park/Ecozone application process, including the requirements and evaluation procedures. The sessions also featured an open forum where participants from HEIs engaged with resource persons from both DOST and PEZA. Representing DOST were Ms. Emelita P. Bagsit (Regional Director, DOST CALABARZON) and Engr. Melvin P. Jusi (Project Development Officer IV, DOST Office of the Undersecretary for Regional Operations). From PEZA’s Ecozone Development Department, participating officials included Mr. Ludwig O. Daza (Department Manager), Ms. Liza S. De Vera (Division Chief III), and Ms. Nancy F. Vargas (Project Evaluation Officer IV). Together, they addressed technical, procedural, and policy-related

