

DTI and SM Supermalls Highlight Philippine Coconut Industry Trade

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), together with the Philippine Coconut Authority, proudly launched the 2025 COCONUTPhilippines Trade Fair from August 28 to September 2 at SM Megamall, shining the spotlight on one of the country's most iconic and powerful agricultural assets—the coconut.

Organized under the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) mandated by Republic Act No. 11524, the fair went beyond showcasing products—it became a coconut-powered movement celebrating sustainability, innovation, and farmer empowerment.

Visitors discovered a diverse lineup of food, wellness, and lifestyle products crafted by Filipino coconut farmers and MSMEs, proving how the humble coconut continues to create opportunities and transform communities nationwide.

Sustainability

Meets Innovation

From organic health supplements to biodegradable household items, the fair highlighted eco-friendly innovations that show how coconuts are shaping a more sustainable future.

S M ' s Strong Commitment to MSMEs

As a partner, SM Supermalls reaffirmed its commitment to supporting MSMEs by providing platforms that elevate local industries, create economic opportunities, and champion proudly Filipino-made products.

"By bringing together coconut farmers, artisans, and entrepreneurs under one roof, the COCONUTPhilippines Trade Fair not only strengthens the coconut industry but also empowers the communities behind it. SM Supermalls is proud to be part of this mission," said Steven Tan, President of SM Supermalls.

With over 220

MPTC Announces New Leadership Appointments

Manila, Philippines — September 3, 2025. Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC)—the holding company of the country's premier tollways under Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC)—today announced a slate of leadership changes effective immediately, led by the appointment of Gilbert F. Santa Maria as President & Chief Executive Officer, succeeding tollways veteran Jose Ma. K. Lim. The company also named Marisa V. Conde as Interim MPTC Group Chief Finance Officer, Luis S. Reñon as President and General Manager of NLEX Corporation, and Christopher Andrew B. Pangilinan as President and General Manager of MPT South Corp. in a concurrent capacity with his role as President & CEO of Metro Pacific Water.

Santa Maria brings nearly three decades of senior leadership across aviation, technology-enabled services, and infrastructure,

leading large organizations through transformation in local and international markets.

"Tollways are nation-building in motion. Our mandate is to keep people and goods moving—finish the projects in the pipeline, raise the customer experience, and deploy technology toward interoperable toll collection in close partnership with regulators and communities," said Santa Maria.

Conde is a seasoned finance executive within the MPIC Group with extensive experience in controllership, treasury, and corporate finance across Philippine and international markets, and will oversee group-wide financial strategy during the interim period.

Reñon will head NLEX Corporation, concessionaire of the key North Luzon corridors NLEX, SCTEX, and NLEX Connector, supporting mobility and commerce across Metro Manila, Central, and North Luzon.

Pangilinan will lead MPT South, which covers CAVITEX (including the C5 Link) and CALAX, serving the growth corridors of Cavite and Laguna, while continuing to head Metro Pacific Water.

Mr. Lim will support a smooth leadership transition and continue his broader advisory and board responsibilities within the MPTC Group.

About Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation MPTC is the leading toll road developer and operator in the Philippines and the holding company of premier tollways including NLEX, SCTEX, CAVITEX, CALAX, NLEX Connector, and CCLEX in Cebu, with investments in Indonesia and Vietnam.



2025 MPTC New Execs (From left: Christopher Andrew B. Pangilinan as President and General Manager of MPT South Corp, Marisa V. Conde as the Interim MPTC Group Chief Finance Officer, Gilbert F. Santa Maria as President & Chief Executive Officer, and Luis S. Reñon as President and General Manager of NLEX Corporation.



MSMEs take the spotlight | Local entrepreneurs showcase coconut-based products proudly crafted by Filipino hands



"With support from DTI and SM, we're able to reach more Filipino consumers and let more people discover our products. Kimes Foods today holds patents in 11 countries and distributes abroad." – Dr. Priscilla Kimes, Kimes Foods (Cebu)



"Simula pa 2011, kasali na kami rito at full support talaga ang DTI sa amin. At kapag sa SM po ang trade fair, malakas talaga ang benta," said Randy Pineda, President of the Association of Bamboo and Coco Crafts of Tiwi (Albay).



Innovation with purpose | Eco-friendly coconut products highlight sustainability and green living.



Crafted with care | Artisans present creative coconut handicrafts that blend tradition and modern design.

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BLESSING AND RIBBON CUTTING OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CVSU CAVITE CITY UNLAD BUILDING



Kasabay ng pagdiriwang ng kaarawan ni Mayor Denver Chua, idinaos ang blessing at ribbon cutting kamakailan ng bagong tayong CvSU Cavite City Unlad Building sa siyudad ng Cavite. Sa pangunguna nina Mayor Denver Chua, Vice Mayor Raleigh Grepo Rusit, Team Unlad Cavite City, at Cavite State University-Cavite City Campus faculties, at students sa pamumuno ng Campus Administrator, Prof. Maria Cristina J. Baesa.

DIRECTORS CLUB FINALLY OPENS AT SM CITY DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE



SM City Dasmariñas has officially opened its Directors Club cinema, marking the launch with a special screening of the horror film The Conjuring: Last Rites.

The event began with an opening prayer and blessing attended by media practitioners and influencers, including Lakwatsero Caviteño, RUNCAV Management Talents and many more. The launch also featured cosplay characters from Demon Slayer and the well known Valak.

The newly opened Directors Club

offers a more intimate movie experience, featuring leather recliner seats, complimentary snacks and drinks, and personalized service.

Directors Club aims to provide a premium and private movie experience for audiences, whether watching solo, with family, or with friends.

For bookings, you may email customer-care@smcinema.com or visit www.smcinema.com to reserve your exclusive screening experience. (Alexa C./Samantha A. – CvSU Imus Campus)

Php20 bigas para sa mga mangingisda sa CALABARZON, inilunsad na sa Fish Port ng Lucena

BIR to conduct parallel audit, probe on anomalous flood control contractors

LIBRENG DERMA SERVICES, ILULUNSDAD NG BACOR LGU 2nd Cavite Provincial Rabies Coordinating Council meeting highlights ongoing efforts in rabies prevention

Bacoor City together with DPWH, discussed infrastructure projects and dredging of Molino Dam

Constructing Dreams into Reality



Inside RF Dacumos Corporation: Florabelle F. Decamus (leftmost, wearing yellow), a proud client of CARD SME Bank from Zambales, alongside her dedicated team, has proven that with collective effort and effective leadership, achieving business goals is not only possible but also feasible and attainable. cont. on page 2



caravan launched by Imus LGU, brings services directly to Barangays

PAROL SA PILIPINAS- LIWANAG NG PASKO AT PAG ASA

Tuwang papalapat ang ber months, Setyembre hanggang Disyembre hindi pwedeng mawala ang makukulay at makapal na parol na nakasabit sa mga bahay, kalsada, at simbahan. Ang parol ay simbolo ng Pasko na nagbibigay saya, pag-asa, at liwanag sa ating mga puso. Ito ay isang tradisyon na nagsisilbing paalala na kahit sa gitna ng dilim, may liwanag na darating.

Kasaysayan at Kahulugan:

Nagsimula ang tradisyong paggawa ng parol noong panahon ng mga Kastila bilang simbolo ng ilaw na gabay sa madilim na gabi. Sa Pilipinas, naging isang masayang gawain ang paggawa at pagdekor ng parol na gawa sa kawayan, papel, at iba pang materyales. Ang parol ay hindi lang dekorasyon; ito ay isang paalala na ang Pasko ay panahon ng pagmamahalan, pagkakaisa, at pag-asa.

Bakit mahalaga ang Parol?

Sa bawat bahay na may nakasabit na parol, nararamdaman natin ang diwa ng Pasko, ang pagmamahalan, pagbibigayan, at pagkakaisa. Ito ay nagsisilbing ilaw sa madilim na gabi, nagbibigay inspirasyon sa bawat Pilipino na magpatuloy sa kabila ng mga pagsubok. Ang bawat parol ay isang maliit na simbolo na nagsasabi sa atin na may liwanag na naghihintay sa dulo ng madilim na landas.

Sa pagpasok ng ber months, pahalagahan natin ang parol bilang simbolo ng pag-asa at pagmamahal. Hindi lang ito dekorasyon kundi isang paalala na kahit gaano pa kalaki o kaliit ang problema, may liwanag na darating. Ang tunay na diwa ng Pasko ay nasa puso natin—ang pagkakaisa, pagmamalasakit, at pananampalataya.

Sa bawat parol na nakikita natin tuwing Pasko, nawa'y magsilbing paalala ito na hindi tayo nag-iisa. Ang liwanag ng parol ay sumasalamin sa ating mga puso—ang pag-asa, pagmamahal, at pagkakaibigan. Maging inspirasyon sana ito upang mas lalo pa nating mahalin ang Pasko at ang bawat isa. Sama-sama tayong magbibigay-liwanag sa mundo!

Sulat ni: E.Mendoza

Power of the Purse: Local Budget Legislation Seminar empowers Cavite's local finance officers

The Government of Cavite, successfully conducted the "Power of the Purse: Local Budget Legislation Seminar" on. September 5, 2025, at the Government Center in Trece Martires City, Cavite. Spearheaded by Board Member Aidel Belamide, Sangguniang Panlalawigan Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, the seminar aimed to strengthen the knowledge and capacity of Local Finance Committees across the province by equipping local officials with the tools and understanding necessary to create efficient, transparent, and people-centered budgets.

The event brought together representatives from various towns and cities in Cavite and highlighted the impor-



The City Government of General Trias, headed by the Hon. Mayor Luis Ferrer IV and Hon. Vice Mayor Jonas Glyn Labuguen, visited the event at the launching of Lancaster New City by Profriends' Lia house model together with Mr. Gerry Choa, President and Chairman of Pro-Friends, one of the country's leading and fastest growing real estate developers in the country with her is his daughter Ms. Katleen Choa, the Vice President Of Business Development.

tantance of responsible budget planning in delivering effective public service to every Caviteño.

Key speakers included Ms. Anne Minnette M. Dastas of the Office

The Cavite Provincial Rabies Coordinating Council successfully conducted its 2nd regular meeting at the Cavite Government Center in Trece Martires City, gathering stakeholders from various government agencies and academic institution to discuss updates, accomplishments, and upcoming activities aimed at eliminating rabies in the province.

Ms. Gladys Credo, Veterinarian II of the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian (OPV), pre-

sented the updates and accomplishments on the animal side, including vaccinations, spaying and castrations, and the number of rabies cases in the province. Meanwhile, Ms. Charlene Rosanes, Nurse I from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, provided an update on the human rabies situation, including the number of cases and deaths reported in Cavite.

An open forum followed to address additional concerns and gather suggestions and

SK Officials and members of LYDC compete in the training

LOOK: 120 Youth Council (SK) Officials and members of the Local Youth Development Council (LYDC) attended the SK and LYDC Training 2025 held on August 22, 2025 at the City of Imus Children and Youth Development Center, Imus Pilot Elementary School.

The Local Youth Development Office and SK Federation Office led the training regarding Empowering Youth Leaders: A Guide to the SK Web Portal and Effective Leadership discussed by Mr. Mark Ryan D. I'm in the middle of the day.

The Office of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer explained the Disaster Preparedness Orientation.

Hon. Carol Julianne F. also inspiring the participants. Dalipe, SK National Representative and Ex-Officio Commissioner, and former Councilor Tito on serving with care, courage, and dedication.

The program aims to provide young leaders with adequate knowledge and skills for effective leadership, proper use of the SK Web Portal, and preparedness for any disaster.

support for the council's future initiatives.

The meeting was led by Dr. May Magno, Provincial Veterinarian, together with the OPV team composed of Mr. Mark Jacob Espineli, Ms. Alma Fe Obidos, Ms. Sonia Penus, Dr. Gladys Credo, Ms. Marjo Mojica, and Ms. Sarah Laranjo.

Representatives from partner agencies and PGC offices were also in attendance, including: Mr. Emmanuel Mago and Mr. Rezin Bahia of Cavite State Universi-

LGU CARMONA WINS 1ST RUNNER-UP & PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD AT THE 2025 CBMS GAWAD GALING LOKAL REGIONAL

Kinilala ang rangal.

Ito ang patunay ng matagumpay na hakbang at programa para sa makabuluhang paggamit ng mga datos mula sa sa CBMS alinsunod sa ating hangarin na "Building Agile, Resilient, and Future-Ready Filipino Communities through Data-Driven Systems". Taos-pusong pasasalamat sa lahat ng kawani at mamamayan na nagkaisa para mapagtagumpayan ang pagkilalang ito.

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ty - College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; Ms. Maria May Ambata of the Department of Interior and Local Government-Cavite; Mr. Conrad De Los Santos III of the Provincial Department of Health Office; Dr. Gloria Digma of the City Veterinary Office-General Trias; Ms. Lea Colada of the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer; and Ms. Jam Elisse Reyes of the Office of the Provincial Information Officer. - J. Reyes

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IMUS LGU..

CITY OF IMUS, Cavite (PIA) – More than 1,000 residents in Barangay Buhay na Tubig benefited from the newest community outreach initiative of the City Government of Imus.

Through the "AAksyon Caravan," held on Monday, Sept. 8, the city government brought essential government services closer to the community by offering a wide array of social, medical, and legal assistance directly within local barangays.

Residents of the said barangay were among the first to benefit from the caravan's comprehensive lineup of services, which included medical consultations, social welfare assistance, and legal aid—all provided on-site and free of charge.

Mayor Alex "AA" Advincula, who spearheaded the program, emphasized that the AAksyon Caravan reflects the city's ongoing commitment to making government pro-

grams more accessible and responsive to the needs of every Imuseño.

"We want to ensure that no one is left behind when it comes to basic services. Through this caravan, we are bringing City Hall closer to the people," he said.

Among the key services provided during the inaugural rollout were free legal consultations and notary services facilitated by the City Legal Office, as well as complimentary late birth registration services handled by the City Civil Registrar. Medical teams from the City Health Office and Ospital ng Imus also conducted free consultations and distributed medicines.

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PHP 20..

Inilunsad na ang ₱20 Benteng Bigas Meron Na Program ng Department of Agriculture (DA) para sa mga mangingisda sa rehiyon ng CALABARZON sa fish port ng Lucena City, Quezon noong ika-29 ng Agosto.

Bahag ang ₱20 Benteng Bigas Meron Na Program ng Rice-for-All (RFA) Program ng DA na may layong magbigay ng dekalidad at abot-kayang bigas sa sambayanang Pilipino upang matugunan ang seguridad sa pagkain.

Inisyal na mga benepisyaryo nito ay ang mga minimum wage earners, senior citizens, solo parents, at mga may kapananan.

Ngayon ay sinimulan na rin itong buksan para sa mga magsasaka at mangingisda na rehistrado sa Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSB-SA) at Fisherfolk Registration System (FishR). Bawat isang kwalipikado ay maaaring bumili ng hanggang 10 kilo.

Si Rosenda Bo-ras, 73 taong gulang, na

CAYETANO...

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano on Monday said the changes in the Senate leadership should be more than a numbers game, stressing that the country needs real reform as he confirmed that as many as 10 senators could align with the minority bloc.

This came after the reorganization that installed Senator Tito Sotto as Senate President following the ouster of Senator Francis Escudero, opening space for both

majority and minority to redefine their roles.

"Given the call of the time, given ang mga pangyayari the last few months, given y'ung issues sa corruption that's tearing our country apart, it's urgent that we not only have a functioning Senate but that the majority and minority will play its part," Cayetano said in a media interview on September 8.

He stressed that senators must recognize that corruption, not politi-

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Office of Senior Citizens Affairs, Persons with Disability Affairs, and the City Social Welfare and Development Office were also extended to attendees.

The AAksyon Caravan is set to roll out across various barangays in the coming months, continuing its mission to empower communities through direct, on-the-ground public service delivery.

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isang katulong sa pang-ingisda ay malaki ang pasasalamat na mula sa ₱55 na kilo ng bigas ay nakabili ng ₱20 na aniya ay malaking tipid para sa ipapakain sa kanyang pamilya lalo na sa mga apo.

Samantala, ang aktibidad ay naisakatuparan sa pagtutulungan ng DA, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA), at Food Terminal Incorporated (FTI). PR

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cal rivals, is the true adversary.

"Ang kalaban dito ay both the system that slowly crept in pero grabe talaga ang nangyayari. So, politics should be temporary but we should have real change, y'ung transformation talaga," he said.

Asked by reporters if he would assume the role of minority leader, Cayetano said consultations are still ongoing among the members.

He added that

SAN PABLO CITY, Laguna (PIA) – Following President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr.'s orders to hold accountable contractors allegedly involved in anomalous flood control projects, the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has announced the conduct of parallel audit and investigation on unscrupulous contractors to determine irregularities in their tax liabilities.

In a recent online statement, BIR Commissioner Romeo Lumagui Jr. announced that the Bureau will conduct a parallel investigation into contractors involved in irregular flood control projects and emphasized that any contractors found to have underpaid or evaded taxes will not be issued an updated tax clearance by the BIR.

"I have ordered an immediate tax fraud audit against contractors involved in anomalous flood control projects. While the President's investigation is ongoing, the Bureau will conduct a parallel audit of their tax returns and payments," Commissioner said.

He added: "If tax underpayment or evasion is proven, they will be denied for an updated tax clearance, and have their contract settlement sus-

pended, and they will be disqualified from future government projects."

For projects identified as "ghost," the Bureau will disallow all related costs and expenses once the appropriate agency confirms the non-existence of such projects.

Lumagui then emphasized that if there is no project, there should be no deductible expenses, and a tax deficiency assessment will follow.

The order is in accordance with the provisions of Revenue Regulation No. 17-2024 (RR No. 17-2024), which mandates government contractors without Income Tax Return (ITR) and updated tax clearances be excluded from government projects.

In Revenue Region 9B-LaQueMar (Laguna-Quezon-Marinduque), Regional Director lawyer Michael Remir Macatangay affirmed their commitment to the Bureau's call by working to identify potential tax deficiencies and holding those accountable, stressing the importance of transparency and accountability in the use of public funds.

"We will focus on ensuring the correct taxes are paid, and if contractors defrauded the

LIBRENG...

Magsisimula na sa buwan ng Nobyembre ang paghahatid ng libreng dermatological services mula sa pamahalaang lungsod ng Baco-or. Sa pagtutulungan ng Cavite East Asia Med-

ical Center at tanggapan ng City Health Services, layon ng derma clinic na makapagbigay ng abot-kayang dermatological services para sa mga Bacooreño.

Siniguro naman



the composition of the minority remains fluid, with senators from diverse political leanings considering their options, and clarified that those who did not sign the resolution backing Sotto, including himself, could opt to join the minority.

"Ang bilang ko,

8, 9 or 10 [ang interesado]. Kasi nga it's a majority-minority dito sa Senate, pero y'ung political leanings outside the Senate iba-iba, very diverse talaga," he said.

With corruption hounding the country, Cayetano warned that if left unchecked, it will

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government, we will hold them accountable, and file cases. Commissioner Lumagui urged us to report, whether it's an anonymous complaint or information, and we will follow through. Believe me, we will follow through," Macatangay said during the Ugnayan at Talakayan sa Laguna program on August 27.

The BIR director also mentioned that the issues surrounding the flood control projects are discouraging taxpayers from paying the correct taxes, as they believe government funds are ending up in the pockets of contractors. He stated that if this continues, it would be a disservice to the Filipino people.

"If we believe in that kind of point of view, no one will pay taxes, no one will operate, there will be no roads, no teachers, everything will be lost, and I think that would be a disservice to the people, as they won't receive the services they need because of such news."

BIR urged the public to cooperate and report any information related to anomalous flood control projects via commissioner@bir.gov.ph to hold contractors accountable for their possible tax obligations.

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ni Mayor Strike Revilla na patuloy na maghahatid ang lokal na pamahalaan ng mga serbisyo para sa kalusugan at kapakanan ng kanilang mga kababayan. | via Strike B. Revilla

LIA IS HERE



Another power-house is officially opened and unveiled, the Lia Townhouse in the heart of Lancaster News City Imus —a new home designed



for families who dream of comfort, flexible space and belonging within a thriving Profriends community. "This is another exciting milestone and discover



why Lia is the home you've been waiting for", Ms. Kathleen Choa, Vice President Of Business Development of Profriends said on her welcoming statement.



Profriends Returns to Kawa Pilipinas to Support a Mission of Compassion and Community

Property Company of Friends, Inc. (Profriends), led by its Finance group, recently visited Kawa Pilipinas, reaffirming their commitment to community service by volunteering in the food preparation and distribution activities of the non-profit organization. The visit is a continuation of a meaningful partnership that highlights the power of collaboration between private institutions and grassroots movements.

Kawa Pilipinas, founded in 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, began as an emergency response effort—cooking and delivering hot meals to frontliners tirelessly working through the health crisis. What started as a pandemic initiative quickly evolved into a sustained mission under the leadership of activist and artist Mae Paner, also known by her advocacy

persona Juana Change. Even after the pandemic, Mae and her team chose to keep the fire burning—literally and figuratively. The group continued cooking and giving meals, this time focusing on what they call their "beloved": the homeless, urban poor, persons deprived of liberty, political prisoners, survivors of calamities, children and elderly with special needs, and even medical institutions. Kawa Pilipinas doesn't just serve food—it serves hope, dignity, and solidarity.

Volunteers play a vital role in the day-to-day operations of Kawa Pilipinas. From preparing meals to carefully packing and distributing them, each task is an act of love powered by individuals and groups who believe in the cause. Profriends' second visit is a testament

to the value of consistent and conscious corporate social responsibility. "As a first time volunteer in the institution, I've learned that a simple meal becomes a feast when it is

served with love, and every hungry soul becomes family when we call them our beloveds. Food may fill the stomach, but in KAWA Pilipinas, it is love that nourishes the heart,"

said Profriends volunteer Ann Caroline Abanes. Mae Paner expressed her gratitude to the group: "Thank you, Profriends, for coming to Kawa Pilipinas to volunteer. We hope

to meet more friends who will volunteer and donate to sustain the needs of the institution."

More than just a kitchen, Kawa Pilipinas is Mae's vehicle for advocating a deeper cultural shift. Her dream is to propagate a culture of philanthropy—one where giving isn't reserved for the wealthy but embraced by all. "Whoever we are, we have the capacity to help our fellowmen in need," Mae reminds us.

By volunteering, Profriends continues to support and share the advocacy of Kawa Pilipinas to serve—not just food, but a vision of a more compassionate society. Last June, Profriends started its collaboration with the institution through the volunteer work and donation of its colleagues from Strategic Business Unit 4, which primarily handles the project Westwind at Lancaster New City.



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BACOR...

SBR Conference, September 8, 2025 – Mayor Strike B. Revilla convened a meeting today with representatives from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) regional office and the DPWH Cavite 3rd District Engineering Office (DEO) to discuss ongoing infrastructure projects in Bacoor and the mobiliza-

tion of amphibious dredging equipment for Molino Dam.

The meeting, organized by the Office of Mayor Strike and attended by Engr. Jicky Jutba, head of the City Engineering Office, served as an opportunity to receive updates on the progress of DPWH projects in the city. A key topic of discussion was the

mobilization of amphibious dredging equipment for Molino Dam, aimed at improving water flow and mitigating flood risks. This collaboration between the City Government of Bacoor and the DPWH demonstrates a commitment to improving infrastructure and ensuring the safety and well-being of Bacoor's residents. MIS-STAFF



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NO NEED TO BUY GIFT FOR TEACHERS' DAY —DEPED

CALAMBA CITY (PIA)—Honoring the pillars of education on their special day does not mean giving gifts of monetary value, the Department of Education (DepEd) said, as the country marks National Teachers' Month from September 5 to October 5.

Republic Act 10743 also declares October 5 as National Teachers' Day in line with the global celebration of World Teachers' Day.

Ariel Azuelo of the DepEd CALABARZON Public Affairs Unit said collecting student contributions to buy gifts and tokens is prohibited pursuant to the department's 'No Collection Policy.'

"Their gifts do not have to be something purchased. A letter, artwork, or a flower that they plucked is okay as long as they remember their teachers," Azuelo said in an interview with PIA CALABARZON and Radyo Pilipinas Lucena's Sulong Southern Tagalog radio program last Friday, Sept 5.

DepEd Order 19 series of 2018 limits voluntary student contributions to scouting memberships, Philippine Red Cross, Anti-TB Fund Drive, PTCA, school publication fees, and membership to other student organizations. Azuelo added that recognizing the sacrifices and hard work of teachers to improve the country's quality of education is the essence of celebrating Teacher's Day.

"We can see their sacrifices and hard work in improving the quality of education in our country." Meanwhile, Eduarda Zapanta, Education Support Services Division chief, cited Memorandum 67 giving schools division offices opportunities to celebrate Teacher's Day with the support of their respective local government units.

"Our division offices have already set celebrations and recognitions with the support of LGUs in their activities."

Touted as a child's second parents, teachers are honored for honing the youth as the country's future leaders.

Teacher Abigail Urriza emphasized that

students need not to give gifts on Teacher's Day to show their appreciation.

"They don't need to give gifts, but we appreciate the thought because [their efforts] make us feel that they value our hard work."

For Janice Maglaqui, even a simple note means so much to show their students' appreciation.

"These gifts are priceless because those messages were made out of love and appreciation of us. It's always the thought that counts."

With one of the highest enrollment rates in the country, DepEd CALABARZON has deployed around 111,248 teachers for School Year 2025-2026.

