

Mekeni Launches 40 Years with New Flavors and Innovations at One Pampanga Food and Beverage Expo

CLARK, PAMPANGA - Mekeni Food Corporation made a strong statement on the first-ever One Pampanga Food and Beverage Expo on Sept 13-14 with the launch of its newest offerings, while giving visitors a glimpse of what's ahead as it gears up for its 40th anniversary in 2026.

New Sausage Creations

At the Mekeni booth, the largest at the expo, guests were treated to first tastes of its newest sausage creations.

The 4 Cheese Sausage, bursting with cheddar, gouda, cream cheese, and mozzarella, was a crowd favorite among cheese lovers. The Breakfast Sausage, though small in size, delivered big flavors perfect for quick and hearty meals. For those with a more refined palate, the Country Style Sausage, infused with herbs and crafted in gourmet style, offered a premium experience.

These products reflect Mekeni's commitment to creating flavors that appeal to both Filipino and international consumers.



food staples such as fish balls, squid balls, and kiam.

Beyond being a new way to enjoy well-loved favorites, Street Flavors is also open for booking at events, offering a fun and high-quality food experience for gatherings and celebrations.

At the same time, it serves as a business opportunity for those interested in operating their own events cart business, making it an accessible entry point for aspiring entrepreneurs.

A Sneak Peek of 40 Years

Visitors were also invited to a sneak peek of Mekeni's 40th anniversary campaign through the showcase of its 40th year logo and an AI-powered photobooth featuring countries where Mekeni products are now



available.

These experiences underscored Mekeni's expanding global presence and its mission to share Kapampangan flavors with the world.

"As we approach our 40th year, we want to give our customers a taste of what's next," said Garcia.

"Our newest products, our ventures like Street Flavors, and our continued expansion abroad are all part of the story we want to tell, because truly, May Kwento sa Bawat Timpla", he added.

With its newest offerings and forward-looking initiatives, Mekeni reaffirmed its position not only as a pillar of Kapampangan cuisine but also as a Filipino brand with a global vision.

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As a Kapampangan company that has grown into a globally recognized brand, Mekeni's participation in the inaugural expo is both symbolic and purposeful.

While the company continues to expand its presence in international markets, it also views the event as an opportunity to reaffirm its identity as a symbol of Kapampangan pride and to share its



story with aspiring entrepreneurs and small businesses.

"This expo is close to our hearts because it allows us to give back by showing others that it is possible to grow from humble beginnings and make an impact globally," said Mekeni President Pruds Garcia. "We hope our story inspires others to pursue their dreams with passion, values, and resilience."

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What began as a small sari-sari store in 2020 has become a growing livelihood for Ainon Saddaramil, driven by her tireless efforts.

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DOST-Cavite and Department of Agriculture Collaborate to Enhance Food Processing Facilities in CALABARZON



On September 2, 2025, The Department of Science and Technology-Cavite (DOST-Cavite), in partnership with the DOST-CALABARZON Regional Office, the Department of Agriculture-Agribusiness

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SSS PENSION REFORM PROGRAM LAUNCH. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. leads the ceremonial launch of the 2025 SSS Pension Reform Program at the SSS Main Office in Quezon City on 10 September 2025. He is joined by Labor Secretary Bienvenido E. Laguesma, Department of Information and Communications Technology Secretary Henry Aguda, and Social Security System President Robert Joseph De Claro, and other government representatives and stakeholders.

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PAROL SA PILIPINAS: LIWANAG NG PASKO AT PAG ASA

Tuwing papalagit 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 nagsisilbing 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

RETIRED...

Social Security System (SSS) pensioners will see an increase in their monthly pensions for the first time in 11 years, after President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led the launch of the 2025 SSS Pension Reform Program on September 10.

The Chief Executive was joined in the event by Labor Secretary Bienvenido E. Laguesma as an ex-officio member of the SSS, Social Security System President and CEO Robert Joseph De Claro, and Department of Information and Communications Technology Secretary Henry Aguda.

In his speech, President Marcos, Jr. said that retirement, disability, and survivorship pensions have been increased.

“Sa kauna-unahang pagkakataon sa kasaysayan ng SSS, itinaas natin ang pensyon sa ilalim ng SSS Pension Reform Program.

Kailangan na kailangan nating gawin ito, bilang pasasalamat sa ating mga kababayan na buong buhay na naglilingkod, nagtatrabaho para sa ating bansa, simula unang araw ng Setyembre ng taong ito, itinaas na natin ang inyong buwanang pensyon,” the President said.

“Taon-taon ito’y tataas hanggang 2027, nang walang dagdag na kontribusyon mula sa mga miyembro ng SSS,” he added.

Pag-IBIG Fund is set to offer a special 4.5 percent housing loan rate to qualified members seeking to purchase house-and-lot packages worth up to P1.8 million, as part of the Marcos Administration’s Expanded Pambansang Pabahay para sa Pilipino (4PH) Program. The promotional rate is expected to be available starting in October, as the agency joins the nationwide celebration of National Shelter Month.

Under the program, the first 10,000 housing loan applications from locally employed members and 1,000 applications from Overseas Filipino Workers will enjoy the subsidized 4.5 percent annual interest rate, fixed for the first three years of the loan. Once the program is implemented, eligible applications already in the pipeline will also be granted the special rate, in addition to the 11,000 slots.

The 4.5 percent

CAYETANO...

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano on Sunday expressed solidarity with the Catholic Church in the Philippines, echoing its call for both government and society to move beyond “mere survival politics” and to demand justice, trans-

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survivorship pensioners, and higher benefits for dependents.

The hike will be given in three annual tranches every September from 2025 to 2027, marking the first major adjustment since 2014.

The program covers 3.8 million beneficiaries and will release P93 billion over three years. The additional benefits are expected to help pensioners and their families with food, medicine, and other needs while contributing to economic activity.

The event coincides with the 68th SSS anniversary celebration, where the President also declared the beginning of the celebration of National Pensioners’ Week every second week of September. END/AG

rate is significantly lower than the current 6.25 percent for similar loans, making monthly payments more affordable for borrowers.

“We continue to heed the call of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to provide affordable and inclusive housing for every Filipino family,” said Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development Secretary Jose Ramon Aliling, who also chairs the Pag-IBIG Fund Board of Trustees. “Just last July, we introduced a subsidized 3 percent rate for the first five years of loans for socialized housing units. Now, we are further expanding access to affordable home financing by offering a special rate for loans of up to P1.8 million, which exceed the socialized housing ceiling. This is another important step in broadening access to dignified and sustainable homeownership.”

Pag-IBIG Fund to Offer Special 4.5% Loan Rate for Home Loans Up to P1.8 Million

According to Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Marilene C. Acosta, the special rate allows members to save nearly P2,000 per month,

parency, and accountability.

This came after the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) issued a pastoral letter denouncing widespread corruption in flood-control projects, calling it a “moral and national crisis.”

“Ang crisis natin ngayon really is a crisis of values, of character, of who we are as a people,” Cayetano said, echoing the church’s reflection on the country’s entrenched cycle of corruption.

Calling for accountability and repentance so the cycle of corruption stops, the senator has repeatedly said this week: “Kung ang sorry ay ‘Sorry, nahuli kami,’ that’s not enough. Y’ung repentance that leads to reformation and reforms should be there.”

Cayetano is currently involved in national transformation efforts focused on strengthening the foundations of seven key cultural pillars: family, business, church, government, health, education, and media.

He emphasized this is not about pursuing mere band-aid solutions, but strategies based

on Biblical principles for real and lasting change.

This includes consistently teaching values and strengthening the character of Filipinos, especially the youth.

This is reflected in Cayetano’s priority measures. When he served as House Speaker during the 18th Congress, he filed the “Good Manners and Right Conduct (GMRC) and Values Education Act” as House Bill No. 1.

Now enacted as Republic Act No. 11476, the law institutionalized GMRC and Values Education as core subjects in the K-12 curriculum for Grades 1 to 10, with equal time allotment as other major subjects.

In the 19th and 20th Congress, Cayetano has continued to advocate for values formation—not just in schools but also within government offices, with participation from private institutions encouraged.

In the 19th Congress, he filed the “National Values, Etiquette, and Moral Uprightness Act” (Senate Bill No. 61). In the current 20th Congress, he has proposed the “Filipino Identity in Values Act” (Senate Bill

No. 101).

Both bills aim to institutionalize a national program on values formation, etiquette, and civic responsibility, through the creation of a Commission on Filipino Values and an Inter-Faith Council to lead multi-sectoral implementation.

“Our development must be anchored in our cherished core values: faith in God, bayanihan, and the honor and respect we give to our elders and family,” Cayetano wrote in SB No. 101’s explanatory note.

These values are also reflected in his team’s own commitment to transformation, grounded in the core values of his organization.

As a senator, Cayetano upholds three guiding principles. “The mission and vision is very simple: honor God, build communities, transform the nation,” he said.

These values shape every aspect of his work, from crafting legislation and conducting hearings to collaborating with fellow lawmakers, engaging with local communities, and supporting farmers, fisherfolk, and other marginalized groups. PR

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“The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) CALABARZON convened immediately its member-agencies to tackle preparation in view of the potential effects of the weather disturbance in the region,” the Office of Civil Defense Calabarzon said in its Facebook post.

The RDRRMC activated its emergency operations center to Blue alert status to facilitate inter-agency coordination.

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Abblue alert status means that all RDRRMC personnel and equipment are placed on standby in case of emergency.

During the pre-disaster meeting on Tuesday, the list of barangays susceptible to flooding and landslide were presented while predictive analytics for humanitarian response (PAHR) were also tackled to set necessary preparedness measures and courses of actions.

Member-agencies and cluster leads also reported an inventory of their available resources which can be used to augment to the LGUs in need of assistance.

The RDRRMC said it will issue guidance on preparedness protocol that includes pre-emptive

Santiago, General Trias, Cavite.

This initiative focused on a thorough evaluation of the beneficiaries’ existing facilities, equipment, and operations. The goal was to identify key areas for improvement in food processing and manufacturing. By addressing these gaps, the program aims to uplift agri-based enterprises, enhance product quality and safety, and increase the competitiveness of local farmers and cooperatives.

Through this collaborative effort, DOST and DA reaffirm their com-

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The Tausug are one of the Muslim tribes residing on the island of Mindanao. Many of them originally came from Jolo, but over the years, some have moved and made a new life in places like Zamboanga City. One of them is Ainon Jabani Saddaramil, whose story is a testament to the hard work and resilience that comes from building a better life for her family.

A turning point in her journey

Ainon lost her father at a young age. As the eldest of five siblings, she began working at the age of 10 to help support her family alongside her mother. She would accompany her in the rice fields, plowing the land and harvesting rice grain. She continued this kind of work throughout her youth until she decided to seek an opportunity abroad as a domestic helper.

She worked abroad for two years before returning home. Ainon intended to go overseas again, but her plans were halted when she fell ill. Although it was disheartening, she had no choice but to move on and continue her life in the Philippines.

Using the money she saved from working abroad, she started a small barter trade business selling Muslim dresses. It was through this business that she met her husband. After they got married, they bought a jeepney, which her husband used for a living, while she worked at a

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nearby eatery, but had to stop after being pregnant with her youngest child. To continue earning, she started cooking and selling traditional Muslim snacks. Around the same time, she also turned the second floor of their house into a boarding house to earn an extra income.

Currently, she rents out six rooms in her home. As she got older, she also stopped selling snacks because the heat of cooking became too hard for her to bear; instead, she opened a small sari-sari store at home using the PHP5,000.00, which she saved from her boarding house income.

To have additional capital for her business, she became a client of CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) in 2020. A friend who was already a client encouraged her to join and give it a try. Through the Musharakah contract financing she received from the institution, she was able to expand the range of products she offered in her store.

Musharakah contract financing is a Shari-ah inspired counterpart of a regular loan, designed to help clients with existing businesses or those looking to start a new venture. Served as an additional capital, this financing is disbursed in cash to support business growth. In a Musharakah contract, both financier and the business owner contribute capital to business venture, and profits are shared based on agreed-upon ratio.

“Back then, my store had very limited items, but I used the Musharakah contract I received from CARD, Inc. to buy more products and expand my display,” she stated.

She now has an active Musharakah contract of PHP 30,000.00, which she uses for her business.

One of the things she appreciates about running a sari-sari store is that it is not physically demanding. The business allows her to spend more time and be more present for her children, especially when they are not in school.

“It is truly my dream for my children to finish their education. My husband and I work hard to make that happen because I experienced firsthand what it feels like not to finish school, and I do not want my children to go through the same struggles I face,” she said.

To date, three of her children have already graduated, while the other three are still in school. This achievement is the result of the unwavering hard work and determination she and her husband have poured into their family. Looking ahead, she hopes to see all of her children complete their education and to further grow their sari-sari store, which continues to be their main source of income. PR

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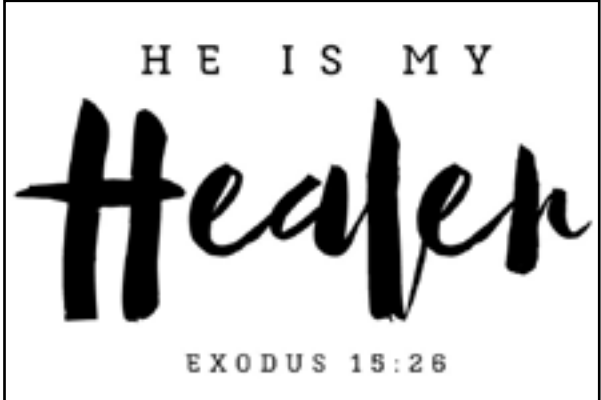
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place on the said date, it shall be held on **October 28,**
2025, without further notice."

Prospective buyers or bidders are hereby en-
joined to investigate for themselves the title to the said
property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, September 15, 2025.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA
Clerk of Court VI

By:



57 COUPLES...

Strike Gymna-
sium, September 12,
2025 – In a heartwarming
celebration of love and
commitment, 57 couples
exchanged vows today
at a mass wedding cer-
emony held at the Strike
Gymnasium. The event
was organized by the City
Government of Bacoor,
headed by Mayor Strike
B. Revilla, Vice Mayor Ro-
wena Bautista Mendiola
delivered a heart-
felt message via video.
Adding to the celebratory
atmosphere, Cong. Lani
Mercado Revilla serenad-
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with a special song, filling
the gymnasium with love
and joy.

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Coun. Mike Bautista,
Coun. Eric Ugalde, Coun.
Simplicio Dominguez,
Coun. Udo Brillantes,
and Coun. Karen Sari-
no Evaristo. Vice Mayor
Rowena Bautista Men-
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with a special song, filling
the gymnasium with love
and joy.

In his speech,
Mayor Strike B. Revilla
shared a memorable ac-
ronym for the 57 couples
to remember: "STRIKE" -
S for Strike, T for Tiwala
(Trust), R for Respect, I
for Inspirasyon (Inspira-
tion), K for Kindness, and
E for Eternal.

The mass wed-
ding served as a beautiful
testament to the enduring
power of love and the City
Government of Bacoor's
commitment to support-
ing its citizens in building
strong and happy fami-
lies.

NAIC...

The Municipal-
ity of Naic, through its Of-
fice of the Agricultural and
Biosystems Engineer in
partnership with the Office
of the Provincial Agricul-
tural, successfully held
the Farmers' Field School
Graduation on Thursday,
September 11, 2025, at
Johnson's Residence in
Malainin Bago, Naic,
Cavite. The event celebrat-
ed the achievements of lo-
cal farmers who completed
a training program on the
Production of High-quality
Inbred Rice Seeds and
Farm Mechanization.

The day began
with an early Field Walk at
7:00 AM, giving participants
a chance to showcase the
practical applications of
their learnings. The Grad-
uation Ceremony followed
featuring a full lineup of
performances, awards, and
inspirational messages.

Highlights of
the program included folk
media presentations by
different groups, such as
songs like "Buhay ng Pa-
lay", "Bukid Ay Basa", and
"Bayani Ka Magsasaka", as
well as dances like "Mag-
tanim Ay Di Biro". These
cultural pieces illustrated
the farmers' deep connec-
tion to their craft and the
community.

Awards were also
handed out to recognize
outstanding participants for
being the Most Active, Most
Hospitalable, and achieving
the Highest Increment in
learning, among other cat-
egories.

Key messages
were delivered by local
leaders and agricultural
officials, including Honora-
ble Jasmin Angelli Ma-
ligaya-Bautista, 8th District
Board Member, Councilor
Glennon I. Pegollo, Com-
mittee on Agriculture, Ba-
rangay Captain Hon. Lito
S. Catibayan and represen-
tative from APCO-Cavite,
Ms. Jaira o. Telmo. Their
speeches underscored the
importance of sustainable
farming and continuous
education for agricultural
development.

The event con-
cluded with closing remarks
from Mr. Juner Bondad,
Regional Rice Program
Coordinator, and a prayer
led by the participants.

With the theme
"Together, we can build a
better and more sustain-
able future," the graduation
marked a significant mile-
stone for Naic's agricultural
community, paving the way
for more resilient and mod-
ernized farming practices.
— A. Sarte

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EDITORIAL:

**TINIG NG KABATAAN: GABAY SA DEMOKRASYA
AT PAG-ASA NG BAYAN**

Sa bawat
hakbang na nilalakad
ng kabataan sa lan-
sangan, hindi ito isang
senyales ng kagu-
luhan kundi isang
makapangyarihang
pahayag ng malasakit.
Hindi sila nagkakagu-
lo upang makagulo,
kundi upang ipahay-
ag ang kanilang sa-
loobin laban sa kati-
walian, pang-aabuso,
at kawalan ng husti-
sya na nag-ugat sa
maling sistemang
dapat ay nagsisilbing
proteksyon, hindi pa-
hirap sa mamamayan.

Ang kanil-
ang tapang ay bun-
ga ng pagmamahal
sa bayan at hangar-
ing makamtan ang
pagbabago. Hindi ito
isang marahas na
panawagan, kundi

isang makapangyari-
hang pahayag na ang ka-
bataan ay may boses—
boses na karapat-dapat
pakinggan at respetuhin.
Ang kanilang rally at
protesta ay simbolo ng
buhay na demokrasya,
isang mekanismo upa-
ng makapagpahayag ng
saloobin at makilahok sa
pagbabuo ng makata-
rungang lipunan.

Subalit, sa halip
na ituring na banta, bakit
hindi natin itinuring na
isang yaman ang kanil-
ang pagtindig? Ang ka-
bataang handang mag-
salita ay nagsisilbing ilaw
sa madilim na landas ng
kawalang-katarungan.
Ang takot sa kanilang
tinig ay mas masahol pa
kaysa sa anumang gulo
na maaaring idulot nila.
Ito ay isang paalala na
ang tunay na banta ay

ang ating katahimin-
kan—ang pagtanggong
making at makialam
sa mga isyung mahal-
aga sa bayan.

Sa huli, ang
kanilang tinig ay hindi
dapat patahimikin
o ikulong. Dapat itong
ituring na lakas ng
demokrasya at susi sa
pagbabago. Sapagkat
ang kabataan ay ang
pag-asa ng bayan, at
ang kanilang pagtindig
ay patunay na buhay
pa ang pag-asa para
sa isang makatarun-
gan at maunlad na
lipunan. Ang kanil-
ang tapang ay isang
paanyaya sa lahat na
maging aktibo, ma-
kinig, at makibahagi
sa pagtataguyod ng
makatarungang kinab-
ukan.

Sulat ni: E.Mendoza

IMUS CITY HOSTS 5TH BARANGAY NUTRITION SCHOLAR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Imus Sports
Complex came alive on
September 10, 2025, as
Barangay Nutrition Schol-
ars (BNS) from across
Cavite gathered for the 5th
BNS General Assembly, a
celebration of grassroots
commitment to health and
nutrition.

The event com-
menced with the entrance
of participants, showcas-

ing the unity and pride
of BNS representatives
from various cities and
municipalities. The open-
ing prayer was led by Ms.
Shermei Manabat, BNS
President of Imus City, set-
ting a solemn and pur-
poseful tone for the day.

Ms. Dessa May
Alibangbang, District Nu-
trition Program Coordina-
tor, warmly acknowledged

the participants, followed
by an inspiring welcome
message Dr. Ferdinand
Mina, City Nutrition Ac-
tion Officer of Imus. The
program continued with
a heartfelt message from
Board Member Jasmin
Angeli Maligaya-Bautista,
Chairperson of the Sang-
guniang Panlalawigan
Committee on Health,
Nutrition, and Population,
lauding the modern com-
munity heroes and em-
phasizing the importance
of sustained nutrition ef-
forts at the barangay level.

Mr. Lauro Mon-
zon, Imus City Administra-
tor, delivered a message
on behalf of Mayor Alex
"AA" Advincula, express-
ing the local government's
full support for the endeav-
ors of the BNS community.

CAVITE...

The Cavite Pro-
vincial Jail (CPJ) celebrat-
ed its 67th Founding An-
niversary on September
5, 2025, at the CPJ Com-
pound in Trece Martires
City. The event marked
over six decades of ded-
icated public service,
employee recognition,
institutional growth, and
commitment to the reha-
bilitation and preparation
for the eventual reinte-
gration of persons deprived
of liberty (PDLs) into the
mainstream of society.

The program
was graced by 2nd Dis-
trict Board Member Alde
Pagulayan, Chairperson
of the Committee on Pub-
lic Safety, who served
as guest speaker. In his
message, Board Member
Pagulayan lauded the un-
wavering commitment of
CPJ officers and person-
nel in maintaining disci-
pline, ensuring security,
and upholding the dignity
of persons deprived of
liberty under their care.

He also underscored the
importance of unity, dis-
cipline, and profession-
alism in sustaining CPJ's
mission of service.

Mr. Noel Alegre
presented the organiza-
tion's accomplishments,
showcasing the mile-
stones achieved over the
past year, including op-
erational improvements,
strengthened inmate re-
habilitation programs, and
initiatives for employee
welfare. His report em-
phasized the agency's re-
silience and commitment
to continuous service de-
spite various challenges.

Looking ahead,
Provincial Warden Can-
delario Warlie Herno laid
out the plans for 2026,
focusing on modernizing
facilities, enhancing re-
habilitation and livelihood
programs for PDLs, and
improving employee train-
ing and development. He
stressed that these plans
aim to further profession-
alize the service and en-

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sure that CPJ remains re-
sponsive to the needs of
both the community and
the PDLs under its care.

A highlight of
the celebration was the
awarding ceremony,
which honored loyalty
awardees for their years
of dedicated service and
recognized outstanding
employees through the
performance awards.
The recognition not only
celebrated their individu-
al contributions but also
served as an inspiration
for the entire workforce to
continue striving for excel-
lence.

To add joy to the
occasion, recreational ac-
tivities and games were
organized for employees,
fostering camaraderie
and team spirit among the
personnel. The lightheart-
ed activities provided an
opportunity to strengthen
workplace bonds and re-
inforce the value of team-
work in achieving organi-
zational goals. — JDP

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5 new malls a year – Ayala Land's P17.5B retail play

Ayala Land Inc.
(ALI) is going all-in on retail,
with plans to develop three
to five malls annually.

This is in addition
to its ongoing transforma-
tion program aimed at re-
vamping flagship proper-
ties to better serve today's
evolving lifestyles—part of
an aggressive push to solid-
ify its presence in the Philip-
pine retail landscape.

Mariana Beatriz
Zobel de Ayala, SVP and
Head of ALI's Leasing and
Hospitality Group, said the
group is now investing a to-
tal of P17.5 billion, includ-
ing an additional P4.5 billion,
to upgrade more properties
across its network.

The improvements
are aimed at enhancing both
aesthetics and the overall
customer experience.

Shoppers can already see
changes taking shape in
well-loved destinations
such as Glorietta, Trinoma,
Greenbelt, and Ayala Cen-
ter Cebu.

And there's more
to come—between 2025
and 2028, ALI plans to
revamp several regional
malls, including Ayala Malls
Abreeza in Davao, Marquee
in Pampanga, Cloverleaf,

and Fairview Terraces.

As part of its five-
year roadmap, ALI plans to
add 700,000 square meters
of gross leasable space
through new developments.

These include
projects in key growth cor-
ridors like Parklinks, ALI's
joint venture estate with ul-
tra bilyonaryo Lucio Tan's
Eton Properties Philippines
Inc. in Quezon City.

In a significant nationwide initiative to mark the 68th birthday of President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr., the government launched a simultaneous distribution of comprehensive assistance and services across the country on September 13, 2025, under the Handog ng Pangulo: Serbisiyong Sapat para sa Lahat program. In Cavite, the event was held at Tanza Convention Center, where various national agencies and local government offices came together to deliver essential services directly to the community.

Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla led the provincial delegation and welcomed attendees with a message of support for the government's initiatives to grassroots service delivery. He reiterated that the program is a testament to the government's commitment to public service and expressed appreciation to agencies for selecting Cavite as a host site for this milestone activity.

The event featured the collaborative efforts of several key government agencies. The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) provided aid through the TUPAD emergency employment program, live-

lihood starter kits and capacity-building grants to eight cooperatives under the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program.

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) offered skills demonstrations, and distributed starter toolkits and cash allowance to qualified TVET program completers. TESDA also offered wellness services including free haircut and massage.

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) provided business consultations and business registration services. In partnership with Small Business Corporation (SB Corp), DTI also facilitated the awarding of loan packages amounting to Php4,990,000.00 to support business re-

covery and expansion of five MSME beneficiaries namely: SHA-I Copy Center, NGRANDE Fast Food Chain, Tent King Corporation, Urban Eye Optical Shop, and Mutya Sari-Sari Store.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) in partnership with DTI and the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) also staged the Kadiwa ng Pangulo where basic commodities and produce of local farmers and entrepreneurs were made available to the public.

Likewise, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) awarded 1M pesos worth of fingerlings to the OPA, livelihood project under FISHCORE Project, Seaweed Farm Implements, fiber glass boat, fishing gear and

aquaculture kits to local fisherfolk groups.

Health and social protection services were rendered by the Department of Health (DOH) with a package of services like chest X-ray and medical assistance; PhilHealth offering YAKAP Program registration, as well as updating and issuance of membership records; and, the Social Security System (SSS), offering records updating and benefit availment support.

The Philippine National Police also participated in the event, offering police clearance issuance aside from securing the overall safety of everyone in the venue.

Other participating agencies included the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and the Philippine Coconut

Authority (PCA), which distributed assistance to agrarian reform beneficiaries and coconut farmers.

Provincial government offices also played a major role. The Provincial Health Office (OPHO) and the Office of the Provincial Governor's Medical Mission Team conducted free health checkups, screenings and dental services. The Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager held a job fair in partnership with 24 participating companies offering local and overseas employment opportunities. The Office of the Provincial Legal Officer offered free legal assistance and notarization services.

A message of gratitude was delivered by Ms. Jinna Granada Romera, owner of NGRANDE Fast Food Chain who shared how the assistance received will positively impact her family's livelihood, as with the other beneficiaries of the different grants. On behalf of the President and DOJ Secretary Jesus Crispin "Boying" Remulla, 7th District Cong. Crispin Diego "Ping" Remulla delivered a message of commitment to public service delivery of the government that listens and responds to the needs of the people, and a call to

unity towards a more progressive and just Bagong Pilipinas.

Capping of the program, Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, delivered the closing message expressing his grateful appreciation to the government's meaningful advocacy of delivering accessible and equitable services to the people of Cavite through the Handog ng Pangulo program.

Other local officials who joined the program were 3rd District Cong. AJ Advincula, Board Members Jygs Gandia and Aldrin Anacan, Amadeo Mayor Jose Domingo, Jr, City of Carmona Mayor Dahlia Loyola, City of Gen. Trias Mayor Jon-Jon Ferrer, Kawit Mayor Armie Aguinado, Ternate Mayor Lamberto Bambao, Imus City Vice Mayor Homer Saquuilayan, and Tanza Mayor Archangelo "SM" Matro.

The comprehensive assistance program under Handog ng Pangulo 2025 aimed to provide vital support to individuals and communities, transforming the President's birthday celebration into a nationwide expression of service and solidarity, with a shared commitment to inclusive development and a Bagong Pilipinas. - E. Reyes

PAGTUTOK...

Kasalukuyang isinasagawa ng DA-ATI CALABARZON ang Rice Cluster Training na may temang "Building Stronger Rice Communities: Advancing Knowledge in Integrated Nutrient and Water Management" sa DA-ATI CALABARZON, Trece Martires City, Cavite.

Layunin ng pagsasanay na mapalalim ang kaalaman at kasanayan ng mga kalahok sa makabagong teknolohiya ng Integrated Nutrient and Water Management para sa pagpapalakas ng produksyon ng palay at pagpapatibay ng mga sustainable na pamamaraan sa pagsasaka.

Bilang bahagi ng pagsasanay, malugod

na binati ni Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, RAgr, Center Director ng DA-ATI CALABARZON, ang mga kalahok at hinikayat silang aktibong makilahok sa mga talakayan. Itinampok niya ang kahalagahan ng ganitong uri ng pagsasanay upang matulungan ang mga magsasaka na mapabuti ang kanilang ani at mapalakas ang kanilang kabuhayan sa harap ng mga hamon ng makabagong pagsasaka.

Ang mga magsasaka mula sa mga bayan ng Cavite at Batangas ay matututo ng mga makabagong teknolohiya na tiyak na makatutulong sa pagpapabuti ng kanilang mga sakahan at komunidad. PR



BACCOOR HOSTS 2025 WORLD CAFE OF OPPORTUNITIES JOB FAIR

SM Molino Lobby, September 15, 2025 – The City Government of Bacoor, headed by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, is hosting the 2025 World Cafe of Opportunities today at the SM Molino Lobby. The event is organized through Ms. Carmelita Gawaran, City Livelihood and Development Department (Livelihood) Head.

This job fair, organized in cooperation with TESDA Cavite and the Provincial PESO, brings together job seek-

ers and 59 companies offering various employment opportunities. Participating agencies also include DTI, BIR, and HDMF.

The event is graced by the presence of Mayor Strike Revilla, TESDA Cavite Provincial Director Gerardo Marasigan, TESDA Cavite Regional Director Archie Grande, Provincial PESO Manager Ms. Rizalie Pinpin Enero, Ms. Jho Ricardo (Representative of Congresswoman Lani M.

Revilla), SM Molino Asst. Mail Managers Ms. Lyd Russel Abrazado and Mr. Raymond Untalan, and SM Molino HR Manager Ms. Leah Bathan. The Unity Band is also providing entertainment.

The Revilla Center, the only LGU-run Technical Vocational Institution registered as a TESDA school provider, underscores Bacoor's commitment to skills development and employment opportunities for its citizens.

PGC hosts Defensive Driving Seminar in celebration of employees month

In celebration of Employees Month, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Human Resource Management Officer (OPHRMO), held a comprehensive seminar on Defensive Driving Skills at the New Provincial Government Center's Function Hall on September 10,

2025. The event aimed to enhance employees' knowledge and awareness of safe driving practices, in line with the government's commitment to employee welfare and public safety.

Ms. Jemalyn O. Ricafrente, Administrative Assistant II of OPHRMO, formally introduced the

participants, followed by an inspirational message from Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia, Provincial Administrator.

The training was led by Mr. Eugene M. Peji of the LTO-Imus District Office, Ms. Jennifer E. Orasco LTO-Kawit Office and Mr. Jonathan Medina of LTO-Tagaytay Office,

skyranch Tagaytay Levels Up Fun with cartoonville and sky spin

Skyranch Tagaytay, one of Cavite's top tourist destinations and a Department of Tourism-accredited recreational center, has just unveiled two-exciting new attractions that promise more #HappyMemories for guests: Cartoonville & Sky Spin!

Here, everyone's encourage to dress in cartoon-inspired fits and serve their best main character energy while exploring a vibrant world

filled of activities and live shows. For just 150 for an All-Day Pass (free for kids 11 months and below), guests can enjoy the Village and Forest Lights, cartoon live shows, meet-and greet, and more.

Cartoonville also features three major attractions: the 26-foot Giant Slide (starting at P150), a 600 sqm Inflatable Playground (starting at P150), and a 400-sqm Gel Blaster area (starting

at P120). Guests who want to maximize the fun can opt for the All-in-One Pass at P499 or go VIP with express lane access for P799.

For thrill-seekers, Skyranch Tagaytay introduces Sky Spin, the newest extreme ride designed to get hearts racing. Inspired by the speed of galloping horse, Sky Spin is a giant spinning disk that swings riders back and forth while rotating 360 degrees



Cartoonville's Gel Blaster zone offers a safe and exciting play experience for barkadas and thrill lovers.

Php2.4-M halaga ng interbensyon para sa pinakaunang paglulunsad ng Gulayan sa Bayan sa CALABARZON, ipinamahagi

Nagkakahalaga ng P2,400,000 milyong piso ang mga interbensyon na ipinamahagi ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP) sa kauna-unahang paglulunsad ng proyektong Gulayan sa Bayan (GSB) sa rehiyon na ginanap sa Cavinti, Laguna noong ika-11 ng Setyembre.

Dito ay 24 munisipalidad sa Laguna ang nakatanggap ng tig-P100,000 halaga ng mga interbensyong para sa gulayan gaya ng binhi, organikong pataba, electric knapsack sprayer, pala, who conducted the main session on defensive driving, road signs, and traffic rules.

Participants also underwent a pre-test and post-test to assess knowledge gained.

Ms. Maria Fe M. Satsatin, Head of OPHR-

MO, delivered the closing remarks and led the awarding of certificates.

This initiative reflects the provincial government's proactive stance in promoting road safety awareness and professional development among its workforce. - A. Sarte

gulay at mas malawak na akses sa masustansyang pagkain lalo pa at hangad din nilang matugunan ang problema sa malnutrisyon ng mga mamamayan.

Ikinatuwa naman ni Felomina Garcia, residente mula sa Cavinti, ang limpak ng mga suportang natanggap nila. Aniya, ito ay nakahikayat pa sa kanila na pagbutihin ang pagtatanim sa barangay na maaari ring makatulong sa mga feeding program sa paaralan. Samantala, inaasahan na magkakaroon pa ng ganitong katulad na aktibidad sa iba pang probinsya sa rehiyon. PR



in the air. This adrenaline-pumping, three-minute experience costs only P120 per person, with a minimum requirement of 4 feet.

With over 39 rides and attractions, now including Cartoonville and Sky Spin--Skyranch Tagaytay contin-

ues to solidify its status as an ionic landmark in the city.

Open weekdays from 10AM to 10PM and weekends/holidays from 8AM to 10PM, the park is set to attract more tourists, especially this holiday season.

Follow Skyranch

Tagaytay on Facebook (@skyranchtagaytayofficial), Instagram (@skyranchphl), and TikTok (@skyranchph) for updates.

Hashtags: #CartoonvilleAtSkyranch #HappyMemories #SkyranchTagaytay #SkySpinAtSkyranch



Officials and partners led the launch of Cartoonville at Skyranch Tagaytay, celebrating the newest attraction with smiles and cheers. (L-R) Rafael Vigil of Taal Vista Hotel RDM, Richard Caluyo, SM Supermalls AVP for Marketing, Jean Christine Cañedo, SM Family Entertainment Center, Inc. Unit Manager, Matthew Staples, Recreation Concepts & Consulting, Inc. CEO, Brgy. Captain Amanda Manalo, Mayor Aizack Brent Tolentino, former Governor Athena Bryna Tolentino, Councilor Michael Tolentino of Tagaytay City, Jason Terrenal, SM Supermalls SAVP for Operations, Minabelle Llanes, SM Supermalls Reg Ops Head, and Roland Sarmiento, Recreation Concepts & Consulting, Inc. President