

# MPCALA TAPS EEI, CMPCI FOR CALAX CONSTRUCTION PUSH



(From left to right) MPT South President and General Manager Christopher Andrew B. Pangilinan; Jose Ma. K. Lim, Director of MPCALA Holdings, Inc.; Elnora D. Rumawak, VP for Finance of MPT South South; Anna Shiela P. Figuera, EEI Senior Vice President and Head of Operations and Commercials; and Christopher F. Esguerra, EEI's Vice President for Business Development signed the contract for the remaining construction works at CALAX Subsection 1.

MPCALA Holdings Inc., concessionaire of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) and a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation, has signed with EEI Corporation and CM Pancho Construction, Inc. (CMPCI) to carry out the remaining construction works of CALAX; EEI Corporation will oversee construction in Subsection 1 (from Open Canal to Kawit), while CMPCI will handle Subsection 2 (from Governor's Drive to Open Canal).

CALAX is a 45 km expressway with operational segments at Laguna Technopark, Laguna Blvd., Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Road, Silang East, and Silang Aguinaldo Interchange. Its remaining subsections, including Subsection 3 (Silang Aguinaldo to Governor's Drive), are under active development and are expected to be completed in the first half of 2026.

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.

This milestone marks another step forward in bringing the full alignment of CALAX closer to completion, ensuring improved connectivity and enhanced mobility for motorists traveling across Cavite and Laguna.



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## SMC renews warning on scams using CEO's name

San Miguel Corp. (SMC) is warning the public about a new wave of scams exploiting the name of its chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang. These include deep fake videos circulating on social media such as TikTok, Facebook, and Instagram that digitally alter Ang's likeness and voice to trick viewers into clicking links and transferring money through electronic cash channels.

SMC said the cases have already been reported to the different platforms and authorities, but are still awaiting action.

"I do not promote investments through social media or random emails, and I have never made any video inviting people to invest or promising money-back guarantees. These scams put people at risk, and we don't want anyone to lose their hard-earned money," Ang said.

Ang's only verified account is his official Facebook page, used only for public posts and updates. He has no personal accounts on Instagram, X (formerly Twitter), TikTok, or other platforms.

Meanwhile, SMC itself has also been the subject of email scams. A new scheme involves messages inviting recipients to join a supposed "vending procurement program." The company said no such program exists and warned against emails sent from domains such as "smc@gmail.com," "vendordepartment," or "sanmiguelcooperation.com."

SMC stressed it conducts business only with accredited suppliers through its Corporate Procurement Group (smc\_cpgsupport@sanmiguel.com.ph), which never requires payments for accreditation or participation in biddings. For security, the email address only receives inquiries, and feedback requests must include a phone number.

Job-seekers are also being victimized through a recruitment scam, where fake web pages and email addresses are used to trick people into thinking they are applying to an SMC subsidiary. They are then asked for payment for medical check-ups or for fake requirements.

SMC emphasized that the company and its businesses will never require any form of payment from job applicants, or ask them to shoulder any fees and costs.

The company urged the public to remain vigilant, block suspicious accounts, and report scams to the proper authorities. PR



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# OPPESM Empowers Youth through SPES Orientation in Silang

## PGC Employees Mark Civil Service Month with Tree Planting Activity in Tagaytay



In celebration of the 125th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Human Resource Management Officer (OPHRMO), spearheaded a Tree Planting and Tree Growing Activity on September 19, 2025, at the Taal Volcano Protected Landscape in Tagaytay City.

CAYETANO ON ENDING CORRUPTION: REFORM WON'T LAST IF DISCIPLINE DEPENDS ON WHO'S IN POWER

Magdawang Tayo, Kaakibat!

30 Taon

CALAMBA CITY, LAGUNA - For three decades, DZJV 1458 RADYO CALA-BARZON has stood as a trusted voice and steadfast companion-Kaakibat in service, faith, and community. As it celebrates its 30th year in broadcasting, DZJV marks this historic milestone in the service of God and Country.

## DOH pushes evidence-based research to enhance healthcare in Calabarzon

## DSWD extends Php. 4.99-M aid to Calabarzon families affected by 'Opong'

## OVERSEA BUILDERS CENTER OPENS FLAGSHIP STORE IN CAVITE AS PART OF SOUTHERN LUZON EXPANSION

Christmas Chorale Festival

with JOSE MARI CHAN

OCTOBER 4, SATURDAY | 5PM

Spaceport Grounds



## PAROL SA PILIPINAS- LIWANAG NG PASKO AT PAG ASA

Tuwing papalapit 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.

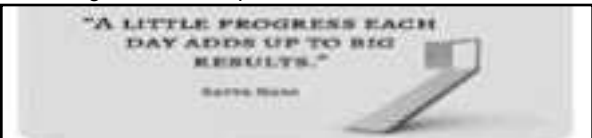
Sa bawat parol na nakikita natin tuwing Pasko, nawa'y magsilbing paalala ito na hindi tayo nag-iisa. Ang liwanag ng parol ay sumasalamin sa ating mga puso—ang pag-asa, pagmamahal, at pagkakaibigan. Maging inspirasyon sana ito upang mas lalo pa nating mahalín ang Pasko at ang bawat isa. Sama-sama tayong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

Sulat ni: **E.Mendoza**

## OPPEM...

In line with its commitment to provide meaningful opportunities for the youth, the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM), in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), successfully held an orientation for the Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES) on September 18, 2025, at McDonald's Highway, Silang, Cavite.

A total of 55 beneficiaries took part in the activity, gaining valuable knowledge about the pro-



## PGC...

offices, was part of the Employees' Month Celebration under the Civil Service Commission's nationwide observance of "Linggo ng Malasakit sa Kalikasan." The initiative highlighted the importance of sustainable environmental protection and natural resource management. A total of 150 seedlings were

## OVERSEA...

3 October 2025, Kawit, Cavite — Cebu Oversea Hardware Company Inc. (COHCI) has opened its newest flagship retail hub Oversea Builders Center in this municipality Friday, as part of its strategy to capture the rapidly expanding home improvement and construction market in Southern Luzon.

The company invested in a 5,847-square-meter facility, which includes 4,125 square meters for DIY and showroom spaces and 1,722 square meters dedicated to furniture.

Strategically located along Centennial Road, the store caters to the mid- to high-end segment, specifically the A and B markets, amid a

planted during the activity, reinforcing the provincial government's commitment to conservation and ecological balance.

Anchored on the anniversary theme, "Bawat Kawani, Lingkod Bayani: Puso, Dangal, at Galing para sa Bayan," the activity emphasized the role of government

workers not only as public servants but also as stewards of the environment.

Ms. Maria Fe Mojica-Satsatin, Head of the OPHRMO, expressed her gratitude to the employees for their active participation and support, noting that their collective efforts reflect the true spirit of public service and soli-

home furniture.

By combining a DIY-style shopping concept with a curated showroom, the store serves both individual consumers and professionals in construction, design, and property development.

"We're redefining the hardware retail experience in this region. By merging DIY shopping with an elevated showroom experience, we're giving customers the convenience of a one-stop shop, along with the inspiration they need for their projects," COHCI Chief Executive Officer Michael Co said.

Oversea Builders Center offers a comprehensive range of products, including tiles, sanitary wares, plumbing and kitchen fixtures, lighting and electrical supplies, hand and power tools, hardware, paints, wood and flooring materials, and

Typhoon Opong, as well as previous weather disturbances Mirasol, Nando, and the southwest monsoon.

Of these, more than 16,000 families remain in 795 evacuation centers across the region, most of which are located in Quezon province.

In Laguna, over 300 families received family food packs during a distribution activity held in Sta. Rosa City on September 27, 2025. These

families, who are currently staying at the evacuation center in Barangay Sinalhan, were displaced from their homes due to Typhoon Opong.

The food packs are part of the more than ₱800,000 worth of assistance provided by the DSWD to Sta. Rosa City.

According to the local government's report to DSWD Field Office IV-A, more than 1,000 families were affected by the recent typhoon in the city

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mony for a greener Cavite. Civil Service Month is observed every September by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 1050, s. 1997, commemorating the establishment of the Philippine civil service and honoring the invaluable contributions of government employees across the nation. - A. Cabrera

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conomic activity by supporting the region's growing demand for construction and home improvement services.

COHCI, a family-owned enterprise, has been serving customers for more than 70 years, evolving from a small neighborhood hardware store into a diversified group of businesses. Today, the company is growing to branch out to big box DIY stores, mall, and aquaculture.

The opening of Oversea Builders Center reflects COHCI's commitment to innovation and expansion, inviting customers to "explore better choices and experience better service" as they bring their projects to life. (END)

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as of 4:00 PM, September 27, 2025.

The agency assured that it will continue working with local government units to address the urgent needs of affected families, especially those still staying in evacuation centers.

The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council Calabarzon is currently assessing the impacts of Typhoon Opong in the region.

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## TAGUMPAY ANG KAPISTAHAN NG BRGY. SANGABRIEL, SAN PABLO CITY



San Pablo, Laguna — Masiglang ipinagdiwang ng Barangay San Gabriel, San Pablo City ang kanilang kapistahan noong Setyembre 27 bilang parangal sa kanilang Mahal na Patron, si San Gabriel Arkanghel, na naghatid ng saya at pagkakaisa sa buong pamayanan.

Tampok sa pagdiriwang ang makukulay na Street Dancing Competition, kung saan ipinamalas ng iba't ibang grupo ang kanilang talento at husay sa sayaw na may kasamang makuku-

lay na kasuotan. Isa rin sa mga naging tampok na programa ang Carnival Queen Competition, na nagbigay ng kakaibang aliw at ganda sa gabi ng kapistahan.

Hindi rin nagpahuli ang libreng konsiyerto para sa mga mamamayan, kung saan nagtanghal ang piling mga lokal na artist. Marami rin ang natuwa sa mga raffle prizes na ipinamigay, na lalo pang nagpasigla sa lahat ng dumalo.

Ang buong selebrasyon ay naisakatuparan sa pangun-

guna ni Kapitana Madette Janolino Amante, katuwang ang buong Sangguniang Barangay ng San Gabriel, na naglayong itaguyod ang pagkakaisa at kultura ng komunidad.

Sa pagtatapos ng kapistahan, muling napatunayan ng mga taga-San Gabriel na buhay na buhay ang kanilang pananampalataya at tradisyon, at ang tunay na diwa ng pagdiriwang ay ang sama-samang pagbabalik-loob at pasasalamat sa Mahal na Patron na si San Gabriel Arkanghel. **(Shekinah Esteban)**



## Mayor Ross Rizal Leads Ongoing Medical Assistance for Calamba Senior Citizens



Calamba City, Laguna — Senior citizens in Calamba continue to receive vital support through the city government's ongoing medical assistance program, spearheaded by Mayor Roseller "Ross" H. Rizal. The latest distribution was held at the Jose Rizal Coliseum, where Mayor Rizal emphasized the city's commitment to providing care and security for the elderly. "This program is a step toward ensuring that our senior citizens have adequate support and compassion," Mayor Rizal said, highlighting the importance of prioritizing the health and well-being of the elderly sector. The initiative forms part of the city's broader social welfare efforts aimed at strengthening health services and enhancing the quality of life for Calamba's senior residents.

(Edjun Mariposque)

## YAKAP: LIBRENG SERBISYONG MEDIKAL PARA SA BAWAT PILIPINO



Inilunsad ng Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) ang YAKAP o Yaman ng Kalusugan Program, isang mas pinalawak na bersyon ng Konsulta Program, na layong magbigay ng mas komprehensibong primary care services para sa lahat ng Pilipino.

Sa isinagawang Press Conference at Stakeholders' Forum noong Setyembre 18, 2025 sa Audio Visual Room, Socio-Economic Building, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, ipinaliwanag nina Arturo C. Ardiente, Chief ng Field Operations Division, Benjamin A. Rodil Jr., Head ng LHIO Trece Martires City, at Ma. Obelia M. Fontanilla, Head ng LHIO Dasmariñas, ang saklaw

at limitasyon ng programa. Layunin ng YAKAP na bawasan ang gastusing medikal ng mga Pilipino sa pamamagitan ng mas malawak na benepisyo nito sa check up, libreng gamot, laboratory at diagnostic tests. May nakalaang ₱20,000 credit line bawat miyembro para sa mga pangunahing pangangailangan sa kalusugan.

Binigyang diin din na ang lahat ng Pilipino miyembro man o dependent ay kabilang sa YAKAP.

Maliban sa libreng pagpapakonsulta, maaari nang mag-avail ng gamot mula sa accredited YAKAP pharmacies at health facilities, pati na rin ang iba't ibang laboratory

packages upang masuri agad ang kalagayang pangkalusugan.

Kasama rin sa programa ang mga Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) na nirerehistro ng mga lokal na opisina ng PhilHealth.

Pinapalalanan din na walang bayad ang membership, registration, o PhilHealth ID, at maaaring gamitin ang EGOVPH para sa mas mabilis na proseso.

"For PhilHealth YAKAP lahat ay covered may sakit o wala" ayon kay Ma. Obelia M. Fontanilla, na binigyang-diin ang layunin ng YAKAP Program na gawing accessible at masang serbisyon pangkalusugan para sa bawat Pilipino.



REGIDOR R. VISMANOS  
Sheriff IV

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Union Bank Plaza Building Meralco Avenue corner  
Onyx & Sapphire Roads, Ortigas center, Pasig City, Metro  
Manila

CINDY JOY M. OGENA and STEPHANY JOY M. OGENA  
No. 339 Ramona Building, GF Room 100, Barangay Barang-  
ka Drive, Madaluyong City  
Lot 6, Block 7, Camella Althea, Barangay San Nicolas, Ba-  
coor City, Cavite

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UNION BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES,  
Mortgagee.  
  
-versus- Foreclosure No. 2025-119  
For: Extra-Judicial Fore  
closure of Real Estate  
Mortgage

CINDY JOY M. OGENA,  
Mortgagors.

STEPHANY JOY M. OGENA.  
Co-Borrowers.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-judicial Petition for Sale under Act  
3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee,  
**UNION BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES**, at Union Bank  
Plaza Building Meralco Avenue corner Onyx & Sapphire  
Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila, and  
against the mortgagors **CINDY JOY M. OGENA** and  
**STEPHANY JOY M. OGENA**, Cindy joy M. Ogena,  
represented by her duly designated Attorney-in-Fact  
Stephany Joy M. Ogena all at No. 339 Ramona Build-  
ing, GF Room 100, Barangay Barangka Drive, Manda-  
luyong City and Lot 6, Block 7, Camella Althea, Baran-  
gay San Nicolas, Bacoor City, Cavite, to satisfy the  
mortgagee indebtedness which as of August 29, 2025  
amounts to **TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED THOU-  
SAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE PESOS &  
66/100 (P2,949,379.66)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of  
interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fees  
incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned of her duly  
authorized representative will sell at the public auction on  
**October 21, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock** in in the morning or  
soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice  
of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and  
In Philippine Currency, the following described property  
with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF THE TITLwE NO.  
167-2021001983

LOT NO: 6 BLOCK NO: 7 PLAN NO: PCS-04-029086  
PORTION OF: THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS NOS.  
1 BLK 1; 1-3, 5-10 BLK 2; 1,4,6,8,9,10,12,14,16 BLK 3;  
3-16 BLK 4; 1, 3, 5-16, BLK 5; 1, 3-12 BLK 6; 2-16 BLK 7;  
1-16, 18 BLK 8; 1-13, 15-35 BLK 9; 1-12, 15-18 BLK 10;  
ROAD LOT 1 TO 7 (LRC) PSD- 138762; 5680-A TO  
5680-C, (LRA) PSD-360835; LRC RECORD NO. 8843  
**LOCATION:** BARANGAY OF SAN NICOLAS, MUNICI-  
PALITY OF BACOOD, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND  
OF LUZON.  
**AREA:** EIGHTY EIGHT SQUARE METERS (88), MORE  
OR LESS

"All sealed bid must be submitted to the under-  
signed on the above stated time and date."

"In the event the public auction should not take  
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:

ORDER

Before this Court is a Verified Petition for Correc-  
tion of Entry in the Certificate of Live Birth filed by the peti-  
tioner represented by her Attorney-in-Fact Dolora C. Apaya,  
through her counsel, Atty. Jameswell M. Resus, praying that  
after due notice, publication, and hearing, a judgment be is-  
sued directing respondent the Philippine Statistics Authority

SP.PROC.CASE  
NO. NC-2025-17

-versus-

THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL  
REGISTRAR OF NAIC, CAVITE  
and PHILIPPINE STATISTICS  
AUTHORITY,  
Respondents.

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DATOS NG RSBSA PATULUY NA  
PINAINGTING, FIELD ASSISTANTS AT  
LGU SINANAY SA GEOREFERENCING

Tatlumpung (30)  
field assistants at kina-  
tawan mula sa mga lokal  
na pamahalaan ng Cavite,  
Batangas, at Laguna ang  
lumahok sa tatlong araw  
na pagsasanay sa georef-  
erencing na isinagawa ng  
Department of Agriculture  
IV-A CALABARZON (DA-  
4A) sa ilalim ng Registry  
System for Basic Sectors  
in Agriculture (RSBSA)  
noong ika-10 hanggang  
ika-12 ng Setyembre sa  
Tanza, Cavite. Ang georef-  
erencing ay mahalagang  
hakbang sa beripikasyon  
ng aktwal na kalagayan,  
lawak, at lokasyon ng mga  
sakanan. Ginagamit ito na  
balayan sa pagrehistro  
o pag-update ng impor-  
masyon ng mga magsa-  
saka sa RSBSA. Isinama  
rin sa pagsasanay ang  
tamang encoding ng datos  
sa RSBSA platform upang  
matiyak na ito ay maayos  
na ma-a-access ng Re-  
gional Field Office (RFO)  
at mga LGU sa pamam-  
agitan ng RSBSAPP-LGU

Ayon kay Suzette  
Panopio, DA-4A RSBSA  
Alternate Focal Person,  
ang bawat hektaryang  
nasmusukat ng mga field  
assistants ay hindi lamang  
accomplishment ng mga  
ito, kundi tagumpay rin  
ng opisina sa pagtiyak na  
nakakarating ang serbisyo  
ng gobyerno sa mga tunay  
na benepisyaryo. Payo  
naman ni Antonio Valin,  
pambayang agrikultor ng  
Pangil, Laguna sa mga  
field assistant, dedikasyon  
at diskarte ang tunay na  
puhunan sa ganitong  
trabaho. Ang bawat pa-  
kikitungo sa mga magsa-  
saka ay nagiging hakbang  
para sa mas ikauunlad ng  
mga programa ng RFO tu-  
lad na lamang ng RSBSA.  
Ang pagsasanay na ito ay  
bahagi ng tuloy-tuloy na  
inisiyatibo ng DA-4A upang  
masigurong maayos, ang-  
kop, at napapanahon ang  
datos ng mga lehitimong  
magsasaka sa rehiyon.  
PR

for the correction of the Certificate of Live Birth of the petition-  
er on the date of her birth from April 12, 1974 to April 12, 1972  
and the name of her mother from Flora C. Apaya to Dolora C.  
Apaya.

Petitioner alleged that she was born on April 12,  
1972 in Bancaan, Naic, Cavite to Spouses Benedicto Santos  
and Dolora C. Apaya. However, when she secured a copy of  
her Certificate of Live Birth from the Philippine Statistics Au-  
thority, she found out about the mistakes in her date of birth  
and the name of her mother. Since then, she has been using  
April 12, 1972 as her date of birth which is also reflected on  
her personal records.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and sub-  
stance, hearing hereby set on February 2026 at 1:30 o'clock  
in the afternoon.

Any interested person who wishes to comment  
and/or oppose the petition may, within fifteen (15) days from  
notice of the petition, or from the last date of publication of  
such notice, file his/ her opposition thereto.

At petitioner's expense, let a copy of this order be  
published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a  
newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

Petitioner is further directed to furnish the Office  
of the Solicitor General, Local Civil Registry of Naic, Cavite,  
and Philippine Statistics Authority with a copy of petition and  
its annexes for their information and appropriate action and  
to submit proof of compliance thereof.

Furnish a copy of this order to parties, counsel, Of-  
fice of the Solicitor General (OSG), Local Civil Registrar of  
Naic, Cavite, and the Philippine Statistics Authority for their  
information.

SO ORDERED.  
13 August 2025, Naic, Cavite.

(SGD) RALPH S. ARELLANO  
Presiding Judge

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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  
pagbubuo 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 pagtanggng  
making at makialam  
sa mga isyung mahal-  
aga sa bayan.  
Sa huli, ang  
kanilang tinig ay hin-  
di 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-  
ukasan.  
*Sulat ni: E.Mendoza*

Cayetano...

Corruption in the  
Philippines will only end if  
every single Filipino would  
learn to do what is right  
even without being policed  
or pressured, Senator  
Alan Peter Cayetano said  
on Saturday.  
Reflecting on the  
recent corruption issues in  
the country during his 'CIA  
365' livestream in the ear-  
ly morning of September

6, Cayetano differentiated  
self-governance from su-  
perficial discipline.  
He explained that  
while discipline is often  
imposed by external forc-  
es such as strict leaders  
or laws, self-governance  
comes from internal con-  
viction.  
"It's more than  
discipline. Y'ung self-gov-  
ernance, ibig sabihin,

y'ung 'di na kailangan  
y'ung iba pa magsabi sa  
'yo... ikaw na mismo ang  
gagawa n'ung pagbaba-  
gong iyon," he said.  
He pointed to  
the ghost flood control  
projects in the Depart-  
ment of Public Works and  
Highways (DPWH) as an  
example of systemic fail-  
ure caused by the lack of  
self-governance among  
multiple actors.

"Napakaraming  
tao ang kailangang in-  
volved para magawa y'an  
(ghost projects). So it's a  
failure of self-governance  
ng bawat isa," he said.  
C a y e t a n o  
stressed that real reform  
cannot rely solely on who  
is in power or how strict a  
leader is.

"Hindi pwedeng  
ngayon na si Sec. Vince  
[ang nasa DPWH] ay no  
corruption, pero kapag iba  
na ulit ang secretary, ayan  
na naman," he said. "Bago  
natin tingnan y'ung pag-  
asa sa sistema o sa galing  
ng leader, dapat magsimu-  
la sa sarili natin."

The senator  
called on his viewers  
across all generations  
to reflect on their core  
values, urging them to  
practice honesty and ac-



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DOST CALABARZON forms strong  
partnership with St. Dominic College  
of Asia



On September  
10, 2025, the Department  
of Science and Technol-  
ogy Region 4A (DOST  
CALABARZON), led by  
its Regional Director, Dir.  
Emelita P. Bagsit, official-  
ly formed a strong part-  
nership with St. Dominic  
College of Asia in Bacoor,  
Cavite, represented by its  
president, Dr. Gregorio A.  
Andaman Jr. This partner-  
ship was formalized thru a  
ceremonial signing of the  
Memorandum of Under-  
standing (MOU), which  
marked the beginning of  
an exciting new chapter of

collaboration between the  
two institutions.  
DOST Cavite  
Provincial S&T Director,  
Gilda S. De Jesus, and  
Director of the Research  
Innovation Development  
and Enterprise Center, Dr.  
Wendell L. Galapate, act-  
ed as witnesses for DOST  
CALABARZON and St.  
Dominic College of Asia,  
respectively. Leaders from  
both parties also shared  
messages of support,  
highlighting the impor-  
tance of this partnership.  
The MOU high-  
lights a shared commit-  
ment in driving research,  
education, and technology  
transfer initiatives that will  
benefit not only the com-  
munities and stakeholders

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countability as part of their  
identity.  
He said if every  
generation of Filipinos  
pursues that transforma-  
tion, the country will finally  
experience the true devel-  
opment we are all longing  
for.  
"Guys, we need  
generational change...  
Any nation na meron pong  
self-governance, sila po  
ay may tunay na pagbaba-  
go at tunay na develop-  
ment," he said.  
Cayetano ended  
with prayer and an en-  
couragement to his view-  
ers to continue seeking  
accountability from the

"right people" in the face of  
corruption scandals in the  
DPWH.  
"Wag tayong  
mawawalan ng pag-asa.  
Tutok, tutok, tutok. At 'pag  
sinabi nating 'wag nating  
pakawalan, 'wag nating  
pakawalan," he said.  
A few hours lat-  
er, Cayetano met with  
national budget expert  
and former Bohol Mayor  
JR Rañola to dissect the  
DPWH's proposed 2026  
budget in preparation for  
the ongoing deliberations  
in the Senate.

CHINABANK WINS EUROMONEY AWARD FOR  
30-MINUTE INSTANT CARDISSUANCE



From second  
from left: Chinabank Cards  
and Personal Loans Sales  
Head Joseph Vincent  
Pangilinan, Cards and  
Personal Loans Marketing  
Head Niña May Reynoso,

and Portfolio Management  
Head Jennifer Soriano,  
flanked by Awards Pre-  
senter Ben Hanlin and Eu-  
romoney Global Head of  
Research Ben Naylor.  
Chinabank was

in Cavite but throughout  
the CALABARZON re-  
gion. By focusing on the  
development of local com-  
munities and empowering  
micro, small, and medium  
enterprises (MSMEs), this  
partnership aims to cre-  
ate long-term, sustainable  
growth through the power  
of science and technology.  
As part of the  
activity, a tour of St. Dom-  
inic College of Asia's  
cutting-edge facilities—  
including laboratories  
and the DOST-deployed  
STARBOOKS digital li-  
brary—was conducted.  
These resources play a  
crucial role in enhancing  
education and supporting  
innovation in the region.  
PR

"May mga na-  
kita na kami – from flood  
control to maintenance  
[projects], to ano ang  
mga dapat may pondo at  
mga dapat na tanggalian,  
at paano jina-juggle ito.  
Makakatulong po ito sa  
DBM at kay Sec. Vince  
(Dizon) kasi they're redo-  
ing the budget," he said in  
another livestream.

"So hopefully,  
y'ung mga gumawa nito  
(ghost projects) ay isa-isa  
mawala [sa pwesto] para  
hindi nga ma-manipulate  
ito," he added. PR

The bank re-  
ceived the Philippines'  
Best Bank for Customer  
Experience award for its  
30-Minute Instant Issu-  
ance Credit Card Pro-  
gram, the first and only  
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Pagsanjan, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna Provincial Office, in partnership with the Small Business Corporation (SB Corp), conducted an Enterprise Rehabilitation Financing (ERF) Application Fair on August 7, 2025, at the Pagsanjan Town Plaza to assist micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) affected by recent calamities. The activity served as a direct response to the urgent need for financial recovery support in the wake of typhoons and other disasters that have disrupted business operations in the 4th District of Laguna. By bringing the program closer to the community, the event offered a convenient venue for business owners to access assistance without the need to travel far or go through lengthy processes.

The ERF Program offers accessible and affordable loans to help MSMEs recover losses, repair damages, and restore operations following disasters. These loans feature low interest rates and flexible payment terms, making them more manageable for struggling entrepreneurs. In addition to financial aid, the program also supports the restoration of local economic activity by ensuring the continued flow of goods and services in affected communities.

DTI-Laguna Provincial Director Christian Ted O. Tungohan emphasized the importance of timely intervention for business recovery. “This initiative ensures that our local entrepreneurs get the help they need to re-

## AGARANG TULONG NI CONG. AMBEN AMANTE, SA MGA NAAPEKTUHAN NG BAGYONG OPONG



*Mabilis na umakasyon si 3rd.district Congressman Loreto Amben Amante ng Laguna. Makaraang mamahagi ito ng tulong sa mga naapektuhan ng bagyong Opong sa mga mamamayan ng kanyang nasasakupan. Partikular sa mga residente ng Barangay Bayate Liliw Laguna. Ayon sa kanila nagpapasalamat ang mga ito sa ipinaabot na tulong na bigas, can goods at iba pa. At higit na mahal-aga ay nakita nila at nakadaupang palad si Cong.Amben Amante na tuloy-tuloy ang pag abante sa mahal niyang mga residente. (Kevin Pamatmat)*



*After farming, Catalina Laurel often helped her husband in fishing– a shared life with simple joys.*

With its stunning landscapes, pristine islands, and rich cultural heritage, Batanes truly lives up to its name as the Paradise of the North. The serene environment is one of the many reasons why, despite the expensive flights, tourists are still eager to experience the unparalleled beauty of Batanes.

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Steep terrain naturally limits the agricultural activity in the province, yet despite this, some people have been dedicated to farming—among them are the couple Catalina and Ariston Laurel, who are both proud Ivatans and have been into farming for more than two decades.

The couple has been residing in government-built housing in Diura, Batanes.

In addition to farming, her husband, Ariston, is also a fisherman, a job he learned from his father. Large bodies of water surround Batanes, making fishing one of the most common livelihoods there.

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They initially need to catch a shrimp to catch a flying fish. Once they have the flying fish, it serves as bait to catch dorado fish. Once properly dried, the dorado fish can be sold at a premium price of PHP 1,500.00 or more.

With the uncertainty of the weather, they constantly strive to maintain a steady income. Frequent storms often destroy their crops, forcing them to replant immediately. Aware that they cannot solely depend on agriculture, Ariston occasionally works as a construction worker.

To support their finances, in 2018, the couple became a CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) client. Shortly after they joined, her husband unfortunately met with an accident, but thankfully was not seriously injured.

They received financial assistance from CARD, Inc., which deepens their support for the institution, knowing they can rely on it in times of need.

Catalina used her current loan of PHP 20,000.00 to purchase seeds for farming and to pay for their children's school expenses. Meanwhile, Ariston used his loan of PHP 10,000.00 to buy parts for his motorboat.

“Looking ahead, we aim to continue growing and expanding our crops and hopefully, in the years to come, we will be able to build a home that we can truly call our own,” Catalina concluded.

### CHINABANK...

credit card issuance of its kind in the country. This initiative makes credit easily accessible through Chinabank's 30-Minute Instant Issuance Booths in various SM Malls, hypermarkets, and supermarkets nationwide. The application process is digital and simplified, putting the power of Chinabank Credit Cards in the hands of more Filipinos.

At the awarding ceremony were CBC Cards and Personal Loans Marketing Head Nifia Reynoso, Portfolio Management Head Jennifer Soriano, and Cards and Personal Loans Sales Head Joseph Vincent Pangilinan.

“We are committed to providing our customers with innovations that will elevate their Chinabank experience. This recognition inspires

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us to continue pushing boundaries to meet the needs of our clients and also set a new standard for the industry,” CBC Consumer Banking Segment Head Aloysius Alday Jr. said.

The 30-Minute Instant Issuance Credit Card Program was also recently named by The Asian Banker as the Best Digital Consumer Lending Service and by the Asian Banking & Finance as the Service Innovation of the Year – Philippines.

The Euromoney Asia-Pacific Awards for Excellence is a prestigious annual program that celebrates innovative, customer-centric banking strategies, and transformative financial solutions that enhance customer experience and set new industry benchmarks across the region.

## MOA signing between PGC and OCD-CALABARZON

To further strengthen disaster preparedness and resilience in the province of Cavite, the prepositioning of Non-Food Items (NFIs) was formalized through the signing of a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) and the Office of Civil Defense (OCD)-CALABARZON on September 18, 2025, at the New Provincial Government Center in

Trece Martires City.

Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel “Abeng” Remulla and OCD CALABARZON Regional Director Carlos Eduardo Alvarez III led the ceremonial signing and turnover, marking the commitment of both entities to provide assistance during disaster and ensure prompt response and immediate delivery of essential NFIs to affected communities.

Governor Remulla extended his gratitude

### DOH...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Health (DOH) in Calabarzon had convened top universities, research partners, and health and higher education institutions for the 7th Regional Health Research Forum to advance evidence-based healthcare research in the region.

DOH Calabarzon OIC-Regional Director Dr. Voltaire S. Guadalupe said the forum served as a platform for various health research stakeholders in Calabarzon to connect, share best practices, and exchange information on healthcare research and innovations.

“By enhancing our health research through evidence-based approaches, we can bridge the gaps in our healthcare system and elevate the health of Filipinos,” Guadalupe stressed.

Themed “Research that Matters: Achieving Goals of the

## Gov’t aid continues for passengers stranded at Calabarzon ports due to ‘Opong’

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) – Port authorities assured that passengers stranded at local ports are attended to while sea travel remains suspended due to rough sea conditions caused by Severe Tropical Storm Opong.

In its initial advisory, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) reported 659 stranded passengers at the Port of Batangas, and 14 passengers currently staying at the Port of Lucena.

Angelo Pilar of the MarQuez Port Management assured that the stranded passengers are well taken care of as they wait for sea conditions to improve. Port authorities have distributed Ready-to-Eat Food Packs to the passengers at the Lucena Port.

“They [the passengers] are safe. We

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8-Point Action Agenda”, the research forum was organized by the Research and Innovation Development Unit (RIDU) in partnership with the Health Research and Development Consortium CaLaBaRzon (HRDCC) and the Department of Science and Technology–Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD).

Finalists from both the Student and Professional Categories competed in the Poster Competition, showcasing their research expertise. Student Oral Presenters also highlighted how their work could make a meaningful impact on communities.

Winners of each competition will represent the region at the 19th Philippine National Health Systems Research (PNHRS) Week, to be hosted by the Health Research and Development Consortium–Region XII in SOCCSKSARGEN.

are waiting for advice on a possible transfer to our covered court.” Meanwhile, authorities at the Batangas port assured that the passengers were staying at the passenger terminal while sea travel is suspended. In its sea travel advisory, the Philippine Coast Guard Batangas Station temporarily suspended sea travel due to Severe Tropical Storm Opong.

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – The regional offices of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) in Calabarzon gathered public information officers on Sept. 19 to an orientation on how technology can be harnessed for disaster communication.

Communication officers from various local government units, national agencies, and community organizations were introduced on how to enhance their skills in crisis reporting, risk communication, and disaster preparedness.

According to Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) Chairperson and OCD Calabarzon Regional Director Carlos Eduardo Alvarez, the orientation is vital in enhancing the capacity of information officers to promote disaster awareness and resilience in their communities, particularly in combating the widespread dissemination of misinformation and disinformation.

“We have witnessed how a single piece of misinformation like an old video of flooding that resurfaced online can cause confusion and panic, this is why the joint efforts of OCD and PIA are crucial to strategic communications we can counter these with facts and clarity, and replace chaos with confidence,” Alvarez stated.

He also emphasized the vital role of government information officers in serving as a bridge between the government and the public, ensuring that accurate, timely, and relevant information reaches communities.

“And who carries the information on the ground? You. The information officer- your report, your posts, your voices are the extension of our work, you are the bridge between our offices and the communities we serve,” Alvarez added.

Meanwhile, PIA Calabarzon Regional Director Ma. Cristina Arzaon emphasized the huge responsibilities of information officers in ensuring to save lives in their communities through the power of

accurate information and communication.

“You are the ones who reach the areas that the internet and mainstream media cannot reach. You provide clarity on safety plans and ensure that our fellow citizens know where to go, what to do, and how to stay safe during calamities. Though hazards and risks in our communities may differ, our goal remains the same: to prevent loss of any life.”

She then urged participants to help in combating misinformation and disinformation and to utilize platforms such as Sumbong sa Pangulo to directly report concerns and issues of infrastructure irregularities.

The participants from across the region have expressed their commitment and hoped to conduct a separate in-depth discussion and orientation in their respective offices to also capacitate their staff in the risk and strategic communication in the context of disaster risk reduction and management and to promote disaster resilience in the region. (CO, AM; PIA4A)

## Merchants in Carmona gain insights on consumer rights, fair trade laws

CITY OF CARMONA, Cavite (PIA) — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) continues to strengthen consumer protection and promote responsible business practices as its Cavite Provincial Office recently held an orientation on fair trade laws for merchants operating at Davilan Food Park in this city.

The activity formed part of the “Seminar on Consumer Protection Awareness with Focus on Food Safety and Public Health” spearheaded by the City Government of Carmona through its Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office (LEDIPO).

DTI-Cavite's Consumer Protection Division OIC, Mr. Rexel Amparo, and Trade and Industry Development Specialist, Mr. Amer P. Olayres, served as resource speakers.

The discussion highlighted the essential provisions of Republic Act No. 7394, or the Consumer Act of the Philippines, including the roles of various implementing agencies, and the consumer rights and responsibilities.

The orientation also tackled recent policy updates directly impacting daily business operations. Among these were the revised guidelines on granting mandatory discounts to Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities, as outlined in the DTI-DA-DOE Joint Administrative Order No. 24-02.

Additionally, merchants were briefed on the continued enforcement of Republic Act No. 10909, also known as the

No Shortchanging Act of 2016, which prohibits giving insufficient change to consumers.

According to Amparo, these discussions aimed to ensure that local entrepreneurs remain informed and compliant with current trade and consumer protection laws.

Through this initiative, DTI-Cavite reaffirmed its commitment to supporting local micro and small enterprises while prioritizing consumer protection.

Amparo added that by promoting greater awareness and compliance with fair trade laws, the agency seeks to cultivate a more ethical, responsible, and sustainable business environment across the province.