

MPT South Strengthens Sustainability Commitment in the International Coastal Cleanup Day 2025



MPT South volunteers on the coastline of Brgy. Maliksi 1, Bacoor, Cavite



MPT South volunteer employees on the coast of Brgy. Caingin, Santa Rosa, Laguna

clean-up drives, various tree planting activities, and its active participation in the annual International Coastal Cleanup, we aim to reduce marine litter, foster environmental awareness, and reinforce our commitment to sustainable development in the communities we serve.”

In August 2025, MPT South was awarded two Green Awards from the Santa Rosa City Government, a Plaque of Appreciation as a Sustainable Development Partner, and an Earth Hour Advocate Award, marking its third consecutive year of recognition in the esteemed program of the city.

MPT South’s efforts align with its broader sustainability goals, which include preserving our natural waterways, reducing environmental impact, promoting eco-friendly infrastructure, and engaging with communities to nurture environmental responsibility and a more sustainable environment for future generations.

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.

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. (MPTC), reaffirms its commitment to environmental sustainability by actively participating in the International Coastal Cleanup Day 2025. This global movement, held annually to protect and preserve our oceans and coastlines, sees contributing organizations and hundreds of volunteers come to collectively combat marine pollution.

In partnership with the City Environment and Natural Resources office of Bacoor, Cavite, and Santa Rosa, Laguna, MPT South volunteer employees came together to champion sustainability and environmental stewardship by actively cleaning up the coastlines of Brgy. Caingin in Santa Rosa, and Brgy. Maliksi 1 in Bacoor. Aside from the efforts exerted in the said coastal barangays, MPT South also donated cleaning materials such as safety boots, sacks, brooms, gloves, and garbage pickers for the cleaning of the Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP). LPPWP is a critical protected area managed

by DENR to preserve its rich biodiversity and ecological value, a Ramsar site situated in the Gulf of Manila.

MPT South volunteer employees assisted in collecting 65 kg of residual waste and 48 kg of other debris in the coastline of Santa Rosa, accumulating to 12,039 kilograms of waste removed from its coast; on the other hand, a total of 43.5 kg of wood debris and 60.5 kg of plastic and foam materials were collected by MPT South volunteers in the coast of Bacoor, resulting in a total of 7,275 kilograms of waste collected from the coastal area. Efforts like these continue to pave the way in raising awareness about marine conservation, proper waste segregation, and promoting sustainable practices among its volunteers.

“Protecting our coastlines is vital for the health of our community and future generations, and our duty doesn’t end after the International Coastal Cleanup Day,” said Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South. “Through MPT South’s consistent programs like



MPT South volunteer employees collecting waste during the International Coastal Cleanup 2025

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Alexander Amado showcases a tray of his freshly prepared sun-dried fish, a well-loved delicacy in the Philippines also known as tuyo.

For more than three decades, the sun-kissed tan skin of Alexander Amado from Atimonan, Quezon, tells a silent story of the long hours he spent under the blazing sun, diligently drying fish to make a living.

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The Ugnayan sa Barangay sa Tanza

The Ugnayan sa Barangay program of the Provincial Government of Cavite, under the leadership of Gov. Abeng Remulla, once again sets on its mission of delivering public service directly to the communities during its opening run in Barangay Amaya VII, Tanza on October 2.

Present during the activity were Tanza Mayor SM Matro, members of the Sangguniang Bayan, and 7th District Board Member Aldrin Anacan, who joined in supporting the program and the province’s continued efforts to serve every Caviteño. - JDP

DOST CALABARZON Gears Up for Smart City transformation of Lucena City through Benchmarking of Cauayan City’s Smart Innovations



The Department of Science and Technology CALABARZON, through the Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) Quezon, in collaboration with the Highly Urbanized City of Lucena, successfully conducted a benchmarking activity in Cauayan City, Isabela, on October 2–3, 2025.

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PAROL SA PILIPINAS: LIWANAG NG PASKO AT PAG ASA

Tuwig 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 kalit 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



Recognized as the first Smart City in the Philippines and known as the City of Firsts, Cauayan City served as an ideal model for Lucena's ongoing efforts toward becoming a smart and sustainable community. The activity aimed to introduce Lucena City to Cauayan's various smart initiatives, highlighting both the successes and challenges that shaped its digital transformation journey.

Through this knowledge exchange, DOST CALABARZON, PSTO Quezon, and the City of Lucena reaffirmed their shared commitment to advancing science, technology, and innovation as vital tools in achieving efficient and sustainable urban governance.

The delegation was composed of DOST CALABARZON's Assis-

tant Regional Director for Technical Operations, Engr. Francisco R. Barquilla III; PSTO Quezon Provincial Director, Ms. Maria Esperanza E. Jawili; and PSTO Isabela Provincial Director, Engr. Rosario "Rose" G. Danga.

On October 2, the benchmarking program commenced with a presentation on Cauayan City's journey to becoming the country's first Smart City. Smart City Focal Person, Atty. Regina Consorcia M. Santos highlighted the city's technology-driven governance and citizen-focused innovations. These include Cauayan's recognition as the "Innovative City of the North," its hosting of the International Smart & Sustainable Cities & Communities Exposition and Networking Engagement (ISCENE) in 2023 and 2025, and the devel-

opment of several replicable technologies.

The plenary also emphasized the importance of partnerships and linkages in advancing smart city development—particularly the role of national government agencies, state universities and colleges, and the business sector in supporting local innovations. Cauayan City Mayor Caesar "Jaycee" S. Dy Jr. was also present during the discussion.

On October 3, the delegation visited the Isabela State University (ISU) Cauayan Campus to explore the Business Intelligence Research and Development Center (BIRD-C) and learn about its locally developed technologies in partnership with the LGU. Lucena City and DOST CALABARZON expressed interest in benchmarking the iCity:

Digital Business Locator, along with other innovations such as the Business Intelligence Data Driven Assistant (BIDDA) for DOST SETUP Adopting Business Performance, Good Governance through Data Science and Decision Support System (GODDESS), Optimization of Decision Support System for Effective e-Governance (ODESS-see), Community Dengue Early Warning System (C-DEWS), Agriculture Supply and Demand Information System (LOQA-LINK), and the university's Bamboo Processing Facility.

Through this initiative, DOST CALABARZON and the City of Lucena aim to adopt and localize best practices that will accelerate their transition toward a smart, data-driven, and sustainable community.

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Oversea Builders Center opens flagship store in Cavite as part of Southern Luzon expansion

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 surge in residential and commercial developments in Cavite and neighboring provinces.

"Cavite's rapid urbanization and infrastructure growth make it an ideal location for this expansion.

Our goal is to provide homeowners, builders, and contractors with mid to premium products that combine better design, better value, and competitive pricing," 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 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



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.

shop, along with the inspiration they need for their projects," COHCI Modern Trade – Manila Chief Operating Officer Ferdinand Co added.

The new facility currently employs 60 workers and is expected to help stimulate local economic activity by supporting the region's growing demand for construction and home improvement

ENCHANTED...

Enchanted Kingdom (EK), the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, proudly marks its 30th Anniversary with a grand celebration on October 18 and 19, Saturday and Sunday. The premier theme park is working their magic to celebrate three decades of magical memories with an unforgettable concert series and festive surprises that promise to leave everyone forever enchanted.

The two-day festivities will feature the EK's first-ever projection mapping show, Wheel of Fate: The Magical Journey of Eldar the Wizard. Guests will also enjoy the Echoes of Enchantment Grand Parade, a special showcase of EK's beloved Storyverse characters led by the iconic Eldar the Wizard. These nighttime spectacles will start at 6:00 in the evening.

Gabi ng Saribuhay: An Enchanting Filipino Concert

On the night of October 18, Enchanted Kingdom proudly welcomes homegrown tal-

ents back to its stage for a star-studded anniversary celebration.

Returning is former EK performer who has made her mark in the entertainment industry—powerhouse vocalist Gigi de Lana. Adding more magic to the evening is acclaimed singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Rob Deniel who will captivate guests with his music. The night will be made even more enchanting with the majestic performance of the Manila Philharmonic Orchestra, one of the country's premier orchestras.

Also joining the celebration are Maie Francisco and Mitzi Casacop—both former EK performers as well and now GMA Sparkle artists—who will give a special performance in an exclusive event.

The first night of the celebration will end with a grand The Magic of Saribuhay: A Pyromusic Spectacle.

The Next Chapter of Enchantment

Live: EK's 30th Anniversary Concert will take center stage featuring one of OPM's most iconic bands, Parokya ni Edgar and this generation's top band Cup of Joe. Alternative rock band Over October will bring fresh energy to the celebration.

Capping off the festivities, the Memories of Magic: Sky Wizardry EKstravaganza will light up the night sky with a breathtaking pyromusical show, commemorating Enchanted Kingdom's three decades of creating magical memories that last a lifetime for all Filipinos.

AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY and Space Shuttle Re-opening

One of the major highlights of Enchanted Kingdom's 30th Anniversary celebration is the reopening of AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY, the first and only flying theater in the Philippines. Reinforcing the park's commitment to sustainability, the attraction offers guests an educational and fully immer-

sive journey through an enhanced film that showcases the Philippines' rich biodiversity and natural wonders.

"SARIBUHAY is more than just an experience—it is a powerful call to action," said Dr. Cynthia R. Mamon, Chief Operating Officer of Enchanted Kingdom. "Beyond its mission to promote the beauty of the Philippines and drive tourism, AGILA reminds us of the urgent need to conserve the environment and protect our wildlife."

Dr. Mamon also emphasized that admission to the majestic flying theater is already included in the park's regular day pass, as part of EK's Education Program. "Enchanted Kingdom welcomes 600,000 students each year as we offer EK as an alternative classroom where they can learn through our Physics Behind the Rides and our Botany in the Park, among others. With AGILA the EKsperience: SARIBUHAY, we want to be able to contribute in ensuring that our next

generation of leaders are equipped with awareness on the importance of protecting biodiversity," she furthered.

Plus, thrill-seekers have even more to look forward to as the iconic Space Shuttle makes its highly anticipated comeback this October—now reimagined with an immersive thematic experience and enhanced ride system technology, ensuring an even safer, smoother, and more exhilarating adventure with every twist and turn.

Enchanting New Songs

True to its aspiration in cultivating Filipino talent, EK's homegrown P-pop girl group, SMS has released their new original song, Forever Enchanted. EK's premier all-male vocal group Kingsmen has also released their own music, Enchanting Memories.

New Anniversary Merchandise and Food Offerings

As part of its 30th Anniversary celebration, Enchanted Kingdom

will also delight guests with exclusive food offerings crafted especially for this milestone year. Families and friends can look forward to indulging in limited-edition treats such as Agila Pops macarons, PanSisig crispy noodles, Biggie Burrito, Soy Good Chicken, and the playful Dino Surprise.

EK has released commemorative shirts featuring the park's iconic rides, as well as new AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY merchandise. The beloved prehistoric-themed concept store for kids, Stone Age, is also back - giving guests more ways to celebrate and bring home a piece of Enchanted Kingdom magic.

For more information and updates regarding EK's 30th Anniversary Celebration along with EK's other forever enchanting offerings, visit <https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph> and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and TikTok, and @ek_philippines for Instagram.

He was a fresh graduate when he started making and selling dried fish. Since it was also his mother's business, he found it easy to get started since he was already familiar with the process.

Although Alexander earned a Bachelor of Science in Education (BSED), he found greater enjoyment in running a business, so after careful consideration, he set aside a teaching career to pursue his passion for business.

Alexander handles every step of the drying process himself, from buying the fish in the market to cutting, cleaning, seasoning, and laying them out to dry under the sun. He produces around

30 kilos each day, and just six months ago, his nephew started helping with the cleaning, which has made the workload a bit lighter.

Sometimes, he would personally go around the neighborhood to sell dried fish, while other times, buyers came straight to his house. His products have reached customers as far as Manila. On good days, he can sell all 30 kilos per day. But on slow business days, he only sells about 10 kilos.

In 2015, when he needed additional capital for his business, his sibling, who was already a client, introduced him to CARD Bank, a microfinance-oriented rural bank. That marked the beginning of his journey as a cli-

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CAVITE...

CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, Cavite (PIA) — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Cavite, together with the Provincial Government of Cavite and the City Gov-

ernment of Dasmariñas, recently launched the OTOP (One Town, One Product) Next Gen Trade Fair and Exhibit 2025 at SM City Dasmariñas, showcasing local craftsmanship and entrepreneurship.

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Themed "Showcasing Cavite's Home-grown Excellence," the

Cavite, the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives and Development Officer (OPCDO), and the Dasmariñas City Local Economic Development and Investment Promotions Office (LEDIPO).

Running until October 10, 2025, the exhibit invites the public to experience Cavite's best offerings across categories such as food delicacies, smoked and marinated delights, spreads and snacks, health and wellness, coffee creations, arts, crafts and lifestyle, and pet products.

The opening ceremony was attended

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by key provincial and city leaders, including Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" D. Remulla, Board Members Nickol Austria Jr. and Jun Dela Cuesta, Dasmariñas Vice

Mayor Elpidio "Third" A. Barzaga III, members of the City Council, SM City Dasmariñas Assistant Mall Manager Charles L. Yap, and DTI Cavite Business Development Division Chief Rebecca S. Tarasona. Their presence signaled unified support for local enterprises and ongoing efforts to drive economic growth in the region.

The OTOP Next Gen program is a flagship initiative of the DTI that enhances the competitiveness of local products and supports innovation among Filipino entrepreneurs.

CAYETANO...

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The Senate Minority bloc, led by Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano, said it will only support the newly formed independent commission on ghost flood control projects if its members are free from political ambitions and ties to big business.

The statement came after President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. issued Executive Order No. 94, which created the commission to investigate alleged anomalies and corruption in public works and government spending during the Aquino, Duterte, and current Marcos administrations.

Malacañang has since named former DPWH secretary Rogelio Singson, SGV Country Managing Partner Rosana Fajardo, and Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong as members of the group.

The Senate minority bloc raised con-

cerns about possible conflicts of interest. "Kung maglalagay sila doon, do they commit, hindi sila tataakbo for national office in 2028? Eh baka may integrity nga, gagamitin naman yung commission to run in 2028. Will they sign also na wala silang conflict of interest?" Cayetano said.

"Because some of the credible people now being interviewed are part of a conglomerate and are working for oligarchs that also have their interest. Maybe not in infrastructure but in other things," he added.

Cayetano emphasized that credibility is non-negotiable, warning that any perception of bias or political agenda could undermine the integrity of the investigation.

While he supports the idea in principle, he said the minority bloc will first deliberate as a group before deciding to support it.

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CALABARZON...

EDITORIAL:

BREAKING THE SILENCE: ADDRESSING THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD

As the world gradually recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, the mental health crisis has come into sharper focus. The past few years have seen unprecedented levels of anxiety, depression, grief, and burnout, affecting people of all ages. Social isolation, economic uncertainty, and the loss of loved ones have taken a toll on millions, revealing the urgent need to prioritize mental well-being.

Despite the rising demand, mental health services remain insufficient and inaccessible for many. Stigmas and misconceptions still prevent individuals from seeking help, while funding for mental health pro-

grams often lags behind physical health initiatives. This disparity highlights the necessity for governments, organizations, and communities to invest more in accessible, stigma-free mental health care.

Today's societal challenges—such as rising inequality, climate anxiety, and political polarization—only deepen the mental health struggles faced by many, especially youth. Schools and workplaces must foster supportive environments that promote emotional resilience and provide resources for those in need. Normalizing conversations around mental health is crucial to breaking down barriers and encouraging help-seeking behaviors.

Community support plays a vital role in

addressing this crisis. Acts of kindness, understanding, and open dialogue can significantly impact someone's recovery journey. Public awareness campaigns and education are essential to dismantle stigmas and create a culture where mental health is treated with the same importance as physical health.

As we move forward, investing in mental health must be a top priority. Building resilient societies requires acknowledging mental well-being as central to human flourishing. By breaking the silence and expanding access to care, we can create a healthier, more compassionate world for everyone.

Sulat ni: E. Mendoza

Profriends Celebrates Westwind's Topping-Off, Redefining Community Living in Cavite

General Trias, Cavite – Property Company of Friends, Inc. (Profriends), one of the country's fastest-growing property developers, has reached a significant milestone today with the topping-off of the first building in Westwind, its low-rise mixed-use vertical development in Lancaster New City, Cavite.

Profriends Pres-

ident Kathleen Choa expressed her excitement, noting that the ceremony symbolizes more than the completion of the building's structural phase. It also stands as a bold statement of Profriends' commitment to innovation, progress, and the evolving lifestyle of Filipino families.

"Westwind is not just about building structures; it's about building

communities," Choa said. "The topping-off of the first building brings us closer to realizing our vision of a complete and connected township where Filipino families can truly live, learn, move, work, play, and pray in one thriving environment."

A New Way of Living in Cavite

Westwind, located within Profriends' flagship project Lancaster New City, offers families the convenience of living in a thoughtfully planned township with nearby schools, workplaces, leisure hubs, churches, and even its own dedicated transport system.

Designed with flexibility in mind, Westwind offers Studio, One-Bedroom, and Two-Bedroom units, with or without balconies. Its amenities promote health, connectivity, and sustainability, including jogging paths, bike lanes, outdoor workspaces, and a clubhouse with pools. Green features such as rainfall pocket gardens, drought-resistant landscapes, detention ponds, and solar lighting further enhance quality of life.

With more than 500 units across its first three buildings, West-

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) – Farmers in the CALABARZON region will soon adopt modern technology to revolutionize local agricultural practices and improve local rice production.

Last September 15 to 19, around 25 rice farmers from the provinces of Batangas and Cavite joined DA ATI's training on Integrated Nutrient and Water Management (INWM).

Launched by the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Training Institute (DA ATI) in CALABARZON, the three-day training included lectures and practical exercises on using modern diagnostic tools for nutrient and water management such as the MOET App, Leaf Color Chart (LCC), and Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD).

Developed by the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice), the MOET App is a low-cost alternative for diagnosing

soil nutrient deficiencies in nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur, zinc, and copper.

Meanwhile, the Leaf Color Computing App (PhilRice LCC) captures leaf images and evaluates nitrogen needs of the rice plant. It can also generate recommendations in addressing nutrient needs of the plant in under a minute.

On the other hand, the Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD) technology helps farmers save water to reduce their irrigation water consumption in rice fields without decreasing its yield.

The training also introduced knowledge on identifying emerging pests affecting palay production such as Rice Ragged Stunt Virus (RRSV) and Rice Grassy Stunt Virus (RGCV).

Apolinario Lama of Lian, Batangas was hopeful to pass along the new knowledge to his children, who will soon oversee their farm.

wind is set to welcome hundreds of families into Lancaster's thriving community, strengthening the township's role as one of Cavite's most vibrant residential hubs.

Building with Excellence

Profriends partnered with Archipelago Builders Corporate (ABC), a Triple A contractor, to ensure the highest standards of quality, safety, and reliability are set for Westwind. With decades of experience in residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and road projects, ABC brings expertise and a proven track record to the construction of West-

CAVITE CAREER CARAVAN BRINGS OPPORTUNITIES TO RESIDENTS OF NOVELETA

The Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), headed by Ms. Rizalie Pinpin Enero, in partnership with the local government of Noveleta under the leadership of Mayor Davey Reyes Chua, successfully organized the Cavite Career Caravan on October 3 at Noveleta Town Plaza.

The initiative brought together 35 local companies and 4 international employers, offering a wide range of job opportunities to a total of 176

"Ang pinakamahalagang bagay na nakuhang ko dito ay kung paano natin maipapasa ang mga natutunan sa iba, lalo na sa ating mga anak na siyang susunod na henerasyon. Kung maisasalin natin ito nang maayos, malaki ang maitutulung nito sa ating kabuhayan at ekonomiya."

For Roi Lance Baon of Nasugbu, the training was a wake-up call to embrace a modernized approach to local farming.

"Malaking bagay po ito para sa amin sapagkat may ilan pa rin sa aming mga kasama na nananatili sa nakasanayang pamamaraan at hindi bukas sa mga makabagong teknolohiya. Kaya mahalaga na ang mga natutunan natin dito ay maibahagi rin natin pag-uwi sa ating lugar. Nais ko ring hikayatin ang aking mga kasamahan na magdaos tayo ng pagpupulong upang balikan at muling talakayin ang mga aral na ating nakuha."

many. Improved infrastructure, faster accessibility, and strong demand from homebuyers are pushing up property values and accelerating development. Westwind is timely in this context. It shows that Profriends is not only responding to its market's demand but also defining what family-centered, master-planned community living can be in Cavite," she added.

The topping-off of Westwind's first building is tangible proof that Profriends' vision for Lancaster New City has moved from concept to construction, and that a new way of living is taking shape in Cavite.

providing real-time updates reflecting his commitment to keeping the public informed and engaged, ensuring that residents had access to the latest event details.

Mayor Chua also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Governor Abeng Remulla, OPPESM, and all partner organizations and agencies that contributed to the success of the Cavite Career Caravan. Their collaborative efforts ensured the smooth execution of the event and its positive impact on the local community. - F.Tamio

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ORDER

Before this Court is a Verified Petition for Correction of Entry in the Certificate of Live Birth filed by the petitioner 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 issued directing respondent the Philippine Statistics Authority

for the correction of the Certificate of Live Birth of the petitioner 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 Authority, 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 substance, 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, Office 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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