

SERBISYONG MALIKSI: TEAM IMUS, TINIYAK ANG DIRETSONG PAKIKINIG SA MAMAMAYAN



IMUS, Cavite – Hindi lang pangangampanya kundi isang aktwal na dayalogo sa mamamayan ang idinaos sa Imustahan, Kapehang may Puso

noong Marso 17, 2025, sa Villa Emilia Farm, Malagasang 1A, Imus City. Pinangunahan ito ni Congressional candidate Emmanuel “Manny” Maliksi,

kasama sina mayoralty candidate Robert Rey “RR” Lacson at mga kandidato sa Sangguniang Panlungsod, na naglaan ng oras upang marinig ang

hinaing ng kanilang mga kababayan at magbigay ng konkretong tugon. Isa sa mga usaping umani ng matinding reaksiyon ay ang health

card program ng lungsod. Marami ang nag-akala na ito’y para sa lahat, ngunit ayon kay Lacson, tanging mga nagbabayad ng amilyar ang makikinabang dito. “Akala ko libre ito para sa lahat ng Imuseño,” wika ng isang dumalo. Dahil dito, inilahad ng TEAM IMUS ang kanilang plano na palawakin ang saklaw ng programa upang maabot din ang mga walang kaka-yahang magbayad ng amilyar. Sisikapin nilang maghanap ng karagdang pondo upang matiyak na walang residenteng maiiwan pagdating sa serbisyong pangkalusugan. Bukod sa usaping pangkalusugan, lumutang din ang problema ng mga kooperatiba sa Imus, na ayon kay Councilor Atty. Dulce Saquilayan Delmo, ay nahihirapang manatiling operasyonal dahil sa kakulangan ng suporta mula sa lokal na pamahalaan. Marami sa mga ito ang napipilitang magsara dahil walang natatanggap na ayuda o sapat na pagsasanay upang mapalakas ang kanilang negosyo. Bilang tugon, iminungkahi ni Atty. Delmo ang pagbibigay ng mas malaking pondo, mas marami at mas epektibong training programs, at ang pagtatatag ng isang Co-operative Assistance Program na magsisilbing tulay

sa pagitan ng gobyerno at mga kooperatiba. Sa harap ng mga isyung ito, ipinakita ng TEAM IMUS na hindi lang sila narito upang mangako kundi upang maglatag ng kongkretong solusyon. Dumalo rin sa kapehan sina Councilors Rupert “Kidbukid” Campaña, Oscar “Oca” De Quiroz, Raymond “Monmon” Arguelles, Antonio “LA” Deocadis, Emilio “Miong” Aguinaldo V, Daryl “Dada” De Ocampo, Clark “Claro” Dominguez, Jelyn Maliksi, Vincent “Vince” Amposta, at Don Carlo “Don-Don” Yambao, na lahat ay nagbigay ng kanilang pananaw at mga mungkahing programa. Sa pagtatapos ng talakayan, tiniyak din ni Congressman Manny na ang kanilang kampanya ay hindi lamang tungkol sa eleksyon kundi sa patuloy na paglilingkod sa mamamayan. “Ang ating misyon ay ipagpatuloy ang Maliksing Serbisyo— isang gobyernong bukas, tapat, at nakikinig sa pangangailangan ng bawat Imuseño,” aniya. Sa pamamagitan ng Imustahan, Kapehang may Puso, patuloy nilang titiyakin na ang boses ng mamamayan ay may direktang daan patungo sa mga gumagawa ng desisyon para sa mas maunlad na Imus. Joy V. Estrellado



IMUSTAHAN KAPEHAN WID MEDIA: Isang masaya at makabuluhang, huntahan, kwentuhan at talakayan ang naganap kamakailan sa pagitan ng mga peryodista ng Cavite at TEAM IMUS sa pangunguna nila dating Imus City Mayor Emmanuel L. Maliksi na tumatakbo bilang kinatawan ng Imus City, Cavite kasama si Kap Robert Rey “Kap RR” Lacson ng Tanzang Luma II na tumatakbo bilang Mayor ng Imus City at mga kandidato konsehal: Rupert “Kidbukid” Campaña, Atty. Dulce “Atty Dulce Saquilayan” Delmo, Daryl “Dada” De Ocampo, dating Konsehal Oscar “Oca” De Quiroz, Clark “Claro” Dominguez, Konsehala Jelyn S. Maliksi, at dating Konsehal Don Carlo “Dondon” Yambao na ginanap sa Luntian Cafe & Bar, Villa Emilia Farm, Barangay Malagasang 1A, Imus City, Cavite.

Alyansa candidates hold huge advantage with PBBM backing P6

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Commission of the Philippines, Food Wanderer x Lakbay Museo, and Space & Time Cube. This unique experience allowed selected Ka-Biyaheros to rediscover Manila through a seamless blend of history, interactive exhibits, and local flavors—all just a quick and convenient drive from Cavite via CAVITEX. Three lucky winners, along with their chosen guests, were selected



First Stop: Intramuros—A Walk through History The first stop was the historic walls of Intramuros, just an hour away from Cavite via CAVITEX. The Intramuros

PHILHEALTH LIFTS 45-DAY BENEFIT LIMIT



MANILA – The Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) has lifted the 45-day benefit limit to ensure its services remain unhampered. “The 45-day benefit limit is an outdated cost-containment strategy. Naiintindihan natin kung bakit ito inilagay noon, ngunit, sa pagbabago ng ating payment mechanism, napapanahon na rin talagang repormahin ito (We understand why this was placed before, but with

the change of our payment mechanism, it is timely to reform this),” PhilHealth President and Chief Executive Officer Edwin Mercado said in a news release Thursday. He noted that medical needs cannot “always be predicted or scheduled.” “Marami ring mga serbisyo ang kinakailangan ng higit sa 45 days na coverage. Kaya naman nagpapasalamat tayo sa (There are many services that need more than 45 days of coverage. So, we thank the) PhilHealth Board for approving this policy update,” he added. Earlier, the state

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10 practical health tips to help you start off towards healthy living in 2025.

1. Eat a healthy diet

Eat a combination of different foods, including fruit, vegetables, legumes, nuts and whole grains. Adults should eat at least five portions (400g) of fruit and vegetables per day. You can improve your intake of fruits and vegetables by always including veggies in your meal; eating fresh fruit and vegetables as snacks; eating a variety of fruits and vegetables; and eating them in season. By eating healthy, you will reduce your risk of malnutrition and noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer.

2. Consume less salt and sugar

Reduce your salt intake to 5g per day, equivalent to about one teaspoon. It's easier to do this by limiting the amount of salt, soy sauce, fish sauce and other high-sodium condiments when preparing meals; removing salt, seasonings and condiments from your meal table; avoiding salty snacks; and choosing low-sodium products.

On the other hand, consuming excessive amounts of sugars increases the risk of tooth decay and unhealthy weight gain. In both adults and children, the intake of free sugars should be reduced. WHO recommends consuming less than 5% of total energy intake for additional health benefits. You can reduce your sugar intake by limiting the consumption of sugary snacks, candies and sugar-sweetened beverages.

3. Reduce intake of harmful fats



Fats consumed should be less than 30% of your total energy intake. This will help prevent unhealthy weight gain and NCDs. There are different types of fats, but unsaturated fats are preferable over saturated fats and trans-fats. WHO recommends reducing saturated fats to less than 10% of total energy intake; reducing trans-fats to less than 1% of total energy intake; and replacing both saturated fats and trans-fats with unsaturated fats.

The preferable unsaturated fats are found in fish, avocado and nuts, and in sunflower, soybean, canola and olive oils; saturated fats are found in fatty meat, butter, palm and coconut oil, cream, cheese, ghee and lard; and trans-fats are found in baked and fried foods, and pre-packaged snacks and foods, such as frozen pizza, cookies, biscuits, and cooking oils and spreads.

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os Heritage Tour began at Palacio del Gobernador, a historic Spanish-era building near Manila Cathedral, setting the stage for a journey through time. From there, participants boarded a Tranvia, a charming electric streetcar reminiscent of Manila's early 20th-century rail transport, for a nostalgic ride through the streets of Intramuros.

The group then visited Fort Santiago, a centuries-old citadel that once served as a military stronghold and the final prison of Dr. José Rizal. Inside, they explored Museo ni Rizal, where they gained insights into the life and works of the national hero. Next, they proceeded to Centro de Turismo to explore Museo de Intramuros, which houses a collection of religious artifacts and colonial-era art that highlight the Spanish influence on Philippine culture.

The tour also included stops at Baluarte de San Diego, one of the oldest stone wall structures in Intramuros, and Casa Manila, a beautifully reconstructed Spanish colonial home that offers a glimpse into the elegant

lifestyle of Filipinos during the 19th century. After the tour, our Ka-Biyaheros enjoyed a delightful lunch at Barbara's Heritage Restaurant, where they savored authentic Filipino cuisine—adding another layer of cultural immersion to their journey.

Second Stop: Immersive Experience at the Space & Time Cube PH

From history to innovation, the journey continued at Space & Time Cube PH at S'Mallson, Pasay—an interactive art space that blends art, technology, and imagination, offering a fresh perspective on modern Manila. The museum provided participants with a mesmerizing visual spectacle, where shifting lights, dynamic soundscapes, and interactive exhibits created an otherworldly experience—a striking contrast to their historical exploration of Intramuros.

Third Stop: Senso-ry-filled Journey at Food Wanderer x Lakbay Museo

The final stop was Food Wanderer x Lakbay Museo at Ayala Malls Manila Bay, a multi-sensory museum

showcasing the country's rich culinary heritage. The participants were greeted with life-sized displays of food and realistic recreations of traditional Filipino markets and kitchens. One of the highlights was the interactive tasting experience, where participants sampled iconic Filipino treats. In addition to this, the museum's vibrant, Instagram-worthy setups added to the experience, making it both fun and educational.

Why We Do This

Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South, said, "Exploring Manila's rich history through this event was a unique and immersive experience. It was an opportunity to reconnect with our history and culture while fostering a deeper appreciation for our heritage, allowing them to see the beauty of our past while enjoying the present. We hope this inspires more travelers to rediscover the cultural gems in our own backyard."

"Tara, Let's Explore Manila" was

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launched to provide a unique opportunity for travelers to rediscover the rich history, heritage, and hidden gems of the country's capital. Manila, often seen as just a gateway to other destinations, holds centuries of history and vibrant culture waiting to be explored. Through this initiative, MPT South sought to showcase the beauty and significance of the city's historical sites, immersive museums, and cultural landmarks, reinforcing the company's mission of enhancing connectivity—not only through expressways but also by fostering deeper connections between people and places.

About MPT South

MPT South is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC). Aside from CALAX and CAVITEX networks of toll roads, MPTC's domestic portfolio includes concessions for the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), the NLEX Connector Road, the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), and the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.

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DA-4A, Namahagi ng Abono para sa Rehabilitasyon ng mga Punong Mangga sa Batangas at Rizal



Mahigit 2,000 sako ng abono ang ipinagkaloob ng Department of Agriculture Region IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP) sa mga magmamangga ng Batangas at Rizal, sa ilalim ng Mango Rehabilitation Program, noong ika-24 at ika-27 ng Pebrero. Layon ng programa na patuloy na suportahan ang mga magsasaka sa rehabilitasyon ng matatandang puno ng mangga upang mapataas ang produksyon at mapabuti ang kalidad ng kanilang ani.

Kabilang sa mga nakatanggap ng interben-

syon ang Batangas City Mango Farmers Association (BCMAFA) at Rizal Mango Stakeholders' Association, Inc. (RIMASA), na kinikilala bilang ilan sa mga nangungunang prodyuser ng mangga sa rehiyon.

Hinikayat ni Regional Executive Director Fidel Libao ang mga magsasaka na ipagpatuloy ang kanilang sipag at tiyaga upang higit pang mapalakas ang industriya ng mangga sa CALABARZON.

Dumalo rin sa distribusyon sina RTD for Operations and Extension at Regional HVCDP

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mga kababayan (We are here to unify our efforts, bringing together different departments to provide assistance and meet the needs of our fellow citizens)," Marcos said.

"Hindi po kaya ng isang departamento lamang. Kaya't ganito po ang aming ginagawa (A single department cannot handle it alone. That's why we're doing this)," he added.

The event featured a job fair led by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), offering approximately 3,600 job vacancies from 41 employers.

Around 3,000 job seekers, including graduates of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) and beneficiaries of the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS), joined the activity.

The DOLE also distributed PHP5,600 each to 500 beneficiaries

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DOST-CALABARZON AND DICT IV-A STRENGTHEN TIES FOR DIGITAL INNOVATION AND FUTURE PARTNERSHIPS

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-CALABARZON, through its Management Information System (MIS) Unit, hosted a coordination meeting with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Region IV-A and UBX on February 24, 2025, at the DOST-CALABARZON Regional Office, ORD Conference. The meeting focused on the eVerify Pilot Integration and strengthening future partnerships.

A major highlight of the meeting was the discussion on the eVerify System, a digital identity verification solution launched by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT). This system enables secure and efficient identity authentication of individuals using the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) national ID System database for various government and private sector transactions.

As one of

the pilot participants, DOST-CALABARZON explored how eVerify can enhance its processes. Ms. Trisha Martin-Manguiat, UBX Project Manager, spearheaded the agenda in front of Ms. Emelita P. Bagsit, DOST-CALABARZON Regional Director and the rest of her team by presenting an overview of eVerify, its objectives, scope of work, and roles and responsibilities of pilot participants. Meanwhile, Mr. Felix Martinez, UBX Business Analyst and Business Process Engineer, elaborated the identification of eVerify Use Case and process discovery.

As the meeting progressed in the afternoon, Ms. Bianca R. Pantoja, DOST-CALABARZON Science Research Specialist II, and MIS Unit Head, led discussions on the upcoming 2025 Regional Hackathon.

The meeting began by sharing insights from the success of Hack4AProgress, a DOST-CALABARZON-initiated regional hackathon

that began last 2024. Furthermore, the team dialogued and sought the ICT expertise and network of DICT IV-A to further strengthen this year's regional hackathon.

Present during the meeting were key representatives from DICT IV-A, UBX, and DOST-CALABARZON. From DICT IV-A, attendees included Ms. Maria Graciela R. Bucad, Technical Operations Division Chief; Ms. April Rose Clemeno, Information Technology Officer I; Mr. Bryan Zeos Basco, Project Development Officer I; and Mr. Aries Delos Reyes, NIIPPB Focal. Representing DOST-CALABARZON were Engr. Francisco R. Barquilla III, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Operations; and Ms. Mariel Caling, MIS Project Technical Assistant IV.

The meeting strengthened collaboration between DOST-CALABARZON and DICT IV-A, encouraging idea exchange and digital innovations that can benefit the region.

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vices"), Herbosa said.

"Yan ang dahilan kung bakit seryoso at nakatutok si PBBM sa PhilHealth. Sa ilalim ng kanyang administrasyon ay tunay na pinapalawak ang benepisyong pangkalusugan ng bawat Pilipino (That is the reason why PBBM is focused and serious about PhilHealth. Under his administration, he is expanding the health benefits of every Filipino."

The PhilHealth Board is the highest governing body of the government-owned and -controlled corporation.

It has 13 seats, five of which are occupied by ex-officio members: the secretaries of health, social welfare and development, labor and employment, finance, and budget and management. (PNA)

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insurer recognized that certain conditions need to cover more than 45 days.

Hence, the extension of the number of sessions covered by its hemodialysis benefit packages – from the initial 90 to the current 156 sessions.

PhilHealth reminds members that the availment of the benefits must be based on proper medical indication, necessity, and alignment with the patient's treatment plan.

It must also adhere to widely accepted standards of care, Clinical Practice Guidelines approved by the Department of Health (DOH), and PhilHealth Circulars on quality standards.

To ensure the responsible and effective implementation of this policy, the state insurer will monitor patient admissions,

readmissions, and benefit utilization exceeding 45 days.

Health facility compliance with clinical standards and reimbursement rules will be assessed through the Health Care Providers Performance Assessment System.

Meanwhile, Health Secretary and PhilHealth Board Chair Teodoro Herbosa said the move is in line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to ensure that all members receive appropriate healthcare services continuously.

"Sa ating UHC (Universal Healthcare) Act, may tinatawag na 'individual-based services' na siyang binabayaran ng PhilHealth (In our UHC Act, the PhilHealth pays the 'individual-based ser-



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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee.

Foreclosure No. 2025-21

For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

-versus-

BERNADETH R. SESBREÑO
married to JAY-VEE B. SESBREÑO,
Mortgagors.

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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, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), at The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No 358 Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City and against the mortgagors BERNADETH R. SESBREÑO married to JAY-VEE B. SESBREÑO at Lot 13, Block 22, Villa Primarosa Village, Phase 2, Camia St., Buhay na Tubig, Imus, Cavite and Lot 47, Block 2, Acapulco St., Greatwoods Highlands, Barangay Molino, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which is as of January 17, 2025, amounts to ONE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY PESOS & 22/100 (P 1,475,670.22), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fee incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on April 22, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock 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;

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NO. 057-2017007911

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 47, BLK. 2 OF THE SUBD. PLAN PSD-04-209400, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 6795, IMUS ESTATE (RS 04-004749), LRC REC. NO. 8843), SITUATED IN BRGY. OF MOLINO, MUN. OF BACOO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. X X X, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY FIVE (55) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS."

"All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned 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 April 29, 2025, without further notice."

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

City of Bacoor, March 4, 2025

(SGD) MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA
Clerk of Court VI

By:

(SGD) MARK ANTHONY S. DELA CRUZ
Sheriff IV

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6th Floor JELP Business Solutions Building,
409 Addition Hills Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City

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WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of Extra-Judicial Sale on or before the date of sale.

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Alyansa...

MANILA — The Alyansa Para sa Bagong Pilipinas coalition has a clear edge in the 2025 senatorial race with the backing of the Marcos administration.

In a press conference in Trece Martires City, Cavite on Friday, Alyansa campaign manager and Navotas City Rep. Toby Tiangco said voters who see the value of the government's development programs would see the advantage of selecting lawmakers from an administration-backed senatorial slate.

"Kung titignan ng ating mga kababayan 'yang bagay na yan sa ganitong perspektibo, maniniwala sila na talagang importante na suportahan ang (If our fellow nationals look at it in this perspective, they'd think that it really is important to support) Alyansa," he said.

Tiangco noted that President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s remaining three years in office present a crucial opportunity to sustain the country's momentum in infrastructure and regional development.

"Katulad ng ginawa niya dito pinuntahan niya 'yung mga proyekto niyang napakahalaga, 'yung CALAX (Like what he did today, he visited important projects here like the Cavite-Laguna Expressway)," he said.

"And alam naman natin, hindi naman diyan natatapos 'yung mga proyekto. So marami

pang proyekto (We know that the projects do not end there. There are more projects) in the pipeline," he added.

Tiangco stressed that the Senate plays a vital role in ensuring these programs move forward.

"Para matuloy ang mga napakagagandang proyektong ito, napakahalaga na 'yung legislative agenda niya ay masuportahan ng mga kasamahan nating senador (For these projects to continue, it is important that the President's legislative agenda is supported by the senators)," he pointed out.

Highly competent

He reiterated that Alyansa offers candidates who are not only aligned with the administration's priorities but are also highly competent.

Former Senate president Vicente Sotto III echoed this when asked if the slate is being affected by political controversies, including the arrest of former president Rodrigo Duterte.

"We have very good programs. We have a track record to back us up and we have the experience to be able to deliver these programs well. That is definitely good for the country," he said.

Former senator Panfilo Lacson said he initially had doubts about running, but ultimately saw that his advocacies align with the administration's governance priorities.

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of the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers or TUPAD program and awarded various livelihood and financial aids under the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program.

The Department of Health conducted a medical mission offering services such as laboratory screenings, electrocardiograms or ECGs, X-rays, medical consultations, pneumonia vaccinations, and the provision of medicines.

Additionally, the Department of Social Welfare and Development distributed PHP3,000 to each AICS beneficiary, while

the Department of Agriculture's KADIWA stalls provided affordable basic goods.

The National Food Authority (NFA) sold a total of 8,000 kg. (160 bags) of rice at PHP29.00 per kg., along with 2,500 kg. (50 bags) under the Rice-For-All program at PHP35.00 per kg.

Marcos reaffirmed his administration's commitment to supporting Filipinos.

"Asahan po ninyo at ang inyong pamahalaan ay lagi pong nandito, lagi pong nag-aalalay po sa inyong lahat. (Rest assured, your government is always here, always supporting all of you)," he said. (PNA)

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national progress -- not on personalities or political noise.

"Siguro 'yung mga tao naman, mas discerning or can be discerning enough para kilatin 'yung mga kandidato. Hindi lamang 'yung magagaling mam-bash o magaling sa fake news ang kanilang iboboto kundi tignan 'yung mga record mismo ng mga kandidato (I believe people can be discerning enough to scrutinize candidates. They should look at their track records)," he said.

Tiangco said voters should not base their choices on whether a candidate is pro-Marcos or pro-Duterte.

"Tignan natin 'yung individual qualifications ng bawat kandidato. Nasisiguro ko 'pag pinagkumpara 'yung individual qualifications ng kandidato ay talagang makikita na mas qualified po 'yung mga kandidato ng Alyansa (Look at their individual qualifications. I am sure that if they compare, they would see that the Alyansa bets are more qualified)," he added.

The Alyansa slate is also composed of former Interior Secretary Benhur Abalos, Makati City Mayor Abby Binay, ACT-CIS Party-list Rep. Erwin Tulfo, former senator Manny Pacquiao, Las Piñas Rep. Camille Villar, and reelectionists Senators Bong Revilla, Pia Cayetano, Lito Lapid, Imee Marcos and Francis Tolentino. (PNA)

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EDITORIAL:

The House of Representatives has unearthed yet another treasure trove of evidence showing that the Office of the Vice President has diverted confidential funds—apparently into private pockets?—by using various fictitious names in supposedly official receipts.

Imagine the scene at the OVP where the staff, presumably including even the highest officials, take turns in coming up with the most ludicrous names they could think of, all the while guffawing loudly and exchanging high fives every time they came up with the most original ones.

According to House Deputy Majority Leader and La Union Rep. Paolo C. Ortega V, in sifting the receipts submitted by the OVP, they found such questionable names as 'Jay Kamote,' 'Miggy Mango' and five 'Dodongs': Dodong Alcalá, Dodong Bina, Dodong Bunal, Dodong Darong, and Dodong S. Barok.

More skeletons in Sara's closet

IT'S all coming out now.

Earlier, Ortega bared names derived from chip brands and cellphones: 'Mary Grace Piatos,' 'Pia Piatos-Lim,' 'Renan Piatos' and 'Xiaome Ocho,' among others.

The lawmaker said all these names have no birth, marriage, or death records at the Philippine Statistics Authority.

Citing the PSA, Ortega said 670 of the 1,992 names had a "most likely match" in PSA records; 1,322 individuals had no birth records; 1,456 had no marriage records (with only 536 possible matches); and 1,593 had no death records (with just 399 possible matches).

"What kind of payroll is this? Imaginary? We cannot determine if these people are real individuals who received money from the CIF (confidential and intelligence funds)," he added.

Recall that in December 2024, the House com-

SMC revenue hits Php1.6 Trillion, up 9% in 2024

San Miguel Corporation (SMC) reported ₱1.6 trillion in consolidated revenues for 2024, a 9% increase from the previous year, driven by higher sales volumes across its core businesses. Growth was led by Power, Spirits, and Fuel & Oil, while Beer and Infrastructure also made solid contributions. Consolidated operating income rose 11% to ₱160.8 billion, supported by margin improvements in Power, Food & Beverage, and Infrastructure, along with cost management initiatives across all business units. EBITDA increased 10% to ₱225.9 billion. Core net income grew 22% to ₱52.3 billion, reflecting strong operational performance. On a report-



ed basis, net income stood at ₱36.7 billion, including foreign exchange adjustments. "Our strong 2024 performance reflects strategic growth, operational effi-

ciency, and disciplined execution. We remain focused on strengthening and making our businesses more efficient, while driving sustainability and long-term growth," said SMC Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang. FOOD AND BEVERAGE San Miguel Food and Beverage, Inc. (SMFB) posted solid growth in 2024, with consolidated sales up 6% to ₱400.9 billion, primarily driven by higher volumes and market expansion initiatives. Gross profit rose 10% to ₱110.9 billion, and operating income grew 15% to ₱55.8 billion, supported by a favorable product mix as well as operating and cost efficiencies. Net income increased 7% to ₱40.9 billion while EBITDA stood at ₱73.1 billion, maintaining an 18% margin.

Foods reported ₱185.0 billion in sales, up 3%, led by a 7% increase in the Protein segment, and a 12% rise in Prepared and Packaged Food – driven by strong demand for Purefoods Tender Juicy Hotdogs, Magnolia dairy, and San Mig Coffee. Operating income jumped 37% to ₱13.3 billion, while net income climbed 33% to ₱8.4 billion, reflecting operational efficiencies and continued focus in controlling costs. EBITDA reached ₱21.3 billion.

San Miguel Brewery Inc. recorded 4% sales growth to ₱153.4 billion, with domestic sales at ₱137.6 billion and international sales at US\$276.5 million. Operating income rose 6% to ₱33.4 billion, while net income edged up 1% to ₱25.6 billion, showing stable growth,

mittee on good government and public accountability submitted the names of 1,992 individuals linked to the alleged misuse of the OVP's confidential funds.

Panel chair Manila 3rd District Rep. Joel Chua said 405 of the 667 names found on the acknowledgment receipts for the confidential funds of the Department of Education under Duterte had no record with the PSA.

What do we make of all this? Did the OVP think that the officials and staff of the Commission on Audit (COA) would be so dense or stupid that they would simply believe what is being foisted on them as official receipts signed with wildly outrageous names?

Or perhaps the OVP thought they could pull a fast one on state auditors simply because confidential funds should not be subject to government audit since they are by their very nature secret funds.

By now, the OVP should be preparing to answer the issues raised by Congress on their alleged misuse of confidential and intelligence funds before the Senate impeachment court starts its hearings in July.

profitability, and resiliency despite the impacts of numerous typhoons. EBITDA stood at ₱41.8 billion.

Ginebra San Miguel Inc. saw a 17% sales growth to ₱62.5 billion, driven by increasing consumer demand, with a 9% volume expansion, reaching 50.6 million cases. Operating income rose 26% to ₱8.6 billion, while net income increased 3% to ₱7.3 billion. Without the one-time Don Papa rights gain in 2023, recurring net income would have risen 22%. EBITDA stood at ₱9.5 billion.

POWER San Miguel Global Power Holdings Corp. (SMGP) delivered a strong performance in 2024. Revenues were up 21% to ₱205.1 billion, driven by a 45% rise in offtake volume to 36.6 million MWh, partially offset by lower average realized prices due to declining pass-through coal prices.

Robust growth was supported by secured Power Supply Agreements (PSAs), new RES customers for Limay Power Plant, additional BESS ancillary services, and the commercial operations of Mariveles Power Plant Units 1, 2, and 3. Operating income and EBITDA grew 24% and 27% to ₱40.5 billion and ₱55.5 billion, respectively. Net income increased 25% to ₱12.4 billion.

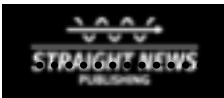
FUEL AND OIL

Petron Corporation reported ₱868.0 billion in revenues for 2024, up 8% from ₱801.0 billion in 2023. Sales volume grew 10% to 139.9 million barrels, led by strong performance from its Philippine operations and Singapore trading subsidiary, where combined sales rose 16% to 92.5 million barrels, supported by network expansion and aggressive marketing.

INFRASTRUCTURE

San Miguel Infrastructure continued its steady growth in 2024, with revenues rising 7% to ₱37.5 billion. Average daily traffic grew 2% to 1.03 million vehicles, supported by the continued ramp-up of its toll roads. Operating

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Malayan Insurance champions equitable access to education with facility turnover



In keeping with its advocacy of supporting equal educational opportunities for children and celebrating its 95th Anniversary, Malayan Insurance Co. Inc. (Malayan Insurance), together with World Vision, has officially turned over the newly repaired Basic Education and Curriculum Building Conference Hall of Wenceslao Trinidad Memorial National High School in Laurel, Batangas.

Malayan Insurance funded and facilitated the month-and-a-half-long build that entailed the meticulous repairs of the facility's typhoon-damaged roof and ceiling. The much-needed renovation has enabled Wenceslao Trinidad students to resume their learning activities in the said building.

Malayan Insurance president and chief executive officer Paolo Abaya led the turnover ceremonies, which were joined by Malayan Insurance executives Eden R. Tesoro, chief operating officer; Isauro U. Cotoco, chief sales officer; Adelo

Abeleda, chief underwriting officer; and Bernard Sanchez, chief information officer and customer experience director.

"As we celebrate our 95th year, Malayan Insurance remains committed to giving back to the community. We believe that all Filipinos deserve access to quality education. We are proud to have partnered in this initiative, providing a new school facility that will empower young minds and contribute to a brighter future for our nation," said Malayan Insurance president and chief executive officer Paolo Abaya.

Wenceslao Trinidad Memorial National High School was a previous beneficiary of Malayan Insurance. In addition to the refurbished conference hall, the high school received a hand washing facility equipped with a water supply, faucets, sink, drainage system, and shed from the insurance company last year to decrease the risks of disease and illness among the students and



surrounding communities.

This recent repair and renovation project aligns with the insurer's corporate social responsibility (CSR) projects, which support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) on No Poverty, Quality Education, and Reduced Inequality. PR

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income increased 12% to ₱20.3 billion, while EBITDA rose 8% to ₱29.7 billion, maintaining a healthy 79% margin.

CEMENT

SMC's Cement business, which includes Eagle Cement Corporation, Northern Cement Corporation, and Southern Concrete Industries, Inc., reported a 6% decline in net sales to ₱34.9 billion. A 3% increase in sales

volume helped offset the impact of lower average selling prices due to the influx of imported traded cement.

Despite the revenue decline, operating income grew 10% to ₱6.6 billion, driven by effective cost control measures. EBITDA rose 1% to ₱9.7 billion, with EBITDA margin improving from 26% to 28%.

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DRIVEN BY DEDICATION, POWERED BY POSITIVITY



Maria Teresa Layron, an entrepreneur and proud CARD client from Malolos, Bulacan proved that no matter how hard life's challenges may be, success is attainable through dedication and optimism.

Maria Teresa Layron of Malolos, Bulacan, has built a successful beauty salon from the ground up, embodying the power of hardwork, resilience, and a positive mindset. Her journey inspires aspiring entrepreneurs and anyone chasing their dreams, no matter the obstacles life throws their way.

A Humble Start

Driven by passion, Maria's business journey began in her home in Cofradia, Malolos, Bulacan, where she initially ran a simple parlor and often offered home beauty services.

Determined to hone her skills, Maria enrolled in a TESDA-accredited beauty cosmetology course, allowing her to expand her services by adding manicure and pedicure services.

In 2006, Maria became one of the pioneering clients of CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) where she started with small loans ranging from PHP 1,500 to PHP 4,000. As Maria's financial needs grew, she was transferred to CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc., a microfinance-oriented rural bank, where her loans gradually reached up to PHP 200,000. Her loans played a crucial role in helping her meet family needs, grow her business, and

improve her home.

"As a client, I make sure my loans are used efficiently, especially in running my business," Maria says.

Overcoming Challenges

Running a business is never without its challenges. Maria acknowledges the common struggles that business owners face, like the so-called "ghost month," when sales and customers tend to dip. Despite these struggles, she has always maintained a positive outlook.

The stability of her family life and the success of her business eventually allowed Maria to focus on her salon full-time. "Despite life's challenges, I stood tall and remained strong, making sure to provide for my family," she reflects.

Her resilience and determination in the face of adversity have allowed her to navigate tough times, always finding new ways to keep her business growing.

"Resilience and dedication are important, but it is just as essential to understand the business you are into. This helps you manage effectively, even if your staff isn't around," Maria shares.

A Partnership with CARD

Maria's partnership with CARD MRI Rizal Bank has been about much more than just financial assistance—it has been a steady source of support throughout her journey.

"With CARD RBI, my journey is more than

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just financial help—it's the source of inspiration and motivation to keep going, to continue dreaming of a better life, and to successfully manage my business," she says.

The bank has provided her with essential financial tools and guidance, empowering her to manage and grow her business. But perhaps most importantly, it has been a source of unwavering support, helping her stay focused on her long-term goals.

Words of Wisdom for Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Maria's journey is a powerful reminder that starting a business requires more than capital—it takes dedication, resilience, and a strong will to succeed.

"Business isn't

always about profit. There will be ups and downs, but a positive mindset and determination can lead you to success," she said.

Through her salon business, Mystica Beauty Studio and Barber-shop, Maria created a livelihood and built a stable foundation for her family. The salon now caters to both men and women, offering a wide range of services, including haircuts, coloring, manicures, pedicures, hair treatments, and more.

Maria's story is one of persistence and unwavering belief that anything is possible, no matter the obstacles.

Her journey proves that with dedication, resilience, and a positive mindset, success is always within reach. PR

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DTI-Laguna safeguards consumers by inspecting PETC in Pila, Laguna

VICTORIA, LAGUNA – Pursuant to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Department Administrative Order No. 3, Series of 2002 (DAO 3:2002), the Department of Trade and Industry - Laguna Provincial Office (DTI-Laguna), through its Consumer Protection Division, conducted onsite inspection and monitoring of a motor vehicle private emission testing center (PETC) in Pila, Laguna, on February 11, 2025, to ensure that accredited PETCs continuously comply with government rules and regulations as well as meet the quality standards set by the government under the Republic Act No. 8749, otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Air Act.

The onsite inspection and monitoring activity of motor vehicle PETCs is one of the DTI's mandates in implementing standards and procedures on the accreditation of PETCs. This process also includes checking of their necessary tools, equipment, facilities, expertise, and quality service; interview with their qualified technicians or motor vehicle emission control technician; and actual testing of equipment.

As part of its rou-



tine monitoring activities, DTI-Laguna will continuously inspect and monitor motor vehicle PETCs at least once a month for this year of 2025 all throughout the Laguna Province. This endeavor seeks to protect the interest of the consumers in availing of PETC services (ALSLinga, DTI-Laguna | Photo by ZAGAVINO, DTI-Laguna)

The Cavite Career Caravan 2025, held on March 13 at The District in Imus, marked a significant milestone in supporting job seekers in Cavite. Spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OP-PESM) under Ms. Rizalie P. Enero, the event was organized in partnership with The District Mall management and supported by the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) in Imus.

This year's event was a collaborative effort that saw strong participation from government officials and agencies, including SK Provincial

PBBM CALAX Governor's Drive interchange construction progress

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Friday led the inspection of the ongoing construction of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) Governor's Drive Interchange, a key infrastructure project aimed at easing congestion and improving connectivity in the region.

The interchange is 44 percent complete and is expected to be operational by the third quarter of 2025, according to the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), which operates the expressway.

"Once completed, this segment will decongest Governor's Drive and provide seamless access to major economic

hubs," the MPTC said in a statement.

Marcos was joined by Public Works Secretary Manuel Bonoan, Transportation Secretary Vivencio Dizon, Cavite Governor Athena Tolentino, and MPTC chairperson Manuel Pangilinan during the inspection.

The MPTC said the 44.6-km. CALAX is designed to link the provinces of Cavite and Laguna, key industrial and residential areas south of Manila.

Upon full completion, it will connect to the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) and South Luzon Expressway (SLEX), reducing travel time by up to 45 minutes and benefiting an estimated 95,000 motorists daily.

"CALAX will ease traffic on major thoroughfares... further boosting trade, tourism, and economic activity in the region," the MPTC said in a statement.

Operational segments of CALAX currently include access points at Mamplasan, Laguna Boulevard, Laguna Technopark, Santa Rosa-Tagaytay Road, Silang East, and Silang Aguinaldo.

The MPTC also operates major toll roads including North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) and Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX). (PNA)



President Chelsea Sarno and Vice Governor Shernan Jaro, who attended to show their solidarity with the participants. DOLE Provincial Director Marivic B. Martinez also joined the event to offer her support.

The Career Caravan featured 60 employers offering a wide range of job opportunities from 52 local and 8 overseas companies. A total of 264 job seekers participated, with 24 individuals hired on the spot—a testament to the

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Marcos...

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. launched on Friday the "Trabaho at Serbisyon Pangkalusugan sa Bagong Pilipinas" initiative in Cavite province to uplift the lives of Filipinos through employment opportunities, healthcare services, and affordable commodities.

Speaking to job-seekers and those availing of medical services and looking for cheaper products at the Dasmariñas Arena, President Marcos highlighted the government's whole-of-government approach to streamline services and make them more accessible to the public.

"Kaya po kami nandito upang ibuo itong aming mga ginagawa na isang pagsasama-sama ng mga iba't ibang departamento upang makapagbigay ng tulong sa inyo, upang makapagbigay ng kung anuman ang mga pangangailangan ng ating mga kababayan (We are here to unify our efforts, bringing together different departments to provide assistance and meet the needs of our fellow citizens)," Marcos said.

"Hindi po kaya ng isang departamento lamang. Kaya't ganito po ang aming ginagawa (A single department cannot handle it alone. That's why we're doing this)," he added.

The event featured a job fair led by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), offering approximately 3,600 job vacancies from 41 employers.

Around 3,000 job

seekers, including graduates of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) and beneficiaries of the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS), joined the activity.

The DOLE also distributed PHP5,600 each to 500 beneficiaries of the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers or TUPAD program and awarded various livelihood and financial aids under the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program.

The Department of Health conducted a medical mission offering services such as laboratory screenings, electrocardiograms or ECGs, X-rays, medical consultations, pneumonia vaccinations, and the provision of medicines.

Additionally, the Department of Social Welfare and Development distributed PHP3,000 to each AICS beneficiary, while the Department of Agriculture's KADIWA stalls provided affordable basic goods.

The National Food Authority (NFA) sold a total of 8,000 kg. (160 bags) of rice at PHP29.00 per kg., along with 2,500 kg. (50 bags) under the Rice-For-All program at PHP35.00 per kg.

Marcos reaffirmed his administration's commitment to supporting Filipinos.

"Asahan po ninyo at ang inyong pamahalaan ay lagi pong nandito, lagi pong nag-aalalay po sa inyong lahat. (Rest assured, your government is always here, always supporting all of you)," he said. (PNA)