

SMC, KORAIL SIGN AGREEMENT TO MOVE MRT-7 CLOSER TO FULL OPERATIONS



SMC Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang (seated, right) and KORAIL President and CEO Han Moon Hee seal their deal at the San Miguel Corp. head office in Mandaluyong City on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. Standing from left are: South Korea Ambassador Lee Sang-hwa, Korea Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport Vice Minister Baek Won Kug, DOTr Senior Undersecretary Giovanni Lopez, and DOTr Undersecretary for Railways Timothy John Batan.

SMC MRT-7 Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of San Miguel Corporation's (SMC) infrastructure unit, has signed an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Services Agreement with Korea Railroad Corporation (KORAIL), South Korea's national railway operator, to support the next phase of MRT-7 as it moves closer to full operations. Under the agreement, KORAIL will continue its advisory role — helping guide the setup of MRT-7's core operational systems, safety protocols, and maintenance programs. SMC MRT-7 Corp. holds the concession to build, operate, and maintain the MRT-7, which links Metro Manila to Bulacan via Commonwealth Avenue.

The signing ceremony was attended by SMC Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang, KORAIL President and CEO Han Moon Hee, Vice Minister Baek Won Kug of Korea's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, and His Excellency Lee Sang-hwa, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Philippines. The Department of Transportation was represented by Undersecretaries Giovanni Lopez, Timothy John Batan, and Jonathan Ronulo.

With its extensive experience in running large-scale rail networks, KORAIL will provide technical expertise to ensure a smooth transition from construction to daily operations. The engagement starts in July 2025, with the first six to 12 months focused on completing pre-operational requirements and stabilizing key systems. Over the long term, KORAIL will continue to provide technical support for operations and maintenance to help maintain continuity, support knowledge transfer, and apply global best practices throughout the system.

"This is a critical step as we move closer to delivering MRT-7 to the public," said Ang. "We have faced delays — mostly due to right-of-way issues — but we have stayed focused. With all trains expected to be running and tested by the end of this year, and full operations targeted for 2026, this partnership with KORAIL brings us closer to our goal."

KORAIL operates South Korea's extensive rail network, including the high-speed KTX system, metropolitan commuter lines, and intercity services. It is recognized globally for its strong track record in safety, technology integration, infrastructure management, and workforce development.

Ang acknowledged the DOTr's active, hands-on role in moving the project forward, led by Secretary Vince Dizon. He credited the department's leadership and coordination across agencies as instrumental in keeping stakeholders aligned and maintaining steady progress.

"This agreement brings together strong public and private sector efforts," Ang added. "At San Miguel, we remain committed to building projects that not only improve everyday life for Filipinos, but also contribute to sustainable growth for our economy."

For the government's part, Sec. Dizon reiterated President Marcos' instruction to ease the burden of the commuting public by having reliable mass transport systems such as railways.

"We prioritize passengers, we focus on the plight of the commuters. We are ensuring that an infrastructure or a transport project such as a railway system is not only safe and efficient but will also provide comfort to commuters and lessen their travel time," Dizon said in remarks read by Undersecretary for Railways Timothy John R. Batan.

KORAIL officials described their renewed partnership with SMC as a "landmark of cooperation and mutual prosperity, enabling the Philippines' premiere corporation to excel in the new arena of rail."

"I am confident that the fusion of KORAIL's technical expertise with San Miguel's managerial prowess will make MRT-7 the finest rail in the Philippines," said KORAIL's Han.

"I am certain that the success of MRT-7 will become a role model for Philippine railway projects and dramatically improve mobility and quality of life for the Filipino people," he added.

The MRT-7 project is a 22-kilometer elevated railway that will connect North Avenue in Quezon City to San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, with 14 stations. Once operational, it is expected to significantly cut travel time, decongest major road corridors, and improve mobility across Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

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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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Romualdez MA-NILA – House of Representatives Speaker Martin Romualdez said Thursday the rollout of the PHP20-per-kg. rice in the Visayas starting next week marks the first big step toward affordable rice for all Filipino families, praising President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. for turning his campaign promise from "aspiration into action."

"Simula pa lang ito. Gagawin nating alaala, kasaysayan na lang ang mahal na bigas. Sa tulong ng whole-of-government effort, masusundan ito hanggang maabot ng programa ang bawat sulok ng bansa (This is just the beginning. Expensive rice will soon be a thing of the past. Through a whole-of-government effort, this will be continued until the program reaches

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every corner of the country)," he said in a news release.

Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. announced the pilot after a closed-door meeting with the Chief Executive and 12 Visayas governors in Cebu Wednesday, noting that the President wants the program sustained nationwide until 2028.

Romualdez said rice prices, which topped PHP60 per kg. in some areas last year, have now fallen to PHP35 to PHP39 per kg. for many consumers, adding that the PHP20 target is now within reach. He said the Visayas launch would limit purchases to 10 kg. per household per week while the DA assesses warehousing capacity, inter-island shipping routes, and Kadiwa retail points to address issues before a wider rollout.

Romualdez commended local government units in the Visayas for agreeing to share the subsidy cost with the national government.

"Ito ay isang kongkretong porma ng tunay na bayanihan economics (This is a concrete form of real cooperative economics)," he said. To sustain the effort, he said, the House is committed to supporting long-term investments in agricultural modernization, such as mechanization, seed quality improvements, soil programs, and solar-powered irrigation.

"These are the backbone of durable, cheap, and plentiful rice," he said, adding that the House is exploring financing models that channel tariff savings and private capital into post-harvest infrastructure.

The Speaker said the House is also

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GATCHALIAN LAMENTS HARASSMENT PERPETRATED BY ONLINE LENDING COMPANIES



Senator Win Gatchalian has reiterated the need for a measure that would prohibit unfair debt collection practices of online lending companies, as he lamented harassment being experienced by many borrowers who have availed of loans from online lending companies.

"Ang mga nagpapautang na ito, ginawa nilang mas madali nga para makautang ang mga tao. Pero isang araw lang na hindi makabayad, puro pananakot na ang ginagawa nila. Pinapahiya pa sa komunidad at minsan nagpapadala pa ng korona ng patay o bala," said Gatchalian, citing numerous complaints received by his office.

The senator earlier filed Senate Bill No. 818 or the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, which prohibits a debt collector from engaging in any conduct to harass,

oppress, or abuse any debtor in the collection of a debt. The bill specifically prohibits the use or threat of violence, use of obscene or profane language, and disclosure of borrowers' names.

"Karapatan din ng mga nagpapautang na maningil pero dapat nasa wasto at tamang pamamaraan. Dapat makatarungan at legal yung pangongolekta at hindi pananakot at pagbabanta sa buhay," he emphasized.

Gatchalian

urged the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) to adopt more stringent requirements relating to the registration of online lending companies, noting that the minimum capitalization for lending companies is only Php 1 million, regardless of the number of online lending apps (OLAs) that they are operating.

Currently, there are 117 lending and financing corporations and 181 OLAs registered with the SEC.

DILG recalibrates SGLG to focus on measurable impact

The Department of the Interior and Local Government announced that the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) assessment for local government units (LGUs) this year is deferred as the SGLG program undergoes reprogramming. The SGLG is an institutionalized incentive, honor, and recognition-based program of the Department on the exemplary governance of LGUs to uphold transparency, accountability, and effective public service delivery.

According to the DILG, there is a need to recalibrate the SGLG to support long-term solutions, and not just annual compliance; streamline indicators to focus on measurable impact; and improve funding mechanisms for fairer and more effective distribution. From an annual assessment, the SGLG will shift to a term-based assessment structure to align with the three-year term of local chief executives. This will provide LGUs adequate time to implement substantial reforms and achieve measurable results. The DILG will also consolidate SGLG's ten governance areas into three key outcome areas, namely innovation, fiscal management, and crisis resilience to make the assessment more precise and focused.

Moreover, the SGLG Incentive Fund allocation shall ensure the long-term impact of the funds by considering the socio-economic disparities among LGUs and innovations addressing unique challenges, among others.

The DILG urges LGUs to shift their efforts towards preparing for the assessment on the succeeding cycles while awaiting for the new guidelines. Earlier, DILG Secretary Jonvic Remulla announced the amendments regarding the reduction of governance area indicators, adjustment on the timeline of the assessment cycles, and the establishment of a board of judges for the SGLG program. There were 714 SGLG awardees last year, 22 among them were consistent passers since its inception. **DILG**

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CARD MRI HONORS OUTSTANDING ENTREPRENEURS AT PSMLNI 2024



Honoring the excellent performance of outstanding entrepreneurs – CARD MRI's Executive and Management Committee, Senior Advisers, and other Board Members celebrated the success and positive contribution of all the PsMLNI 2024 awardees during the CARD MRI's Year End Planning in Maharlika Square, San Pablo City, Laguna on December 12, 2024.

CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institution (CARD MRI) recognized the achievements of outstanding entrepreneurs during the "Pagkilala sa Mga Likha ni Inay Awards 2024" held in San Pablo City, Laguna on December 11, 2024.

CARD MRI Managing Director Mr. Aristeo A. Dequito commended the awardees for embodying the resilience and determination of Filipino entrepreneurs.

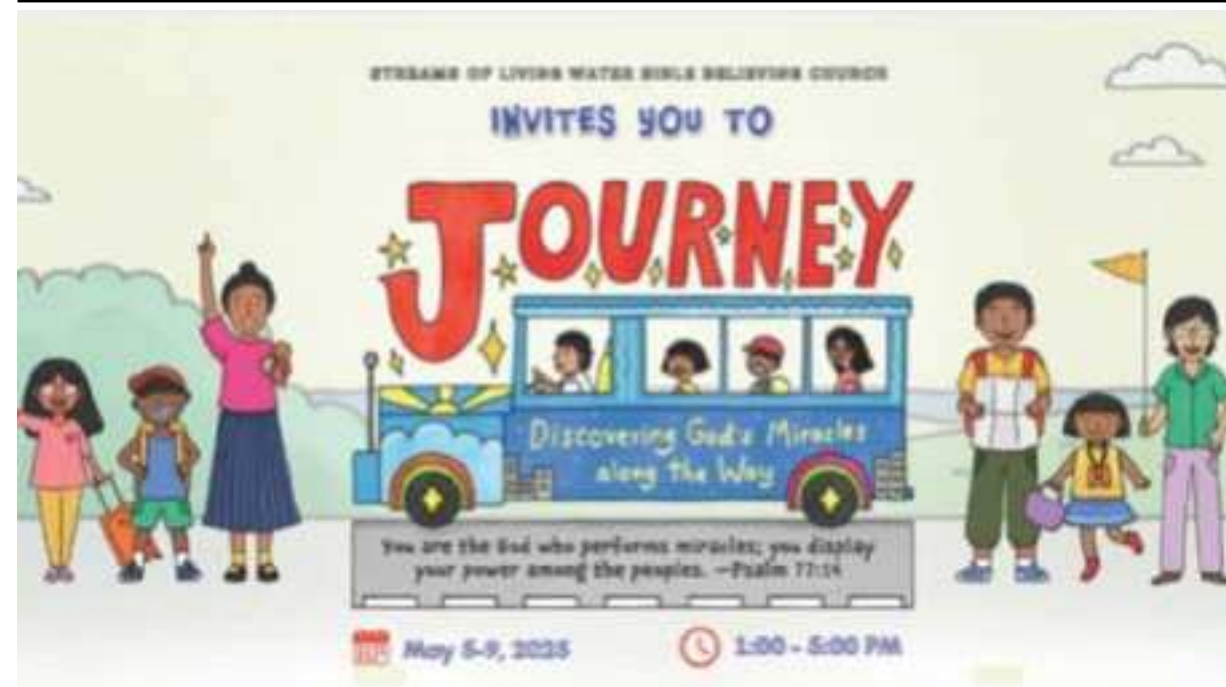
He also emphasized their role in inspiring CARD MRI to persist in its mission to eradicate poverty.

"All of our awardees have truly showcased their impact

as they generate employment opportunities in communities and contribute to the social and economic growth of the country," Mr. Dequito stated.

The nominees underwent a careful judging process based on predefined criteria. After thorough deliberation, Florabelle F. Dacumos with Construction Supplies Trading from CARD SME Bank Subic Unit, Zambales, emerged as the Gawad Maunlad (SME National Winner), while Emelita W. Nieves with Smoke Fish Processing from CARD Bank Mercedes, Camarines Norte, was awarded the Gawad Maunlad (Micro National Winner).

The Institutional Gawad Maunlad Winners included Ms. Arcey O. Sanchez from CARD SME Bank, Annaliza L. Monil from CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO), and Emily D. Balagoza from CARD MRI Rizal Bank. These entrepreneurs were recognized not only for improving their lives but also for boosting their local economies and serving as exemplary community members.



"Joke ba 'to?" — Sen. PhilHealth's 18% Coverage Target

Senator Pia Cayetano strongly criticized the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) for its plan to cover only 18% of hospital costs by 2025, labeling the target as a "joke" that undermines the principles of the Universal Health Care (UHC) Law, which aims to provide health coverage to all Filipinos through PhilHealth.

During recent Supreme Court oral arguments on the transfer of PhilHealth's excess funds to the national treasury, Associate Justice Jhosep Lopez pressed PhilHealth Senior Vice President Renato Limsiaco, Jr. on their coverage goals. In response, Limsiaco stated the agency's goal to cover



18% of hospitalization costs by 2025, with an aim to increase this to 28% by 2028. Responding to this news, Senator Cayetano expressed her disbelief and concern over these dismal figures, questioning how such limited coverage could aid Filipino families, particularly those in lower-income brackets. Notably, from 2014 to 2024, PhilHealth received over PHP 534 billion in sin tax revenues—raising further questions about how the agency can justify covering only 18% of patients' hospital costs. "How do you expect the poor, even the middle class, to afford healthcare when PhilHealth only plans to cover 18%?" she questioned. "People are already strug-

PAGGAMIT...

Aabot sa mahigit walong daang (800) magpapalay mula sa ibat-ibang bayan sa Laguna at Quezon ang dumalo sa isinagawang Hybrid Rice and Fertilizer Derby na pinangunahan ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) Rice Program noong ika-2 hanggang ika-4 ng Abril, 2025 sa Pila, Laguna.

Dito ay isinulong ng DA-4A ang paggamit ng Hybrid Rice Seeds at Bio-Fertilizers sa mga magpapalay para sa mas mataas na ani na may mas mababang gastos sa produksyon habang napapanatili o napapaganda ang kondisyon ng lupa.

Tampok sa naturang derby ang pagpapakilala at pagbibida sa apatnapung (40) produkto mula sa dalawampu't apat (24) na kumpanya ng binhi, abono, at pestisidyo. Ang mga datos na makakalap sa naturang aktibidad ang magiging basehan ng programa ng mga interbensyon ipapamahagi sa mga magpapalay ng rehiyon.

Ayon kay DA-4A Regional Executive Director Fidel L. Libao, mahalaga ang mga ganitong aktibidad upang makilala ng mga magpapalay ang mga bagong teknolohiyang makakatulong upang mapataas ang kanilang ani sa mas mababang halaga ng produksyon. Aniya, kahit mababa ang kasalukuyang presyo ng palay, kung tataas naman ang ani ay mababawi din bahagya ito.

Samantala, ibinahagi naman ni Gng. Nimfa Pegera, isang magpapalay ng Pagbilao, Quezon, ang kanyang obserbasyon sa nabanggit na derby. Napansin niya ang magandang epekto ng paggamit ng hybrid seeds at bio-fertilizers sa mga palayan. Aniya, ito ay kanyang susubukan at mag-eenganyo ng iba pang kasamahan.

SSS...

Around 3,800 Job Order (JO) and Contract of Service (COS) workers in the central and regional offices of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority's (TESDA) will now have access to the social security protection provided by the Social Security System (SSS) after the two state-run agencies sealed a partnership arrangement under the KaSSSangga Collect Program.

Meanwhile, 4,300 regular employees of TESDA may also join

the program as voluntary members to continue their contributions to SSS from previous private sector employment or self-employment.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph Montes De Claro (left) and TESDA Director General, Secretary Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez (right) inked the agreement on 22 April 2025 at TESDA Central Office in Taguig City that will facilitate registration to SSS and payment of contributions for eligibility to the various benefits and

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loan programs of SSS. The KaSSSangga Collect Program is designed to extend social security coverage to workers in the government under JO and COS arrangement. SSS shall issue an Agency Reference Number to TESDA with which a contribution collection list can be uploaded to generate a Payment Reference Number which shall be used when remitting through SSS or through SSS-accredited collecting partners online or over-the-counter. **PR**



Pia Cayetano Slams

gling to make ends meet. What more when they face unexpected illness?"

The Senator cited specific examples to illustrate the impact of PhilHealth's proposed coverage.

"Mismong si Justice Lopez, ginawa niyang halimbawa ang sarili niya. Sa sakit niya, inabot siya ng P7 million. Ang sinalo lang ni PhilHealth ay nasa 2 percent," she shared in an interview with Cebu media.

"Another example. May nanay na pumunta sa opisina namin at humingi ng tulong dahil ang baby niyang three months old ay nagkasakit ng pneumonia, nasa ospital. Ang bill nila ay P1 million. Alam niyo kung magkano ang tinulong ng PhilHealth? P25,000. Even assuming na hindi inabot ng P1 million ang bill, kung P100,000 lang. Saan kukuha si nanay ng P75,000?" she further cited.

"We can have a thousand hearings, but if PhilHealth doesn't have the common sense to understand that we must aim for the least out-of-pocket expense for patients, then all these discussions are useless," said the Senator, who chaired the Senate Committee on Health for nine (9) years and has been handling the health budget for the past five (5) years.

Senator Cayetano called on PhilHealth to reassess its coverage targets and align them more closely with the objectives of the UHC Law, ensuring that all Filipinos, regardless of economic status, can access the healthcare services they need without undue financial burden.

BACoor...

Bacoor City, April 24, 2025 - The City Government of Bacoor, through the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) and in partnership with the National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC), distributed cash gifts to 141 senior citizen beneficiaries today. The event, held at the Revilla Hall, marked the second batch of cash gift distribution under the Expanded Centenarian Act, also known as the "Revilla Law."

Mayor Strike B. Revilla, along with Atty.

Venus De Castro, OSCA Head, and representatives from the NCSC Cluster 3, Regional Office 4A, led the distribution. The law provides a P10,000 cash gift to senior citizens who reach the ages of 80, 85, 90, and 95, in addition to the P100,000 given to centenarians. This law was authored and enacted with the support of Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

Mayor Strike B. Revilla emphasized the City Government's commitment to the welfare of its senior citizens, highlight-

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ing the establishment of a Senior Citizens Home in 2023. The home provides free care, meals, and checkups for senior citizens who are without family support. "If you have no one to care for you, the City Government of Bacoor will be there for you," Mayor Strike stated.

The distribution of cash gifts under the "Revilla Law" is a testament to the City Government's dedication to ensuring the well-being of its senior citizens.

PGCEA...

The Provincial Government of Cavite Employees Association (PGCEA) marked another milestone as the new set of officers for the year 2025-2026 vowed to their duties and responsibilities after being sworn into office at the Conference Room at the New Provincial Capitol on April 21, 2025. This underscored the continuity in leadership and commitment of one another for the advancement of the association and for the betterment of the government employees.

Atty. Rodolfo Uy III, Provincial Administrator, alongside Ms. Maria

Fe Satsatin, Provincial Human Resource Management Officer, officiated the Oath Taking Ceremony. He, then, congratulated the elected officers and reminded them to adhere to their oath.

Afterward, Ms. Michelle Osorio, PGCEA President, imparted that

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the cooperation, support and trust of the members will solidify the association,

"Ito ay parang walis tingting, kung isa hindi siya makakawalis, pero kung naka bind sila, sama-sama, magagawa natin nang maayos ang ating trabaho." - **J. Reyes**



EDITORIAL:

POPE Francis I's death hardly came as a shock. He was, after all, 88. He had been ill. In fact, he had a prolonged stay in the hospital beginning February. His doctors said he had come close to death during that confinement.

His actual passing Monday morning was a surprise, nonetheless. The world believed he was recovering. His appearance on Easter — what would turn out to be his last — inspired many who saw that it was possible to fight a life-threatening illness and carry on with one's mission despite a serious health condition.

The Vatican said the pontiff died of a cerebral stroke that caused a coma and irreversible cardio-circulatory collapse.



In mourning

More than being a surprise, Pope Francis' passing caused a void and occasioned grief among the global Catholic Church in general and among Filipinos in particular.

His death now leaves the global Catholic Church, which is also the prime religion in the Philippines, in mourning. In many ways, Francis was a pioneer, going into areas where his predecessors dared not go. He was first to acknowledge the need for inclusivity in the Church where tradition has made some of the faithful feel judged and unaccepted. It was also under his rule that abuses by the clergy were recognized instead of hushed or covered up. He presided over the Church during the trying days of the pandemic, and of multiple wars in various fronts, inspiring Catholics to persevere in

their faith despite tribulations.

Most memorable to Filipinos was the Pope's trip here in 2015, where he went to Tacloban City and said Mass amid bad weather, comforting the people whose lives were upended by the disaster and conveying unconditional love and overwhelming compassion.

The next few days will be spent mourning the death of a true Church leader, and choosing Pope Francis' successor. As millions of Catholics grieve the death of the beloved Francis, may we also look forward to the future leader who will bring the Church closer to the people, and people closer to it. May Catholics be constantly guided by the core teaching of love of neighbor while navigating challenges of changing times.

PHILHEALTH, MAY ACCREDITED FACILITIES NA SA LAGUNA PARA SA OUTPATIENT THERAPEUTIC CARE (OTC) BENEFITS PACKAGE NG SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION



Ngayong 2025, maaari nang magamit ang Outpatient Therapeutic Care (OTC) Benefits para sa Severe Acute Malnutrition sa Calamba, Laguna.

Accredited na para magbigay ng nasabing benepisyo ang Calamba City Health Office, Barreto St., Barangay 7, Calamba City at ang Cuba Urban Health Center, Purok 7, Barangay Punta, Calamba City.



Ang outpatient therapeutic care benefits package para sa SAM ay tugon upang isulong ang universal coverage at financial risk protection para sa mga bata at pamilyang Pilipino. Ang halaga ng nasabing benefit package ay P7,500 para sa mga sanggol na wala pang anim (6) na buwan ang edad at P17,000 naman

para sa mga batang anim (6) na buwan hanggang limang (5) taong gulang.

Sakop ng benepisyong ito ang mga sumusunod na serbisyong kinakailangan para sa gamutan ng SAM gaya ng assessment o pagsusuri, counseling o pagpapayo, commodities (ready-to-use therapeutic food o RUTF), mga gamot kung



kinakailangan, gayundin ang paglipat mula sa outpatient therapeutic care (OTC) papuntang inpatient therapeutic care (ITC) at mga follow-up visit o pagbisita sa tahanan at surveillance.

Ang Severe

Acute Malnutrition o SAM ay isang kritikal na pandaigdigang isyu na nangangailangan ng madaaliang atensyon at aksyon. Kaya naman patuloy ang paghihikayat ng PhilHealth Regional Office IVA sa mga ospital at iba pang mga health care providers na magpa-accredit para mas maraming pasilidad ang makapagbigay ng naturang serbisyo sa mga miyembro ng PhilHealth.

Para sa mga karagdagang impormasyon o detalye, maaaring bumisita sa PhilHealth official website sa www.philhealth.gov.ph.

(Janelle Villanueva)

BACoor CITY HONORS SOFT TENNIS STAR CHRISTY SAÑOSA IN COURTESY VISIT



Bacoor City, April 26, 2025 - Mayor Strike B. Revilla, along with City Administrator Atty. Aimee Torrefranga-Neri, welcomed Bacoor's very own soft tennis champion, Ms.

Christy Sañosa, in a courtesy visit at the Office of the Mayor yesterday. The visit served as an opportunity to honor Sañosa's achievements and to show support for her upcoming

international competitions. Ms. Sañosa, a proud Bacoreño, has consistently brought honor to the city and the country through her impressive performances in international soft tennis tournaments. Her list of accolades includes:

- 2022: Korea (Silver Medalist, Women's Team), Indonesia (Bronze, Single Event)

- 2023: Korea (2 Gold - Women's Single Challenge Round and Single Event, 1 Silver - Women's Double), Thailand (1 Gold - Women's Team, 1 Silver - Women's Double), Cambodia Southeast Asian Games (Gold Medalist - Women's Team

Event)

- 2024: ISTF World Tour Soft Tennis Championship (Gold - Women's Team Event, Silver - Women's Double, Bronze - Mixed Double)

In her upcoming competitions, Ms. Sañosa will proudly carry the Philippine flag. Mayor Strike B. Revilla expressed the City Government's full support for her endeavors and requested her assistance in promoting and strengthening sports within the city. The courtesy visit served as a testament to the City Government's commitment to recognizing and supporting local athletes who bring pride and inspiration to Bacoor.V

7 WAYS SM IS MAKING EARTH DAY, EVERY DAY



Natural light streams through the skylights of SM Supermalls, helping reduce electricity consumption while creating a bright, welcoming space.



Students weighs recyclables during SM Cares' Trash to Cash, showing that small actions can lead to a greener future.



SM employees lead by example as they properly segregate waste using the RDC (Recyclable, Disposable, Compostable) bin system—showing that building a #SMWasteFreeFuture starts from within.

SM Supermalls continues to champion the mindset that sustainability isn't just a one-day commitment—it's a lifestyle. In celebration of Earth Day 2025, SM invites everyone to be part of simple, everyday actions that make a big difference for the planet. Through innovative programs, eco-friendly infrastructure, and community engagement, SM's malls have become leading platforms for greener living.

"Our malls are more than shopping des-

tinations—they're spaces where people and the planet can thrive together," said Engr. Liza Silerio, Vice President for Corporate Compliance and Program Director of SM Cares for Environment. "Through programs that are easy to join, SM makes it possible for every visitor to take part in a more sustainable future."

Here are 7 sustainable ways SM is turning its pledge into everyday impact—and how you can take part:

1. Plug in Your



SM City Tanza powers up with 2,286 solar panels, generating a peak capacity of 1,257.30 kW—part of SM



An electric vehicle charges at SM North EDSA's Electric Vehicle Charging Station—one of 123 across 69 SM Supermalls nationwide.

EV—for Free With 123 EV charging stations across 69 malls, SM has disbursed over 14,500 kWh of clean electricity to electric vehicle users, with 50 more chargers planned in 2025. It's free, easy to access, and part of SM's commitment to low-emission mobility.

2. Walk into Solar-Powered Spaces SM currently operates 47 malls and properties with solar installations, generating 27.6 GWh of clean energy in 2024 alone—the equivalent of removing over 4,100 cars off the road. With a total of 100MWp rooftop solar capacity by 2027, more solar rollouts are planned for 2025.

Supermalls' commitment

to clean and sustainable energy.

3. Experience Greener Malls with Natural Lighting From Sky Gardens and skylights that allow natural light to brighten spaces and reduce electricity use, to LED lighting and motion sensor escalators, every corner of the mall is designed with energy efficiency in mind. SM also contributes 110 MW of capacity to the DOE's Interruptible Load Program.

4. Support a Waste-Free Future Launched in 2023, SM's #SMWasteFreeFuture campaign enforces proper waste segregation across all mall tenants through RDC (Recyclable, Disposable, Compostable) bin

systems. 5. Turn Trash into Treasure at Trash-to-Cash Held every first Friday and Saturday of the month, this recycling market has helped exchange over 1 million kilograms of recyclables annually across SM malls nationwide. Visitors can bring paper, plastic, metal, or even old appliances—and exchange them for cash.

6. Recycle Smarter with Plastic and E-Waste Collection Drop off used plastics at 15 participating SM malls and e-waste bins at Cyberzone areas nationwide. So far, these programs have diverted 63,874 kg of plastics and over 11,000 kg of e-waste from land-

fills—thanks to partnerships with Friends of Hope and Smart/PLDT. Mall customers drop off used plastic wastes at SM's Plastic Collection Program—proving that small actions can lead to a cleaner, greener future for all.

7. Join Coastal Cleanups that Protect Our Seas

In 2024, over 27,000 volunteers across 15 SM malls helped collect more than 157,000 kg of trash from coastlines and waterways. SM also initiates weekly and quarterly coastal cleanups, proving that when communities work together, the ripple effect reaches far and wide.

DOST-CERTIFICATION OF RIZAL CONCLUDES, STRENGTHENING READINESS FOR MAY 2025 ELECTIONS

As the March 4-18 certification of Electoral Boards (EBs) in Rizal Province concludes, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), in collaboration with the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), reaffirms its commitment to ensuring a fair, secure, and efficient electoral process. Electoral Board members coming from thirteen (13) municipalities and one (1) lone city had undergone rigorous training and assessments, equipping them

with the necessary skills to operate Automated Counting Machines (ACMs) and manage the voting process effectively.

At the forefront of this initiative are the thirteen (13) dedicated DOST-Certifiers from the DOST-Wide System who carefully assess examinees and uphold certification standards. The certification, mandated under Republic Act No. 9369 (Automated Election Law), ensures that Electoral Board members are competent, technically

capable, and knowledgeable in handling automated election systems. The assessment consisted of 2 parts, the online theoretical examination using the DOST- NCR-developed EB Certification Portal and the practical examination which was given on a face-to-face basis.

Recognizing the importance of refining the certification process, a coordination meeting between COMELEC Rizal and DOST-Certifiers took place last March 7 and March 12. This meeting ad-

ressed minor concerns, improved implementation strategies, and incorporated feedback from teachers regarding the ACMs. By strengthening collaboration, both agencies aimed to enhance efficiency and further support educators in their crucial role in the upcoming May elections.

With Rizal being one of the provinces in CALABARZON, the certification process is vital in maintaining public trust in the electoral system. The DOST-Certifiers of Rizal, through digital assess-

ments, help guarantee that every voter's choice is accurately recorded and securely transmitted, reducing errors and ensuring the integrity of the election results.

Recognizing the dedication of the DOST-Certifiers and the importance of this initiative, DOST-CALABARZON's Top Management personally visited the certification venues to extend their full support.

On March 12, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Operations, Engr. Francisco E. Barquilla III, personally visited

the two certification venues that are both located in Antipolo City, offering valuable tips and words of encouragement to the teachers preparing for their exams. His visit underscored the significance of the teachers' role in upholding the credibility of the elections through their technical competence and commitment to public service. On March 14, DOST Regional Director Ms. Emelita P. Bagsit, together with DOST Rizal Provincial Director Mr. Fernando E. Ablaza, also visited the venues namely, Loreland Farm Resort and Cloud 9. They addressed the examinees, recognizing the collective efforts of the Electoral Boards, COMELEC, and DOST Certifiers in ensuring a smooth and credible election process.

With the support of DOST CALABARZON, DOST Rizal, and COMELEC Rizal, the certification program is set to equip nearly 4,000 teachers with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively serve as Electoral Board members. As the nation moves closer to the May 2025 National and Local Elections (NLE), this initiative remains a crucial step toward a secure, credible, and technologically sound voting process for the people of Rizal. **PR**

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The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Rizal, under the leadership of Provincial Election Supervisor Atty. Arnulfo H. Pioquinto, continues to maintain the close coordination and communication with DOST-CALABARZON in order to ensure the seamless implementation of the certification program. Atty. Pioquinto and his team acknowledge the critical role of a technically proficient Electoral Board in maintaining a transparent and credible electoral system.

As the March 4-18 certification concludes, a closing ceremony was organized by the Provincial COMELEC of Rizal on the last day of examination to recognize and appreciate all the people who contributed to the success of the EB certification process. With the dedication of DOST-Certifiers in Rizal stands as a testament to their commitment to upholding democracy and public trust. Their role in assessing and certifying teachers contributes significantly to ensuring a clean, transparent, and technology-driven electoral process.

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MAYBANK PHILIPPINES INC.,
Mortgagee.

Foreclosure No. 2025-64
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure
of Real Estate Mortgage

-versus-

JULI EMILLE PINEDA SAMILEY AND
ANGELO CHRISTER DEOCAREZA UNABIA,
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 mortgagee, **MAYBANK PHILIPPINES INC.**, at Maybank Corporate Center, 7th Avenue corner 28th Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, and against the mortgagors, **JULI EMILLE PINEDA SAMILEY AND ANGELO CHRISTER DEOCAREZA UNABIA** at #8 Kasoy Kanan St., Verdant Acres Subd., Pamplona II, Las Pinas and Unit No. 103 and Drying Area No. 103, Budi Building, Alea Residences, Las Pinas-Talaba Diversion Road, Brgy. Zapote 3, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of March 18, 2025 amounts to **FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR PESOS & 76/100 (P 4,291,934.76)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fees incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on **June 3, 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 properties with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 167-2022000041
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:
"ALEA RESIDENCES" – BUDI BUILDING
LOCATION: GROUND FLOOR
UNIT NO.: 103
UNIT DESCRIPTION: 2-BEDROOM (INNER UNIT)
UNIT AREA: 49.50 SQUARE METERS,

MORE OR LESS
BALCONY 1: 15.00 SQUARE METERS,
MORE OR LESS
TOTAL AREA: 64.50 SQUARE METERS,
MORE OR LESS

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 167-2023000068
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:
"ALEA RESIDENCES" – BUDI BUILDING
SERVICE AREA: 103
LOCATION: ROOF DECK
SERVICE AREA: 7.0 SQUARE METERS,
MORE OR LESS

"All sealed bid must be submitted 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 **June 10, 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, April 15, 2025

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