poration (SMC), through condition deteriorated due its San Miguel Foundation to lack of funding. (SMF), has formally turned over a newly renovated part of SMC's ₱150-million school building and up- donation to NBP and the graded learning facilities Women's Correctional. It to benefit student-inmates follows a pledge made by at the Medium Security SMC Chairman and CEO Compound of the New Bili- Ramon S. Ang during his bid Prison (NBP).

The facility, now known as Better World veiled in simple turnover Bilibid, is operated as the rites, the upgraded school Bilibid Extension School now features new class-(BES) and managed by rooms, a computer room, the University of Perpetual library, audio-visual room, Help System Dalta (UP- and a spacious multipur-HSD) in partnership with pose hall. The event was the Bureau of Corrections led by SMF Chairperson

San Miguel Cor- the years, the school's

The renovation is visit in 2024.

Recently (BuCor) since 1984. Over Cecile L. Ang, UPHSD



The Better World Bilibid is a newly renovated school building which now features upgraded learning facilities — among them a fully-equipped computer room.



President Dr. Anthony But beyond what you now Jose M. Tamayo, UP- see — beyond the new tion, health, and livelihood M. Tamayo, BuCor Direc- most meaningful transfor- communities. tor-General Gregorio Pio mation must start from in-P. Catapang, Jr., Sandi- side you. ganbayan Associate Justice Karl B. Miranda, and your choices, and your will UPHSD School Director to grow that will make this

Hundreds of per- ipino. sons deprived of liberty (PDLs) enrolled in tertia- tion, P50 million was allory education and skills cated for the BES program, training programs are ex- including the school's renpected to benefit from the ovation and learning tools. upgraded facilities. At the An additional P85 million same time, the recurring is funding a five-year meal donation for learning ma- augmentation program terials, uniforms, and TES- that benefits 31,219 PDLs DA-certified skills courses over 48 days. Last Christwill benefit over 6,000 mas, SMC also distributed

Ms. Ang expressed SMC's the PDLs. commitment to support reformation efforts through bid joins SMC's growing education and skill-build- network of community ing. "Real change begins centers under the Betwithin each of us. We're ter World initiative, which here to support you, to includes facilities in Tonprovide the facilities and do, Smokey Mountain,

It's your dreams,

Of the total dona-P15 million worth of food In her message, packs as holiday gifts to

materials that can help. Diliman, and Cubao that

address hunger, educa-



# Calabarzon Kadiwa P2 Centers to sell P20 rice







BACOOR, al government's flagship broke ground, signaling CAVITE (PIA) — A new chapter in Bacoor's jourtoward inclusive and sustainable housing has begun with the Salinas-Bacoor housing

Key officials from the city government and Settlements and Urban

Pambansang Pabahay the start of the project's para sa Pilipino Program construction. Situated on

1.9-hectare property in Barangay Salinas I, the Department of Human development is set to offer approximately 2,000 housing units. Each unit

will feature two bedrooms and will be offered at a package price of Php 1,800,000.00—a significant step toward address-

conditions of Bacooreños. In his message. Mayor Strike Revilla de-

"lifelong dream finally real-

whose collaboration made and affordable housing. the project possible.

The event was attended by officials from

Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD). led by Undersecretary Avelino Tolentino III, who scribed the project as a represented Secretary Jose Rizalino Acuzar.

He was joined He extended by Assistant Secretary heartfelt thanks to Secre- Krsnadasi De Leon in oftary Acuzar, the Pag-IBIG ficially launching the proj-Fund, and all government ect, which aims to transand private stakeholders form lives through decent

Revilla added "This is more that the Salinas-Bacoor than a construction proj- housing initiative reflects ect. This is about building the growing momentum of hope, dignity, and opportu- the 4PH Program, which nity for the people of Baco-seeks to build resilient and affordable communities for Filipino families across the



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sa IV-CALABARZON (DAsampung kategorya ang 4A) at sumailalim na sa wad Saka: Parangal sa mga representante ng field validation ng Nation- mga Natatanging Magsa-Department of Agriculture al Technical Committee

(NTC) para sa 50 th Gacont. on Page 3

### 10 practical health tips to help vou 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 2 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.

### 4. Don't smoke

Smoking tobacco causes NCDs such as lung disease, heart disease and stroke. Tobacco kills not only the direct smokers but even non-smokers through second-hand exposure.

If you are currently a smoker, it's not too : late to quit. Once you do, you will experience immediate and long-term health benefits. If you are not a smoker, that's great! Do not start smoking and fight for your right to breathe tobacco-smoke-free air.

### 5. Be active

Physical activity is defined as any bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that requires energy expenditure. This includes exercise and activities undertaken while working, playing, carrying out household chores, travelling, and engaging in recreational pursuits. The amount of physical activity you need depends on your age group but : adults aged 18-64 years should do at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity throughout the week. Increase moderate-intensity physical activity to 300 minutes per week for additional health cont. on next issue

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CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — At least eight local government-run Kadiwa Centers in Calabarzon have joined other local government stockpiles. units (LGUs) nationwide in offering affordable rice at ₱20 per kilo under the Department of Agriculture's (DA) "Benteng Bigas, Mer-

on Na!" program. Among the LGUs participating in this initiative are Dasmariñas City and Naic in Cavite: and Antipolo City, Rodriguez, and Binangonan in Rizal. These areas are scheduled to sell the affordable rice every Thursday and Friday at designated Kadi-

Meanwhile, Kadiwa Centers in Santa Rosa City and Kalayaan in Laguna; and San Mateo, Rizal will offer the subsidized rice every Friday.

The program rollout will begin on May 16, following the delivery of rice stocks from the National Food Authority (NFA).

Dasmariñas City, the City Agriculture Office will deploy mobile Kadiwa rolling stores to reach more barangays and communities, espe- and strengthen local food cially those with limited access to public markets. According to DA,

tional and Local elections

promised to bring a new

direction of governance in

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ups, where husband and

wife and mother and son

tandems were replaced by

and Cavite: where baili-

and Cavite provinces have

been known to be strong-

holds of political families

Batangas is an old political

family whose generations

stemmed from former

Senator Claro M. Recto

who played a key role in

drafting the 1935 constitu-

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for decades.

the Philippines.

Upsets and continuity...

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Decades later,

grandson and Finance the physician-turned-poli-

the expansion of the program to regions like Calabarzon was made possible after a comprehensive review of the agency's budget and available NFA

"The program not only aims to provide affordable rice to Filipino consumers but also seeks to ease the burden on the National Food Authority's warehouses, enabling the agency to buy more palav from farmers at higher prices." the DA said in a

The agency added that under the pilot test, LGUs will share the ₱13-per-kilo subsidy with the DA's Food Terminal Inc. Beneficiary eligibility will be determined by the LGUs.

According to the DA, vulnerable groups including solo parents, persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and beneficiaries of the government's 4Ps program will have access to the ₱20-per-kilo rice at Kadiwa Centers

The "Benteng Bigas. Meron Na!" initiative is part of the Marcos administration's commitment to ensure food affordability systems under the Bagong Pilipinas governance agenda.

Secretary Ralph- is lead-

ing the charge as the new

governor-elect. Her son.

Ryan Christian, is joining

the House of Representa-

tives as the newly-minted

sixth district representa-

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lavan as Vice Governor.

Meanwhile, the

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### \* Cavetano...

Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHI-VOLCS) is now a reality.

This after President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Thursday, April 24. 2025, signed Republic Act No. 12180 or the PHI-VOLCS Modernization Act. which is based on Senate Bill No. 2825 which Cayetano sponsored and defended in the Senate.

The law strengthens PHIVOLCS by upgrading its equipment, expanding its monitoring network, and increasing its personnel.

"By modernizing PHIVOLCS, we are making a bold move to ensure that science and innovation are at the heart of our disaster response and preparedness," Cayetano said after leading the Senate in ratifying the final Modernization Act earlier operations.

He emphasized that the measure comes at a crucial time, following natural disasters like the recent eruption of Mount

Among other upgrades, the law provides for the equipping of seismic monitoring systems in all 24 active volcanoes

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Meanwhile, Alcala-whose

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Senator Alan in the country, up from Peter Cayetano's push to the previous 10. Likewise, modernize the Philippine the number of earthquake monitoring stations is expected to increase from 125 to 300.

"This law will fill the gaps in our disaster monitoring systems and help Filipinos become more prepared when calamities strike," Cayetano The law allows

PHIVOLCS to hire more experts and improve operational standards. It will also provide the agency with state-of-the-art instruments, equipment, and facilities to deliver timely and reliable data for disaster preparedness, climate change adaptation. agriculture, and other key

The law also supports advanced research and development by adopting a more systematic and integrated approach version of the PHIVOLCS in improving PHIVOLCS'

> Cayetano said the law will strengthen the country's ability to respond to natural disasters while also promoting a culture of preparedness and environmental stewardship.

"What we can do is to be prepared, warn people, and of course what we can do is honor God's creation by protecting nature," he said.

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tician is continuing her du- wife of outgoing governor-now-turned Congressman Ramil Hernandez

> Both Aragones Mariano-Hernandez were members of the House of Representatives and have built respective networks of their own

Aragones has found strong support in the 3rd district where she started the Alagang Sol program, while Mariano-Hernandez, who also shared popularity with her governor husband in the second district, kickstarted the Serbisyong Tama Kababaihan-a program for the Lagunense women.

Barely a day after the elections, but the electorate of CALABARZON is seeing clear winners who will be sworn into office by June 30. The only guestion that stands: will the (relatively) new faces live up to the expectations that trict Representative and go with their names?

### May 21-27, 2025 **Dynasties...**

Elected seats may be taken up by those who share the same surname but the power to usher change remains in the people, according to a professor from the De La Salle University-Das-

Dr Rommel Mazo of the DISU-D's School of Governance. Public Service and Corporate Leadership emphasized that the people usher development in democracies through the political actors they vote for.

"The power to change doesn't reside solely in government officials or political actors, but in the people. Sovereignty resides in them. Whoever is in government. whether it's a dynasty or not. and the people remain the same in their thinking—not critically aware of what's happening—we can't expect anything. It goes in two ways: change should happen both in the government and the people."

Mazo said political families continue to dominate the elections due to the continuity of leadership where local government-backed programs and projects contin-

On the other hand, fundamental democratic processes such as checks and balances and tend to be overlooked due ty, or the ability to take an or challenging one.

to the prevalence of politi-

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"The principle of checks and balances, the also contributes to the surprinciple of equal opportunity for public service, and the principle of meritocracv can be undermined when we have a political dynasty, and when we say political dynasty, it's almost equivalent to a concentration of power."

cal dynasties.

Mazo emphasized the importance of political maturity among the electorate, wherein candidates are placed elected based on their qualifications and not on their affiliations.

"It's always two things: those who are running and those who are

Now, if the people are politically aware, they won't vote for individuals running simply based on their affiliation with families or political dynasties. If they know who is qualified, despite their affiliations, they will vote for the qualified ones."

The 2019 National and Local Elections placed a spotlight on political families where 80 percent of elected candidates were related to incumbent officials, and 67 percent of members of the Congress had family members who were already in govern-

Political maturi-

participating in political activities such as elections,

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powers are limited by law and a written or unwritten constitution in which those in power obey.

"Political dynasties prevail because we allow them to prevail. The choice is ours because the people are sovereign, and it's the people who have the power to change the political landscape of the

Mazo further not-

informed approach when vival of political dynasties.

ple are politically aware they won't vote for individon their affiliation with families or political dynasties If they know who is gualqualified ones."

For the Cenfor Civic Education, non-profit organization based in the United States, democracies like the Philippines place the ultimate authority in the people from which the government derives its right to government from their consent through elec-

Government

ed that public service requires competence, principles, and values among its workers-regardless if they are continuing a dynasty

CARD RBI

microfinance oriented-ru-

ral bank under CARD MRI

opened its 39th branch in

Sindangan Zamboanga

del Norte on January 20,

marks more than just the

opening of a new branch;

it signifies the opening of

comprehensive medical

services and patient-cen-

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access for Calambeños

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to Manila for treatments.

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blessing and inauguration

"Now, if the peouals running simply based ified, despite their affiliations, they will vote for the

new doors to opportunities that will better serve communities, especially those facing social and economic challenges, as well as MSMEs. We aim to provide financial and non-financial products and

Leading the way to financial inclusion. CARD RBI opens its 39th branch in Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte. CARD MRI Rizal services," said CARD RBI such as micro and SME Bank, Inc. (CARD RBI), a President and CEO Ms. Lyneth Dereguito. According to the

Survey, Sindangan has a total household population of 26,068, with an average household size of 4.3. CARD RBI Sindangan Branch is now ready to meet the banking needs of the local communities. Ms. Lyneth L. Dereguito. particularly the microen-

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Ito ang bangko natin.

**CARD RBI opens its 39th branch** 

<u>in zamboanga del Norte</u>

trepreneurs. Sindangan known for its thriving agribusiness sector, which includes fish and seaweed

These industries play a vital role in the economy of Zamboanga del Norte, a province recognized for its diverse agribusiness activities, such as coconut oil milling, wood processing, and rubber production.

"We are committed to reaching more communities and MSMEs through branch expan-

loans, savings, and remittance services to ensure that all socioeconomically 2020 LGU Households challenged families in the country have access to affordable and quality financial services. The

ceremony was attended by CARD MRI Rizal Bank President and CEC CARD RBI Executive Vice President Ms. Juliana B. De Leon, together with Chairman of the Board Mr Aristeo A. Deguito, CARD **RBI** Former President and Board Director Ms Flma B. Valenzuela, Sindangan Mayor Hon. Rosendo "Dodoy" S. Labadlabad, Vice Mayor Hon. Nilo Boy Sv. and other CARD MRI officers and staff.

This new branch is part of CARD RBI's mission to promote financial inclusion in the country The new branch is located in Poblacion, Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte

ber 2024, CARD RBI has grown significantly with over P7.5 billion in assets nationwide, serving over 820,000 clients.

mation about CARD MRI CARD RBI ca- Rizal Bank, Inc., visit its ters to various financial official website at www. cardmri.com/rbi/, and its fers a wide range of bank- Facebook page at CMR-

For more infor-



partnership. This sums up City. the meeting of PhilHealth Acting President and CEO Dr. Edwin M. Mercado with the Chief Executive Officers, Medical Directors and Chief of Hospitals from 54 hospitals in Lagu-

The meeting was held at the AMSI Doctors'

PhilHealth Regional Office IVA Acting Regional Vice President Edwin M. Oriña, MD was also present during the meeting to provide support on concerns raised by the hospitals during the Kapihan and Open Forum.

In his opening

and CEO of the AMSI Doctors Medical Center and Calamba Doctors Hospital, pointed out his gratitude to Dr. Mercado by making hospitals feel that "true" partnership with

AMSI's dedicated efforts to respond

mental Center and Rehabilitation Center. This development will quarantee access to facilities and services not just for residents of Calamba City but also to its neighboring towns. PhilHealth does exist.

Meanwhile, Philcont. on Page 3

sion. Our goal is to offer essential services and implement community-based development programs to address the various needs and more than 330 offices of the people," Chairman of the Board Mr. Aristeo A. Dequito said. The Bank

needs of its clients as it ofing products and services AIDS TO SILANG, CAVITE **PCSO** HINDI UHT PAGT

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Mandaluyong man Arnold Garcia official-City, May 7, 2025 - The ly received the mobility Philippine Charity Sweep- aids from PCSO Corpostakes Office (PCSO) pro- rate Planning Department vided 20 wheelchairs and Manager, Atty. Anna Liza 20 crutches to Barangay P. Inciong. Lucsuhin, Silang, Cavite as part of its ongoing com- cia, the assistive devices mitment to social welfare.

In a turnover cer- nior citizens and persons emony held at the PCSO with disabilities (PWDs) Main Office in Mandaluy- within their community to ong City, Barangay Chair- improve their well-being.

This initiative is a crucial component of PCSO's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, which is dedicated to delivering immediate assistance to those in need. Through programs like this, PCSO continues to uphold its mission of fostering inclusivity and enhancing the quality of



On March 26. 2025, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) - Laguna, in collaboration with the Calamba Man- ba City Mayor Roseller power Development Center (CMDC), successfully conducted a comprehensive livelihood seminar ing the local government's for the trainees of the full support for initiatives cess. CMDC. This event was aimed at empowering indimade possible through viduals through education the combined efforts of and livelihood opportunikey partners, including ties. the Negosyo Center Business Counselors from the inar, participants were intowns of Calauan, Rizal, troduced to key topics to and Pangil.

seminar opened with a remark from ors. The speakers covered Leonardo D. Dela Cruz Jr., subjects like innovative the Supervising Manpow- business ideas, the entreer Development Officer of CMDC. He extended practical steps for starting a warm welcome to all a business. They also disthe distinguished guest cussed DTI programs and speakers and participants, services that support as-

setting a positive and engaging tone for the day's activities. Dr. Emilio D. Casulla, representing Calam-Rizal, also delivered an opening message on behalf of the mayor, express-

During the sem-

help them succeed in their

entrepreneurial endeav-

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ed seminar was able to equip the participants with valuable tools and knowledge, opening up opportunities for growth and suc-It proved to be a

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The above-stat-

emphasized

valuable experience that enhanced the trainees' skills and fostered an entrepreneurial environment positively impacting various industries in the region. This training served as a crucial step for many participants to confidently begin their entrepreneurial

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# **EDITORYAL:**

May 21-27, 2025

## What's wrong with our education system?

WHETHER you're a candidate for national or local proving the quality of life of our people and ensuring a better es

proving the quality of the education of our youth.

A recent survey by the Philippine Statistics Authority called Functional Literacy, Education and Mass Media Study (FLEMMS) showed some 18.9 million Filipinos who completed secondary education between 2019 and 2024 may be considered "functional illiterate" as they still have problems with reading comprehension despite years of

According to Sen. Sherwin Gatchalian, chair of the Senate basic education committee, the results of the study should prod the national government to devise a strategy to address "the gravity of our situation now."

We agree. In fact, the lawmaker believes the failure tions positions in the May 12 polls or one of their supporters, you to achieve higher levels of basic literacy in the country is among should be concerned about how you can contribute to im- the factors behind the high poverty incidence in some provinc-

The country's poorest provinces, such as Tawi-Tawi And when we talk about achieving a better future and Davao Occidental, recorded the highest functional illiteracy able to perform complex tasks or acquire higher literacy for the nation, then we must be concerned as well with im-Cavite and Bataan, have lower poverty incidence rates.

> The senator estimated that based on the PSA data and available information, about 24.82 million Filipinos age 10 to 64 could be considered functional illiterate, or individuals who could read, write and compute but could not understand what they have read.

> That's not all. Another 5.86 million Filipinos belonging to the same age group are "basic illiterate," or unable to read, write and compute

14 QUI According to education experts those who are considered functional illiterate have very basic reading and writing skills but are unable to apply them in everyday situa-•

For instance, they may know how to write their full names but cannot properly fill out job applications or understand complicated written instructions.

Moreover, the functional illiterate would be un-

They are also likely to remain poor and remain vulnerable to social exclusion.

The end-result of functional illiteracy is intergenerational disadvantage, or a situation where children who grow up in a low literacy household usually experience educational difficulties as well.

Do your candidates for national or local positions have clear positions on how they can help improve our educational system and prepare the youth to take an active part in nation-building?

If not, ditch them and vote for somebody else

### ARMY...

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) — A ranking officer thing that has not been of the Armed Forces of the attempted in any region Philippines (AFP) emphasized the importance of civilian support in the registration of personnel for the National Service Reserve Corps (NSRC).

Brig. Gen. Ronald Jess Alcudia, commander of the 202nd Brigade of the Philippine Army, urged government agencies to support the formation of community-based NSRC units.

with the Sectoral Committee, Alcudia cited a resolution of the Regional components. Peace and Order Council creating an interagency technical working group (TWG) for the registration of reservists in the region.

in the country, and CALA-BARZON will be the pilot test for the reservist registration.

This is one way by which we can account for our reservists, and prepare for any contingency that may happen."

Formalized under Republic Act 9163. also known as the National Service Training Program (NSTP) Law, the NSRC is During a meeting composed of graduates of the non-Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)

These individuals may be tapped by the State for literacy and civic welfare activities.

"Based on this



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whatever program for disaster response."

You will become CALABARZON Regional a part of the reserve force. including those who took ROTC, the Citizen Armed Force administered by gion 4A has been desigthe AFP. the CWTS (Civic Welfare Training Service) and LTS (Literacy Training Service) are members of the National Service Reserve Corps."

Its main functions include: assisting in disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and rehabilitation: serve as auxiliary to disaster risk reduction and management response units; assist in promoting civic welfare activities and implementation of literacy programs, to respond in case of national emergency, assist in environmental protection and. perform other functions given by higher DRRM au-

thorities. "This is where community-based NSRC units, the graduates of our CWTS and LTS may be asked to volunteer and serve their communities in times of need."

Graduates of the CWTS and LTS programs make up approximately 85 percent of students graduating from state universities and colleges. Alcudia added:

"Unfortunately, 22 years into the implementation of the NSTP [law], we have not seen the NSRC wherever there are calamities and disasters. This is the thrust of the Office of Civil Defense."

"Because of the absence of the NSRC, in many cases it is the graduates of the ROTC who provide the augmentation to local government units

Citing Resolution No. 2025-003 of the

Peace and Order Council, Alcudia stated that Renated as the pilot area for the initiative, which will be spearheaded by city and municipal treasurers.

"There is a need right now to look back on preparedness and train-

the intent of the law, so we can look at how we can tap the graduates of the NSTP for disaster response mis-

This is because of the current developments in the security environment, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines and our reserve force are more into military defense

ed: "We need to have a civilian reserve that our local government units can rely on during times of disaste

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The official not

and calamities." During School Year 2021-2022 around 259,595 students graduated from the NSTF in the CALABARZON and MIMAROPA regions.

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Gawad Saka na mas mai

pakilala pa ang kanilang

samahan sa buong ban-

sa lalo na ang kanilang

ipinagmamalaki na mga

DA... saka at Mangingisda.

Ang Gawad Saka ay isinasagawa upang parangalan ang mga natatanging kontribusyon ng mga magsasaka, mangingisda, nag-aalaga ng hayop, at maging ang mga dedikado sa serbisyo publiko na nagpamalas ng huwarang gilas at galing para sa ikauunlad ng sektor ng agrikultura.

Marso ay paunang binisi- sila ng pagkakataon sa taon. ta ang Ginintuang Butil ng Sta. Teresa Irrigators Association Inc. para sa Outstanding Rice Cluster-Irrigators Associations mula sa Lucena City, Quezon; si Jovencio Reyes para sa Outstanding Agricultural Extension Worker (AFW) mula sa Tanay, Rizal; at si Marites Caña para sa Outstanding High Value Crops Farmer mula sa Nagcar-

lan, Laguna. Sinundan naman ito nina Gemma Chavez para sa Outstanding Large Animal Raiser Adopting Integrated Farming System, Cooperative Bank of Quezon Province para sa Outstanding Rural Financial Institution, Dr. Cleofas Cervancia para sa Outstanding Agricultural Scientist, Palcon Dairy

MPC para sa Outstanding

Dairy Cattle Raiser, Claudette Anne Aguila para sa Outstanding Young Farmer, Talahib Pandayan RIC para sa Outstanding Barangay Rural Improvement Club, at Victor Esmeris para sa Outstanding Coconut Farmer, Kaugnay nito, Si Marites Caña ay buong puso ang pasasalamat sa pagtulong ng lokal na pamahalaan at

produkto. Samantala, in aasahan ang opisyal na paggagawad sa mga mananalo rito sa darating na buwan ng Mayo kasabay na selebrasvon na Bu wan ng mga Magsasaka Sa buwan ng DA-4A upang mabigyan at Mangingisda ngayong

### PHILHEALTH...

Health Acting PCEO Dr. Edwin M. Mercado's message emphasized Phil-Health's continuing efforts to improve its operational efficiency through optimizing processes to ensure that hospitals receive timely payments for their claims while bridging the communication gap with health facilities via Phil-Health's reconciliation dia-

The meeting is part of Dr. Mercado's commitment in strengthening PhilHealth partnership with the health facilities by understanding what's haplevel as well as clarifying the health facilities role in the Universal Health Care. grassroots.

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Dr. Jose P. Santiago, Jr. President, Philippine Hospital Association also affirmed the group's support to PhilHealth thanking Dr. Mercado as he continues to "build bridges instead of walls in the implementation of PhilHealth's mandate and reforms PhilHealth

stands firm in its commitment in uplifting the healthcare system through its strengthened hospital engagement nationwide. This series of

meetings is a testament to PhilHealth's dedication pening at the grassroots in improving efficiency and resolving issues affecting service delivery at the

DICT PROVIDES FREE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CONNECTIVITY TO SSS EWHEELS IN LUCENA

Left photo shows Social Security System (SSS) Lucena Branch Head Frederik D. Isip (5th from left) and SSS Lucena Accounts Management Section Head Erwin M. Mauban (3rd from left) listening on the demonstration on how to operate the Mobile Starlink equipment to be used in the SSS eWheels while in the right photo, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Quezon Provincial Officer Edd Fernan D. Gonzales (right) explains to the members of SSS Lucena's Accounts Management Section how to set up and troubleshoot the high-speed internet equipment for the mobile e-centers.

curity System (SSS) Lu- Technology (DICT) pro- will be used during visits

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LUCENA CITY, Department of Informathe SSS eWheels with free SSS services to grass- D. Isip said that DICT has Quezon - The Social Setion and Communications high-speed internet, which roots communities. SSS Lucena cena Branch said that the vincial office has equipped to far-flung areas to bring Branch Head Frederick which it can utilize for one lent public service, ensur-

> PORTION OF: LOT 6930-A AND 6930-B, PSD-04-130592, LOCATION: BARANGAY OF MOLINO, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON AREA: EIGHTY EIGHT SQUARE METERS (88) MORE OR

"All sealed bid must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date?

**LOT NO:** 6 **BLOCK NO:** 2 **PLAN NO:** PCS-04-028103

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on June 24, 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, May 6, 2025.

(SGD)MFLY C HERMOSURA-VISTA Clerk of Court VI

NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

SPS. JOSE G. OLIVA AND SISA D. OLIVA,

Republic of the Philippine

Fourth Judicial Region

**REGIONAL TRIAL COURT** 

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT

City of Bacoor

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Telephone No. 09273707489

Foreclosure No. 2025-70

For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure

of Real Estate Mortgage

Upon Extra-judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee. BDO UNIBANK, INC. at 33 Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No.12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, and against the mortgagors, SPS. JOSE G. OLIVA AND SISA D. OLIVA at Lot 4 Block 2 Villa Vieja Molino IV, Bacoor, Cavite and Lot 6 Blk. 2 Cerritos Terraces, Brgy. Molino, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of April 7, 2025, amounts to ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED NINE-TY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR PESOS & 80/100 (P1,798,454.80), 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 17, 2025 at 10 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

> TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (057-2014082402) 167-2016025225

Currency, the following described property with all the im-

provements thereon, to wit,

(SGD) ROBERT JON A. DELA CRUZ

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33rd Floor BDO Corporate Center Ortigas #12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluvong City

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provided SSS with a free Mobile Starlink device, to innovation and excelyear starting March 28, 2025.

that the partnership will en- efficiently bring essential hance the SSS e-Wheels program – ensuring seamless online services in ar- and reliable. eas with limited or no internet connection.

ternet technology directly addresses challenges in remote locations, significantly improving system uptime and reducing client waiting time.

This is game-changer for SSS Lucena as it allows us to bring our digital services closer to members," Isip their Starlink technology,

Covering 29 municipalities and two cities in Quezon Province, in- wherever they are, get the cluding geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs), Isip added that SSS Lucena will now ued support, and we look be better equipped to pro- forward to exploring more vide uninterrupted digital services to its members.

SSS Lucena can now offer faster access to Filipino," Isip concluded. My.SSS portal and SSS Mobile App, Real-Time Processing of Contributions (RTPC), membership application, online registration. verification. and benefit consultations in last mile communities

"This initiative reflects our commitment ing that no member is left behind due to connectivity challenges. We can transactions - making our services more accessible

In fact, we are going to conduct e-Wheels "This satellite in- in majority of towns and municipalities under the jurisdiction of SSS Lucena," Isip said.

"This partnership is a great example of how interagency collaboration can really make a differ-

By working with DICT and tapping into we're not just improving connectivity - we're making sure our members, service they deserve.

We thank the agency for their continways we can work together to bring social security services closer to every





Governor Elect - Hon. Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla



Vice Governor Elect - Hon. Ramon Vicente "Ram" Revilla Bautista



2nd District Congresswoman - Hon. Lani Mercado-Revilla



6th District Congressman - Hon. Antonio "Ony" Ferrer



4th District Congressman - Hon. Francis Barzaga

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3rd District Congressman - Hon. Adrian Jay Advincula



8th District Board Members - Hon. Eimeren Nazareno and Hon. Jasmin Maligaya election personnel, vol-

Cavite officially concluded its provincial canvassing and proclamation of winning candidates on May 13, 2025, at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall, Legislative Building

in Trece Martires City. The Provincial (PBOC), led by Chairperson Atty. Mitzele Veron L. Morales-Castro, Provincial Election Supervisor IV, Family members, supportalong with Provincial Pros- ers, and local government ecutor Vivian M. Roio, and Dr. Rosemarie D. Torres, School Division Superintendent, presided over the the people's will in Cavite. final proceedings of the vote canvassing and the tended its gratitude to all all Caviteños. — OPIO

The Province of proclamation ceremony. event

marked the successful and peaceful culmination of the electoral process in the province.

Candidates declared winners were formally announced after the completion of canvassguidelines and procedures set by the Commission on officials witnessed the proclamation, signifying the democratic exercise of progress achieved will be

for ensuring a smooth, orderly, and credible election process. The Provincial Government of Cavite remains steadfast in its com-

unteers, law enforcement

agencies, and Caviteños

mitment to public service Board of Canvassers ing results, following the and good governance. With the forth-Elections (COMELEC). newly-elected officials,

coming transition to the the legacy of responsible leadership and dedicated service will continue—ensuring that the sustained and further ad-The PBOC ex- vanced for the benefit of