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BUILDINGFORBILIBIDSTUDENT-INMATES

San Miguel Corporation (SMC), through its San Miguel Foundation (SMF), has formally turned over a newly renovated school building and up-graded learning facilities to benefit student-inmates at the Medium Security Compound of the New Bilibid Prison (NBP).

The facility, now known as Better World Bilibid, is operated as the Bilibid Extension School (BES) and managed by the University of Perpetual Help System Dalta (UP-HSD) in partnership with the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) since 1984. Over

the years, the school's condition deteriorated due to lack of funding.

The renovation is part of SMC's ₱150-million donation to NBP and the Women's Correctional. It follows a pledge made by SMC Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang during his visit in 2024.

Recently unveiled in simple turnover rites, the upgraded school now features new classrooms, a computer room, library, audio-visual room, and a spacious multipurpose hall. The event was led by SMF Chairperson 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 Jose M. Tamayo, UP-HSD founder Dr. Daisy M. Tamayo, BuCor Director-General Gregorio Pio P. Catapang, Jr., Sandiganbayan Associate Justice Karl B. Miranda, and UPHSD School Director Arnaldo S. de Guzman.

Hundreds of persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) enrolled in tertiary education and skills training programs are expected to benefit from the upgraded facilities. At the same time, the recurring donation for learning materials, uniforms, and TES-DA-certified skills courses will benefit over 6,000 PDLs.

In her message, Ms. Ang expressed SMC's commitment to support reformation efforts through education and skill-building. "Real change begins within each of us. We're here to support you, to provide the facilities and materials that can help.

But beyond what you now see — beyond the new buildings and tools — the most meaningful transformation must start from inside you.

It's your dreams, your choices, and your will to grow that will make this truly work," she said in Filipino.

Of the total donation, P50 million was allocated for the BES program, including the school's renovation and learning tools. An additional P85 million is funding a five-year meal augmentation program that benefits 31,219 PDLs over 48 days. Last Christmas, SMC also distributed P15 million worth of food packs as holiday gifts to the PDLs.

Better World Bilibid joins SMC's growing network of community centers under the Better World initiative, which includes facilities in Tondo, Smokey Mountain, Diliman, and Cubao that



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NEW 4PH HOUSING PROJECT
TO RISE IN BACOOOR



B A C O O R , CAVITE (PIA) — A new chapter in Bacoor's journey toward inclusive and sustainable housing has begun with the groundbreaking of the Salinas-Bacoor housing project under the national government's flagship Pambansang Pabahay para sa Pilipino Program (4PH).

Key officials from the city government and the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development recently broke ground, signaling the start of the project's construction.

Situated on a 1.9-hectare property in Barangay Salinas I, the 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-

ing the housing backlog and improving the living conditions of Bacooreños.

In his message, Mayor Strike Revilla described the project as a "lifelong dream finally realized" for the city.

He extended heartfelt thanks to Secretary Acuzar, the Pag-IBIG Fund, and all government and private stakeholders whose collaboration made the project possible.

"This is more than a construction project. This is about building hope, dignity, and opportunity for the people of Bacoor," he said.

The event was attended by officials from

the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD), led by Undersecretary Avelino Tolentino III, who represented Secretary Jose Rizalino Acuzar.

He was joined by Assistant Secretary Krsnadasi De Leon in officially launching the project, which aims to transform lives through decent and affordable housing.

Revilla added that the Salinas-Bacoor housing initiative reflects the growing momentum of the 4PH Program, which seeks to build resilient and affordable communities for Filipino families across the country.

SAMPUNG FIELD VALIDATION SA
CALABARZON PARA SA 50TH
GAWAD SAKA NG DA, ISINAGAWA



Nakapasok sa sampung kategorya ang mga representante ng Department of Agriculture (NTC) para sa 50 th Gawad Saka: Parangal sa mga Natatanging Magsa-

IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) at sumailalim na sa field validation ng National Technical Committee

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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.

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 benefits.

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

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).

In Dasmariñas City, the City Agriculture Office will deploy mobile Kadiwa rolling stores to reach more barangays and communities, especially those with limited access to public markets.

According to DA,

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

"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 paddy from farmers at higher prices," the DA said in a statement.

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 and strengthen local food systems under the Bagong Pilipinas governance agenda.

Upsets and continuity...

The 2025 National and Local elections promised to bring a new direction of governance in the Philippines.

In the Calabarzon region, the gubernatorial elections saw switch-ups, where husband and wife and mother and son tandems were replaced by other familiar names.

Batangas, Rizal and Cavite: where bailiwicks formed

Batangas, Rizal and Cavite provinces have been known to be strongholds of political families for decades.

The Rectos of Batangas is an old political family whose generations stemmed from former Senator Claro M. Recto who played a key role in drafting the 1935 constitution.

Decades later, former actress Vilma Santos-Recto-wife of Claro's grandson and Finance

Cayetano...

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano's push to modernize the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) is now a reality.

This after President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Thursday, April 24, 2025, signed Republic Act No. 12180 or the PHIVOLCS 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 version of the PHIVOLCS Modernization Act earlier this year.

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

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

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in the country, up from the previous 10. Likewise, 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 said.

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 sectors.

The law also supports advanced research and development by adopting a more systematic and integrated approach in improving PHIVOLCS' operations.

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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wife of outgoing governor-now-turned Congressman Ramil Hernandez.

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

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 Serbisong 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 question that stands: will the (relatively) new faces live up to the expectations that 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-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D).

Dr. Rommel Mazo of the DLSU-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 continue.

On the other hand, fundamental democratic processes such as checks and balances and concentration of powers tend to be overlooked due

to the prevalence of political dynasties.

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

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 voting.

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 government.

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informed approach when participating in political activities such as elections, also contributes to the survival of political dynasties.

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For the Center for Civic Education, a 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 elections.

Governments 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 country."

Mazo further noted that public service requires competence, principles, and values among its workers—regardless if they are continuing a dynasty or challenging one.



CARD RBI opens its 39th branch in Zamboanga del Norte



Leading the way to financial inclusion, CARD RBI opens its 39th branch in Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte.

CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc. (CARD RBI), a microfinance oriented-rural bank under CARD MRI opened its 39th branch in Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte on January 20, 2025.

"This event marks more than just the opening of a new branch; it signifies the opening of 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

services," said CARD RBI President and CEO Ms. Lyneth Derequito.

According to the 2020 LGU Households 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, particularly the microentrepreneurs.

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

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 expansion. Our goal is to offer essential services and implement community-based development programs to address the various needs of the people," Chairman of the Board Mr. Aristeo A. Dequito said.

The Bank CARD RBI caters to various financial needs of its clients as it offers a wide range of banking products and services

such as micro and SME loans, savings, and remittance services to ensure that all socioeconomically challenged families in the country have access to affordable and quality financial services.

The opening ceremony was attended by CARD MRI Rizal Bank President and CEO Ms. Lyneth L. Derequito, CARD RBI Executive Vice President Ms. Juliana B. De Leon, together with Chairman of the Board Mr. Aristeo A. Dequito, CARD RBI Former President and Board Director Ms. Elma B. Valenzuela, Sindangan Mayor Hon. Rosendo "Dodoy" S. Labadlabad, Vice Mayor Hon. Nilo Boy Sy, 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.

As of December 2024, CARD RBI has grown significantly with over P7.5 billion in assets and more than 330 offices nationwide, serving over 820,000 clients.

For more information about CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc., visit its official website at www.cardmri.com/rbi/, and its Facebook page at CMR-Bofficial.

PCSO DONATES MOBILITY AIDS TO SILANG, CAVITE



Mandaluyong City, May 7, 2025 – The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) provided 20 wheelchairs and 20 crutches to Barangay Lucsuhin, Silang, Cavite, as part of its ongoing commitment to social welfare.

In a turnover ceremony held at the PCSO Main Office in Mandaluyong City, Barangay Chair-

man Arnold Garcia officially received the mobility aids from 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 life for Filipinos.

According to Garcia, the assistive devices will be distributed to senior citizens and persons with disabilities (PWDs) within their community to improve their well-being.

DTI Laguna empowers entreps thru a livelihood seminar



On March 26, 2025, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) - Laguna, in collaboration with the Calamba Manpower Development Center (CMDC), successfully conducted a comprehensive livelihood seminar for the trainees of the CMDC. This event was made possible through the combined efforts of key partners, including the Negosyo Center Business Counselors from the towns of Calauan, Rizal, and Pangil.

The seminar opened with a remark from Leonardo D. Dela Cruz Jr., the Supervising Manpower Development Officer of CMDC. He extended a warm welcome to all the distinguished guest speakers and participants,

setting a positive and engaging tone for the day's activities. Dr. Emilio D. Casulla, representing Calamba City Mayor Roseller Rizal, also delivered an opening message on behalf of the mayor, expressing the local government's full support for initiatives aimed at empowering individuals through education and livelihood opportunities.

During the seminar, participants were introduced to key topics to help them succeed in their entrepreneurial endeavors. The speakers covered subjects like innovative business ideas, the entrepreneurial mindset, and practical steps for starting a business. They also discussed DTI programs and services that support as-

piring entrepreneurs and emphasized consumer education.

The above-stated seminar was able to equip the participants with valuable tools and knowledge, opening up opportunities for growth and success.

It proved to be a 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 journeys.

For more inquiries, kindly contact DTI-Laguna at r04a.laguna@dti.gov.ph (DMPiamonte, DTI-Laguna).



WHAT'S NEW, Ka-Markets? Smell the freshness in the air—RC Perfume is now open at SM Marketmall Dasmariñas! Visit them at the Upper Ground Floor, between DNSm Café and Juan Linaw, and discover your new favorite scent!



Make your summer count at the SM Active Hub in SM City Trece Martires! Head to the Level 2 Event Area and dive into exciting free play activities like table tennis, chess, and billiards—happening now until May 29! Just register via the SM Malls Online app or scan the SMO QR code on-site to claim your swipe coupon and join in the fun!

EDITORIAL:

WHETHER you're a candidate for national or local positions in the May 12 polls or one of their supporters, you should be concerned about how you can contribute to improving the quality of life of our people and ensuring a better future for our country.

And when we talk about achieving a better future for the nation, then we must be concerned as well with improving 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 schooling.

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."

ARMY...

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) — A ranking officer of the Armed Forces of the 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.

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

"This is something that has not been attempted in any region in the country, and CALABARZON 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 composed of graduates of the non-Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) components.

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

"Based on this

We agree. In fact, the lawmaker believes the failure to achieve higher levels of basic literacy in the country is among the factors behind the high poverty incidence in some provinces.

The country's poorest provinces, such as Tawi-Tawi and Davao Occidental, recorded the highest functional illiteracy rate, while the provinces that topped the PSA literacy list, like 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 situations.

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law, whatever program you take.

You will become a part of the reserve force, including those who took ROTC, the Citizen Armed Force administered by the 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 authorities.

"This is where our 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 where 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

for disaster response."

Citing Resolution No. 2025-003 of the CALABARZON Regional Peace and Order Council, Alcudia stated that Region 4A has been designated 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

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

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 preparedness and training."

The official noted: "We need to have a civilian reserve that our local government units can rely on during times of disaster and calamities."

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

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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 gilás at galing para sa ikauunlad ng sektor ng agrikultura.

Sa buwan ng Marso ay paunang binisita 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 (AEW) mula sa Tanay, Rizal; at si Marites Caña para sa Outstanding High Value Crops Farmer mula sa Nagcarlan, 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

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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 DA-4A upang mabigyan sila ng pagkakataon sa

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Gawad Saka na mas mapakilala pa ang kanilang samahan sa buong bansa lalo na ang kanilang ipinagmamalaki na mga produkto.

Samantala, in-aasahan ang opisyal na paggagawad sa mga mananalo rito sa darating na buwan ng Mayo kasabay ng selebrasyon ng Buwan ng mga Magsasaka at Mangingisda ngayong taon.

PHILHEALTH...

Health Acting PCEO Dr. Edwin M. Mercado's message emphasized PhilHealth'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 PhilHealth's reconciliation dialogues.

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

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 in improving efficiency and resolving issues affecting service delivery at the grassroots.

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