

SAN MIGUEL FOODS REPORTS LOWER MALNUTRITION RATES IN EXPANDED HEALTH PROGRAM



From maternal medical needs to proper nutrition and baby care, San Miguel Foods Inc. and San Miguel Foundation are expanding the benefits package and reach of the First 1,000 Days program.

San Miguel Foods Inc. (SMFI) has reported a significant reduction in malnutrition among children covered by its expanded mother-and-child health program, “Happy si Mommy, Malusog si Baby,” now reaching over 1,000 beneficiaries in 24 barangays nationwide. Data from the program show that 89% of children enrolled have reached normal height and weight, underweight cases have dropped to 2%, and only 9% remain classified as malnourished. The initiative supports mothers and infants during the first 1,000 days

of life — from pregnancy to age two — a critical period for early development and long-term health. Initially launched in 2022 in nine pilot barangays with 254 mother-and-child pairs, the program has since grown to cover more than 400 families in Luzon, over 300 in the Visayas, and more than 250 in Mindanao. The initiative is implemented in partnership with San Miguel Foundation (SMF), local government units, and private sector partners. It provides prenatal check-ups, ultrasounds, maternal health education, and Min-



Pregnant moms receive some treats from San Miguel Foods, among them Star margarine, Magnolia pancake, and San Mig Coffee 3-in-1, a baby swaddle for their newborn, and the Happy si Mommy booklet published by Adarna Group FoundaEon Inc.

go Meals — a fortified food made of rice, mung beans, and moringa, developed by the Department of Science and Technology’s Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) and produced by the Negrense Volunteers for Change Foundation. “These are the kinds of outcomes we hope for when we commit to long-term, community-based work,” said San Miguel Corporation (SMC) Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang. “Good nutrition starts before birth, and we want to make sure mothers and children in underprivileged commu-

nities receive sustained support — not just one-time assistance.” In 2024, as the first batch of children transitioned to toddlerhood, San Miguel Foods distributed an additional three to six months’ worth of Mingo Meals in new flavors,

Beyond direct health support, the program also focuses on training barangay health workers (BHWs). To date, 102 BHWs have been trained through webinars led by DOST-FNRI, covering topics such as breastfeeding, postpartum care, and early childhood nutrition.

These health workers then cascade knowledge to participating mothers in their communities. **PR**



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PGC RECOGNIZES TOP PERFORMING OFFICES AND FRONTLINERS FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF EASE OF DOING BUSINESS MONTH



In line with Presidential Proclamation No. 818, declaring May as Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Month, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) proudly honored its top-performing offices and frontliners for their exceptional commitment to fast, transparent, and people-first public service on May 19, 2025 at the Function Hall of the New Provincial Capitol Building in Trece Martires City. Carrying the **cont. on Page 2**

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DTI QUEZON LAUNCHES NEW SSF FOR PINAGDANLAYAN MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE IN DOLORES, QUEZON



Dolores, Quezon – March 26, 2025 – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Quezon, through its Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Program, officially

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launched the SSF for the Enhancement of Tahan sa Kooperatiba—a project valued at PhP 2,800,000.00—granted to the Pinagdanlayan Multi-Purpose Cooperative (PMPC) in Brgy. Pinagdanlayan, Dolores, Quezon. The event began with a prayer led by SSF Support Staff, Chelsea Ann A. Canales, followed by the Philippine National Anthem. Beverly C. Pantoja, Negosyo Center Business Counselor for Dolores, Quezon, **cont. on Page 3**

CAYETANO SEEKS CREATION OF LABOR COMMISSION TO CHAMPION WORKERS' RIGHTS AND WELFARE



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

6. Check your blood pressure regularly

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is called a “silent killer”. This is because many people who have hypertension may not be aware of the problem as it may not have any symptoms. If left uncontrolled, hypertension can lead to heart, brain, kidney and other diseases. Have your blood pressure checked regularly by a health worker so you know your numbers. If your blood pressure is high, get the advice of a health worker. This is vital in the prevention and control of hypertension.

7. Follow traffic laws

Road crashes claim over one million lives around the world and millions more are injured. Road traffic injuries are preventable through a variety of measures implemented by the government such as strong legislation and enforcement, safer infrastructure and vehicle standards, and improved post-crash care. You yourself can also prevent road crashes by ensuring that you follow traffic laws such as using the seatbelt for adults and child restraint for your kids, wearing a helmet when riding a motorcycle or bicycle, not drinking and driving, and not using your mobile phone while driving.

8. Take antibiotics only as prescribed

Antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest public health threats in our generation. When antibiotics lose their power, bacterial infections become harder to treat, leading to higher medical costs, prolonged hospital stays, and increased mortality. Antibiotics are losing their power because of misuse and overuse in humans and animals. Make sure you only take antibiotics if prescribed by a qualified health professional. And once prescribed, complete the treatment days as instructed. Never share antibiotics.

9. Clean your hands properly

Hand hygiene is critical not only for health workers but for everyone. Clean hands can prevent the spread of infectious illnesses. You should hand-wash using soap and water when your hands are visibly soiled or handrub using an alcohol-based product.

10. Have regular check-ups

Regular check-ups can help find health problems before they start. Health professionals can help find and diagnose health issues early, when your chances for treatment and cure are better. Go to your nearest health facility to check out the health services, screenings and treatment that are accessible to you.

PAG-IBIG...

Pag-ibig Fund has upgraded its popular Multi-Purpose Loan (MPL), enabling members to borrow more, qualify sooner, and enjoy increased flexibility, affirming its dedication to supporting the financial needs of Filipino workers.

Under the improved Pag-IBIG MPL, members can now bor-

row up to 90% of their total Pag-IBIG Regular Savings—12.5% more than the previous 80%. For members with upgraded Regular Savings, this means they can secure even larger loans, as loan entitlement is directly based on their total savings. This increase ensures members have greater access to

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theme “From Red Tape to Red Carpet: Better Business Movement in a Bagong Pilipinas,” this year’s celebration is a testament to the dedication of individuals and departments who continuously transform challenges into innovative solutions and bureaucratic processes into efficient services.

Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino personally led the recognition ceremony right after the PGC flag-raising ceremony. In her message, the Governor extended her heartfelt congratulations to all the awardees, expressing her delight that many employees have been recognized for their outstanding performance and dedication. She also emphasized that the core of public service lies in a unified mission – that is to serve for the betterment of fellow Caviteños and the province.

Leading the roster of recognized offices is the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian (OPV) with an impressive 2,584 com-

financial resources when needed most. These enhancements—higher loan amounts and shortened eligibility—also apply to other Pag-IBIG Short-Term Loan programs, specifically the Health and Education Loan Programs (HELPS) and the Calamity Loan.

In addition to higher loan amounts, eligibility requirements have also been enhanced. Members now qualify after contributing for just 12 months, down from the previous 24-month requirement. This reduction allows newer members to swiftly access funds for their immediate financial needs.

Meanwhile, members with existing loans under the previous guidelines may still apply for an additional loan under the enhanced Pag-IBIG MPL, should they require extra funds as a result of the increased loan entitlement.

The enhancements shall become available to members starting

mendations, a reflection of their unwavering dedication to animal welfare and public health. The Provincial Information and Communications Technology Office (PICTO) followed with 257 commendations, highlighting their crucial role in advancing digital governance and transparency.

The Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) ranked third with 230 commendations, a nod to their continued efforts in steering impactful governance. Completing the Top 5 are Kawit Kalyaan Hospital, which garnered 70 commendations, and two offices tied in fifth place—Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (OPPDC) and Doña Olivia Salamanca Memorial Hospital, each earned 15 commendations.

On the other hand, this year’s most commended frontliners have demonstrated exemplary service and compassion, inspiring their peers across the provincial gov-

ernment. At the top of the list is Dr. Kristine Roraldo from the OPV with a remarkable 1,145 commendations, followed by Dr. Gladys Credo with 973 commendations, and Dr. Gerry Romen with 357 commendations, all of whom play critical roles in animal and public health services.

From PICTO, Mr. Frederick Sayoc and Ms. Maria Isidra Bergunder received 88 and 87 commendations, respectively, for their outstanding service in ensuring seamless digital solutions, while Ms. Diwani Durano (30 commendations) and Ms. Maria Arianna Camille Dela Cruz (29 commendations) were likewise recognized for their dedicated support.

From OPG, Ms. Tricia May Lorio, Ms. Rachel Mae Morancil and Ms. Mary Joy Alano earned 48, 47 and 27 commendations, respectively, for their consistent delivery of responsive public service.

Awardees were identified based on the

individual financial capacity.

Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Marilene C. Acosta highlighted that amid these enhancements, the loan remains affordable, with a competitive monthly interest rate of only 1.4583%.

Additionally, the majority of the interest earned from MPL repayments is returned to members as dividends, further benefiting them.

“Our enhanced MPL reflects Pag-IBIG Fund’s commitment to financial inclusivity and responsiveness to the needs of our labor sector,” Acosta said. “We know members rely on these loans to start a small business, pay for tuition fees, cover medical expenses, undertake minor home improvements, or purchase furniture and other necessities.

These changes mean our members can now more easily achieve their financial goals with greater ease and convenience.”

In 2024 alone,

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Client Satisfaction Survey Report for the year 2024 derived through the Client Feedback Mechanism of the PGC which covers 38 offices.

Under the mechanism, the Customer Satisfaction Survey Form serves as a survey tool to appraise the services received by clients while Customer Commendation Form evaluates the personnel who rendered the service by providing specific commendation.

The feedback mechanism not only caters to commendation but also facilitates complaints, should there be any dissatisfaction emanating from the clients during their transaction in any office of the provincial government.

The recognition ceremony highlights the provincial government’s ongoing mission to institutionalize ease of doing business, improve front-line services, and build a Bagong Pilipinas that prioritizes the welfare of every Caviteño. – OPIO

Pag-IBIG Fund released P70.3 billion in cash loans to more than 3.2 million members—the highest amount disbursed in a single year—underscoring the strong and growing trust of members in the program and the agency.

Building on this momentum, Pag-IBIG Fund aims to assist an estimated 3.6 million members in 2025, with projected cash loan releases reaching P95.3 billion, as it continues to expand its reach and deliver accessible financial support to more Filipino workers.

“We strive to continuously evolve and respond effectively to the changing financial needs of our members,” Acosta added. “With these MPL enhancements, Pag-IBIG Fund further solidifies its role as a reliable partner in empowering Filipino workers toward greater financial stability and peace of mind.” (END)

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MPT SOUTH GARNERS PRESTIGIOUS STEVIE® AWARD FOR DRAYBERKS ROAD SAFETY ADVOCACY

Seoul, South Korea – May 13, 2025 – MPT South gained recognition as a Bronze Stevie® Award winner in the Innovation in Communications/Public Relations category for its impactful Drayberks Road Safety Advocacy Campaign at the prestigious 12th annual Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards held in Seoul, South Korea. This esteemed accolade marks a significant milestone for MPT South, representing its inaugural Stevie® Award and underscoring the company’s growing influence and commitment to exemplary advocacy initiatives such as the Drayberks Road Safety Program.

The Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards stand as the premier business awards program honoring innovation across all 29 markets within the Asia-Pacific region. Globally recognized, the Stevie Awards celebrate achievements through distinguished programs like The International Business Awards®, now in its 23rd year.

Since its inception in 2018, MPT South’s Drayberks Road Safety Advocacy Program has pioneered efforts to cultivate responsible driving behaviors and elevate road safety awareness among Filipino drivers of all classifications. Targeting a broad spectrum, including public utility drivers, transport groups, logistics companies, and various mobility stakeholders, the program embodies a proactive approach. Recognizing drivers as central to road mobility and safety, Drayberks was thoughtfully designed as an ongoing, adaptive educational initiative. It transcends the limitations of a singular seminar, providing a continuous reinforcement of traffic discipline and awareness, effectively bridging the crucial gap between theoretical traffic regulations and their practical application in real-world scenarios.

The Drayberks Road Safety Advocacy program was lauded by the Stevie® Award committee for its innovative approach to public engagement and its demonstrable positive impact on commuter safety throughout Metro Manila and Southern Luzon.

Ms. Elнора D. Rumawak, Officer-in-charge of MPT South, expressed her profound gratitude, stating, “The Bronze Stevie® Award for our Drayberks Road Safety Campaign is a deeply cherished honor for the entire MPT South team. Our vision was straightforward: to empower drivers to become safer and more informed road users. Through collaborative spirit, creative ingenuity, and unwavering dedication to our purpose, the Drayberks Campaign has evolved into a true advocacy.

This recognition fuels our motivation to continue pushing the boundaries of innovation and to consistently deliver excellence for our nation and its people. Together, we aspire to even greater achievements in the future.”

“The 12th Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards received an impressive array of outstanding entries,” said Maggie Miller, President of the Stevie Awards. “This year’s winners have clearly shown their dedication to innovation, and we commend their resilience and imaginative efforts.”

About MPT

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Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.

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DA-4A. PINAGTIBAY ANG UGNAYAN SA MGA OTP MANAGEMENT TEAMS PARA SA MAS PINALAKAS NA ORGANIKONG KALAKALAN



Limang aktibong Organic Trading Post (OTP) Management Team ang pinulong ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division sa Lipa City, Batangas para mas palakasin ang organikong kalakalan sa rehiyon.

Ang OTP Management Team ang nagsisilbing tagapamahala sa operasyon ng mga napatayong imprastraktura para sa kalakalan ng mga produktong agrikultural.

Upang mas pagtibayin ang ugnayan at koordinasyon sa ahensya, ibinahagi ng mga kalahok

mula sa Alfonso, Cavite; Lumban, Laguna; Malvar, Batangas; Tanay, Rizal; at Lucban, Quezon ang mga kasanayan at aktibidad na kanilang isinasagawa sa kanilang mga operasyon tulad ng demo farms, produksiyon at pamamahagi ng organic inputs at seeds, at pagbibigay ng

insentibo para sa organikong pagsasaka. Tinalakay rin ang mga mungkahing solusyon sa mga pangangailangan sa pagma-market, suplay, pondo, at pagbenta, kabilang ang pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga institusyonal na mamimili, kasunduan sa demo farms, at paggamit ng tu-

long pinansyal. Hinikayat naman ni Regional Organic Program Coordinator at Field Operations Division Chief G. Joselito Felix H. Noceda ang bawat OTP Management Team na patuloy na suportahan ang natural at organikong pagsasaka sa abot ng kanilang makakaya.

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Profriends Kapitbahays in Cavite are gearing-up for the AlabFest Community-Led Fun Run this June 2025.

Organized by GalingPinas' youth volunteers, the event will be one of their main projects for the year that upholds their commitment to build a thriving community by empowering and engaging fellow youths through relevant, community-based, and high-impact activities.

More than just a race, the Fun Run is a statement of how young individuals may "ACT ON" to continue to inspire their peers and lead initiatives grounded in relevance, impact, and community spirit.

AlabFest Community-Led Fun Run is expected to be participated by Lancaster New City residents, nearby communities, Profriends employees and other stakeholders. "Harnessing the energy of the 21st century, the youth now express themselves in vibrant ways--- through movement, creativity, and meaningful participation," says Erika Clavido, On-Ground Partners Culture Development Head. "We are expecting to raise enough money to support various GalingPinas youth projects, as a result of this community fun run," she added.

Proceeds of this event will support 30 village youth groups with leadership and community building grants, help orga-

UGNAYAN NG SWK AT KWF, PINALAKAS AT PINAIGTING!

Pinalakas at pinaigting ang ugnayan ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura (SWK) at Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) sa isang Gawaing Kapulungan at Oryentasyon ng mga SWK Direktor sa Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CB-SUA) sa San Jose, Pili, Camarines Sur.

Nagkaroon ng pangkalahatang oryentasyon ang mga direktor ng SWK hinggil sa KWF kabilang ngunit hindi limitado sa mga programa at proyekto nito.

Naniniwala si Tagapangulong Arthur P. Casanova na ang mga direktor ng SWK ay may mahalagang papel upang maabot ng KWF ang iba't ibang panig ng bansa at magiging katuwang ang mga SWK sa pagsasakatuparan ng mandato ng KWF.

Binanggit din ni Tagapangulong Casanova na makaaasa ang mga SWK na patuloy na susuporta ang KWF sa mga gawaing pangwika at



Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF), Komisyon sa Karapatang Pantao (CHR), Komisyon sa Kababaihan ng Pilipinas (PCW), at Sanggunian Para sa Kagalingan ng mga Bata (CWC), binubuo ang Technical Working Group ng Inter-Agency Council (IAC) para sa paghahanda ng taunang ulat sa monitoring ng FSL Law (R.A. 11106).

pangkultura na kanilang isasagawa kabilang ang tertulyang pampanitikan at pangwika.

Nagbigay ng panayam si John Lerry Dungca, Senior Language Researcher ng Sangay ng Salin hinggil sa Masinop na Pagsulat at tinalakay naman ni Dr. Jose Evie G. Duclay, Linguistics Specialist ng Sangay ng Impormasyon at Publikasyon ang Pagsulat ng Korepondensiya Opisyal.

Dinaluhan ang Kapulungan at seminar na ito ng tatlumput' isang (31)



PASAY CITY – The Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and the Philippine Government Employees Association (PGEA) officially rolled out last May 7 and 8 the GSIS-PGEA Speakers' Bureau to educate members of their GSIS benefits and serve as a platform to address their concerns. The maiden capacity-building activity themed "Totoo Tayo: PGEA x GSIS, Laban sa Fake News" was designed to equip PGEA's key leaders with knowledge of the pension fund's core programs, enabling them to confidently share correct and verified information, and preparing them as GSIS ambassadors within their workplaces and

communities. "Isa sa mga bagay na gusto nating malaman ng ating mga miyembro ay katotohanan. Napakaraming fake news. Kaya kami nakipagtulungan sa PGEA para magkaroon ng speakers' bureau para ibalita ang mga proyekto ng GSIS. Gusto rin naming marinig kung paano ma-improve ang ating process at products to give you the ginhawa that we've always promised. Tulungan niyo kami para magkaroon sila ng idea kung ano ang mga ginagawa ng GSIS at bigyan kami ng feedback," said GSIS President and General Manager Wick Veloso as he addressed the training participants.

PGEA National President Esperanza Ocampo shared that, "We will do everything not only to educate ourselves but also to educate others and to be a vanguard of the GSIS. We are eager to do this because it will protect the government employees. Marami po talagang nagsasabi na maganda itong speakers' bureau. Dahil sa pagtutulungan ng GSIS at PGEA, ito ay naging posible."

The speakers' bureau is part of a strategic partnership formalized in June 2024 when both organizations signed a memorandum of understanding to enhance engagement and education of government employees on GSIS programs and services. Modules on GSIS's mandate, mem-

(BuISU), Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU), Occidental Mindoro State College (OMSC), Cebu Technological University (CTU), Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA), Western Mindanao State University (WMSU), University of San Carlos (USC), Aklan State University (ASU), Camarines Norte State

EDITORIAL:

TECHNOLOGY now affords us the opportunity to view elections results, partial or complete, a few hours after the close of polling. And so it came to pass that before Filipinos went to sleep on Monday, the day they voted the next set of national and local leaders, they already had a good sense of what the outcome would be.

There were several surprises. Foremost, poll surveys on which many relied in the days leading to the elections did not completely predict the results. In the senatorial race, for instance, some of those leading the surveys performed dismally in the actual race. Meanwhile, those with modest expectations fared better, even dislodging the early frontrunners.

Perhaps the methods could be improved. Or that people really just thought hard, changing their minds at the last minute.

The party-list contest also offered surprises, with groups carrying nominees deemed truly worthy of being legislators performing better than expected.

DTI QUEZON...

warmly welcomed the participants, guests, and cooperative members. Liza Aileen B. Merano, General Manager of PMPC, also expressed her appreciation for the support extended to their cooperative.

In her speech, Anna Marie V. Quincina, DTI Quezon's Chief Trade-Industry Development Specialist, provided an insightful overview of the SSF Program and highlighted the cooperative's success in managing and operating their first SSF on Coffee Processing. She then emphasized how the new SSF for Garments would further

enhance the cooperative's growth and provide new opportunities. The program proceeded with messages of support, starting with DTI Quezon Provincial Director Julieta L. Tadiosa, who congratulated the PMPC officers and members. She shared the history of the SSF for Garments, which began when Mayor Orlan A. Calayag sought DTI's help and subsequently endorsed the project. DTI CALABARZON Assistant Regional Director Revelyn A. Cortez followed with her message, quoting Mayor Calayag's

Better choices are possible

This brings greater balance to the composition of our legislative chambers.

Certainly, the results were mixed. In some areas where the people were bold with their decision, traditional politicians suffered crushing defeats from their challengers. In other areas, however, powerful families continued to prevail, showing their tight grip on people's minds and hearts, obtained through whatever means available.

Still, there appears to be an emerging message for many traditional politicians and names affiliated with disgraced figures even as they clinched victory. For the next three years, their constituents will keenly watch their every move. They should know better than treat their posts like it were their birthright.

Progress does not come flooding in all at once. It happens over time, painstakingly, with steps forward but also steps backward, even some stagnation. The elections of May 2025 at least reveals that while the quality of voters' decision-making leave much to be desired, there is hope – even just a little.

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There are signs that people are looking into issues more than names. They want their candidates to engage in conversations and debate over substantive matters, instead of singing and dancing and spewing nonsense onstage.

They hold politicians to account for their articulated positions on several issues. They take note of the garbage that comes out of candidates' mouths. They reject those whose only qualification is a distant memory of popularity.

It's a slow beginning, but it is a sign that we could look forward to better times because of better choices. This would be another incentive to efforts to improve our young people's critical thinking that would shield them from disinformation, enable them to think independently, and rely only on facts and rationality.

The just-conducted elections were a mixed bag, but they offer lessons we can learn as we prepare to live with our choices and gear up for an even bigger, higher-stakes battle in 2028.

Chairman De Rosales expressed heartfelt gratitude to DTI and Mayor Calayag for their continued support, assuring them that the cooperative would take great care in utilizing the new equipment to ensure the success of the project.

The program concluded with the unveiling of the SSF marker and a photo opportunity. Guests were then led to the garment facility, where they observed a live demonstration of the equipment. Ms. Lourdes Macalintal of PMPC, with

guidance from the technical team of Hinoki Global, Inc., showcased the operation of the embroidery machine, sublimation machine, and heat press equipment, providing valuable insights to all attendees.

REP. JOLO REVILLA THANKS DAD'S SUPPORTERS, ASKS THEM TO KEEP THEIR FAITH IN HIM

Cavite Rep. Jolo Revilla expressed his thanks to the supporters of his father, Sen. Bong Revilla Jr., who lost in the senatorial race.

Jolo said there is a time for everything, and they will use this time after his loss to strengthen their faith in the Lord and to rekindle the flame of service and love for the country. He also hopes that their support and love for his father will not waver.

They inspire him to continue serving the people, he said.

"Tayo po ay lubos na nagpapasalamat sa lahat ng ating mga kababayan na sumama at nagpamalalas ng taos-pusong suporta para sa muling pagtakbo ni Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr. para sa Senado.

Sadyang may panahon para sa lahat at gagamitin natin ang panahong ito para mas palalim-

in pa ang ating pananam-palataya sa Maykapal, at pagningas in pa ang apoy ng paglilingkod at pagmamahal sa ating nag-iisang bansa.

Dalangin natin na huwag magmaliw ang inyong suporta at pagmamahal kay Senator Bong Revilla dahil ito ang ating inspirasyon para magpatuloy sa pagbibigay ng serbisyo para sa ating mga kababayan," Revilla posted.

BACOR...

Bacoor City, May 19, 2025 – Bacoor City welcomed a delegation from South Korea today to begin a collaboration aimed at developing the city into a smart city. The visit, organized by the City Government under Mayor Strike B. Revilla through the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office (LEDIPO) led by Ms. Khei Javier Sanchez, involved representatives from KIND (Nojun Park, Heain Lee), RMS (Yunho Lee, Youmi Jeon, Hyeonhwa Sim, Junwon Sung), Dohwa

(Hyeri Ko, Dongeui Kim, Euiwon Jeon), and Yonsei University (Kabsung Kim, Sangyun Lee, Jaegyung Jung).

A Living Lab-related department workshop was held at the Kalasag Conference Hall, bringing together heads and representatives from CPDC, Zoning, City Engineering, BDRMO, CESD, BTMD, Livelihood, HUDRD, MIS/E-Governance, and CIGRD. Discussions focused on planning and strategies for Bacoor's smart city transformation, incorporating

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the Korean delegates' expertise and suggestions.

The collaboration with South Korea, through the Korea Overseas Infrastructure & Urban Development Corporation (KIND), will continue with various activities from May 19-22, 2025. The Korean delegation also paid a courtesy call on Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola and conducted ocular inspections at several Bacoor Government Center departments. This marks a significant step in Bacoor City's modernization efforts.



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MORE THAN 7,000 BATANGUENOS TO BENEFIT FROM APRI'S 14TH ADOPT-A-HEALTH CENTER

AP Renewables Inc. (APRI), the geothermal arm of Aboitiz Renewables, Inc., together with Barangay Captain Gerry Punzalan, barangay officers, and barangay health workers of Brgy. San Felix, inaugurated the newly improved health center on March 31, 2025. The upgraded facility is now equipped with new medical and office equipment, medicines, and supplies—made possible through combined funding from Aboitiz Foundation Inc. and Barangay San Felix's share in the Energy Regulation Fund 1-94.

The health center is expected to serve approximately 7,334 residents, focusing on the most vulnerable sectors, such as pregnant women, senior citizens, and children. The funding enabled the procurement of new medical equipment

and supplies, including an examination bed, oxygen tank with regulator, adult and infant weighing scales, glucometer, test strips, and lancets. It also covered maintenance medicines for high blood pressure and diabetes, as well as over-the-counter drugs for cough, fever, and colds. The donation also included a 2HP split-type air conditioner, a sofa, a breastfeeding chair, and office chairs.

APRI MakBan Vice President for Facility Antonio B. Layog Jr., during his welcome speech, said: "Ang mga proyektong tulad nito, kung saan mina-maximize natin ang paggamit ng pondo mula sa inyong ER 1-94 at aming mga CSR initiatives, ay isang patunay ng ating matibay na samahan at pagtutungan." The remarks from the APRI executive were immediately reciprocated by kind words from San

Felix Barangay Captain, Hon. Gerry Punzalan. "Lahat ng assistance na nanggagaling sa APRI ay aming pinangangalagaan. Ang lahat ng pangangailangan na ibinigay ninyo sa amin sa Health ay papakinabangan ng bawat mamamayan ng Barangay San Felix."

Barangay Health Worker Vice President Jhoy Buban also shared that the marginalized sector will be given priority in accessing quality medical services.

The Adopt-A-Health Center is one of APRI's flagship health projects, aimed at improving barangay health center facilities through the donation of medicines and medical equipment. Since its launch in 2020, APRI has adopted 14 barangays across its Tiwi and MakBan sites, with three more health centers expected to be added by April this year. PR

SSS opens newly relocated service office in Taytay, Rizal



Social Security System (SSS) President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph Montes De Claro (4th from left), Social Security Commissioner Eva B. Arcos (3rd from left), and Mayor Allan Martine S. De Leon of Taytay, Rizal (5th from left) officially open the new SSS Taytay Service Office on 28 April 2025, bringing better SSS services to the people of Taytay. Also in the photo are (from left) SSS Antipolo Branch Acting Head Richiel R. Madlangbayan, SSS Vice President for National Capital Region (NCR) East Division Benjamin M. Dolindo, Jr., SSS Executive Vice President for Branch Operations Sector Voltaire P. Agas, SSS Senior Vice President for NCR Operations Group Maria Rita S. Aguja, and Barangay Captain Rasel Z. Valera of Barangay San Juan, Taytay, Rizal, and (at the back, left) SSS Pasig Mabini Branch Acting Head Marivic M. Gorembalem and SSS Vice President for Public Affairs and Special Events Division Carlo C. Villacorta.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph Montes De Claro, Social Security Commissioner Eva B. Arcos, and Taytay, Rizal Mayor Allan Martine S. De Leon inaugurated the new

SSS Taytay Service Office in Taytay, Rizal, on 28 April 2025, bringing better services to the municipality dubbed as the Garments Capital of the Philippines.

The SSS Taytay Service Office is located within the municipal government complex on the 3rd floor of Manila East Arcade II Building, Don Hilario Cruz, Barangay San Juan, Taytay, Rizal. It is ready to serve SSS members and employers in Taytay and nearby areas from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph Montes De Claro announced that the opening of the SSS Taytay Service Office is a key part of the organization's shift towards becoming more service-oriented. He emphasized that the SSS exists primarily to provide valuable services to its members and employers.

The Taytay office is the latest addition to a series of new local SSS offices being established across the country. These offices aim to facilitate transactions for members and employers while enhancing access to SSS services.

"We are very excited to open our new SSS service office in Taytay, Rizal," De Claro stated. "This new office will bring SSS services closer to our members and employers in the municipality and surrounding areas, especially considering the presence of many micro and small

businesses in the town. We are confident that this new SSS office will make a significant difference in their lives."

He reaffirmed that the new service office in Taytay reflects SSS's commitment to reaching and serving its members and employers, regardless of their location across the country.

Meanwhile, SSS thanked the local government of Taytay for providing lease-free office space to SSS and even shouldering the renovation works and internet connection for the new SSS service office.

The SSS Taytay Service Office covers an area of 75 square meters and can handle more than 300 transactions each day. Members and employers can perform a variety of transactions at this office, including member registration, issuance of employer certificates of compliance, submission of requests for membership amendments, updates to member records (for example, simple corrections and the addition of beneficiaries), and compliance with the Annual Confirmation of Pensioners (ACOP) Program.

Members and employers can also use the services offered by the service office's e-center, such as My.SSS registration, accessing My.SSS services, requesting the resetting of password and recovery of user ID My.SSS member and employer account, and updating of employer profile.

SM UNVEILS NEW MERCH FOR DENR'S "SAVE FROM EXTINCTION" CAMPAIGN



In the photo: TV host RJ Ledesma, SM Prime Chairman of the Executive Committee Hans Sy, SM Supermalls Assistant Vice President for Marketing Hanna Carinna Sy, DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga, SM Supermalls President Steven Tan, and the fashion show models featuring the "Save from Extinction" merch from the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, among others.



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SM is amplifying its commitment to wildlife conservation with the launch of a captivating new merchandise line dedicated to six of the Philippines' most endangered species.

At the forefront of this initiative are plushies of the Philippine eagle, Philippine cockatoo, pawikan, dugong, tamaraw, and pangolin—adorable symbols of hope carrying an urgent message: save them from extinction.

But there is more to this exciting campaign than cuddly toys from Toy Kingdom. SM has expanded its offerings to include chic new shirt designs from Kultura and a children's apparel line from SM Fashion, inviting everyone—from eco-conscious advocates to young animal enthusiasts—to support the cause in style. Merchandise is available in select Kultura and Toy Kingdom branches: SM Podium, SM Mall of Asia, SM Aura, SM North EDSA, and SM Makati.

This initiative is a cornerstone of SM's partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) under the "Save from Extinction" campaign that was launched in October 2024. Designed to raise awareness and generate much-needed funds to protect the six species vulnerable to extinction, the campaign shines a spotlight on these species, which face critical threats to their survival due to habitat loss, poaching, and climate change.

DENR has also partnered with wildlife conservation groups to safeguard these animals such as the Forest Foundation Philippines, Philippine

Eagle Foundation, World Wide Fund for Nature—Philippines, D'Aboville Foundation, and the Zoological Society of London. Proceeds from every purchase in this collection will directly support the conservation programs of the DENR and its partner NGOs.

In addition to the merchandise, Banco De Oro (BDO) Unibank, Inc., a key partner in the campaign, is offering donation channels to make it even easier for the public to contribute.

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wage," he said. Cayetano said the inspiration for his proposed labor commission or "LabCom" came from the successful model of the Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM), which brought together government officials and private sector experts to tackle long-standing issues in education.

The senator pointed out that current mechanisms such as the tripartite wage boards have failed to deliver meaningful change, despite decades of deliberations.

"Thirty years na ako sa politika. Nagkaroon ba ng tunay na living wage? Hindi... The real issue — the living wage — we've never gotten to it," he said.

He added that the proposed commission would not replace existing wage-setting mechanisms but would complement them by providing consensus-driven and evidence-based recommendations to address wage disparities, worker protections, and the broader cost of living. **PR**