

LANDBANK ASENSO Bonds attract strong support to drive sustainable future

LANDBANK has drawn robust investor interest for its ongoing ASEAN sustainability bond offering, as demonstrated by attendance at the Qualified Institutional Buyer (QIB) Briefing held on 19 January 2026 at the Makati Diamond Residences, Makati City. The event highlighted the Bank's growing role in channeling capital toward sustainable national development while offering a credible, socially impactful investment opportunity that is financially inclusive and accessible to all Filipinos, starting with a minimum subscription amount of only ₱10,000.

Department of Finance (DOF) Secretary and LANDBANK Chairperson Frederick D. Go and LANDBANK President and CEO Lynette V. Ortiz led the QIB Briefing, joined by Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla, Treasurer of the Philippines Sharon P. Almanza, and Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) Secretary Dante Francis "Klink" Ang II — signaling strong government support for investments that deliver measurable green and social impact.

Also present at the launch were Department of Agriculture (DA) Undersecretary Asis G. Perez, Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Undersecretary Atty. Kazel C. Celeste, Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) Assistant Secretary Violeta D. Illescas, and LANDBANK Directors Virginia N. Orogo and Omar Byron T. Mier.

Wider Access, Lower Minimum Investment

The LANDBANK Agriculture, Sustainability, Environment, and Socio-economic Development (ASENSO) Bonds are Peso-denominated, fixed-rate ASEAN Sustainability Bonds, with tenors of 1.5 years and 3 years.

The offering is currently available to institutional investors and will also be offered to retail investors from 28 January to 6 February 2026 via the LANDBANK Mobile Banking App — marking the first in-app corporate

or bank bond purchase in the Philippines. The bonds can also be purchased over-the-counter at LANDBANK branches nationwide, or via any of the Selling Agents.

The LANDBANK ASENSO Bonds are also designed to be accessible to all Filipinos, with a minimum investment of only ₱10,000 and in increments of ₱10,000 thereafter — significantly lower than other bank-issued bonds, which typically start at ₱100,000. Interest will be paid quarterly starting from the issue date and is subject to final withholding tax.

"ASENSO is more than a name. It reflects our guiding principle to channel long-term capital into activities that move the economy forward — supporting development priorities while creating real value to investors," Finance Secretary and LANDBANK Chairperson Frederick D. Go said in his keynote speech during the event.

Since the launch of the ASENSO Bonds on 12 January 2026, investor demand has been strong, prompting LANDBANK to consider upsizing the offering from its initial target of at least ₱5 billion to accommodate demand.

Proceeds will exclusively fund eligible green initiatives—such as renewable energy, energy efficiency, green buildings, clean transport, sustainable water management, and pollution prevention—and social programs that support food security, affordable housing, health, education, and job creation.

"These bonds embody a simple yet profound promise: that every peso invested will create measurable environmental and social impact, fully aligned with LANDBANK's Sustainable Finance Framework. This is finance with purpose. This is capital with conscience," said LANDBANK President and CEO Ortiz.

China Bank Capital Corporation (Chinabank Capital) serves as the Sole Issue Manager, with LANDBANK and Chinabank Capital acting as Selling Agents. The



Finance Secretary and LANDBANK Chairperson Frederick D. Go (center) and LANDBANK President and CEO Lynette V. Ortiz (leftmost), along with Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Raphael P.M. Lotilla (2nd from right), Treasurer of the Philippines Sharon P. Almanza (2nd from left), and Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) Secretary Dante Francis "Klink" Ang II (rightmost) lead the ceremonial launch of the LANDBANK ASENSO Bonds during the Qualified Institutional Buyer (QIB) Briefing on 19 January 2026 at the Makati Diamond Residences, Makati City.

ASENSO bonds are expected to be listed on the Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corp. on 16 February 2026.

ABOUT LANDBANK
LANDBANK is the largest development financial institution in the Philippines promoting financial

inclusion, digital transformation, and sustainable national development. Present in all 82 provinces in the country, the Bank is

committed to provide accessible and responsive financial solutions to empower Filipinos from countryside to countrywide.



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DA Calabarzon sustains Kadiwa ng Pangulo in 2026

CvSU develops e-governance system for barangays



Full transparency sa 2026 budget itinulak ng Cayetano-led Minority Bloc

DENR-EMB mulls circular economy to improve waste management

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DTI Laguna and Partners Open MSME Trade Fair at SM City San Pablo for Coconut Festival



San Pablo City, Laguna — In celebration of the San Pablo Coconut Festival, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna, in partnership with the City Government of San Pablo, the Association of Laguna Food Processors (ALAFOP), and SM City San Pablo, organized a trade fair for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from January 14 to 20, 2026. The event aimed to support local enterprises and promote entrepreneurship in the province.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 14 was attended by Mr. Christian Ted O. Tungohan, Provincial Director of DTI Laguna; Atty. Joseph Marnic V. De Mesa, City Administrator of LGU San Pablo; Mr. Jerry Urriquia, President of ALAFOP; Ms. Leonie Reyes, Board Director of ALAFOP; and Ms. Edesa Sibug, Mall Manager of SM City San Pablo, along with other guests and participants. Their presence highlighted the collaborative efforts of public and private partners in promoting local businesses.

Featuring 11 MSME exhibitors, the trade fair was held under the mall's SM4SMEs Community Bazaar program. The activity provided participating enterprises with an opportunity to showcase their products, engage with consumers, and strengthen their market presence in a high-traffic commercial venue. This initiative is part of ongoing efforts to promote local entrepreneurship and enterprise development alongside the city's festive celebration. In line with its mandate to support MSMEs, DTI Laguna continues to facilitate market access and provide marketing opportunities that help enterprises grow, become competitive, and reach wider markets.

Through this collaborative undertaking, partner institutions reaffirmed their shared commitment to strengthening the MSME sector by fostering partnerships and offering platforms that contribute to inclusive economic growth in Laguna.

DA expands P20 rice program rollout in Aklan



Power and powerlessness

In a perverted way, one can derive relief from the tumultuous turn of events in the Philippines by looking at what is happening beyond our borders. Unfolding international events tell us that peace and justice in societies remain elusive, and that some leaders are more concerned about personal aggrandizement than improving the quality of life of their constituents.

Some leaders also appear obsessed with asserting influence and control over territories they have no business stepping into, throwing the rule of law and basic decency out the window.

In other parts of the world, some races believe they are entitled to inflict violence on other peoples, justifying their acts by twisting the truth and pretending to be on the receiving end of the violence leaving them with no choice but to retaliate.

And then, closer to home, we see a regional power asserting its might and bullying who it perceives to be its weaker neighbors.

These are all political maneuvers, but there is also the less obvious but immensely more compelling economic considerations.

One can drum up worst-case scenarios and descend into fear about what could happen to the world in the succeeding days. There is an overwhelming sense of helplessness among ordinary people that they are powerless against these external events, with decisions being made by only a few individuals.

The sense of foreboding is all too real. It is often tempting to shut down and refuse to listen to the news which gets depressing by the day. Is a just and honest government truly possible, and would not modest gains, if any, be negated when a new administration comes along?

But it would be wrong to believe that the people are completely powerless. While decisions with profound consequences are being made by a handful of individuals, people continue to wield electoral power. So long as citizens are able to vote and choose their leaders, they are not mere pawns. The power to install representatives who make decisions for many is sacred and inviolable. It is a decision that must be guided only by good sense and a rejection of blind loyalty, fraud, or manipulation. These are, after all, who would speak for us and decide for us on the bigger international stage.

DENR-EMB...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources—Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) Calabarzon continues to promote the adoption of a circular economy approach to strengthen waste management systems and reduce environmental pollution across the region.

DENR-EMB Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division Chief Corazon Gasapos emphasized that a circular economy shifts the traditional “take—make—dispose” model into a more sustainable system where materials are reduced, reused,

recycled, and recovered, allowing waste to be transformed into resources that can still generate value.

“Currently, what we are doing is the linear economy, we are taking resources from our environment. We are making good products, only the ones we need, but when we use them, we throw them in the trash. So that’s the linear economy. Our direction is towards the circular economy where the things that we can still benefit from, we recover them and we use them,” Gasapos stated during an interview with Philippine Information Agency.

The circular econo-

DEPED...

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Education Secretary Sonny Angara hailed the passage of the 2026 national budget, describing it as a ‘transformational’ milestone for the sector.

In an interview following the blessing and turnover of a new school building at Santiago Elementary School on Tuesday, January 20, Angara emphasized that the 2026 General Appropriations Act is a vital step to establish a ‘world-class’ education system.

“Matagal nang itinutalak ni Pangulong Bongbong Marcos ang truly transformational education budget. Napakalakang tulong nito sa adhikain ng ating pangulo na magising world class ang quality ng educational system natin.”

To recall, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. recently signed the P6.793-trillion national budget.

Angara noted that the 2026 budget allocation for education comprised four percent of the country’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which will allow funding for reforms and programs for the Department of Education (DepEd).

“Umabot tayo ng four percent for the first time of GDP or yung size ng ekonomiya ng bansa.”

With its historic funding, DepEd already has a laundry list of targets, including hiring more teachers and non-teaching per-

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sonnel, and solving the classroom backlog. “We need to hire more teachers, we need to hire admin officers to help our teachers so they can concentrate on teaching. We need to build more classrooms, we need to build learning facilities dahil ‘yung iba ay naluluma na rin po.”

With one of the highest enrollment rates in the country, CALABARZON faces challenges in classroom shortage to meet the needs of its students and personnel. DepEd is also working with the private sector through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in constructing more school buildings around the country.

“Region 4-A is one of the hotbeds of classroom deficit, so to speak, one of the highest. That’s why, in pushing the PPP, we have included region 4-A. We are prioritizing LGUs (local government units) in the NCR, Region 4A, 3 (Central Luzon), and Region 7 (Central Visayas).”

Beyond the 2026 national budget, Angara assured that the DepEd will continue hiring more teaching and non-teaching personnel and building more classrooms in the years to come.

“Pero hindi lang sapat na isang taon lang natin gagawin yan. Kailangan sunod-sunod, yung momentum hindi tumigil, at taon-taon yan ang gagawin.”

Binigyang diin ni Cayetano na nakatuon ang buong Minority Bloc sa pagsuporta sa pagsiguro sa accountability ng 2026 budget.

“We want to go all the way with the reforms... Anything that’s reformative, anything na dapat ipagbawal, anything that can lead to resolve the present problems ng ating bansa, gusto ng Minority iyon,” wika niya.

It complements existing environmental policies such as Republic Act No. 9003, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, and Republic Act No. 11898, or the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022, which directs large companies to recover and recycle their plastic packaging waste.

Moreso, DENR-EMB Calabarzon actively promotes waste segregation at source, recycling programs, composting of bio-

degradable waste, and the establishment of materials recovery facilities (MRFs). The bureau also works closely with LGUs and the private sector to encourage compliance with RA 9003.

The bureau then stressed that public participation remains essential, noting that households and communities play a vital role in reducing waste through mindful consumption, reuse, and proper waste disposal. (AM/PIA Calabarzon)

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Cayetano...

Itinulak ng Senate Minority bloc sa pamumuno ni Senador Alan Peter Cayetano na kailangang malinaw at bukas sa publiko ang lahat ng amendment o pagbabago sa panukalang 2026 national matapos lumabas ang malalaking realignment nang walang kalinawan.

Sa period of amendments para sa House Bill No. 4058 o General Appropriations Bill (GAB) para sa F.Y. 2026 nitong December 2, kinuwestiyon ni Cayetano ang paglitaw ng malalaking pagbabago sa committee report na walang nakalagay na may-akda.

“Either we believe in transparency or not. So if we’re going to ask members now to propose their individual [amendments], maliit iton... Hindi ba dapat malaman natin kung sino ang nag-propose ng mga ito at ang proseso ng pag-a-aprove nito?” wika niya.

Paliwanag ni Senator Sherwin “Win” Gatchalian na siyang sponsor ng budget, ang committee report ay naglalaman ng mga pagbabago ng komite sa bersyon ng House, at ang mga susunod na amendment ay papasok na bilang individual amendments ng mga senador.

Giit ni Cayetano, kailangan ng kalinawan kung sino ang nag-introduce ng major adjustments na nakasaad sa committee report, lalo na’t hindi lumabas ang mga naturang pagbabago sa labing-isang araw na interpellation ng Senado.

“If you’re saying now na ito na rin y’ung amend-

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ments from the House, I want to point out that parang nabale-wala y’ung interpellation. Having said that, kung ito na y’ung sa House, in the spirit of transparency, I’d like to know who moved [for them],” wika niya.

Sa isang media interview ng parehong araw, sinabi ni Cayetano na nais niyang bigyang linaw ang malaking halaga na nakalagay sa unprogrammed funds kahit aniya dati nang napag-usapan na dapat bawasan o alisin ito dahil hindi tiyak ang revenue.

“Since 2023 budget, ang problema natin ay y’ung unprogrammed funds. Pero dito sa version natin mero pa rin. Bakit hindi na lang tangalin yun?” wika niya.

“When consumers can buy affordable rice, and farmers have a stable market for their palay, that’s when the system works,” he added.

Meanwhile, alongside the expanded rice programs, the DA also rolled out a comprehensive agricultural assistance package worth around PHP75 million to boost productivity and livelihoods in Aklan.

The assistance includes four-wheel drive tractors, rice combine harvesters, farm inputs, certified seeds and fertilizers, crop insurance indemnity checks, composting facilities, hybrid solar renewable energy systems for multiplier farms, trading capital for Kadiwa outlets, and 20-footer fiberglass fishing boats for fisherfolk.

DA Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs,

Jan. 28-Feb. 03, 2026 DA EXPANDS...

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) said it expects more than 85,000 individuals to benefit from the expansion of the “Benteng Bigas, Meron Na!” (BBM Na) in Aklan province.

In a news release Friday, Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said the expansion is aligned with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s directive to keep rice affordable for vulnerable sectors while maintaining fair farmgate prices for local farmers.

“This is not just about selling rice at PHP20 per kilo—it’s about protecting Filipino families from high food costs while making sure our farmers are paid fairly,” Tiu Laurel said.

“When consumers can buy affordable rice, and farmers have a stable market for their palay, that’s when the system works,” he added.

Among the expected beneficiaries of the program are minimum wage earners, farmers and fisherfolk, senior citizens, solo parents, Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) members, persons with disabilities, and transport sector workers.

The program, Tiu

LAUREL SAID, IS STRATEGICALLY DESIGNED TO SUPPORT THE ENTIRE RICE VALUE CHAIN.

HE SAID THAT UNDER THE EXPANDED ROLLOUT, THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA) WILL RELEASE MORE AFFORDABLE RICE BY DRAWING DOWN ITS BUFFER STOCKS, ALLOWING IT TO PROCURE MORE PALAY FROM LOCAL FARMERS AT FAIR AND JUST PRICES, PARTICULARLY AS THE HARVEST SEASON APPROACHES.

“THIS APPROACH HELPS STABILIZE RICE PRICES WHILE ENSURING FARMERS HAVE A RELIABLE BUYER FOR THEIR PRODUCE,” HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, ALONGSIDE THE EXPANDED RICE PROGRAMS, THE DA ALSO ROLLED OUT A COMPREHENSIVE AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE PACKAGE WORTH AROUND PHP75 MILLION TO BOOST PRODUCTIVITY AND LIVELIHOODS IN AKLAN.

THE ASSISTANCE INCLUDES FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE TRACTORS, RICE COMBINE HARVESTERS, FARM INPUTS, CERTIFIED SEEDS AND FERTILIZERS, CROP INSURANCE INDEMNITY CHECKS, COMPOSTING FACILITIES, HYBRID SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR MULTIPLIER FARMS, TRADING CAPITAL FOR KADIWA OUTLETS, AND 20-FOOTER FIBERGLASS FISHING BOATS FOR FISHERFOLK.

DA ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS,

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AGRIBUSINESS, MARKETING, AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

GENIEVIVE VELICARIA-GUEVARRA UNDERSCORED THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN SUSTAINING THE INITIATIVE.

SHE SAID THE DA CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN THE PHP20 PER KG. RICE PROGRAM IN COLLABORATION WITH PROVINCIAL LGUs.

LAYUNIN NAMING MA-INSTITUTIONALIZE ITO UPANG TULOY-TULOY AT SISTEMATIKO ANG PAGDADALA NG ABOT-KAYANG BIGAS SA MAMAMAYAN, HANGANG TINIYAK NA PATAS ANG BAIK-BENEPISYO SA ATING MGA MAGSASAKA (OUR GOAL IS TO INSTITUTIONALIZE THIS SO THAT THE DELIVERY OF AFFORDABLE RICE TO THE PEOPLE IS CONTINUOUS AND SYSTEMATIC, WHILE ENSURING FAIR RETURNS FOR OUR FARMERS),” SHE SAID.

THE DA SAID THE BBM NA PROGRAM WAS INITIALLY LAUNCHED IN AKLAN IN 2025, REACHING MORE THAN 22,000 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGH CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE DA—FOOD TERMINAL INC. (FTI) AND THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT.

WITH THE EXPANDED IMPLEMENTATION, THE DA EXPECTS TO COVER MORE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE.

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AT NAKAKAPAG-GENERATE AGAD ANG MGA BARANGAY NG REPORTS NA NASESENT NILA SA DILG [DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT].”

SLATED FOR ADOPTION ACROSS ALL BARANGAYS IN SILANG, THE THREE-YEAR PROJECT BEGAN IN 2025 WITH A GOAL OF STREAMLINING GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

ACCORDING TO SANTIAGO, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND BARANGAY LEADERS HAVE SHOWN STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT.

“[BY] 2028 AY DAPAT GINAGAMIT NA NG LAHAT NG BARANGAY. ACTUALLY NGAYONG 2026 AY MAACHIEVE NA NAMIN YUN. YUNG IBANG BARANGAY KASI AY NAGREREQUEST NA. IN 2026, START NA NAMIN YUNG CLUSTER 2 WITH 16 BARANGAYS.”

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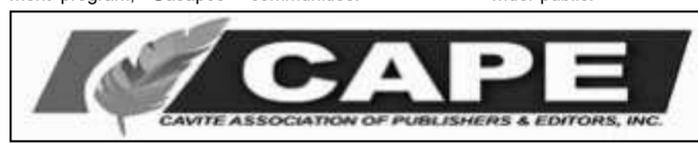
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VOL. III • NO. 31 7 EMB strengthens solid waste management drive in Calabarzon schools

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) in Calabarzon is reinforcing its solid waste management campaign in schools across the region as the country observes Zero Waste Month this January.

Corazon Gasapos, Chief of the EMB 4A’s Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division, underscored the importance of empowering young people to become active partners in promoting proper waste management practices.

“We believe that the youth are our vital partners in protecting the environment. Our focus is to equip them with the knowledge and skills so they can learn and actively participate in the country’s solid waste management program,” Gasapos



DA CALABARZON...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Agriculture (DA) in Calabarzon is sustaining the Kadiwa ng Pangulo and Kadiwa Pop-Up markets in 2026, bringing affordable agricultural products closer to consumers while supporting local farmers and fisherfolk across the region.

In partnership with local government units (LGUs), law enforcement agencies, and other stakeholders, DA Calabarzon stated that it will continue rolling out Kadiwa activities in key areas of Quezon, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, and Batangas starting January 2026.

In Quezon Province, Kadiwa Pop-Up markets will be held on January 29 at the Quezon Police Provincial Office (PPO) Covered Court in Camp BGen. Guillermo P. Narkar, Lucena City, and the Kadiwa ng Pangulo will take place on January 21 at Perez Park, Quezon Provincial Capitol, also in

Lucena City. Meanwhile, Cavite started hosting Kadiwa Pop-Up on January 16 at the Cavite PPO Covered Court in Camp Gen. Miguel C. Malvar, Batangas City.

Regular Kadiwa Pop-Up markets are also conducted every Monday at the LARES Compound in Barangay Marawoy, Lipa City. A Kadiwa ng Pangulo activity is scheduled on January 30 at Recto Gym in Ibaan.

DA Calabarzon emphasized that the Kadiwa ng Pangulo program continues to serve as a direct marketing platform, linking producers to consumers.

The agriculture department added that Kadiwa is helping stabilize food prices while promoting food security and supporting the livelihood of local farmers and micro-entrepreneurs.

The public is encouraged to visit the nearest Kadiwa sites to avail of fresh and affordable agricultural products.

said in an interview with the Usapang PIA radio program on Jan. 14.

She emphasized that the focus of the campaign is to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to actively participate in the implementation of the country’s solid waste management program.

Gasapos also called on the youth to take part in school-based and community initiatives promoting waste reduction, segregation, recycling, and responsible consumption, noting that their involvement is essential in sustaining environmental gains.

She stressed that proper solid waste management is a shared responsibility that must be practiced consistently at home, in schools, and in communities.

Gasapos also expressed her appreciation to local government units and private sector partners for their continued support and cooperation in advancing solid waste management efforts in the region.

According to her, these collaborative efforts have significantly contributed to improving waste management practices, as the country marks the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act (Republic Act No. 9003).

EMB reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening partnerships and expanding information and education campaigns to further promote a zero-waste culture and environmental stewardship among the youth and the wider public.

February 27 at BATELEC I in Calaca City, and January 28 at the Batangas PPO Covered Court in Camp Gen. Miguel C. Malvar, Batangas City.

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Governor Abeng Remulla's Medical Mission Team, in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, and the City Government of Carmona, successfully conducted a Medical and Dental Mission on January 16, at Barangay Milagrosa, Phase III. With the support of Mayor Dahlia Loyola, the City Council, and 5th District Board Member Ivey Reyes, the mission served 526 patients with free consultations, medicines, and

SMC delivers 19% net income growth to P37.1Bn in first nine months



San Miguel Corporation (SMC) reported a 19% rise in net income to P37.1 billion during the first nine months of 2024, driven by strong revenue growth across its diverse businesses.

Despite challenges such as typhoons and currency fluctuations, SMC's consolidated revenues increased by 11% to P1.2 trillion. This strong performance was fueled by higher sales volumes in its Power, Fuel & Oil, Food, and Spirits businesses.

Operating income also went up by 11%, with improved profitability in the Food, Spirits, and Infrastructure sectors which offset lower refining margins

in the Fuel & Oil business. EBITDA went up by 9% to P168.1 billion.

Overall, the Company's strong performance demonstrated its ability to adapt to challenges and deliver consistent growth.

"Our commitment to sustainable growth and responsible cost management is at the core of everything we do. Our strong results reflect our ability to run our businesses efficiently, seize growth opportunities, and focus on building long-term value and excellence," said SMC Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

San Miguel Food and

Beverage, Inc. (SMFB) achieved strong financial results in the first nine months, with solid growth across all business segments. Consolidated sales rose 5% from last year, reaching P291.1 billion. Income from operations increased by 15% to P39.9 billion, while consolidated net income rose by 11% to P30.4 billion.

San Miguel Foods posted a 4% increase in sales to P134.3 billion, supported by higher volumes. The Prepared and Packaged Foods segment led the growth with an 11% revenue increase, driven by strong demand for key products like Purefoods Luncheon Meat, Magnolia

Dairy, and San Mig Coffee. This segment's EBITDA jumped 39% to P15.5 billion, benefiting from top-line growth and lower raw material costs.

San Miguel Brewery Inc. reported consolidated revenues of P111.2 billion, up 3%, due to higher volumes. Domestic sales reached P99.1 billion while international sales amounted to \$212.4 million. The Beer segment's EBITDA reached P28.9 billion, with expected growth momentum through targeted initiatives.

Ginebra San Miguel Inc. (GSMI) achieved a strong 17% increase in sales to P45.6 billion, driven by higher prices and volumes. Operating income also rose, with EBITDA totaling P7.1 billion. Strong brand performance and efficient distribution contributed to the growth of the Spirits segment.

POWER
 San Miguel Global Power Holdings Corp. (SMGP) sustained its strong performance, reporting a 57% increase in off-take volumes. This was supported by new capacities, including 1,200 MW from South Premiere in Ilijan, Batangas; additional BESS ancillary services, and the start of commercial operations of Mariveles' Units 1 and 2. Consequently, consolidated revenues rose 23% to P153.6 billion.

Operating income

and EBITDA saw significant growth of 43% and 37%, respectively. Net income rose 48% to P13.5 billion.

FUEL AND OIL
 Petron Corporation (Petron) continued to report strong revenues in the first nine months of the year despite challenges in the international oil market. Consolidated revenues increased 12% to P657.9 billion, driven by sustained volume growth of 12% to 104.4 million barrels, from 93.6 million barrels in 2023.

Sales volume from its Philippine operations and Singapore trading arm posted a combined 16% increase to 67.8 million barrels, while sales volume in Malaysia rose 4% to 36.6 million barrels. The Company's service station operations in the Philippines fueled the consolidated 7% increase in total retail sales driven by Petron's strong brand attributes and strategic marketing efforts. Sales from its commercial and export trades also showed consistent improvements at 7% and 11%, respectively.

The strong volume and sales performance was weighed down by a correction in refining margins resulting in an operating income of P22.3 billion in the first nine months, from P27.0 billion in the same period last year. Net income for the nine-month

period ended at P7.1 billion from P9.5 billion in 2023.

INFRASTRUCTURE
 San Miguel Infrastructure delivered steady growth, with consolidated revenues of P27.0 billion in the first nine months, up 8% compared to the same period last year. The combined daily average traffic volume from all operating toll roads rose by 2%, reaching 1.02 million vehicles. The company achieved an 8% increase in both operating income and EBITDA to P14.6 billion and P22.0 billion, respectively. EBITDA margin remained strong at a healthy 82%.

CEMENT
 The Cement business, comprised of Eagle Cement Corporation, Northern Cement Corporation, and Southern Concrete Industries, Inc., delivered a 3% increase in volume for the nine-month period, despite industry volume contracting by about 2.3%.

Consolidated revenues of P27.0 billion for the same period however dipped by 6% due to lower selling prices, influenced by the influx of imported traded cement. Despite the decline in topline, operating income grew by 16%, supported by lower input costs and enhanced operating efficiencies. EBITDA rose by 9% to P7.6 billion, with margin expanding to 28%.



In the spirit of the Center's 39th Founding Anniversary, DA-ATI CALABARZON balanced strategic direction with team engagement. The day featured an operational planning workshop where key personnel harmonized schedules, aligned priorities, and fine-tuned activity plans to ensure the smooth and timely implementation of programs for FY 2026. To seal this shared commitment, Center Director Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, RAgr, led the ceremonial signing of commitment for the year's planned activities, reinforcing accountability and collective responsibility.

The celebration likewise continued with a Palarong Pinoy-inspired Mini Sports Fest, where staff stepped out of their official roles to take part in traditional games. Beyond friendly competition, the activity strengthened camaraderie, promoted employee wellness, and reflected the Center's belief that a united and energized workforce is essential to delivering responsive



The Department of Transportation (DOTr) recently announced that it would adopt the Accessible Travel Policy (ATP) guidelines for all railways, including those under construction, offering a glimmer of hope for commuting senior citizens, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and pregnant women.

Over the years, I have watched with both hope and frustration how our public transportation and infrastructure systems have evolved, and for seniors like me, who remember the simpler days when walking a few short blocks seemed effortless and traffic was more bearable, I see how everyday commuting has now evolved into a stressful (if not degrading) undertaking.

But in the past few months, we have seen encouraging signs from the DOTr to make public transportation and infrastructure more inclusive and accessible to vulnerable sectors who are part of the commuting public.

We see the struggles of the commuting public almost every day on the news, but we often overlook how these challenges are felt more deeply by senior citizens and PWDs, whose commutes are marked by disheartening accounts of broken elevators or escalators, and inaccessible or uneven walkways, among others.

The adoption of the ATP guidelines is a welcome development—introducing long-needed uniform standards for accessibility in our railway systems that are not mere conveniences, but rather necessities for vulnerable commuters. But achieving a truly accessible public transport system should not be limited to railways alone—it requires a holistic approach.

Railways are just one part of the country's public transport ecosystem, and thousands—if not millions—of Filipinos depend daily on other modes of transportation such as buses, jeepneys, UV Express vans, and transport network vehicle services, including motorcycle taxis.

Consider what a typical commute looks like for a PWD or an elderly commuter. Even if a train station becomes fully accessible, the journey to and from that station often involves

walking on uneven or obstructed sidewalks, boarding jeepneys or buses with steep steps, or riding tricycles that drop passengers off at the roadside without any regard for loading and unloading areas. For someone with mobility challenges, these gaps do not just create inconvenience—they create barriers.

This is why we need parallel reforms across all public transportation modes and infrastructure, starting with those used by the majority of commuters—from terminals to the actual transport vehicles. Even basic infrastructure like pedestrian crossings and sidewalks must be designed mindful of our vulnerable commuters.

Beyond infrastructure, maintenance is equally important. A broken elevator at a train station can shut out seniors and PWDs who rely on it. Investing in the maintenance of public transport facilities ensures accessibility for all commuters.

We also need to strengthen both technical and sensitivity training for transport personnel to better transport commuters and create a more inviting environment for traveling senior citizens and PWDs.

Of course, this is not just the responsibility of the national government. We all play a part too.

Commuters should practice inclusivity in public transport by giving way and offering seats to PWDs, pregnant women, and senior citizens. It all starts with recognition that some among us travel at a different pace. As a society that prides itself on "malasakit", now is the time to really live this value through public transport.

Progress doesn't happen overnight. To make our public transport system truly inclusive and accessible, we need commitment to reform, a strong political will, and collective responsibility.

The goal is to enhance our public transport system so that accessibility is visibly a fundamental right for all. I am confident that under the able stewardship of Acting Transportation Secretary Giovanni Lopez, this can be done.

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Education Secretary Sonny Angara has underscored the vital role of local government units in addressing the country's classroom shortage during the inauguration of a new classroom building at Santiago Elementary School in General Trias City on Tuesday, January 20.

In his message, Angara highlighted the national government's commitment to collaborating with LGUs to build school facilities and solve the persistent classroom shortage in public schools.

"Ito ang innovative approach ni Presidente [Ferdinand Marcos Jr.]. Dati kasi, ang gumagawang classrooms ay either DepEd lang o DPWH (Department of Public Works and Highways) lang."

Angara also lauded the local government for its effort to build 100 classrooms, which significantly helped ease school congestion in the city.

The secretary added, "In partnership with the city, nakapagpatayong 100 classrooms in three years. Thank you for prioritizing building classrooms."

With the new classroom building, Santiago Elementary School can provide an improved learning environment to its students.

Principal Reinalyn Mutalla noted the importance of sufficient learning facilities in providing quality education, especially in public schools.

"It strengthens our capacity to deliver quality, inclusive, and future-ready education for every child entrusted to our care."

Catering to an estimated 2,443 learners, Santiago Elementary School adopts a shifting scheme due to the lack of classrooms. With the new building, Mutalla said that they will not need to adopt this scheme anymore.

"Hindi na po kami three days [with] two shifts para ma-accommodate silang lahat. We can now also provide a better learning environment to our learners, and inspire our teachers to achieve more."

The new building includes 16 classrooms that are fully-equipped with 50-inch smart TVs, armchairs, fire alarms, emergency lights, and proper signage. DepEd said each classroom was designed to address classroom shortages and enhance the learning environment for students and teachers.

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More than a financing event, the partnership reflects a shared vision of advancing sustainable finance, peacebuilding, and inclusive rural development, transforming former conflict-affected commu-

nities into centers of productivity, opportunity, and environmental renewal.

Aligned with LANDBANK's HARVEST and ESG frameworks, the initiative promotes climate-responsive growth while creating sustainable

livelihoods for Indigenous Peoples (IP) and strengthening the country's green agribusiness value chain.

The loan signing was led by LANDBANK Executive Vice President Charlotte I. Conde and Vice President Jimmy Arco,

Atty. Christian Harvey Wong, Account Officer Edgar Alcorde, and Account Assistant Stephanie Apusen. Representing KPC were Mr. Jerry John M. Taray, Chief Executive Officer, and Jocelyn T. Taray, Chief Financial Officer.

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NORBERTO M. LEE
 Petitioner,
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ORDER

This is a petition for the issuance of another owner's duplicate copy of **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-1325907** of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite filed by petitioner.

Petitioner alleges that he is the registered owner of a parcel of land situated in Barangay Habay, Bacoor City, Cavite covered by **TCT No. T-1325907**. Petitioner further alleges that the owner's duplicate copy of said title was lost or missing in his house sometime in 2016. Consequently, petitioner executed an affidavit of loss which was annotated on the title on file with the Registry of Deeds. He prays that judgment be rendered directing the Register of Deeds to issue a new owner's duplicate copy of title.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for **initial hearing on May 4, 2026** at 9:00 in the morning at which date, place and hour, any interested person may appear and show cause why said petition should not be granted.

Petitioner is directed to cause the PUBLICATION of the copy of this Order at his expense once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite. Likewise, petitioner is directed to FURNISH with copies of the petition with annexes the Office of the Registry of Deeds, Bacoor City, the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite and the Land Registration Authority within fifteen (15) days from receipt of this Order and thereafter to submit compliance to this Court.

Let copies of this Order be POSTED in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Bacoor where the property is situated at least thirty (30) days prior to the aforesaid date of hearing, more particularly at the bulletin boards of the following:

1. Regional Trial Court, City of Bacoor Cavite
2. Registry of Deeds, Bacoor City, Cavite
3. Main Entrance, City Hall of Bacoor City, Cavite SO, ORDERED.

GIVEN IN CHAMBERS, this 5th day of January 2026 in the City of Bacoor, Cavite

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CARDINAL TAGLE VISITS CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN IMUS

LOOK: Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle paid a brief visit to Pastorelle - Jesus Good Shepherd School, Inc. in Imus City, Cavite, where he was warmly welcomed by pupils, students, and the Sisters of Jesus Good Shepherd (Pastorelle Sisters) on Wednesday, Jan. 21. Cardinal Tagle, a former Bishop of Imus, shared a special moment with the



KWF Aktibong Nakilahok sa K-10 Curriculum Implementer's Summit

Aktibong dumalo ang Tagapangulo ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) na si Atty. Marites A. Barrios-Taran, kasama ang Fultaym Komisyoner Benjamin M. Mendillo sa K-10 Curriculum Implementers' Summit na isinagawa noóng 15 Enero 2026 sa Rizal Park Hotel, Manila. Layunin ng pagtitipon na pagtibayin, talakayin, at pag-ibayuhin ang pagpapatupad ng K-10 Kurikulum sa buong bansa.

Nagbigay ng mahalagang mensahe si Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Sonny Angara at binigyang-diin nito ang papel ng mga tagapagpatupad ng kurikulum sa paghubog ng makabuluhan, inklusibo, at makabansang edukasyon. Hinikayat niya ang mga

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guro, administrador, at katuwang na institusyon na magkaisa, makipagtulungan, at magsulong ng de-kalidad na sistema ng pagkatuto.
 Delivery, Atty. Ester A. Funtalan, OIC, Office of the Director III ng BLD, at G. Jerome T. Buenavente, Assistant Secretary ng Learning System Strand. Aktibo silang nagbahagi ng pananaw, naglatag ng mga polisiya, at nagpaliwanag ng mga estratehiya kaugnay ng epektibong implementasyon ng K-10 Kurikulum.
 Ipinakita ng K-10 Curriculum Implementers' Summit ang sama-samang pagkilos ng mga pinunò, eksperto, at institusyon upang paunlarin ang edukasyong Pilipino.

From Screen to Spotlight: Southeast Asian community filmmakers shine at the 2025 SineMaya Community Short Film Festival

BENTE Productions Chairman Mr. Hugo C. Yonzon III (leftmost) and CARD MRI Senior Adviser Ms. Aniceta R. Alip (second from left) pose with the Light by the Sea Productions team from Vietnam, recipients of the Best Film award in the Legacy Lens Category for their film "Light by the Sea", a SineMaya film entry that tells the story of a woman struggling to care for her children and elderly mother after losing her husband at sea, who receives help from her community so her son can stay in school.

The 2025 SineMaya Community Film Festival, organized by BENTE Productions, the multimedia arm of CARD MRI, culminated in an awarding ceremony on December 15, 2025, at SM City San Pablo. The festival celebrated short films that embodied the official theme, "PAMANAON: Stewards of the Future," highlighting the importance of legacy, responsibility, and collective action.

This year's festival brought together filmmakers from diverse communities who used filmmaking as a platform to explore social realities, cultural heritage, and hope, while also embracing innovation through emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence. By combining storytelling with innovation, the event showcased how film can be both an artistic and transformative medium.

Reaffirming the festival's vision, CARD MRI Founder and Chair Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip highlighted the transformative power of storytelling, saying, "Through SineMaya, filmmakers were encouraged to craft stories that reflect how the choices and actions of today shape the lives and opportunities of future generations." He also praised the participants for creating works that go beyond entertainment. "Their courage, creativity, and purposeful narratives

demonstrate how art can help shape a more compassionate and responsible world," he added. Following a rigorous judging process of all 18 SineMaya finalists, where each entry was carefully assessed for storytelling, technical skill, creativity, and social relevance, the winning films emerged as works that inspired, moved, and touched the audience.

Top honors were awarded to "Alab" by Paroy Film Productions, which received Best Film for the AI-Powered Film category, and "Light by the Sea" by Light by the Sea Productions, which won Best Film for the Legacy Lens category. Both films also earned special recognition through the Legacy Awards, with "Alab" receiving the CARD MRI Managing Director's Choice Award, and "Light by the Sea" being named one of the recipients of the CARD MRI Founder's Excellence Award, alongside "Pamaon" by ShotUp Productions. These recognitions underscored the films' ability to merge artistic excellence with strong messages of service, resilience, and intergenerational responsibility—values closely aligned with the festival's theme.

Outstanding achievements in performance, direction, and technical craft were also recognized. The Acting Awards honored Rosalie Castillo as Best Supporting Actor in a Female Role for her portrayal of Nanay Riya in "Pag-alala" of Balik-Tanaw Productions, and Ken Laurence Ante as Best Supporting Actor in a Male Role for his role as Arvin in "Liham" by Bikolanong Lagalag Productions. The Best Actor in a Female Role was bagged by Jorlyn Ledesma for her performance as Lira in "Binhi sa Kaugmaon" by Kanlaon Film Productions, while Nel Estuya received Best Actor in a Male Role for his portrayal of Tatay Fernando in "Saan Aabot Ang Singkwenta Ni Ta-

ay?" filmed by Kisapmata Film Productions.

Technical excellence was likewise celebrated, with Best Editing awarded to Jhon Lorenz Jegillos for "Liham" and Best Cinematography to Jimuel Sohitado for "Binhi sa Kaugmaon". Meanwhile, Dang Thi Hanh was named Best Director for the visually and emotionally compelling "Light by the Sea".

Innovation took center stage in the AI-lamat Category, where "Alab" emerged as a dominant force, winning multiple awards, including Best AI-Powered Visual Effects, Editing, and Cinematography, as well as Excellence in AI-Enhanced Directing for Christian Laurence Jegillos. Meanwhile, "Damay: Mangagaway" by Dangshin Productions received Best Lifelike AI Characterization, highlighting how technology can be harnessed to deepen storytelling while maintaining emotional authenticity.

Special awards recognized creativity and audience impact, with "Ang Huling Punla" by Dos-T Productions winning Best Musical Scoring; "Saan Aabot Ang Singkwenta Ni Tatay?" by Kisapmata Film Productions earning both Best Screenplay and the People's Choice Award; and "Damay: Mangagaway" by Dangshin Productions taking home Best Trailer.

The festival also underscored its commitment to social advocacies through the Community Development Awards. Honorees included "Hope in the Rain" by Catalyst Productions for Agriculture; "The End of the Sky" by CanhDieuVanh Productions for Gender Equality; "Pamana" by Liwayway Films for Education; "Ang Huling Punla" by Dos-T Productions for Environmental Protection; "Hangarin" by Kumatha Productions for Disability Representation; and "Pag-alala" by Balik-Tanaw Productions



for Youth Empowerment. Additional recognitions went to "Tao Rin Ako" by Panangaawat Productions, which received the Inclusive Service Award, and "Pamanaon" by ShotUp Productions, honored with the Young Filmmaker Award.

The success of the festival was made possible through the guidance and leadership of key figures who continue to champion community development through the arts. "SineMaya is more than a film festival. It is a shared journey of storytelling where every film becomes a mirror of our values and a bridge to the future we want to

build together," said Ms. Marilyn M. Manila, BENTE Productions President.

Before the awarding ceremony, all 18 SineMaya finalists were simultaneously screened at SM Cinemas in Iloilo City, Davao City, and Manila on November 22, 2025. This nationwide screening allowed audiences from different regions to experience the stories firsthand and actively participated in determining the People's Choice Award.

SineMaya Community Film Festival is a platform dedicated to empowering grassroots and community filmmakers to tell stories that promote

social development, inclusion, and shared responsibility. Anchored in the belief that cinema can be a tool for education, advocacy, and transformation, SineMaya encourages narratives that reflect lived experiences, highlight community issues, and inspire positive action.

As the festival concluded, the 2025 SineMaya Community Film Festival once again affirmed that storytelling—grounded in compassion, innovation, and service—remains a powerful force in strengthening communities and shaping a more inclusive, hopeful, and sustainable future.