

PBBM Inspects Newly Opened CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 3B

Establishing Full Connectivity from Cavite to Taguig

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. inspected the newly opened final segment of the CAVITEX C5 Link.

The newly opened stretch runs from Airport View Subdivision to the Sucat Interchange in Parañaque City.

The project is a joint venture between Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation's (MPTC) subsidiary, Cavite Infrastructure Corporation (CIC), and the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA).

Joining the President in the inspection were Transportation Secretary Banoy Lopez; Public Works Secretary Vince Dizon; Philip-

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pine Reclamation Authority (PRA) Chairman Alex Lopez; MPTC President Emeritus Mr. Jose Maria Lim; MPTC President and CEO Gilbert Santa Maria; and Transportation Undersecretary Steve Pastor.

Segment 3B completes the 7.7-kilometer CAVITEX C5 Link.

It connects Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) to C5 Road in Taguig City, reducing travel time from the usual 1.5 hours to just 15 minutes.

The opening follows the earlier completion of Segment 3A-1 (C5 Flyover to Merville), Segment 3A-2 (Merville to RSG and Airport View), and Segment 2 (Sucat Interchange to R1 Expressway) between 2019 and 2024.

To immediately serve the motoring public, Segment 3B will initially open under a modified

scheme for a seamless bi-directional travel.

Eastbound motorists will have direct access to Bonifacio Global City (BGC), while westbound travelers will have a smoother route toward Parañaque, Las Piñas, Bacoor, and Kawit, Cavite. Designed as a six-lane expressway (three lanes per direction), the at-grade section will temporarily operate with four lanes (two lanes per direction) while Right-of-Way (ROW) concerns are being addressed.

Once the DPWH acquires the pending ROW, the remaining portion of the service road will also be completed and opened in its planned two-lane-per-direction configuration.

Construction of the additional expressway lanes will then begin to

complete the full six-lane capacity for the entire stretch.

The CAVITEX C5 Link provides efficient access to NAIA and C5, via key interchanges at the R1 Expressway (Coastal Road), Sucat Road (Dr. A Santos Avenue), and C.P. Garcia Avenue (C5 Road).

The expressway is projected to serve around 36,000 motorists daily.

By diverting heavy traffic, including commercial trucks, the expressway eases congestion on major arterial roads across Cavite and southern Metro Manila.

It also strengthens the logistics link between the industrial hubs of Cavite and the commercial centers of the National Capital Region, supporting regional economic growth.

SMC expressways gear up for Holy Week traffic; motorists urged to follow speed limits, save fuel

SMC Infrastructure has rolled out traffic and safety measures across its expressway network for the Holy Week travel period, as large numbers of motorists are expected to head out of Metro Manila.

The company said all traffic personnel along STAR, SLEX, the Skyway System, NAIA Expressway and TPLEX have been directed to coordinate with national and local authorities to help keep traffic moving, especially near major exits and interchanges connected to busy highways and national roads.

Roadworks and construction activities that may disrupt traffic have been suspended from 12 p.m. on March 28 until 10 p.m. on April 5, while emergency response teams have been deployed to key areas for faster assistance when needed.

The company urged motorists to observe speed limits, as doing so improves safety and cuts fuel costs.

Speed limits on ground-level expressways are set at 100 kph for Class 1 vehicles and 80 kph for Classes 2 and 3.

On elevated roads such as the Skyway System and NAIA Expressway, the limit is 80 kph, dropping to 60 kph along curved sections.

Motorists are also advised to make sure their vehicles are in good condition before traveling, including checking tire pressure, brakes, and engine condition, and to wear seatbelts and maintain a safe following distance from the vehicle in front of them.

To help reduce queues at toll plazas, SMC Infrastructure also encouraged cash-paying motorists to shift to the Autosweep electronic toll collection system.

Autosweep accounts have no minimum load requirement and may be topped up with the exact toll amount needed, while sticker replacement remains free for users whose tags have deteriorated over time.

Reloading is available through online banking apps, e-wallets, over-the-counter channels and payment kiosks.

Users may also monitor their balance and transaction history in real time through the app.

WEAVING HER WAY BACK



Eleodora Carreos from Calamba City, Laguna, proudly showcases her beautifully handcrafted woven bags

While some discover their skills later in life, others begin honing theirs from an early age. For Eleodora Carreos, at six years

old, her tiny hands knew the rhythm of weaving. Although she pursued a career in teaching, life eventually led her back to the craft that has always been

part of her. **Before weaving became her story** Eleodora, now 63, from Calamba **cont. on page 2**

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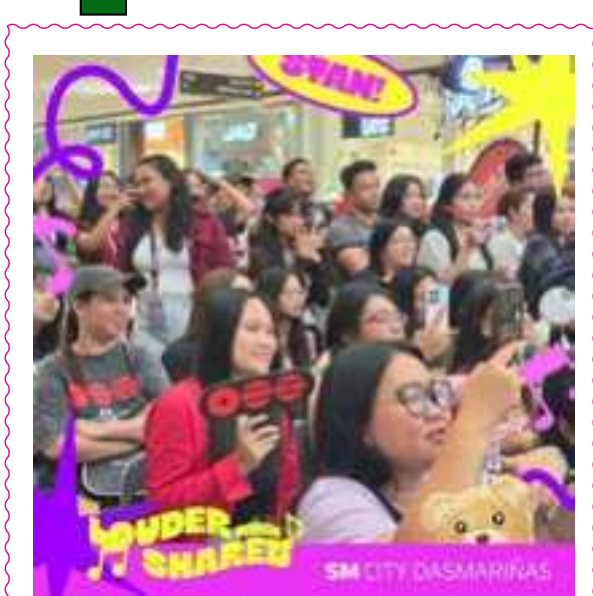


PBBM announces PhP1.2-B additional support to transport workers

Laguna Opens 1,000 Slots for Civil Service Exam Review Program for Aspiring Eligibles



Strengthening its commitment to youth empowerment and workforce readiness, the Provincial Government of Laguna, under Governor Sol Aragon, opened the registration for its Civil Service Exam Review Program on March 31, 2026. The initiative offers 1,000 slots for qualified Lagunense applicants, particularly graduating students and aspiring government workers, to



help them prepare for the Civil Service Examination. Provincial officials, local leaders, and student beneficiaries took part in the launch and expressed strong support for the program, which aims to enhance exam readiness and knowledge development across the province. During the launch, Provincial Assis-

ARMYs gathered in full force at SM City Dasmariñas as fans of global K-pop group BTS filled the Main Event Center for The Return of BTS: Echoes of Seven.

The fan celebration turned the venue into a vibrant ARMY playground, bringing music, activities, and shared moments that highlighted the fandom's passion and unity.

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CAYETANO WELCOMES MARCOS CERTIFICATION OF FUEL EXCISE TAX RELIEF BILL AS URGENT



Inflation is under control

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how many pages of the Bible I read each day. All God cared about was me. He wanted to know me, and in order to do that I had to talk to him and tell him what I was feeling and what I needed. It was that simple. Armed with this revelation, I returned to church with a shift in perspective: I was no longer there to fulfill some obligatory duty put forth by Catholic leadership, but to be with God and feel his presence in a peaceful place. In this way, I was now in it for God, not some religious label.

My mistake? I misconstrued religion for faith. I thought religion alone was enough and ignored a relationship with God as a result. Religion is meant to be a supplement to your faith; it is not meant to be a replacement. Religion, by definition, brings together groups of people who share a set of beliefs in some higher power. Consequently, religion is inherently a collective experience you share with such a group. Faith, on the other hand, is an individualized experience, an exploration of a personal relationship with said higher power. Religion is thus incapable of giving you the intimacy required by faith. Instead, you must establish a personal relationship with your God — on your own.

I find going to church and prayer to be ways in which I can strengthen my faith and relationship with God. Maybe you're conventional too. Or maybe you go on hikes to appreciate nature or lock yourself in a pitch-black room to bask in the peace of silence and stillness. Whatever your modus operandi is, do it.

The stipulations of a religion are not worth following if doing so harms your relationship with your God. Give yourself the freedom to pursue your relationship, your way. When you do, I promise you will be filled with a deeper sense of faith and belief that goes beyond the teachings of any religion.

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tant Administrator Carina Macalos welcomed applicants and highlighted the importance of the initiative. "We are welcoming you for our today's registration for the Civil Service Exam Review," she said.

Former Vice Mayor of Luisiana Luibic Jacob stressed the need for focused participation and consistent preparation among enrollees.

"Kailangan po natin ito pag tuunan ng pansin at tutukan po ang programang ito na pagre-review," he emphasized.

Meanwhile, a graduating student from Victoria expressed gratitude for the opportunity provided by the provincial government, noting how the program helps them prepare essential lessons needed for the examination. "Maraming salamat po, Gob Sol Aragones sa pagbibigay ng opportunity

na ito sa amin at chance para matuto po kami sa mga lessons na dapat namin aralin para makapaghandang po sa civil service exam." Said by the graduating student from Victoria laguna

Officials emphasized that the program is part of the province's continued efforts to support aspiring public servants by providing accessible review opportunities and strengthening their readiness for government career pathways.

In addition, the provincial government encouraged more qualified applicants to take advantage of the remaining slots, highlighting that the review program is designed not only to improve exam performance but also to build confidence, discipline, and a deeper understanding of civil service competencies needed in future government roles. (30)

WEAVING



ba City, was born and raised in Luisiana, Laguna, where she learned the art of weaving. After graduating, she initially worked as a teacher in Victoria, Laguna, before transferring to a private school in Calamba in 1991.

In 1993, her teaching career was interrupted after she was diagnosed with laryngitis. This throat condition caused hoarseness or loss of voice and, if left untreated or worsened by continued teaching, could lead to cancer. As a result, she became a librarian.

Finding her way back to weaving

For nearly two decades, she dedicated herself to her role as a librarian. In 2020, however, the pandemic prompted the school to implement cost-cutting measures, and she was among those who were laid off. Fortunately, she had established a sari-sari store back in 2005, which became their primary source of income.

Instead of dwelling on the setback, she saw it as an opportunity. Drawing on the weaving skills she learned as a child, she turned it into a livelihood by creating woven baskets and bags.

Initially, Eleodora used old cartons as raw

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The government will extend an additional PhP1.28 billion support to transport workers, which will be handed over starting April 6, President Ferdinand R. Marcos said on Tuesday.

"Mahigit 256,000 na transport workers sa Metro Manila ang nakatanggap na ng PhP5,000 na cash assistance," President Marcos said in an address to the nation.

"May PhP1.28 bilyon pa na ibibigay. Magsisimula na ang nationwide na pagbibigay sa April 6," the President added.

material, but these proved less durable. She later shifted to pandan leaves and eventually incorporated plastic strips, resulting in sturdier, more durable products.

Her business began to flourish after a friend fell in love with one of her handmade products. Through word of mouth, her customer base slowly expanded. Her dedication to the craft earned her recognition as the Most Outstanding Trainee in a weaving workshop she attended.

From her experience, Eleodora shares her advice for those dreaming of starting their business: "Kailangan ikaw mismo alam mo kung paano gawin yung trabaho, magpokus ka kung saan ka magaling at saan ka lamang kumuha ng tauhan kapag kaya na ng iyong negosyo.

(Focus on your strengths, do it yourself, and hire help only when your business is ready)."

Securing her finances

To secure additional capital, she took loans from CARD SME Bank, Inc. (A Thrift Bank) under CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI).

Since 2009, the bank has been her trusted

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"Libreng Sakay" in Metro Manila, Metro Cebu, and Metro Davao is also being implemented, the chief executive said.

At the same time, a temporary toll discount is being extended to jeepney, bus, and freight food transport in NLEX, SLEX, and STAR, the President said, announcing that, starting April 15, ports will collect PhP1 RORO terminal fee for vehicles carrying agricultural products.

The government, President Marcos said, allocated PhP2.5 billion in fuel subsidies to more than 1.4 million driver-beneficiaries and unit operators. Some 155 drivers and 55,252 unit operators received a fuel subsidy amounting to PhP300 million.

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partner, supporting both her sari-sari store and weaving products. Some of the bank's staff even became loyal customers of her handmade products.

Eleodora also opened a MyWealth Savings account at CARD SME Bank, a savings product designed for senior citizens, allowing her to manage and grow her hard-earned income effectively.

Through her hard work, she helped her two siblings complete their education and supported three of her nieces and nephews in finishing school.

Though they do

Cavite strengthens child protection with launch of Revised Case Management Protocol

A decisive step toward strengthening child protection systems took center stage on March 26, as the Department of Justice, in partnership with the Provincial Government of Cavite, formally launched the Revised Protocol for the Case Management of Child Victims of Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation, and Discrimination (Cane + D) under the banner "Kabitenyong Kumikilos Para sa Karapatang Kabataan."

Also present during the event was 1st District Board Member Romel R. Enriquez, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Services, Family, Women, Children and Elderly, alongside provincial government agencies, city and municipal mayors and their representatives, as well as department heads and personnel of the Provincial Government of Cavite – demonstrating a unified, whole-of-government approach to child protection.

Held at the New Provincial Government Center, the initiative signaled more than a ceremonial rollout – it underscored a firm, province-wide commitment to place children, particularly the most vulnerable, at the heart of governance.

Organized in collaboration with the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC) through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, the launch of the revised protocol sharpens the province's response framework – one that listens with intent, protects with urgency, and responds with both compassion and precision.

In her welcome address, 8th District Board Member Jasmin Angelli Maligaya-Bautista emphasized the power of collective action, acknowledging

not have children of their own, she remains deeply grateful for all that life has given her and generously shares her blessings with others.

All the twists and turns in her life came full circle, guiding her back to weaving and turning her childhood passion into a meaningful livelihood. What once began as a simple craft has become one of her sources of income.

For orders and inquiries, those within the area may visit her at Acacia Park Homes, Saimsim, Calamba City, Laguna, r contact her at 0907-206-0570. PR

BACOR PUSHES E-TRICYCLE PROGRAM EXPANSION AMID RISING FUEL COSTS

The City Government of Bacoor, led by Strike B. Revilla, convened a strategic meeting with key stakeholders to discuss the expansion of the city's electric tricycle (e-trike) program in response to rising fuel prices in the Philippines.

The meeting brought together local leaders and transport stakeholders, including Rafael Paterno III (Liga ng mga Barangay President), Randy Francisco (LnB Vice President), Ms. Leslie Dianne Morales (BTMD Head), Mr. Rommel Bunag from the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), and several barangay chairmen such as Jun Advincula, Jeff Campaña, Roehl Manago, Mark Torno, BJ Aganus, and Armado Obligacion.

Also present were transport sector representatives including AJ Pangilinan, CEO of Finasiatech Inc., and leaders of tricycle operators' groups such as Rodrigo Navarette Jr. (TODA District 1) and Roderick Arciaga (TODA District 2).

Mayor Strike

highlighted the success of Bacoor's "E-Strike" program, which previously introduced e-trikes in the city with incentives like free green franchises, streamlined registration, and accessible charging stations. The initiative also partnered with local manufacturers such as KEA Industrial Corporation, and introduced innovative services like the "Text an E-trike" program to improve commuter accessibility. The expansion aligns with national efforts supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), which provides interest-free loans for e-trike acquisition and funding for solar-powered charging stations. With fuel prices continuing to rise, the city aims to scale up the program to help drivers reduce operational costs, improve income stability, and promote environmentally sustainable transport. The initiative also contributes to better air quality and reduced carbon emissions across Bacoor communities.

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60,000 Police, 40,000 Firefighters Deployed as DILG Secures Semana Santa 2026

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on Monday called on the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and all local government units (LGUs) to ensure a safe, orderly, and peaceful observance of Semana Santa 2026, emphasizing that a strong, visible, and coordinated presence on the ground is critical to deter criminal activity as millions of Filipinos travel, reflect, and gather with their families this Holy Week.

In his message, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. urged Filipinos to continue working together for the welfare of families, the strength of communities, and the realization of a more compassionate and prosperous

Bagong Pilipinas. In a memorandum, the DILG directed local chief executives (LCEs) to convene their Local Peace and Order Councils and relevant teams to ensure safe and reliable public transportation, emergency medical services, and other essential support systems, and to fully mobilize law and traffic enforcers, Barangay Peacekeeping Action Teams, public safety forces, medical personnel, and other force multipliers to secure hotspots and high-traffic areas.

The PNP will be on heightened alert throughout Holy Week, deploying more than 60,000 personnel nationwide, including close to 40,000 uniformed police officers and around

30,000 support and force multiplier units, focusing on transport hubs, major roads, and over 3,200 tourist and convergence areas, while the BFP is mobilizing around 40,000 firefighters under Code Red Alert nationwide to ensure immediate emergency response and intensified fire prevention in churches, transport terminals, and other areas of public convergence, with Oplan Semana Santa and Lakbay Alalay fully implemented.

The DILG underscored that beyond deployments and numbers, the goal is clear: every Filipino should be able to observe Semana Santa safely, travel with peace of mind, and return home to their families without harm.

3 Bagong Ruta ng Libreng Sakay ng Imus LDU, inilunsad

Nagdagdang ng tatlong bagong ruta ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus sa serbisyo nitong Libreng Sakay ngayong Lunes, Marso 30, 2026, gamit ang dalawang bagong rescue vehicles at ang L300 vehicle na matalag nang ginagamit sa Libreng Sakay papunta at pabalik sa New Imus City Government Center.

Ang mga bagong ruta ay bumabiyaha mula Imus Lumina Point Mall hanggang The District Imus, Jollibee Bucandala hanggang Jollibee Binakayan, at Imus Public Market hanggang Bahayang Pag-asa Public Market mula Lunes hanggang Sabado, 6:00 A.M. hanggang 8:00 P.M.

Dadaan ang ruta mula Imus Lumina Point Mall hanggang The District Imus, papunta at pabalik, sa Robinsons Imus, Patindig Araw, CityMall Anabu, S&R Imus, at Anabu Kostal.

Ang ruta naman mula sa Jollibee Bucandala hanggang Jollibee Binakayan, papunta at pabalik, ay mayroong limang pick-up at drop-off points na kinabibilangan ng Legian II Subdivision, PTC ACM, Carsadang



AUTOMATIC NATIONWIDE PRICE FREEZE NOT CURRENTLY IN EFFECT, DTI CLARIFIES

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) wishes to assure the Filipino public that the supply and prices of basic necessities and prime commodities (BNPCs) remain stable nationwide.

Following the issuance of Executive Order No. 110, which declares a State of National Energy Emergency, the DTI clarifies that an automatic nationwide price freeze under the Price Act (R.A. 7581) is not currently in effect.

The Department emphasizes the following points to guide consumers and retailers:

Targeted Nature of EO 110

Executive Order No. 110 is a strategic measure specifically designed to address potential dis-

ruptions in the global oil supply chain. It activates the UPLIFT (Unified Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food, and Transport) Program, which provides targeted subsidies to the transport and agriculture sectors.

By stabilizing the cost of moving goods, the government is proactively preventing the very inflationary pressures that would otherwise necessitate a price freeze.

Voluntary Private Sector Commitment

In recent consultations with the DTI, 21 major manufacturers of essential goods—including canned sardines, bread, bottled water, instant noodles, and coffee—have formally pledged to maintain their current prices for the next 30 to 60 days.

This industry-wide cooperation ensures that prices remain fair without the need for mandatory government intervention.

Adequate Inventory Levels
Our latest moni-

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such as SSS registration for kasambahay and household employers, issuance of SSS numbers and member data change requests, online services assistance such as, My.SSS registration, password resetting, generation of Payment Reference Numbers (PRNs), loan and benefit application, and orientation on benefits, coverage, and registration responsibilities.

Under Republic Act No. 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018, employers are required to register their household helpers within 30 days of hiring and remit their contributions.

For kasambahay earning ₱5,000 or more per month, household employers deduct the employee's share from the salary, add their own contribution, and pay via accredited channels. For those earning ₱5,000 or less, employers fully cover the contributions.

SM City Marikina Mall Manager Francis Brian Cruz welcomed the partnership, saying the mall is committed to supporting community driven

toring shows that inventory levels for basic necessities remain sufficient. There is no shortage of supply that would justify artificial price spikes.

Vigilant Monitoring

While a formal "freeze" is not in place, the DTI's consumer protection teams are on heightened alert. We continue to check compliance with the Suggested Retail Price (SRP) bulletin and monitor BNPCs without SRP.

Any retailer found engaging in profiteering (raising prices by more than 10% without justification) or hoarding will face the full force of the law, including administrative fines and potential imprisonment.

The DTI remains committed to balancing the interests of consumers with the economic realities of our local manufacturers.

We encourage the public to remain calm and report any unreasonable price increases to the DTI Consumer Care Hotline at 1-384 (1-DTI).

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programs that promote social protection.

"We are honored to partner with SSS in bringing essential services near to our community and most especially to our kasambahay who play an important role in our homes and our daily lives," Cruz said.

Social Security Commissioner Eva Arcos, who also attended the launch, stressed that social security should be viewed as a long term investment in workers' well being.

"We should look at social security as an investment rather than an expense," Arcos said. "For every employer who registers their kasambahay, they are not only paying a contribution but also securing a safety net for a worker who helps run their household."

The SSS plans to expand the Kasambahay Caravan in other areas with the goal of closing coverage gaps among household workers and ensuring they receive the same basic protections as other formal sector employees.

TCL Philippines Debuts 2026 A400 Series with Exclusive TV Promo



TCL Electronics has been a mainstay in Filipino households, consistently delivering world-class innovation.

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It is our way of expressing sincere gratitude to the Filipino families who have made TCL a household name over the years," says TCL CEO Philippines Peter Chen.

The Ultimate View Awaits

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Visit www.tcl.com for more information or stay tuned at TCL Philippines Official FB page for more updates.

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PNPA's top cadet comes home with a promise fulfilled

Every superhero has a tragic origin story: the death of Bruce Wayne's parents inspired him to become Batman, while Uncle Ben's stinging loss helped Peter Parker transform into a selfless hero.

For Police Cadet Van Marie Editha Cagasan, there were no capes nor radioactive spiders to rely on—only her grit, strength, and determination as she grieved a similar tragedy.

The twenty-four-year-old native of Baybay City, Leyte, is a proud member of the Philippine National Police Academy's SILANG PAGLAOM Class of 2026 as this year's top graduating cadet.

Raised in a family of academic achievers, Cagasan graduated as Valedictorian during her elementary and high school years before pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology at Visayas State University as a scholar of the Department of Agriculture's Biotechnology program.

For someone of her caliber, a successful career in science was a sure path for Cagasan—until she entered the PNPA to pursue a degree in law enforcement.

This change was abrupt for the young cadet, from the laboratories of VSU, where she could have enjoyed the freedom of an ordinary student, Cagasan flew halfway across the country to the confines of PNPA and adapted to its regimented instruction.

As part of the SILANG PAGLAOM class, Cagasan found strength from the sisterhood of her fellow female cadets.

It was in these same ties where she found strength when, during her second year at the PNPA, then-third class cadet Cagasan lost her mother to cancer.

Being miles away from home, she had to endure the heartbreak of not always being by her mother's side.

At one point, the young cadet considered

leaving the academy and coming home.

Despite her loss, Cagasan honored her mother's wishes and received her diploma from the Academy as her class's top graduate.

"Pumasok ako ritong dala ang kaniyang pagmamahal, ngunit magtatapos ako ritong dala ang pangungulila sa kaniya.

May mga sandaling gusto ko nang sumuko, pero sa bawat pagkakataong ako ay nanghihina, bumabalik ang kaniyang mga salita, ang parangang niyang umakyat sa entablado at tinatanggap ang pang-arap na ito."

A daughter fulfilling her mother's final wish, Cagasan persevered through heartbreak and loss, and turned her grief into determination that fueled her goal to finish as SILANG PAGLAOM's top cadet.

"Lalo na ngayong buwan ng kababaihan, ang tagumpay na ito ay hindi lamang para sa akin. Ito ay simbolo ng patuloy na pag-angat ng kababaihan sa larangan ng serbisyo.

Sa bawat babaeng nangangarap na maglingkod, walang hangganan ang ating kawayan; kailangan tayo ng bayan.

Sa aking pamilya, kayo ang aking sandigan.

Ang tagumpay na ito ay bunga ng inyong pagmamahal at mga sakripisyo."

After four years, Cagasan finally came home with the honors of PNPA's top graduate after their graduation rites at Camp Castañeda last March 27.

Carrying the much-coveted Presidential Kampilan and PNP Chief Kampilan—the PNPA's top awards for graduating students—now Police Lieutenant Cagasan will finally come home to pay her respects. **PB-PIA CALABARZON)**

EDITORIAL:

The True Wealth of a Nation

The age-old proverb "Health is Wealth" is often dismissed as a cliché until a crisis—personal or national—proves it true. In the Philippines, we are currently navigating a "dual-track" health crisis: the rising costs of medical care for households and the structural fragmentation of our public healthcare delivery.

While the Universal Health Care Act promised a safety net for every Filipino, recent data from the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) reveals that out-of-pocket spending rose by nearly 12% in the last year

alone. This means that despite increased government spending, a single major illness can still push a middle-class family into poverty.

Beyond the wallet, the "decay" of local health centers and the shortage of health-care workers—who often seek better opportunities abroad—remain the silent killers of our system. A building without a nurse is just a shell; a law without funding is just lip service. As we move forward, the focus must shift from simply "building more" to "retaining more"—valuing the health workers who are the true backbone of our national survival.

PGC brings health outreach to Imuseños in Bayan Luma III

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through its Medical Mission Team and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, in partnership with the City Health Office of Imus, successfully conducted a Medical and Dental Mission on March 25, in Barangay Bayan Luma III.

The initiative provided free medical consultations and check-ups to 423 patients, with a dedicated team of healthcare professionals addressing a wide range of individual health concerns. In addition, 83 patients benefited from free tooth extractions, underscoring the mission's strong emphasis on promoting proper dental care.

Held in a strategic and accessible community location, the mission aimed not only to meet immediate healthcare needs but also to raise awareness about preventive care and overall wellness.

The organizing team expressed sincere gratitude for the collective effort of all partners and volunteers, emphasizing the vital role of community collaboration in bridging healthcare gaps. The success of the initiative reflects a strong commitment to improving the well-being of local residents and serves as an inspiring model for future healthcare programs in underserved communities. —OPIO



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CAVITE...

opportunity to heal and thrive beyond trauma.

Further reinforcing this direction, DOJ Secretary Fredderick A. Vida described the revised protocol as a product of robust inter-agency collaboration. It responds to evolving challenges, including emerging forms of exploitation, by integrating trauma-informed and child-sensitive approaches, strengthening confidentiality safeguards, enhancing multi-disciplinary coordination, and preventing retraumatization throughout the intervention process.

In a firm commitment, Governor Abeng Remulla assured stakeholders that the initiative would move beyond policy into sustained action. "This program will be applied and taken care of here in our province," he affirmed, emphasizing the provincial government's resolve to translate frameworks into tangible protection for children.

Adding depth to the province's commitment, Vice Governor Ramon Vicente H. Bautista, underscored that the undertaking goes beyond formalities. He described the signing not merely as

a procedural step, but as a covenant for the most valuable members of society. He further emphasized that the gathering was not driven by obligation, but by duty to uphold children's rights—assuring that as long as leaders carry this mandate, no child in Cavite will ever have to face adversity alone.

The event's highlight was the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, led by the Governor, members of the Provincial Board, and city/municipal Local Chief Executives—symbolizing a unified and institutionalized approach to

implementing the revised protocol across Cavite.

In closing, Undersecretary Monina Josefina H. Romualdez of the Department of Social Welfare and Development reaffirmed their commitment to safeguarding the welfare and future of every Filipino child, pledging continued partnership in advancing child protection efforts.

The occasion echoed a firm commitment: in Cavite, protecting children is a shared priority, where every voice counts and every system moves to respond and defend. — OPIO

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MAYBANK PHILIPPINES INC.,
Mortgagee.

Foreclosure No. 2026-43
For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage

-versus-

SPS. MICHAEL ERNEST WOODWALL and
ALAINA ARCANGEL WOODALL, represented
by their Attorney-in-Fact, RAFAEL C. ARCANGEL
Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the Mortgagee, MAYBANK PHILIPPINES INC., at Maybank Corporate Center 7th Avenue corner 28th Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, and against the mortgagors, SPS. MICHAEL ERNEST WOODALL AND ALAINA ARCANGEL WOODALL, represented by their Attorney-in-Fact, RAFAEL C. ARCANGEL at No. 231 Villegas St., San Francisco Del Monte, Quezon City, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of March 16, 2026, amounts to SIX MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE PESOS & 33/100 (P6,877,265.33), Philippine Currency, Inclusive of interest and penalty charges but exclusive of other fees incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on May 21, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following describe property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 167-2021000110

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:

"ALEA RESIDENCES"- RAJA BUILDING
SIXTH FLOOR
UNIT NO.: 611
UNIT DESCRIPTION: 3-BEDROOM (END UNIT)
UNIT AREA: 70.00 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR ELSE
BALCONY 1 AREA 10.50 SQUARE METERS,

MORE OR LESS
BALCONY 2 AREA 5.00 SQUARE METERS,
MORE OR LESS
TOTAL AREA: 85.50 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 167-202000409

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that unit identified and describe as:

"ALEA RESIDENCES" RAJA BUILDING
PARKING SLOT: LOWER LEVEL 1
PARKING SLOT NO: 109
DESCRIPTION: COVERED PARKING
PARKING SLOT AREA: 12.50 SQUARE METERS,
MORE OR LESS

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on May 28, 2026, without further notice."

Prospective buyers or bidder are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances, if any there be.

City of Bacoor, April 6, 2026.

(SGD)MELY C. HERMOSURA VISTA
Clerk of Court VI

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Sheriff IV

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SPS. MICHAEL ERNEST WOODALL and
ALAINA ARCANGEL WOODALL, rep. by their
AIF, RAFAEL C. ARCANGEL
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Following Indonesia's enforcement of a social media ban for minors under 16, Senator Win Gatchalian reiterated his push for a similar prohibition in the Philippines.

Indonesia is the first country in Southeast Asia to enforce a social media ban for minors. Under the regulation, minors below 16 will be prohibited from creating accounts on platforms deemed 'high-risk', including Instagram, Tiktok, Facebook, YouTube, X, and Roblox, among others.

The Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC) previously urged telcos to prepare for a possible na-

tionwide Roblox block to protect children from on-line exploitation and harmful content.

Gatchalian's call also follows a Los Angeles jury finding YouTube and Meta liable for childhood social media addiction.

The senator also recalled the results of the 2022 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), which found that every one-hour increase in 15-year old Filipino learners' use of digital devices for leisure resulted in a four-point decrease in math scores.

"Huwag na nating hayaang lumala pa ang problema bago tayo kumilos," said Gatchalian.

CAYETANO...

FROM PAGE 01

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano welcomed the move of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to certify as urgent House Bill No. 8418, a measure that would allow the temporary suspension or reduction of excise taxes on fuel amid rising global oil prices linked to tensions in the Middle East.

Noting that the House measure addresses the same concern raised in Senate Bill No. 1927 which he filed with Senator Pia Cayetano, the Minority Leader said the certification shows that the government recognizes the need to respond quickly when global events push oil prices higher and affect the lives of Filipinos.

"Let's not miss opportunities. I don't think there's a problem that we expect the worst or prepare for the worst. Pagka inubo ang Middle East, nagkakahika ang buong mundo," the Minority Leader said.

House Bill No. 8418 allows the President to suspend or reduce excise tax on fuel products for a period of six months. Under the proposal, this authority granted to the President may only be exercised until December 31, 2028.

The Senate proposal, for its part, seeks to establish a mechanism that would allow the automatic suspension or reduction of fuel excise tax-

es once global oil prices reach a critical level.

The Senate bill proposes amendments to Section 148 of the National Internal Revenue Code of 1997, as amended by the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law.


Under the Senate measure, the President may suspend or reduce excise taxes on fuel through an executive order once the average Dubai crude oil price based on the Mean of Platts Singapore reaches US\$80 dollars per barrel for one month, upon recommendation of the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC).

The suspension or reduction would automatically be lifted once global oil prices fall below the threshold.

In their explanatory note, the Cayetanos cited the growing instability in major oil-producing countries in the Middle East such as Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

They warned that escalating strikes and retaliatory attacks threaten the stability of one of the world's most critical energy supply hubs.

"These developments demonstrate the need for a responsive mechanism that authorizes the suspension of excise taxes on fuel



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BDO FINANCE CORPORATION,
 as Assignee-In-Interest of
 BDO Leasing and Finance, Inc.,
 Mortgagee-Assignee

EJF NO. TG-23-020
 FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclose
 of Real Estate Mortgage under Act
 No. 3135, As Amended

-versus-

LIWANAG C. DOMINGUEZ
and ROBERT D. LAU,
 Debtors/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee-Assignee, **BDO FINANCE CORPORATION**, as Assignee-in-interest of BDO Leasing and Finance, Inc., a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at 39th Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, 12 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, pursuant to the terms and condition of the Real Estate Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on December 12, 2018 by Debtors/Mortgagors, **LIWANAG C. DOMINGUEZ and ROBERT D. LAU**, both of legal age, American citizens, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Unit 1010 10th Floor, Tower 4 Wind Residences, Emilio Aguinaldo Highway, Brgy. Maharlika West, Tagaytay City; (2) P. Quezon Street, Mabatang Abucay, Bataan; (3) Sitio Gomez Mabatang Abucay 2114 Bataan and (4) Blk 2 Lot 10, Brittany 2, Antipolo City Philippines, represented by **CARMELA CAINAP DIGA as per Special Power of Attorney** executed and notarized on November 28, 2016 and December 09, 2016 respectively, in favor of Mortgagee- Assignor, BDO Leasing and Finance, Inc., which has assigned all its rights, liabilities, title and interest in and to obligation/loan receivables, including its corresponding collateral, to herein Mortgagee-Assignee, BDO FINANCE CORPORATION, by virtue of a Deed of Assignment Without Recourse, executed and notarized on November 02, 2021, over a real estate property including improvement thereon, described in and covered by **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2018001978** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Debtors/Mortgagors in the amount of **TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN PESOS AND 30/100 (Php 2,880,297.30)**, as of December 31, 2024 the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Ryan M. Genova, will sell at public auction on **May 14, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvement thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2018001978
 Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and describe as:

WIND RESIDENCES TOWER 4
 FLOOR LEVEL: TENTH FLOOR
 UNIT NUMBER: UNIT-1010
 UNIT TYPE: 1 BEDROOM UNIT
 UNIT AREA: 26.62 SQUARE METERS

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2012004160** which embraces and describes the land located at **BRGY. SALABAN, MAHARLIKA WEST (NOW), CITY OF TAGAYTAY** with area of **FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE (5,543) Square Meter**, is registered in the name of:

Owner: LIWANAG C. DOMINGUEZ,
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Address: BLOCK 2 LOT 10, BRITTANY 2,
 ANTIPOLLO CITY PHILIPPINES

Owner: ROBERTO D. LAU, AMERICAN CITIZEN OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE
Address: BLOCK 2 LOT 10, BRITTANY 2,
 ANTIPOLLO CITY PHILIPPINES

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **May 21, 2026** without further notices.

Prospective bidder or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2018001978**, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above state time and date.

Tagaytay City, Philippines, March 24, 2026.

(SGD)VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA
 Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD) RYAN M. GENOVA
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whenever extraordinary events or external shocks significantly disrupt global oil prices," the Cayetanos said in the bill's explanatory note.

They added that having such a safeguard

would allow the government to act faster to mitigate inflation and reduce the burden on consumers without waiting for Congress to pass a new law each time global oil prices surge. PR





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Smiles and festive colors filled your most-loved SM City Trece Martires as families gathered for a joyful Easter Parade celebration. Kids and parents alike enjoyed adorable bunny ears, colorful balloons, and fun-filled moments that made the day truly egg-stra special while everyone came together to #CelebrateEasterAtSM. #GalaToTheMax #GoAllOutAtSM #EverythingsHereAtSM

DOST-CALABARZON backs Tonio's Sisig upgrade to enhance product shelf life and quality



The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) – CALABARZON, through its provincial office, DOST-Quezon, formalized a new partnership with Tonio's Sisig through the ceremonial signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on March 17, 2026, at the DOST-Quezon Office in Purok Baybayin, Lucena City.

The agreement supports the company's initiative to improve the shelf life and ambient stability of its products while maintaining quality standards.

This will be achieved through the acquisition of advanced equipment and the implementation of technological enhancements under the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP).

Based in Taya-bas City, Tonio's Sisig is a homegrown enterprise that has steadily grown from a family recipe into a recognized brand in the local food industry.

This marks the company's second approval under the SETUP, further strengthening its commitment to innovation and continuous improvement.

Over the years, the enterprise has earned several accolades, including the Quezon Outstanding Business Award, the Most Inspiring MSME, the Go Negosyo Award, and recognition as the Best SETUP Provincial and Regional beneficiary.

Representing Tonio's Sisig during the signing were Chief Operating Officer Antonio A. Hachaso Jr. and Chief Executive Officer Rowena S. Hachaso. From DOST-Quezon, Science Research Specialist II Sydney Mae G. Tadiosa and Project Technical Assistant II Raiza Lyn N. Antenor were also present.

This collaboration underscores DOST's sustained commitment to empowering Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by providing access to innovative technologies.

Through programs like SETUP, DOST continues to enable local businesses to enhance productivity, improve product quality, and expand market reach.

SSS urges household employers to register their house helpers through Kasambahay Caravan



An SSS Marikina Branch personnel explains the importance of SSS membership and benefits to house helper Marilou Solomon during the SSS Kasambahay Caravan held at SM City Marikina on March 22, 2026.

QUEZON CITY (22 March 2026) – The Social Security System (SSS) urged household employers to register their kasambahay or household helpers with the SSS to ensure they are covered by the country's social security protection program, as it launched a Kasambahay Caravan on March 22, 2026 at 43 sites across Metro Manila and Rizal.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro emphasized that the Kasambahay Caravan is a key SSS initiative to extend protection to this often overlooked group of workers.

"Household helpers keep our homes running smoothly but often lack emergency protection," de Claro said. "This initiative ensures every kasambahay can access SSS benefits such as sickness, maternity, disability, unemployment, retirement, funeral, and death."

De Claro added that registered kasambahay can also apply for SSS loan programs, including salary loans and calamity loans. "They will also get additional protection from the Employees' Compensation (EC) Program for work related sickness, disability, or death," he said.

Speaking at the kickoff event held at SM City Marikina on March 22, 2026, SSS NCR Operations Group Acting Senior Vice President Benjamin Dolindo Jr. said the drive aims to strengthen social security coverage for a sector that plays a vital role in family life.

"Social security coverage for the sector that is truly important in our homes is a shared responsibility," Dolindo said. "May we continue fulfilling our responsibility to ensure that every house helper is registered and protected."

The Kasambahay Caravan is part of a broader campaign to bring SSS registration and membership services closer to household workers and their employers, many of whom are still not formally enrolled.

At the event, SSS provided on site ser-

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