

ASIM NA MAY TAMIS NG TAGUMPAY



Ipinagmamalaki ni Jennifer Llanera ang kanyang tamarind jam na ngayon ay mabibili na sa iba't ibang lungsod at munisipalidad sa Negros Occidental.

Sa hangaring mabigyan ng mas komportableng pamumuhay ang pamilya, sinimulan ni Jennifer, mula sa Cadiz City, Negros Occidental, kasama ang kanyang asawa ang negosyong paggawa ng tamarind jam noong 1994. Hindi na bago sa kanila ang ganitong hanapbuhay dahil ito rin ang linya ng negosyo ng kapamilya ng kaniyang asawa, kaya't mas naging magaan ang kanilang pag-sisimula.

Mula sa labas ng eskwelahan

Sa umpisa, nagtitinda lamang sila sa labas ng paaralan. Mga estudyante ang kanilang unang naging suki. Maganda ang naging takbo sa simula, ngunit tuwing bakasyon ay bumababa ang benta. Dahil dito, naghanap si Jennifer ng ibang paraan upang mapalawak ang merkado.

Personal niyang nilibot ang mga karatig-lungsod at munisipalidad upang ialok ang kanyang produkto sa iba't ibang tindahan. Upang mapanatili ang kalidad at mas mapaganda ang packaging, dumalo siya sa serye ng mga workshop at training. Mula rito, unti-unting nakilala at tinangklik ang kanyang tamarind jam.

Mga pagsubok sa gitna ng paglago

Ngunit kasa-bay ng pag-unlad ay ang

mga hindi inaasahang pagsubok. Noong 2016, dumaan siya sa isa sa mga pinakamabigat na yugto ng kanyang buhay nang pumanaw ang isa niyang anak dahil sa komplikasyon sa kalusugan. Lalong bumigat ang sitwasyon dahil sa mataas na gastusing medikal.

Hindi na sapat ang kita ng negosyo upang matustusan ang kanilang pangangailangan. Noong 2017, sa kabila ng matinding dalamhati, nagtrabaho siya sa ibang bansa upang masuportahan ang pamilya.

Makalipas ang dalawang taon, napagtanto niyang hindi iyon ang buhay na nais niya—ang sumasahod lamang para sa pang-araw-araw. Kaya noong 2019, bumalik siya sa Pilipinas at muling itinuloy ang negosyong kanyang iniwan.

Ang mga sam-palok na ginagamit niya ay nagmumula sa San Carlos City, Negros Occidental. Dahil namumunga lamang ang mga puno nito sa unang kalahati ng taon, karaniwan siyang bumibili ng humigit-kumulang 100 hanggang 300 kilo tuwing peak season upang masiguro ang tuloy-tuloy na produksyon.

Kapag kapos ang puhunan para sa raw materials, kumukuha siya ng karagdagang kapital mula sa CARD, Inc.

(A Microfinance NGO). Naging kliyente siya nito noong 2019. Sa pamamagitan ng kanyang mga loan, nakabibili siya nang sapat na suplay ng sam-palok kahit off-season. Sa kasalukuyan, mayroon siyang aktibong loan na PHP 80,000.00 mula sa institusyon.

Panibagong dagok, panibagong laban

Hindi pa man tuluyang nakababangon, isa na namang dagok ang dumating. Sa kasagsagan ng pandemya, pumanaw ang kanyang asawa. Bukod sa sakit ng pagkawala, naging mahigpit din ang lockdown na naging dahilan upang pansamantalang matigil ang kanilang produksyon ng jam.

Upang may maipangtustos sa araw-araw, nagtanim siya ng mga gulay at ibinenta ang mga ito upang may pambili ng bigas at iba pang pangangailangan. Sa mga sumunod na taon, naapektuhan din ang kanilang alagang baboy dahil sa African Swine Fever (ASF).

May mga sandaling nais na niyang sumuko, ngunit hindi niya magawa dahil alam niyang umaasa sa kanya ang kanyang mga anak, lalo na ang mga nag-aaral pa. Sa halip na magpatinag, mas pinili niyang maging matatag at patuloy na bumangon sa bawat pagsubok.

Patuloy na pag-asenso

Sa ngayon, malinaw ang bunga ng kanyang tiyaga at determinasyon. Umaabot na sa 500 packs ng tamarind jam ang kanilang napo-produce araw-araw at naipamamahagi na ito sa 12 lungsod sa Negros.

Isa sa kanyang mga susunod na layunin ang makabili ng delivery van upang mapabilis ang distribusyon ng kanyang produkto. Sa kasalukuyan, umaasa lamang sila sa pagko-commute at pagrenta ng traysikel sa pagbiyahe ng mga order mula Sa gayang hanggang Bacolod.

Nais din niyang madagdagan ang halaga ng kanyang maaaring ma-loan sa CARD, Inc. upang mas makabili ng mas maraming sam-palok sa hinaharap.

"Nakaka-proud lang na makita ang aking mga tamarind jam na dati ay mabibili lamang sa labas ng eskwelahan, ngayon ay nakadisplay na rin sa malls," ani Jennifer, habang inaalala kung gaano na kalayo ang kanyang narating.

Ang kuwento ni Jennifer ay patunay na ang sipag, dedikasyon, at walang sawang pagpupursige ay may asim man sa simula, ngunit nagbubunga ng tamis ng tagumpay sa huli. **PR**



CAYETANO WELCOMES MARGOS' ORDER TO FORM CRISIS COMMITTEE AFTER CONTINGENCY PLAN PUSH

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano on Monday welcomed President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s directive to create a government crisis committee amid tensions in the Middle East, saying the move aligns with earlier calls from the Senate to strengthen the country's preparedness for major disruptions.

Earlier this month, the chamber adopted Senate Resolution No. 343, introduced by Cayetano, urging the Executive Branch to establish a National Contingency Framework and develop a comprehensive plan to guide the country's response to large-scale crises.

The resolution pushed for urgent action, highlighting how global conflicts, particularly those affecting oil supply, can quickly translate into higher fuel prices, transport costs, and overall inflation in the Philippines.

With the need for a more coordinated approach becoming increasingly evident, senators subsequently adopted Senate Resolution No. 350, co-authored by Cayetano along with Senate President Vicente Sotto III and Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri, proposing the creation of a Senate-led ad hoc committee to help advance the development of the national contingency plan.

The proposed body, to be known as the Proactive Response and Oversight for Timely and Effective Crisis sTategy (PROTECT), will be led by the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Finance and composed of the chairpersons of all standing committees of

the Senate, and tasked to bring together inputs from various sectors while ensuring coordination across government.

The initiative is intended to complement efforts from the Executive Branch by taking an active role in the development of the national contingency plan, oversight, and ensuring that the framework moves forward in a coordinated and timely manner.

Cayetano emphasized that while government agencies often implement individual measures during crises, the absence of a single guiding framework can lead to gaps in coordination and timing.

"Nasusubukan ang ating pundasyon 'pag merong kalamidad o sakuna... I don't think there's a problem that we expect the worst or prepare for the worst.

Kung hindi, nandiyan y'ung contingency plan [to implement]," he said.

The creation of a Senate-led body is expected to help align national agencies, local governments, and the private sector, while ensuring that preparations for potential disruptions do not lose direction over time.

With Malacañang now moving to establish its own crisis committee, Cayetano said the effort reinforces the need to build stronger and more coordinated foundations across institutions so the country is better prepared when crises arise.

"Ang pundasyon ng isang bansa, ng isang bayan, ng isang senado, ng isang pamilya o ang pundasyon ng mga Pilipino ay napakahalaga," he said. **PR**



GMA LGU suspends trike franchise renewal fees amid rising fuel costs

SSS RESPONDS TO ECONOMIC CHALLENGES WITH EXPANDED RELIEF PROGRAMS, PHP 60B IN SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS AND PENSIONERS

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



Rhodora Ubongen Servado April 28, 1970

Pearl Joy Ancorin Ruayana April 26, 2000

PHILHEALTH INTENSIFIES MEMBER PROTECTION EFFORTS; WELCOMES OMBUDSMAN SUPPORT



In response to the National Energy Emergency, Marketmall Dasmariñas will shorten operating hours. For more information on other SM Malls, refer to real-time updates on the mall's official social media pages.

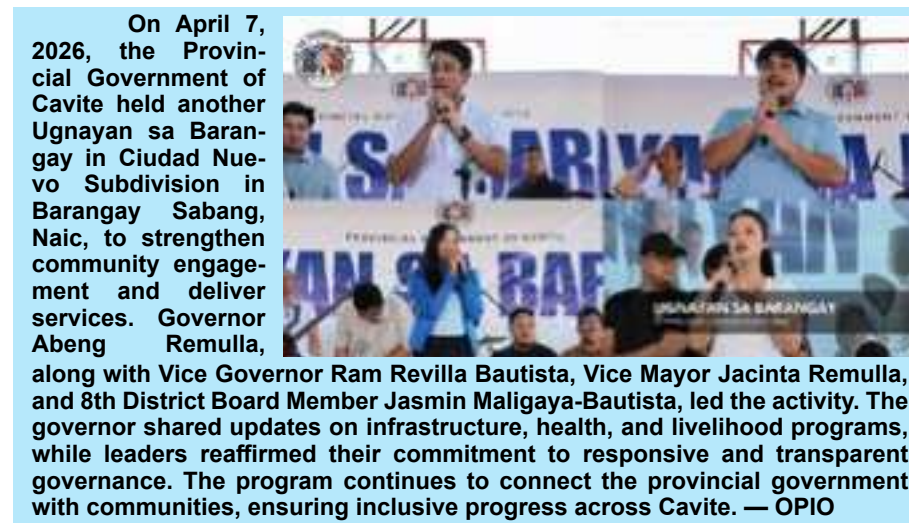
PGC's MDM team serve Silanguenos with healthcare services

BACOR CITY GOVERNMENT NAGBIGAY NG PINANSYAL NA TULONG SA 800 BENEPIARYO

PGC STRENGTHENS QUALITY STANDARDS AHEAD OF SOCOTEC RECERTIFICATION AUDIT

BIR urges early tax return filing to avoid penalties

DoTr urged to include private vehicles in toll discount



On April 7, 2026, the Provincial Government of Cavite held another Ugnayan sa Barangay in Ciudad Nuevo Subdivision in Barangay Sabang, Naic, to strengthen community engagement and deliver services. Governor Abeng Remulla, along with Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, Vice Mayor Jacinta Remulla, and 8th District Board Member Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista, led the activity. The governor shared updates on infrastructure, health, and livelihood programs, while leaders reaffirmed their commitment to responsive and transparent governance. The program continues to connect the provincial government with communities, ensuring inclusive progress across Cavite. — OPIO



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.

GMA LGU...

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GEN. MARIANO ALVAREZ, Cavite (PIA) — The Municipal Government of General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite, suspended the collection of franchise renewal fees for tricycle drivers and operators for the rest of the year.

Last April 7, Mayor Medardo Custodio Jr. signed Ordinance No. 2026-401 to suspend the collection of tricycle franchise renewal fees amid the ongoing oil crisis.

The ordinance, collectively authored by members of the Sangguniang Bayan, will suspend the collection of renewal fees to provide relief for tricycle operators and drivers plying routes in the municipality.

"The continu-

ing increase in fuel prices and the prevailing oil and energy crisis have significantly affected the income and daily subsistence of tricycle operators and drivers in the municipality."

Although the ordinance will apply to all local tricycle operators and drivers, the Sangguniang Bayan clarified that the suspension applies only to franchise renewal fees, and not to new franchise applications, penalties, and fines.

The suspension of franchise renewal fees will be effective for the rest of the year 2026, or until oil and energy prices have been declared stabilized by the national government.

BIR...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) is urging taxpayers to file their income tax returns (ITRs) early as the April 15 deadline approaches, stressing that penalties can be avoided amid economic hardships.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency, BIR Revenue District Office (RDO) 056 Calamba City, Laguna Assistant Revenue District Officer Marlon Cabance stressed the importance of early filing to avoid penalties imposed on late submissions, noting that delays result in additional financial burden for taxpayers.

"Income Tax Return is a requirement for our business establishments and owners. Whether small, micro, or large taxpayers, they are all required to file every year.

Aside from ITR, there are also other taxes that need to be filed," he said.

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DOTr...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — Following the implementation of toll discounts for public vehicles and freight services, a lawmaker is urging authorities to expand these privileges to private vehicles as the country reels from rising fuel costs.

Jolo Revilla of Cavite's First District, in a Legislative Energy and Development (LEAD) Joint Committee hearing, suggested to the Department of Transportation (DOTr) to include private vehicles in the discounted toll fees.

In a statement released on April 13, Revilla underscored that the oil crisis affects everyone and is greatly felt among the middle class.

"Ang krisis sa mataas na presyo ng langis ay walang pinipili—lahat ay appektado.

payers. "We encourage our taxpayers to pay early because if you are late, there will be penalties.

And honestly, we also feel saddened as BIR employees when taxpayers incur penalties because every centavo is important," he said.

Under Revenue Memorandum Order No. 7-2015, late filing of tax returns is subject to a 25 percent surcharge based on the amount due.

In addition, taxpayers are charged a 12 percent annual interest on the unpaid tax, computed from the date of the deadline until full payment is made.

The order also states about compromise penalties, which vary depending on the amount of tax due and the nature of the violation.

These charges can significantly increase a taxpayer's total liability if left unsettled, making early and accurate filing crucial to avoid unnecessary financial burden.

Cabance acknowledged that many taxpayers continue to face financial difficulties due to prevailing economic conditions, but assured that

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Damang-dama lalo na ang ating kababayang nabibilang sa middle class ang bigay ng mga gastusin bunsod nito."

(The high oil price crisis chooses no one—everyone is affected. Our countrymen in the middle class especially feel the weight of the expenses caused by this.)

Acting Secretary Giovanni Lopez assured that he will discuss with toll operators the possible inclusion of private vehicles in the toll discount program.

Last March, the DOTr announced that toll operators volunteered to grant a two-month discount for essential transport services, including Public Utility Vehicles (PUV), Public Utility Buses (PUB), and freight vehicles.

Every Filipino has the right to claim PhilHealth benefits as part of the implementation of Universal Healthcare and our

the bureau is working to balance enforcement with understanding.

"We recognize that we are in a time of crisis that cannot be avoided.

However, the BIR continues to find ways to fulfill its mandate while also helping taxpayers comply," he said.

He emphasized that taxes collected from both small and large businesses play a crucial role in funding government programs and national development.

PHILHEALTH...

PhilHealth thanks the Ombudsman Remulla for amplifying the concerns of Filipino patients.

His voice adds to a conversation PhilHealth has long been committed to — ensuring every member receives the full benefit they deserve.

Our support for Filipino families continue to grow.

PhilHealth paid out P300.45 billion in benefits this past year, an 81.72% increase from the previous year.

Every peso represents a family we were able to stand beside as their partners in health and the Corporation will continue to provide expanded benefits to every Filipino family.

We are continuing to strengthen billing transparency.

As part of our ongoing monitoring efforts, PhilHealth is looking into reported discrepancies between what patients are told about their coverage and what providers submit in their claims.

We are reinforcing our auditing systems, deepening coordination with oversight bodies and healthcare providers, and ensuring that our members always receive accurate, transparent information about their benefits.

Know your benefits that you have every right to.

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"The taxes paid by every citizen and every business benefit the entire country.

That is why, despite the challenges, the BIR continues its efforts to collect revenues and even develop new initiatives to meet its goals," Cabance added. The BIR reiterated its call for voluntary compliance, reminding taxpayers that filing early not only prevents penalties but also contributes to the country's economic stability.

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benefit packages cover primary, emergency out-patient, and inpatient care.

Patients and their family can ask the hospital care team how much PhilHealth covers for your case,

Android users can also download the PhilHealth Search ACR app to find the Case Rate for the patient,

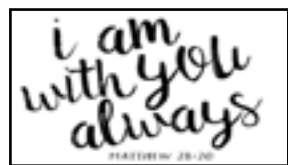
You can reach out to the PhilHealth Cares (PCARES) representatives in the hospital if you have questions or concerns and they can also help you get the care that is appropriate for you,

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PhilHealth remains committed to working with all partners, government, providers, and patients, toward a healthcare system that is transparent, responsive, and truly protective of every Filipino.

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DSWD, SSS ramp up rollout of 4Ps AlkanSSSy Program for financial security of poor families

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in partnership with the Social Security System (SSS), is ramping up efforts to ensure the long-term financial protection for Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries through the rollout of the "4Ps AlkanSSSy Program".

The 4Ps AlkanSSSy Program provides low-cost social insurance for 4Ps beneficiaries belonging to informal sector groups and Sustainable Livelihood Program Associations (SLPAs), enabling them to gain social protection against life's risks such as sickness, disability, unemployment, old age, retirement, death, and maternity.

"Under the program, 4Ps beneficiaries are encouraged to start saving through small but regular contributions—whether daily or weekly—which will be consolidated and paid as their SSS contributions," said Director Gemma Gabuya, 4Ps National Program Manager.

Contributions can be made through organized groups of 4Ps beneficiaries, such as SLPAs, where members pool their savings before remitting them to the SSS.

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PGC...

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through its ISO Core Team, convened a crucial meeting on April 6, 2026, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City to intensify preparations for the upcoming SOCOTEC Recertification audit scheduled on April 27–29, 2026.

The meeting centered on ensuring the readiness of all concerned offices and personnel in maintaining the province's compliance with international quality management standards. It served as a platform to align strate-

gies, clarify responsibilities, and reinforce the importance of adherence to established ISO processes across all departments.

Ms. Michelle F. Alcid, Quality Management Representative, led the discussion by outlining the key requirements and preparations necessary for the audit.

She emphasized the importance of organizing and updating documented information, including quality manuals, procedures, and records that demonstrate compliance with ISO standards. She also highlighted the need for offices to ensure

savings does not require large amounts initially. Rather, it emphasizes discipline and consistency as key steps toward becoming "future-ready" families," Dir. Gabuya pointed out.

The program also introduces a customized contribution scheme based on actuarial studies and the paying capacity of beneficiaries, with monthly contributions not exceeding Php760 as of 2025.

On March 25, the DSWD Field Office (FO) 1 – Ilocos Region launched the AlkanSSYA Program in Rosario, La Union.

A total of 47 members of the Tabtabungao 4Ps United Associations became the first participant-beneficiaries

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of the initiative in the province.

Prior to its rollout in La Union, the program was introduced in Metro Manila in May 2025, with one organized group composed of 32 members already registered.

As part of its nationwide scale-up, the DSWD is set to expand the rollout of the program this year to Cagayan Valley (Region 2), Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), Eastern Visayas (Region 8), and Northern Mindanao (Region 10).

"These areas are identified to have a high number of organized 4Ps groups, in which the 4Ps AlkanSSSy program can be implemented," Director Gabuya pointed out.

The initiative forms part of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to strengthen the 4Ps by promoting financial inclusion and ensuring that beneficiaries remain protected even after they graduate from the program.

With more than 3 million family beneficiaries nationwide, the 4Ps continues to evolve beyond monthly cash grants, paving the way for beneficiaries to become future SSS pensioners and achieve greater financial independence.

(NMHT)



Strengthening Early Childhood Care: ECCD Forum Held in Cavite

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer successfully conducted the Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Forum on April 8, 2026, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City, gathering stakeholders committed to advancing early childhood education and development across the province.

The forum served as a vital platform for Child Development Workers (CDWs), program coordinators, and partner agencies to align initiatives, enhance knowledge, and ensure the effective implementation of ECCD programs in their respective localities.

One of the key highlights of the forum was the presentation of Mr. Aries R. Panganiban, ECCD Focal Person, who discussed the importance of maintaining an updated database of ECCD enrollees and Child De-

velopment Workers. He emphasized that accurate and timely data collection plays a crucial role in policy-making, program planning, and resource allocation, ultimately ensuring that services reach the intended beneficiaries. Mr. Panganiban also elaborated on the standardized process for the recognition of both public and private Child Development Centers (CDCs) and learning centers. He underscored the need for compliance with established guidelines and quality standards to guarantee safe, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate learning environments for young children.

Meanwhile, Ms. Jolivette Yao, ECCD Council, provided an in-depth discussion on the ECCD System Act, highlighting its significance as the cornerstone of early childhood development programs in the country. She explained that the law

group discussion (FGD), where participating farmers shared their crop profiles, farming practices, and on-the-ground experiences.

These discussions generated valuable insights into prevailing agricultural conditions, including key challenges such as pest incidence and management, the need for timely and accessible agricultural and climate-related information, and the need for improved irrigation systems and adequate farm input support.

The activity concluded with a synthesis of key findings, emphasizing everyone to respond confidently and truthfully based on actual practices.

The ISO Core Team also reviewed previous audit findings and identified areas for improvement to ensure that corrective actions have been effectively implemented.

This proactive approach aims to strengthen internal systems and sustain the province's

institutionalizes a comprehensive and integrated system that addresses the holistic needs of children from birth to four years old, covering health, nutrition, early education, and social services. Ms. Yao further emphasized the shared responsibility among local government units, families, and communities in ensuring the proper implementation of ECCD programs, reinforcing the importance of collaboration in nurturing the next generation.

The ECCD Forum reaffirmed the Provincial Government's commitment to strengthening early childhood care and development initiatives by equipping implementers with the necessary knowledge and tools. Through continuous capacity-building efforts such as this, Cavite aims to foster a supportive and responsive environment where every child is given the best possible start in life. — OPIO

the value of participatory approaches in ensuring that technologies and recommendations are practical, relevant, and aligned with end-users' needs. Through this initiative, the DOST-CALABARZON SARAI Team continues to strengthen its collaboration with LGUs in co-developing data-driven and climate-resilient agricultural decision-support systems.

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SSS responds...

Daan-daang Lagunense, Nabigyan ng Libreng Laboratory Test at Gamot sa San Pedro

Pinangunahan ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Laguna sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Governor Sol Aragon...



Layunin ng programa na mapalapit sa mga mamamayan ang mga pangunahing serbisyong medikal...

maagang pagtukoy ng posibleng karamdaman. Kasabay nito, nakatanggap din ang mga benepisyaryo...

Laguna, patuloy ang mga hakbang upang palakasin ang mga programang pangkalusugan...

Libreng bakuna kalakip ng seminar para sa Rabies Awareness Month, isinagawa ng DA-4A



Libreng pagbabakuna kalakip ng isang seminar ang pinangunahanang isagawa ng Department of Agriculture...

Kabilang sa mga bininyang-pansin ay ang Republic Act 8485 o ang the Animal Welfare Act of 1998...

gional Rabies Focal Dr. Ralph Fabon, ang pagsali ng mga mamamayan na may alaga sa ganitong mga aktibidad...

PGC's...

With its constant effort to bridge the gap with healthcare services, the Provincial Government of Cavite rolled down to Barangay Puting Kahoy in Silang...

A total of 378 Si-

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within the last 12 months. The program now also covers members with minimal past-due loans of up to three (3) monthly amortizations...

Around P27 billion has been allocated for this program, which is expected to benefit an estimated 2.24 million eligible members...

Micro-Loan Program SSS is set to roll out short-term loans ranging from P1,000 to P20,000 with repayment terms of 15 to 90 days...

The program will be delivered through digital platforms and partner financial institutions, enabling faster and more convenient access to funds...

Loan penalty condonation For members with past-due loans, SSS continues to implement the Consolidation of Past Due Short-Term Member Loans with Condonation of Penalty Program...

Under this program, penalties of unpaid loans are fully waived upon settlement of the principal and interest. Members may choose flexible payment options: one-time settlement or installment terms up to 60 months...

Applications may

languenios were catered, including 262 patients received medical consultations and 56 patients availed dental extractions. More so, the residents underwent diagnostic procedures, such as fasting blood sugar test and electrocardiogram exam...

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diagnosis. The residents, then, received free prescribed medicines and vitamin supplements. Hon. Aidel Paul Belamide, 5th District Board Member, graced the activity, displaying his unwavering support in uplifting the overall well-being of their constituents. — OPIO

EDITORIAL: Safer cities

EARLY this month, the Department of the Interior and Local Government announced stricter implementation of the ban on alcohol and gambling in public areas under its Safer Cities program.

Interior Secretary Jonvic Remulla said the program will initially be piloted in Metro Manila before expanding to other major urban centers nationwide.

Acting on the DILG order, the Philippine National Police (PNP) reported that more than 48,000 violators were apprehended during the first three days of the program in Metro Manila.

Of this total, some 7,389 violators were fined, 403 were charged, while 15,584 were warned and released. Drinking and smoking in public places were the most common violations with 7,300 apprehensions.

This was followed by individuals outside their homes without shirts, curfew violations involving minors, and videoke or karaoke beyond allowed hours.

According to PNP Chief Police General Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr.: "Let's follow simple rules, avoid violations, and respect others. Small things are a big help in ensuring public order."

But the Safer Cities project should be evaluated not only in terms of the number of people apprehended for various violations but also across several policy dimensions: effectiveness, legality, governance, fiscal sustainability, and civil liberties.

First of all, what problems will the project hope to solve? Will it target street crime, drug-related offenses, terror threats, or urban disorder? Or maybe all of the above?

The project implementation should rely on evidence such as crime data and urban risk mapping. It should be aligned with clearly defined and empirically validated risks rather than broad, vague goals like "peace and order" without measurable targets.

Most Safer Cities programs in other countries involve such tools as expanded CCTV surveillance, increased police visibility, 'smart' technologies as facial recognition, and community policing.

But these tools must be proven to reduce crime. Heavy reliance on surveillance, for instance, can produce a perception of safety without addressing root causes like poverty or weak prosecution systems.

The DILG must work closely with various local government units (LGUs), so implementation quality will vary. Do LGUs have the technical capacity to operate and maintain surveillance systems? Are accountability mechanisms clearly defined? After all, a structurally sound policy can still fail if local execution is weak.

We must also point out the legal and civil liberties implications. The program should comply with the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and uphold civil liberties guaranteed by our fundamental law.

The DILG's Safer Cities project should be considered positive if it is evidence-based, has clear accountability mechanisms, and avoids over-reliance on surveillance as a substitute for systemic reform. However, it becomes problematic if it centralizes surveillance without oversight, burdens LGUs without capacity support, and prioritizes visibility over actual crime reduction.

What is important is to maintain the balance between public order and civil liberties at all times.



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MAYBANK PHILIPPINES INC., Mortgagee.

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

-versus-

SPS. MICHAEL ERNEST WOODALL and ALAINE ARCANGEL WOODALL, represented by their Attorney-in-Fact, RAFAEL C. ARCANGEL Mortgagees.

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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 ALAINE 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:

Condominium 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,

BACOR CITY...

Patuloy ang Lungsod ng Bacoor, sa pamumuno ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla, sa pagbibigay ng tulong sa mga Bacoreño sa pamamagitan ng lingguhang financial assistance distribution na isinagawa ng City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD) Office sa pangunguna ni Ms. Emiliana Ugalde.

Sa ginanap na aktibidad sa S.T.R.I.K.E. Gymnasium, dinaluhan nina Mayor Strike B. Revilla at LNB Vice President Randy Francisco, kung saan 800 benepisyaryo ang nakatanggap ng tulong pinansyal. Karamihan sa mga ito ay gagamitin para sa mga pangangailangang medikal tulad ng pagbili ng maintenance medicines, pagbabayad ng laboratory fees, at iba pang mahahalagang gastusin. Bahagi rin ng programang pinopondohan ng LGU ang pagbibigay ng guarantee letters at burial assistance para sa mga nangangailangan. Sa kanyang mensahe, pinaalalahanan ni Mayor Strike ang mga residente na mag-ingat at maging alerto upang maiwasan ang sunog, lalo na sa kasalukuyang matinding init ng panahon. Ibinahagi rin niya ang programa ni Pangulong BBM kung saan maaaring bumili ng bigas sa halagang P20 kada kilo sa Bacoor Government Center.

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

Condominium 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

(SGD)DEMETRIO T. VILLANUEVA, JR. Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished: MAYBANK PHILIPPINES, INC. Maybank Corporate Center, 7th Avenue corner 28th Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City

RAYMART A. HERNANDEZ 2nd Floor, Ligaspi Towers 300 P. Ocampo, Sr. St., Malate, City of Manila, Philippines

SPS. MICHAEL ERNEST WOODALL and ALAINE ARCANGEL WOODALL, rep. by their AIF, RAFAEL C. ARCANGEL

-No. 231 Villegas St., San Francisco Del Monte, Quezon City -Unit 611 with Drying Area and Parking Slot at Raja Covered Parking Level 1, Raja Bldg. Alea Residence, Las Pinas-Talaba Diversion Road, Brgy. Zapote 3, Bacoor, Cavite

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of Extra-Judicial Sale on or before the date of sale

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Maaaring makabili ng bigas ang mga sumusunod na sektor:

- Senior Citizens
Solo Parents
Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)
4Ps Members
Farmers
Fisherfolks
Jeepney Drivers
Tricycle Drivers

Mga Paalala: Ang Senior Citizens, PWDs, at 4Ps members ay maaaring makabili ng hanggang 30 kilo kada buwan. Ang ibang kwalipikadong sektor ay maaaring makabili ng hanggang 10 kilo. Jeepney at Tricycle Drivers ay kailangan magpakita ng kopya ng kanilang permit o prangkisa (ang tricycle drivers ay kailangan din ng driver's license). Magdala ng valid ID sa pagbili ng bigas. Samantala, patuloy ding nagbibigay ang lungsod ng LGU IDs para sa mga kasambahay sa pamamagitan ng PESO.

Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE JUDGE
Trece Martires City
rtc1tmtocc@judiciary.gov.ph
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IN RE: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN THE CITIES OF GENERAL TRIAS AND TRECE MARTIRES AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, CAVITE

TMNP-006-26

ATTY. JOSEPH ANTHONY T. BARROMA,
Petitioner.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the summary hearing on the petition for application of notarial commission of **ATTY. JOSEPH ANTHONY T. BARROMA** shall be held on **May 12, 2026, at 8:30** in the morning at the Court Room of the Executive Judge, Regional Trial Court, Branch 23, Trece Martires City, Cavite. Any person who has any cause or reason to object the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

The petitioner should be ready to present all the pieces of evidence in support of his petition. Pre-making should be done prior to the scheduled hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Trece Martires City, Cavite, April 15, 2026.

(SGD) **PURIFICACION A. BARING TUVERA**
Executive Judge 1

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DOST-CALABARZON conducts crop baseline profiling activities for 22 farmers in Laguna, Cavite, and Quezon under Project SARAI

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) CALABARZON, through Project SARAI (Smarter Approaches to Reininvigorate Agriculture as an Industry in the Philippines), successfully conducted a series of Crop Profiling Activities across selected municipalities in the region.

These were held on March 18, 2026, in Siniloan, Laguna; March 23, 2026, in Magallanes, Cavite; and March 24, 2026, in Lucena City, Quezon, engaging a total of 22 farmer group representatives from their respective organizations.

The activity aimed to enhance the accuracy and local relevance of DOST-SARAI's decision support tools by actively engaging Local Gov-

ernment Units (LGUs), particularly through their respective Municipal and City Agriculture Offices.

Through this initiative, dominant crop varieties and locally produced commodities in each municipality were identified and validated.

The data gathered will serve as critical inputs for refining the SARAI Team's site-specific recommendations and targeted interventions.

The program commenced with an overview of Project SARAI delivered by Mr. Aaron Paul R. Dizon, Crop Expert of the SARAI Team, highlighting the project's objectives, technologies, and support mechanisms for farmers and LGUs. This was followed by a focus **cont. on page 7**

Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court Of Cavite
Office of The Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue,
Kaybagal South, Tagaytay City

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,
AMERICAN CITIZEN, OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE
Address: BLOCK 2 LOT 10, BRITTANY 2,
ANTIPOLO CITY PHILIPPINES

Owner: ROBERTO D. LAU, AMERICAN CITIZEN OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE
Address: BLOCK 2 LOT 10, BRITTANY 2,
ANTIPOLO 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**
Sheriff-In-Charge

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BDO FINANCE CORPORATION,
as assignee-in-interest of BDO Leasing and Finance, Inc
Mortgagee-Assignee
39th Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas,
12 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City

LIWANAG C. DOMINGUEZ
and **ROBERT D. LAU**
Debtors/Mortgagors
(1) Unit 1010 10th Floor, Tower 4, Wind Residences, Emilio Aguinaldo Highway, Brgy. Maharlika West, Tagaytay City
(2) P. Quezon Street, Mabatang Abucay, Bataan
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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-148-26

-versus-

MA. CECILIA P. BAUTISTA,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK INC.,** with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 33rd floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against the Debtor/Mortgagor, **MA. CECILIA P. BAUTISTA,** with residence and postal addresses at (1) Block 01, Lot 22 Phase 1 S2 Amaia Scapes Cavite, Brgy. Santiago, Gen. Trias City, Cavite (currently occupied) and (2) No. 125 Alido Subd., Putol, Kawit, Cavite (unknown address), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 26, 2026 amounts to **SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY FIVE PESOS AND 14/100 (PhP737,795.14),** Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **May 29, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit;

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2017011494

Lot No. 22 Block: 1 Plan No. Psd-04-223500
Portion of: Lot 2371-A, Psd-04-22167
Location: Barangay of Santiago, Municipality of General Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon
Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	Lot 2371-D, Psd-04-22167
2-3	SE	Lot21, Block 1, Psd-04-223500
3-4	SW	ROAD LOT 6, PSD-04-223500
4-1	NW	LOT 23, BLOCK 1, PSD-04-223500

Area: **NINETY SIX SQUARE METERS (96), more or less**

All sealed bids 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 and time, it shall be held on **June 05, 2026** without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, April 21, 2026.

(SGD) **RICARDO TOLEDO**
Sheriff IV

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CONSUMER REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas

No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

MS. MA. CECILIA BAUTISTA
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(2) No. 125 Alido Subd., Putol, Kawit, Cavite

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SUZUKI PHILIPPINES BREAKS GROUND ON INTEGRATED PARTS WAREHOUSE, TRAINING CENTER, AND OFFICE FACILITY IN LAGUNA



Calamba, Laguna, Philippines — Suzuki Philippines Incorporated (SPH) has officially broken ground on its Integrated Parts Warehouse, Service Training Center, and Office Facility located in Carmelray Industrial Park 1, marking a key milestone in the company's continued expansion and long-term development in the Philippines.

The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by key representatives from local government units, partner organizations, and project stakeholders, including Vice Mayor Antonino Aurelio of Rizal, Laguna, representing Governor Sol Aragon; Executive Assistant Abel Landicho, representing Mayor Ross Rizal; Canlubang Barangay Captain Larry Dimayuga; the Carmelray Group led by its Managing Director, Ms. Maria Rosario "Charrie" Yulo, together with Director Mr. Ramon Z. Yulo and Mr. Francisco "Chito" S. Zalardriaga, President of Carmelray Industrial Park I Association; representatives from CCT Constructors Corpo-

ration including President Mr. Kaname Futaki, Building Construction General Manager Mr. Hidekatsu Senoo, and Building Engineering General Manager Mr. Yoshihisa Hatano; key business partners, as well as members of the media.

The project represents a total investment of approximately ₱900 million, reinforcing Suzuki's commitment to strengthening its aftersales operations, enhancing dealer network support, and improving organizational efficiency across its automobile, motorcycle, and marine businesses. The upcoming facility will serve as a centralized hub that integrates parts warehousing and distribution, technical training, and corporate office operations. It is designed to improve inventory management and parts availability, accelerate service support for dealers nationwide, and provide a more streamlined working environment for sales, logistics, and administrative functions.

"This groundbreaking ceremony symbolizes more than just a construction project but

laying the foundation for the bright future of Suzuki in the Philippines," said Mr. Koichiro Hirao, President of Suzuki Philippines Incorporated.

He added, "This project stands as a powerful reflection of our vision — our commitment to progress, innovation, and long-term growth. Of strengthening our capabilities, expanding our reach, and creating greater value."

Beyond operational enhancements, the project is also expected to contribute to economic activity and community development in the CALABARZON region, generating employment opportunities and supporting local industries and surrounding communities.

"It represents new opportunities — for jobs, for local businesses and for the community that surrounds us. It contributes to economic activity, supports livelihoods and helps build a stronger, more resilient environment where progress can be shared by many," Hirao said.

Despite ongoing industry challenges, Suzuki

Philippines emphasized its continued commitment to investment and development as a driver of long-term growth.

"Even in times of uncertainty, we remain committed to growth, to development, and to build something meaningful for the future," he added.

Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2026, with operations expected to commence by August 2027.

Once completed, the integrated facility is expected to further strengthen Suzuki Philippines' aftersales ecosystem by improving parts availability, enhancing dealer training capability, and supporting more efficient corporate and operational coordination — ultimately contributing to a more seamless customer ownership experience.

"Let us build not just structures, but lasting impact," Hirao concluded.

ABOUT SUZUKI PHILIPPINES

Suzuki Philippines Incorporated is a wholly-owned Japanese multinational firm highly recognized in the automotive industry. The company specializes in the manufacture and sale of motorcycles and the distribution of compact vehicles and outboard motors.

Suzuki has established its reputation worldwide for quality, versatility, and innovation, and has created a heritage of trust and reliability. www.suzuki.com.ph