

LGUs, Business Leaders Highlight CALAX Subsection 3's Role in Driving Growth



The economic landscape of Cavite is poised for greater growth following the opening of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) Subsection 3, extending the expressway to Governor's Drive Interchange in General Trias City.

With CALAX now spanning 26 kilometers from Mamlasan, Bifan, Laguna to General Trias, Cavite, local government officials and business leaders cited the project's role in improving connectivity, attracting investments, and creating new opportunities for businesses and communities.

Florencio Ayos, President of the Gen-Tri Business Club, said the new subsection is a long-awaited development that cuts travel time between Laguna and Cavite's industrial hubs to just 26 minutes.

"We are no longer a destination that is hard to reach — we are now a city that is impossible to ignore.

Infrastructure is not just about roads; it is about opening doors for every Filipino entrepreneur.

General Trias is now better positioned than ever to attract investments, generate employment, and build a more resilient economy," Ayos stated.

General Trias

City Mayor Luis "Jon Jon" Ferrer IV described the new interchange as 'a gateway to greater opportunities' that positions the city as a thriving center of industry.

"Habang patuloy na lumalago ang General Trias bilang sentro ng industriya at kaunlaran, mahalaga ang proyektong tulad nito upang mas mailapit ang mga oportunidad sa ating mga kababayan," said Mayor Ferrer.

The positive outlook was echoed by Dasmariñas City Mayor Jennifer Barzaga, who emphasized that the expressway enhances access to commerce, education, and tourism.

"Ang proyektong ito ay hindi lamang tungkol sa bagong kalsada, ito ay tungkol sa mas magandang kalidad ng buhay.

Ang CALAX ay simbolo ng patuloy na progreso at ng ating sama-samang pangarap para sa isang mas maunlad, mas konektado, at mas maaaliwalas na kinabukasan para sa bawat mama-mayan," Mayor Barzaga noted.

Barangay Adlas (Silang) Captain Joelito Generoso highlighted the project's impact on local development.

"Napakalaking benepisyo ng pagbubukas ng CALAX Governor's Drive.

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oportunidad sa negosyo, pagbubukas ng mga bagong trabaho, at pagtaas ng presyo ng lupa.

Pinalakas din nito ang turismo at transportasyon ng mga kalakal," Barangay Capt. Generoso said.

Meanwhile, Barangay San Francisco (General Trias) Captain

Ryan Santor pointed to the long-term benefits of CALAX Subsection 3 is expected to strengthen trade, support business expansion, and enhance Cavite's competitiveness as an investment destination.

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of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) as project grantor.

MPCALA Holdings Inc., the developer and operator of CALAX, is a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), the toll road arm of the Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC). PR

CARD MRI hosts media lakbay aral in CDO



As part of the PANAGHIUSA: CARD MRI Exposure Tour Program, Jaime Bedro (first from left) is seen cooking chicharon while being interviewed and photographed by media practitioners.

Thirteen media practitioners from Northern Mindanao joined the second leg of the 2026 PANAGHIUSA: CARD MRI Exposure Tour Program

finding ways to better serve our clients through products and services that truly respond to their needs," said CARD MRI Publishing House President Marilyn Magampon Manila. "We aim to work closely with like-minded media practitioners to help amplify this message and, in doing so, raise greater public awareness of the meaningful impact of microfinance in improving lives and communities," she added.

Participants were Panguil Bay Journal COO Cyril Cabrera; Malindang Newsline Mobile Journalist Cush Berenguel; Misamis Network News Mobile Journalist Glenn Ray Roluna; RMN INC News Director Menzie Montes; Radyo Asenso 106.7 Mobile Journalist Yvonne Berenguel; Radyo Trumpeta Anchorman Ercel Maandig; DXCC RMN Newswriter and Reporter Joanna Mae Ricote; RMN DXIC Iligan Station



Medical and Dental Mission benefits 600 residents in General Trias City



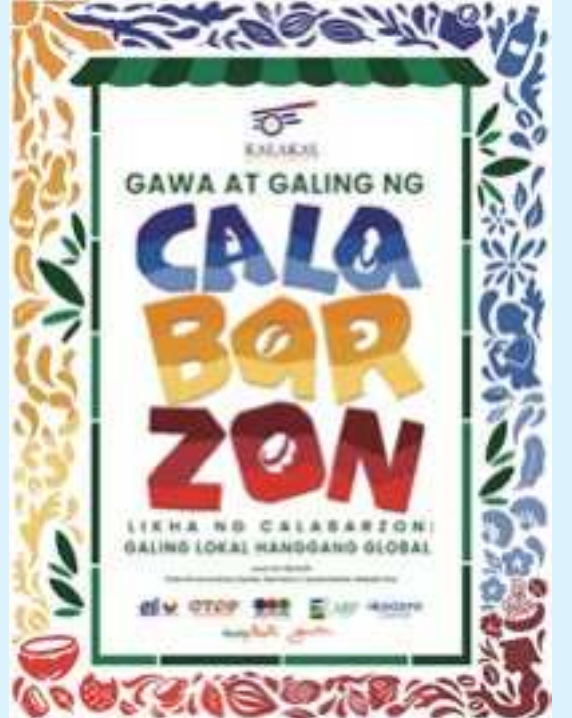
In support of the SM Cares Brigada Eskwela 2026 program, employees, agency personnel, and security guards from SM City Dasmariñas, SM Market-mall, and SM City Trece Martires participated in volunteer activities at Bautista Elementary School in Dasmariñas City and Aliang Elementary School in Trece Martires City. The team worked together in cleaning, painting, and conducting minor repair works to help prepare the schools for the upcoming academic year. Cleaning materials were also donated to further support the schools in providing a safe, clean, and conducive learning environment for students and teachers. Through initiatives such as Brigada Eskwela, SM Cares and SM Supermalls remain committed to empowering communities through education, volunteerism, and meaningful partnerships, helping create better opportunities and a brighter future for Filipino learners.

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ENDURING LEGACY FROM THE ASHES: Mekení leads business sector in unveiling Mt. Pinatubo commemorative marker

Cayetano seeks for employees' welfare amid Senate leadership rift

DTI REGION 4-A TO BRING 50 MSMEs TO THE FOREFRONT THROUGH KALAKAL CALABARZON 2026



CALABARZON, Philippines — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Region 4-A, in partnership with its Provincial Offices in Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, and Quezon, will stage the 13th KALAKAL CALABARZON Regional Trade Fair on June 24-28, 2026 at the Palm Drive Activity

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CAVITE CAREER CARAVAN AT NOVELETA TOWN PLAZA



successfully organized through the joint efforts of the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM) headed by Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero and the local government of Noveleta led by Mayor Davey Reyes-Chua.

The event which aimed to bring job opportunities and government services closer to the residents of Noveleta was participated by 132 registered applicants. Out of these applicants, 22 were hired on the spot, giving them immediate employment opportunities.

A total of 33 companies joined the event, including 32 local employers and 1 overseas employer, offering a combined 6,792 job vacancies for job seekers.

Also present were eight national government agencies: SSS, PhilHealth, Pag-IBIG Fund, BIR, PSA, DTI, OWWA, and TESDA. These agencies provided important services and information to help applicants with their employment requirements and career development.

Mayor Denver Reyes-Chua, together with the Noveleta Public Employment Service Office (PESO), encouraged residents to participate in the caravan. To further expand its reach, Mayor Denver Reyes-Chua also conducted a Facebook live session to attract more applicants. — OPIO



POINT OF VIEW

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.

PGC BRINGS FREE HEALTH SERVICES TO GMA

In its continuing commitment to bring accessible and quality healthcare services closer to communities, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) successfully conducted a Medical and Dental Mission on June 8, 2026 at Brgy. Francisco De Castro, General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite, benefiting a total of 786 residents.

The outreach initiative delivered a wide range of essential health services, providing 629 medical consultations, 68 dental procedures, 23 electrocardiogram (ECG) examinations, and 66 fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests. These services aimed to promote early detection,

preventive care, and overall community wellness.

The Provincial Government of Cavite continues to strengthen its health outreach programs across the province, ensuring that essential medical services are delivered to communities in need. — OPIO

DepEd allocates more than 2k teaching items in CALABARZON

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — With one of the highest student populations in the country, Region IV-A (CALABARZON) has been allocated a total of 2,600 teaching positions by the Department of Education (DepEd) to help address classroom requirements and improve the delivery of basic education in the region.

The new positions are expected to sup-

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Center, Glorietta 2, Ayala Center, Makati City, bringing together some of the region's most promising micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) under the theme "Galing Lokal Hanggang Global."

Since its inception in 2014, KALAKAL CALABARZON has served as a premier platform for promoting and marketing products from CALABARZON-based enterprises.

The annual trade fair provides MSMEs with opportunities to showcase their products, connect with institutional buyers, expand their market reach, and generate sales through direct selling and order-taking activities.

This year's trade fair will feature 50 DTI-assisted MSMEs from across the region, representing various sectors and priority industry clusters.

These enterpris-

es are beneficiaries of DTI programs and services, including the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Next Gen Program, Shared Service Facilities (SSF) Program, Kapatid Mentor ME (KMME) Program, Negosyo Center (NC) Program, and the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP).

The event aims to strengthen market opportunities for participating MSMEs, support their business sustainability efforts, and increase consumer appreciation for locally manufactured products and services.

It also seeks to facilitate business matching activities between exhibitors and institutional buyers while generating at least Php 5 million in sales.

DTI 4-A Regional Director Marissa C. Argente underscored the importance of empowering local

enterprises and elevating their competitiveness in both domestic and international markets.

"The theme 'Galing Lokal Hanggang Global' reflects the remarkable journey of our MSMEs—from nurturing local talents and industries to achieving broader market opportunities beyond our borders.

Through KALAKAL CALABARZON, we continue to provide avenues for our entrepreneurs to showcase their innovation, quality, and resilience, proving that products proudly made in CALABARZON can compete and thrive in the global marketplace," said Director Argente.

Over the years, KALAKAL CALABARZON has evolved to adapt to changing market conditions. From its physical staging at major commercial venues such as SM Megamall, Festival Mall,

that would later become drivers of its recovery.

Founded as a small backyard enterprise in Pampanga, Mekení was among the many local businesses severely affected by the eruption and its aftermath. However, the crisis also became a turning point that redefined its mission, transforming survival into service, and rebuilding into purpose-driven growth.

From these beginnings, Mekení evolved into a nationally recognized food manufacturing company, while maintaining deep roots in community development and regional pride.

In his statement, Garcia emphasized that the story of Mt. Pinatubo is inseparable from the story of Central Luzon's resilience, noting that the disaster "became both a test and a catalyst" for businesses that chose to rebuild not only operations but also lives and communities.

Today's unveiling of the commemorative marker serves as a collective remembrance of the eruption's impact, while also recognizing the enduring legacy of recovery efforts that followed, anchored on collaboration between government, academia, science institutions, and the private sector.

Beyond remembrance, the initiative also highlights renewed opportunities for collaboration in heritage tourism, public education, and strategic communications, as Clark continues to position itself as a hub for history, innovation, and sustainable development.

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Glorietta, and Shangri-La Plaza, to its online editions during the COVID-19 pandemic through digital platforms, the trade fair has consistently supported the growth and market expansion of CALABARZON MSMEs.

As DTI Region 4-A continues to champion entrepreneurship and inclusive economic growth, the 13th KALAKAL CALABARZON Regional Trade Fair stands as a testament to the region's thriving MSME sector and its readiness to seize opportunities in both local and global markets.

The public, institutional buyers, business partners, and industry stakeholders are invited to visit the trade fair and discover the exceptional products and services that showcase the creativity, innovation, and excellence of CALABARZON enterprises.

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1st Agriculture and Fishery Provincial Forum strengthen support for Cavite farmers and fisherfolk

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist headed by Engr. Anna Pamela Nova-Cruz, successfully conducted the 1st Agriculture and Fishery Provincial Forum with the theme, "Sama-samang Paghabí ng Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran para sa Magsasaka at Mangingisda ng Cavite," on June 2, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

The forum gathered farmers, fisherfolk, agricultural stakeholders, and representatives from various government and financial institutions to strengthen collaboration and provide information on programs and services aimed at improving the livelihood and productivity of Cavite's agriculture and fisheries sectors.

Present during the event were Governor Francisco Gabriel Remulla and 8th District Board Member Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista, who both conveyed their messages of support

and reaffirmed the Provincial Government's commitment to advancing the welfare of farmers and fisherfolk. They emphasized the importance of strengthening partnerships among government agencies, financial institutions, and local communities to ensure sustainable agricultural and fisheries development in the province.

One of the highlights of the forum was the presentation of various programs, projects, and services available to farmers and fisherfolk from participating agencies. Resource representatives from the Agricultural Training Institute, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region IV-A, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture Region IV-A, Department of Trade and Industry-Cavite, Department of Labor and Employment - Cavite, Philippine Coconut Authority, Land Bank of the Philippines – San Agustin Branch, Rural Bank of Angeles – Trece Branch, Office of the Provincial Veterinarian, and the Office of the

Provincial Agriculturist discussed their respective initiatives, technical assistance, financing opportunities, and support services designed to enhance agricultural productivity and livelihood opportunities.

Following the presentations, participants were given the opportunity to directly consult with representatives from the concerned agencies. The consultation session allowed attendees to raise concerns, seek technical guidance, inquire about available assistance programs, and establish connections with agencies that could support their agricultural and fisheries endeavors.

The forum served as a valuable platform for information sharing, collaboration, and stakeholder engagement, further reinforcing the Provincial Government of Cavite's dedication to empowering farmers and fisherfolk and fostering inclusive growth and development within the province's agriculture and fisheries sectors. — OPI

DepEd Calabarzon welcomes 3.8 million learners as classes open for SY 2026-2027

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Education (DepEd) Calabarzon welcomed nearly 3.9 million learners as classes for School Year (SY) 2026-2027 officially opened across the region on June 8.

Data from DepEd Calabarzon showed that a total of 3,867,516 learners are enrolled in 6,019 schools and 2,089 community learning centers (CLCs) across the region.

Among the provinces in Calabarzon, Rizal recorded the highest learner population with 569,368 learners, followed by Cavite with 474,184, Quezon with 467,431, Batangas with 376,962, and Laguna with 249,353.

Supporting the delivery of education services are 111,904 teachers and 7,010 non-teaching personnel.

DepEd Calabarzon added that an addi-

tional 2,000 new teaching positions have been allocated to the region to help address classroom requirements and improve the delivery of basic education.

As part of efforts to improve learning outcomes and maximize instructional time, DepEd has begun implementing the three-term school calendar for the new academic year.

According to the department, the re-structured calendar aims to protect instructional time, reduce disruptions in learning, and enable schools and community learning centers to strategically schedule academic and co-curricular activities. The system is designed to balance learning and socialization opportunities across the mandated 201 school days.

Meanwhile, DepEd Calabarzon continues to address infra-

structure and facility gaps in schools throughout the region.

Regional data showed that 634 schools have structural risk entries requiring priority interventions, with an estimated P625.19 million needed for repair and rehabilitation works.

The department also reported that 488 schools have no recorded functional information and communications technology (ICT) facilities, posing challenges to technology-assisted learning and digital access.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities likewise remain a concern in some schools. DepEd data showed that 35 schools have no water supply, while 4,479 toilets and 2,149 handwashing facilities require repair.

Despite these challenges, DepEd Calabarzon said it remains committed to improving



General Trias Eyed As The Next Evolution of Liveable Communities in Cavite

For many years, Dasmariñas has been one of Cavite's most established and sought-after residential locations. The city has become a preferred destination for families because of its strong educational presence, accessibility to key destinations, expanding commercial centers, and growing employment opportunities. Over time, its population density supported the development of retail establishments, public services, and community amenities that further enhanced the quality of life for residents.

As the communities grew and opportunities expanded, Dasmariñas evolved beyond a purely residential area, becoming a vibrant place where people can live conveniently while fostering meaningful connections.

Today, another Cavite city is entering a comparable phase — one defined by a more advanced, dynamic, and future-ready trajectory of growth.

General Trias: Next in line in Cavite's growth

As Dasmariñas has long been recognized as one of Cavite's most established residential strongholds, General Trias is steadily redefining the province's future in community living. Since attaining cityhood in 2015, it has accelerated its transformation through progressive infrastructure, thoughtful urban design, and a resilient local economy.

Today, General Trias is emerging as a dynamic growth center — where modern convenience meets long-term sustainability — shaping a well-integrated learning environments through infrastructure development, facility upgrades, and collaboration with local government units and education stakeholders.

This increasing number of residents has helped stimulate local economic activity, attract businesses, support public services, and create stronger demand for infrastructure and community facilities. As more families choose to establish their homes in General Trias, the city becomes increasingly attractive to investors, educational institutions, retailers, and other stakeholders that contribute to a vibrant urban ecosystem.

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The presence of industrial locators and manufacturing facilities continues to generate employment opportunities, while ongoing infrastructure improvements—the road networks, enhance accessibility within and beyond the city.

What further distinguishes General Trias is its focus on creating greener and more organized master-planned communities. New developments such as integrated townships and the rapidly increasing condominiums gradually incorporate open spaces and lifestyle amenities that encourage healthier living. Also, several educational institutions are expected to begin operations in the area and this will expand learning opportunities for families. Together, these developments reflect a future-ready vision for urban growth—one that balances economic progress, community development, and quality of life for future generations.

The role of community builders in urban growth

Part of General Trias' increasing appeal lies in the rapid expansion of its residential communities. Developments by Property Company of Friends (Profriends) have played a significant role in this growth, contributing an estimated 100,000 residents to the city's population over the years — further strengthening its position as a thriving and highly liveable urban center.

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From Dasmariñas to General Trias, Cavite's story is one of continuous transformation in community living — where progress is not defined merely by the number of homes built, but by the opportunities unlocked, the connections nurtured, and the elevated quality of life experienced by those who call these communities "home."

Frequently Asked Questions

What makes General Trias an emerging residential destination?

General Trias benefits from master-planned communities, integrated townships, growing economic activity, infrastructure improvements, condominium developments, and future-ready urban planning initiatives.

How do industrial locators and educational institutions contribute to the growth of a community?

Industrial locators and educational institutions play vital roles in shaping a thriving community. Factories and businesses generate employment opportunities, attract investments, and stimulate local economic activity, while educational institutions draw families, create jobs, and provide access to quality learning. Together, they help build vibrant, self-sustaining communities that are attractive places to live, work, and grow.

What role do master-planned communities play in urban development?

Master-planned communities integrate residential, commercial, recreational, and institutional spaces, creating more organized, convenient, and livable environments for residents.

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DOST, partner agencies equip exiting 4Ps beneficiaries with meat processing and food safety skills



Antipolo City, Rizal — To pave the way for sustainable livelihood opportunities, 114 Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries from barangays in Antipolo City underwent a comprehensive, multi-day meat processing and food safety training from May 6 to 12, 2026.

The initiative was made possible through a robust collaborative effort among the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) Rizal, CARE-Philippines - HERS Program, DSWD 4Ps Rizal, TESDA Rizal, and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Antipolo City through Barangay San Luis.

Designed to help participants launch small-scale food enterprises, the training was divided into two batches. The cohort primarily comprised exiting 4Ps beneficiaries from eleven local barangays, including Inarawan, Mambugan, Muntindilaw, San Isidro, Dela Paz, San Luis, Cupang, San Juan, Mayamot, San Roque, and Calawis.

Over the two-day session per batch, participants learned the step-by-step process for preparing commercial favorites such as tocino, siomai, and skinless longganisa.

The technical and practical processing of demonstrations was facilitated by TESDA Rizal community-based trainer, Ms. Elvira A. Dalofin, who shared valuable insights on meat processing and tech-

niques, the functions of various ingredients, and proper equipment handling.

Beyond product formulation, the training heavily emphasized market readiness and regulatory compliance. Ms. Niña Sherylle S. Giron and Ms. Duane Mariel S. Juarez of the DOST CALABARZON Food Safety team spearheaded the discussions on food safety and consumer protection. Their modules focused on strict personal hygiene, proper food handling, and cross-contamination prevention to ensure products are fit for public consumption.

One participant shared their core takeaway from the food safety session: "Food should not only be delicious but also safe for its consumers."

To signify a more unified push for sustainable livelihood, leaders from the agencies that made the activity possible took turns encouraging the beneficiaries to leverage their new skills as they transition out of the DSWD 4Ps Program.

Engr. Mhark Elligine A. Libao, OIC-Provincial S&T Director of DOST PSTO Rizal, highlighted the

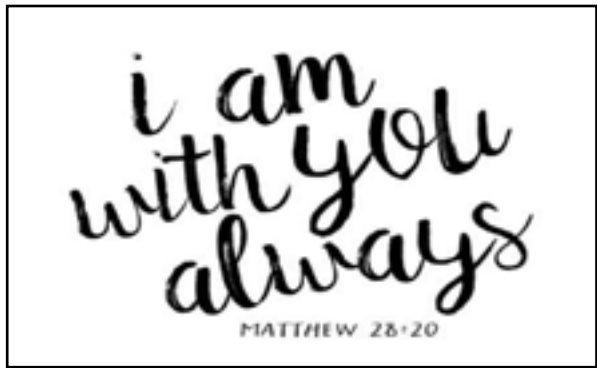
training's strategic value and urged beneficiaries to use these technical skills to generate alternative income streams.

Ms. Caselyn Briguera, Project Manager of CARE Philippines-HERS Program, commended the participants' determination, while Mr. Rene Ruiz, City Livelihood Officer of the same program, lauded the high quality of the products produced by the batches.

Mr. RJ Bermudo of DSWD 4Ps Rizal challenged the beneficiaries to maintain a mindset of continuous learning and to rely on credible technical sources as they start their businesses.

To represent the local administration, Mr. Cris Cate Jr., Barangay Administrator of Brgy. San Luis reaffirmed their unwavering support for grassroots capability-building initiatives.

Through targeted technology transfers and rigorous food safety advocacy, DOST PSTO Rizal and its partner agencies remain committed to driving inclusive economic growth and fostering resilient, self-sustaining communities across the province.



Aboitiz Foundation Partners with Japan's Archeda for Tech-Driven Forest Carbon Solutions



Aboitiz Foundation partners with Archeda, Inc., a Japan-based climate technology firm, to utilize advanced satellite remote sensing data for forest carbon projects in the Philippines

The partnership seeks to help position the country as a meaningful participant in emerging low-carbon economies through projects grounded in scientific rigor, transparency, and measurable impact.

"The partnership with Archeda reflects a shared commitment to help shape the future of climate action in the Philippines through credible, high-integrity forest carbon development," said Ginggay Hontiveros-Malvar, President of Aboitiz Foundation.

"Protecting forests is not only about addressing climate change. It is also about safeguarding watersheds, strengthening water security, supporting local livelihoods, and building resilience for future generations," she added.

Under the agreement, Aboitiz Foundation and Archeda will collaborate on feasibility studies, satellite-based environmental assessments, carbon project design, stakeholder engagement, and the development of robust monitoring and verification systems. The partnership also seeks to explore innovative financing and commercialization pathways that can help mobilize long-term investment toward forest conservation and restoration.

A key component of the collaboration is the use of satellite technology and advanced data analytics to strengthen project transparency and accountability. By enabling continuous, objective

monitoring of forest landscapes, these tools can support stronger environmental stewardship while helping establish the credibility increasingly required in global carbon markets.

"At Archeda, our mission is to unlock the hidden value of the Earth," said Hiromasa Tsumura, Chief Executive Officer of Archeda. "We believe satellite technology can play an important role in addressing climate challenges by improving transparency, strengthening trust, and enabling better decision-making. Through this partnership, we hope to demonstrate how technology can help create climate solutions that benefit both people and the planet."

The partnership also seeks to contribute to the evolution of compliance-grade carbon markets by integrating advanced monitoring technologies with practical financing structures. Both organizations see the opportunity to establish a model for high-quality forest carbon development that can serve as a reference not only for the Philippines, but also for other countries pursuing credible climate action pathways.

"We believe the Philippines has the potential to become a leader in high-integrity forest carbon development," Tsumura added. "By combining innovation, strong governance, and long-term commitment, we hope to create an example that demonstrates how environmental protection and sustainable development can move forward together."

As the Philippines navigates increasingly complex climate challenges, Aboitiz Foundation and Archeda aim to help build a future where forest conservation, community development, and economic opportunity reinforce one another—creating long-term value for both people and the planet.

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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To provide them with a deeper understanding of how CARD MRI reaches and serves communities, participants were divided into two groups for the center meeting visits. The first group visited the CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) Balulang 1A center, while the second group visited the CARD SME Bank Piaping Puti center. During the visits, participants observed how center meetings are conducted and how financial transactions, such as loan repayments, are carried out without the need to travel to offices or banks, an advantage especially to those living in far-flung areas.

Several CARD MRI offices located in Cagayan de Oro were also visited during the tour, including CARD, Inc., CARD SME Bank, CARD Mutual Benefit Association (CARD MBA), and CARD Pioneer Microinsurance Inc. (CPMI). Through their visit, they learned how these institutions work closely together to provide inclusive support to clients and the communities they serve.

In addition to learning about CARD MRI's operations, they had the opportunity to interact with several clients whom the organization has assisted, such as the couple, Jaime and Candelaria Bedro. They conducted a product

Medical...

A Medical and Dental Mission was successfully conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite on June 3, in Brgy. Pasong Camachile I, City of General Trias, serving a total of 600 patients.

Services provided include medical consultations, dental consultations and tooth extraction, ECG procedures, and FBS tests.



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demonstration of chicharon, a snack made from fried pork skin, and longanisa, a sweet, garlicky pork sausage.

They also had the taste of the traditional Filipino snacks, puto maya and sikwate, prepared by Nice Nanol, a CARD SME Bank client for more than 15 years.

The itinerary also included a storytelling session for children led by CARD MRI Publishing House, featuring its children's book Ang Lapis ni Anya. With 21 children in attendance, the activity promoted literacy and a love of reading, encouraging young learners to develop positive reading habits and reduce excessive screen time.

On the final day, participants gathered for a media briefing to clarify any questions or concerns they had about CARD MRI's operations.

Present during the briefing were CARD MBA Deputy Director for Operations Janicekith Navera, CARD MBA Cluster Manager Ann Jaraine Balacuit, CARD MBA Provincial Manager Francis Ann Vargas, CARD SME Bank Area Manager Mark Ordiz, CARD SME Bank Acting Area Manager Mary Chris Momville, CARD Pioneer Provincial Leader Joycee Sanoy, CARD Pioneer FPPO Joecil Abenoja, and CARD, Inc. Unit Managers Mary Ann Buhoj, April Jane Adecer, and Ritchel Santua.

The third leg of PANAGHIUSA: CARD MRI Exposure Tour Program for media is scheduled to take place in Laguna in August 2026.

To know more about CARD MRI, visit its official website <https://card-mri.com/> or its Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CARDMRIOfficial>.

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Free prescribed medicines were also distributed by the Office of the Provincial Governor's Medical Mission Team.

The activity was attended by Board Member Kerby Salazar, who joined the community in supporting the delivery of essential healthcare services to local residents.

The activity was

Cayetano...

Senate President Alan Peter Cayetano on Monday emphasized that the welfare of Senate employees remains his top priority amid the escalating leadership dispute in the chamber, stressing the need to ensure that personnel are not adversely affected by the ongoing conflict.

"Ayaw namin maipit ang mga empleyado. Sa dami ng problema ng ating bansa, I really want to avoid that we have to write to Landbank, na maipit ang sweldo ng mga tao and everything," Cayetano said in a press briefing on June 8, 2026.

"I'll never bend the law nor will I bend the Constitution, but I will bend backward for our employees para hindi sila maipit sa gulo.

For as long as it doesn't bend the law, [we will push for] internal rules and regulations that are not attached to laws that are morally wrong," he added.

Cayetano maintained that any resolution to the dispute must remain within the bounds of the law.

To prevent disruptions in Senate operations and safeguard employees from the consequences of the dispute, he said he sent a letter to Atty. Renato Bantug proposing a temporary arrangement under which documents for approval will both bear the signatures of the officials presently exercising the relevant functions and those asserting authority to perform the same functions.

"Nag-offer kami na pareho na lang kaming pipirma kahit walang designation," he said, explaining that the arrangement would ensure there is "no legal infirmity" while preventing both camps from

made possible through the dedication and service of healthcare professionals from Office of the Provincial Health Officer and Rural Health Unit of the City of General Trias, bringing accessible healthcare services to the community. — OPIO

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accusing each other of usurpation.

In explaining the proposal, the Senate President reiterated the illegitimacy of Senator Sherwin Gatchalian's bloc, arguing that it failed to secure the required 13 votes to declare the Senate Presidency (SP) vacant, and to elect a new Senate Secretary and Senate Sergeant-At-Arms (SAA).

"Kailangan 13 ang boto kapag ilalagay at kapag tatanggalin (ang Senate President, Secretary, at SAA). Hindi nila sinunod iyan. Meaning hindi legitimate si [Senate] Secretary Bantug," he said.

Cayetano said he was disappointed that the proposal was rejected, adding that the refusal has further deepened divisions within the institution.

"Apparently, dahil ayaw nilang pumayag, dalawa ang Senado ngayon. Senate of the Philippines and Senate of Malacañang," he said.

The Senate President also expressed concern for employees who have been caught in the middle of the dispute, particularly in light of threats of legal action.

"Y'ung sinabi ni Senator Erwin (Tulfo) tapos nag-sorry. Bad cop good cop iyan — sadya iyon. I-shock mo muna ang mga empleyado na kakasuhan sila, sabihan mo ng kung ano-ano. Tapos si Sen. Sherwin naman y'ung mabait," he said.

"Kahit nag-sorry siya, natanim na iyon sa puso ng mga empleyado. Sa empleyado naman, it's a matter of conscience," he added.

Later that day right after the press conference, Cayetano met with the officers of the Sandigan ng mga Empleyadong Nagkakaisa sa Adhikain ng Demokratikong Organisasyon (S.E.N.A.D.O.) to discuss ways to protect the overall welfare of rank-and-file Senate employees amid termination threats by the Gatchalian bloc and the ongoing leadership rift. PR

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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, **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK**, at PNB Financial Center, President Diosdado Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, and against the mortgagors **SPS. LHARRY S. STA. ROSA AND CRISTINA G. STA. ROSA** at Blk. 2 Lot 40 Lessandra Buhay na Tubig, Imus Cavite and Block 2 Lot 31 Phase 2 Bellazona-Aragon, Brgy. Molino III, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of April 30, 2026, amounts to **ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND FORTY NINE PESOS & 02/100 (P1,770,049.02)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges but exclusive of other fees incident to this foreclosure, the undesigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on **July 14, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite**, to the highest bidder for CASH and In Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit;

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"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 July 21, 2026, without further notice."

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City of Bacoor, June 1, 2026.

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“Go Healthy with Taiwan 2026” Global Proposal Campaign Opens, Calling on the World to Collaborate in Building a New Model for a Healthier Future



To advance the global reach of Taiwan's health and wellness sectors and strengthen international cooperation, the Taiwan International Trade Administration under the Ministry of Economic Affairs (TITA) has again tasked the Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA) with organizing the “Go Healthy with Taiwan 2026” Global Proposal Campaign.

Centered on the theme “Designing Healthier Futures Together,” the program calls on professionals, government bodies, organizations, companies, and institutions worldwide to submit innovative proposals that leverage

Taiwan's expertise in smart healthcare, sports technology, and premium bicycles. The goal is to develop scalable health solutions for global implementation and jointly shape a new model for healthier futures.

The launch press conference for this year's campaign was held last May 27.

During the event, the Director General of TITA, William Liu, stated that “Healthy Taiwan” is one of the government's key policy visions.

To continue promoting Taiwan's image as a healthy, innovative, and dynamic industrial powerhouse on the global stage, the “Go Healthy with Taiwan” Global Proposal Campaign has been launched once again.

Through a comprehensively upgraded campaign, the initiative aims to generate demonstrative and multiplier effects, positioning Taiwan as the preferred global partner for health solutions.

In addition, at the Taiwan Expo in Poland this June, organized by TITA, the top three winning teams from the 2025 campaign will be invited to share their collaboration experiences.

The event was attended by nearly 100 distinguished guests, including representatives from the Taiwan Bicycle Association, Taiwan Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, the Taiwan Medical and

Biotech Industry Association, and Taipei Veterans General Hospital, as well as enterprises and foreign envoys stationed in Taiwan.

Looking back at the inaugural 2025 campaign, “Go Healthy with Taiwan” achieved out-

standing results, attracting 638 proposals from 55 countries.

Building on this experience, the 2026 campaign will further expand its scale to attract more than 800 proposals from five continents, demonstrating the strong international collaboration and the potential of Taiwan's health and wellness industries.

The launch press conference also featured a specially curated “Health AI Hub” product experience zone, spotlighting three key sectors: “Cycling,” “Fitness & Sports Technology,” and “Smart Healthcare”.

The zone brought together Taiwanese companies, including Acer Gadge, Tokuyo, Makalot, Newtown, Gee Hoo, Ideas Lab, AKIMIA, and

Vast, showcasing forward-looking applications in the global health and wellness industry, ranging from low-carbon mobility and smart sports to precision healthcare and healthy aging management.

The exhibits collectively highlighted Taiwan's strengths in integrating technological innovation with sustainability, offering a glimpse into the next generation of



President & CEO of TAITRA, Simon Wang, noted that this year's campaign will be paired with a series of international trade shows and business-opportunity events to systematically bring Taiwan's innovative strengths in cycling, sports technology, and smart healthcare to the world stage. The initiative will help Taiwanese enterprises build deeper connections with global buyers, investors, and startup teams, while creating tangible international orders and long-term partnerships.

healthy living.

Applications for the “Go Healthy with Taiwan 2026” Global Proposal Campaign are open until August 5.

Three winning teams will each receive a prize of US\$30,000 for their contributions to advancing global health and well-being.

Through this initiative, Taiwan seeks to enhance the global visibility of its health and wellness industries while taking a leading role in driving innovation in healthcare worldwide.

For further details, you may visit the official website <https://gohealthy.taiwanexcellence.org/>.

To learn more about the participating companies, you can check the corporate sites of Acer Gadget, Tokuyo, Makalot, Newtown, Gee Hoo, Ideas Lab, AKIMIA, and Vast.

Joining the “Go Healthy with Taiwan 2026” global competition is simple and convenient.

You just need to submit your innovative idea by filling out the e-Form at application e-form (<https://bit.ly/GoHealthywithTaiwan2026PH>), and your entry will be automatically registered for the contest.

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MAGIC BEYOND RIDES AND AMUSEMENT AS DEPED WELCOMES PARTNERSHIP IN IMPROVING PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM



In the spirit of bayanihan toward a common goal, the Department of Education (DepEd) continues to welcome partnerships with private sector organizations committed to helping improve the country's public education system.

The management of world-class theme park Enchanted Kingdom recently turned over an upgraded interactive classroom and gulayan sa paaralan project at Sinalhan Elementary School in Santa Rosa City, Laguna.

The initiative aims to inspire students to excel in their studies while instilling valuable life lessons among young learners.

For the DepEd

Schools Division of Santa Rosa, the efforts of private sector partners go beyond corporate responsibility and play a significant role in ensuring that learners receive quality education, in line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

“Hangga’t nandito ang mga stakeholders na handang tumulong ay patuloy nating ayayusin at pagagandahin ang ating mga paaralan. Nawa’y manatili sa atin ang diwa ng bayanihan at malasakit hindi lamang tuwing Brigada Eskwela kundi sa bawat araw ng ating paglilingkod para sa ating bayan at para sa edukasyon,” DepEd Santa Rosa Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Hereber-

to Jose Miranda said.

Enchanted Kingdom, now celebrating its 31st year of operations in Santa Rosa City, has been implementing its corporate social responsibility initiative, the Adopt-a-School Program, since 2014. Through the program, the company has helped refurbish classrooms and improve school facilities in various communities.

The education department lauded such initiatives, describing them as a testament to the value of partnership and a demonstration of how co-operation can create lasting benefits for children.

“Ang turnover ng proyekto ng Enchanted Kingdom ay isang malinaw na patunay na kapag



Santa Rosa City Mayor Arlene Arcillas and Vice Mayor Arnold Arcillas, together with DepEd Division of Santa Rosa Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Hereberto Jose Miranda and Enchanted Kingdom President and Chairman Mario Mamon during the inauguration of interactive classroom at Sinalhan Elementary School, Sinalhan, Santa Rosa City, Laguna on June 5. (Christopher Hedreya, PIA-Laguna)

ang pamahalaan, pribadong sektor, at ang komunidad ay nagkakaisa, mas marami tayong magagawang kabutihan para sa ating mga mag-aaral.

Ang bawat tulong na ating naibibigay ay nagiging daan upang magkaroon ng mas ligtas, mas maayos, at mas inklusibong kapaligiran sa pagkatuto,” the superintendent added.

Enchanted Kingdom President and Chairman Mario Mamon said the company aims to teach children the importance of creative arts and sustainability.

He emphasized that the theme park's mission extends beyond providing rides and attractions, as it also promotes education and environmental protection initiatives.

“May tinatawag din kaming saribuhay kasi dapat pangalagaan

din ang ating environment. Pangalagaan natin para yung sa susunod na generation o yung mga batang nag-aaral ngayon ay mararanasan pa rin nila ang kagandahan ng kalikasan,”

By introducing interactive learning spaces and school gardens, the initiative tackles two critical fronts: cognitive engagement and environmental literacy, or what Mamon calls saribuhay or biodiversity.

This sparks creativity, breaks the monotony of traditional learning, and provides hands-on lessons in agriculture and nutrition.

“[Sana] bigyan ng importansya ang pag-aaral sapagkat ang tunay na pag-aaral ay makakatulong sa kanilang future, at makakatulong talaga sa kanila. Kaya’t sa paraan ng Enchanted Kingdom katuwang ang ating city

na mapaganda ang facilities dito sa ating mga paaralan ay mas main-spire ang ating mga bata na seryosohin ang pag-aaral sapagkat ang future nila depends on their education,” Mamon said.

The collaboration in Santa Rosa serves as a microcosm of what DepEd hopes to achieve where reforms and programs being implemented by DepEd, the local government, and the local school board becomes a lighter responsibility for everyone involved.

Through stronger collaboration and broader community participation, this shows that it takes a village—or in this case, a kingdom—to ensure that no learner is left behind in the pursuit of excellence and in gaining the knowledge and skills needed for a brighter and more progressive future. (CH/PIA-Laguna)

DEPED CITES CRUCIAL ROLE OF PARENT SUPPORT AMID CALENDAR, CURRICULUM REFORMS



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Education

(DepEd) cited the crucial role of parents and community partners amid the

implementation of various reforms aimed to improve instruction and learning

continuity.

Carlito Rocafort, Regional Director for DepEd CALABARZON

in a video message during the opening of classes on June 8, expressed his gratitude to parents and other stakeholders who supported their programs.

“Ang inyong patuloy na suporta, paggabay, at pakikipagtulungan sa ating paaralan ay napakahalaga para matiyak ang maayos na pagkatuto at pag-unlad ng ating mga mag-aaral.

Nawa’y maging katuwang namin kayo sa paghikayat sa inyong mga anak na maging masipag, responsable, at may malasakit sa pag-aaral.”

The incoming school year saw changes, especially in the three-term school calendar in

Basic Education and the Strengthened Senior High School program. As the education sector's strongest partners,

Rocafort assured students and their parents that the changes in the current school year aim to improve classroom instruction and student development.

“Hinihikayat namin kayong maging masigasig sa inyong pag-aaral, magpakita ng paggalang sa inyong mga guro at kapwa mag-aaral at laging pairalin ang diiplina at pananagutan sa

lahat ng inyong ginagawa.

May mga pagbabago tayong isasagawa at ipapatupad ngayong sy 2026-2027,

subalit tandaan natin na ang lahat ng ito ay para sa lalo pang pagkatuto at pag-unlad ng ating mga mag-aaral.”

Rocafort added, “Sa aming stakeholders at katuwang sa edukasyon, maraming salamat sa inyong walang sawang suporta t pakikibahagi sa mga programa at adhikain ng ating mga paaralan.”

As of June 4, DepEd CALABARZON reported that it expects to welcome around 3,822, 536 students in both private and public schools this school year.