

SMC sustainable development efforts recognized at the 11th Annual 3G Awards

San Miguel Corporation, the Philippines' largest diversified conglomerate was honored with two prestigious accolades at the Global Good Governance Awards: the 3G Excellence in Sustainable Development Award and the 3G Community Development and Philanthropy Award. These recognitions celebrate SMC's outstanding performance in sustainable community development and nation-building initiatives, recognizing the Corporation team's collective efforts and affirming the Company's belief that long-term success requires responsible environmental stewardship and community support.

The 3G Excellence in Sustainable Development Award and the 3G Community Development and Philanthropy Awards recognized the success and impacts of San Miguel's Better World Communities. Better World Tondo focuses on food rescue, hunger relief, and learning improvement efforts for the community of Tondo, Manila, and its neighbors. Beter World Cubao in Quezon City focuses on women's health and support center, offering clinic and support services for underprivileged women and mothers in the area. Better World Smokey Mountain, the newest

WalterMart Supports the Love for Learning with Brigada Eskwela 2026



WalterMart recently concluded its participation in this year's Brigada Eskwela, joining the Department of Education's nationwide initiative to prepare public schools for the new academic year. Through customer contributions, employee volunteerism, and education assistance for its employees, the company reinforced its long-standing commitment to education across the communities it serves.

WalterMart's support for Brigada Eskwela began in 2010 as a simple volunteer cleaning drive in a handful of partner schools. It expanded in 2021 to include the distribution of school kits, growing into a mall-wide campaign that now supports over 1,100 schools and 30,000 students nationwide. This year's campaign was held in partnership with 150 schools across North Luzon, South Luzon, and Metro Manila.

School kits were distributed this year through mall-led and community-based events with



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More Than a Chef



Melody P. Felitro, 36, is a mother of two, raising her children together with her husband, Jesi, a Barangay Health Worker. Her quiet strength carries a life shaped by hardship, perseverance, and the courage to keep moving towards her dreams.

Growing up in Panabo City, Davao del Norte, Melody faced life without ever meeting her biological father. From an early age, she witnessed the hardships of her mother, who worked as a vegetable vendor before and now runs a small store to support the family. Despite these efforts, financial challenges persisted, forcing Melody to set aside her education and step into the realities of life much sooner than she had hoped.

Determined to lift her family, Melody forged her own path. She started small, selling siomai, burgers, and hotdog sandwiches, juggling each day between making ends meet and caring for her children, yet her goal remained.

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BIR OPENS ONE-TIME TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR MICRO TAXPAYERS, OFFERS FRESH START FOR MICRO BUSINESS AND STOP-FILERS



Carmona City LGU's KALINGYAKAP shelter gets UN nod

DTI Laguna Showcases Entrepreneurship Support at ASEAN Youth Business Summit 2026

San Pedro, Laguna — March 24, 2026 — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna joined leaders and young entrepreneurs from across Southeast Asia at the opening of the three-day ASEAN Youth Business Summit 2026, hosted at Takara Hotel, San Pedro, Laguna, running from March 24 to 26. The event brought together delegates from ASEAN member countries to exchange ideas, foster innovation, and explore collaborative business opportunities.

The summit's opening ceremony was graced by Senator JV Ejercito and Laguna Governor Sol Aragonese, represented by Board Member Bernadette Olivarez. They delivered a unified message emphasizing collaboration, innovation, and taking action toward sustained growth and development.

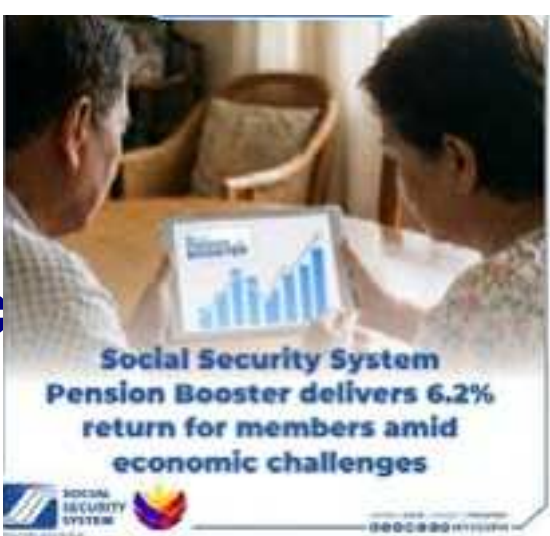
As part of its commitment to supporting youth entrepreneurship, DTI Laguna set up an information desk during the event, offering participants guidance on business registration, financing, capacity-building programs, and market access initiatives. The interactive booth allowed



SSS Pension Booster delivers 6.2% return for members amid economic challenges

QUEZON CITY, 23 June 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) announced that its Pension Booster Program, also known as the Voluntary Provident Fund, continues to deliver strong financial performance in 2026, posting an average return on investment (ROI) of 6.2 percent from January to May this year despite prevailing economic challenges.

The program re-



mains a reliable retirement savings option for Filipino workers. While slightly lower than the previous year's performance due to changes in interest rates implemented by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, the return remains competitive and continues to exceed market benchmark rates.

Finance Secretary and Social Security Commission ex-officio Chair Frederick D. Go said the program re-

PhilHealth payouts hit P178-B as of May 2026



MANILA — The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) on Tuesday said its total benefit and claims payments reached PHP177.82 billion as of May, marking a significant increase in healthcare spending across the country.

The state insurer, in a public advisory, noted the amount covers total benefits and claims paid nationwide from Jan. 1 to May 31, 2026.

This represents a 49.60 percent overall increase compared to the PHP118.86 billion recorded during the same period in

2025, PhilHealth said.

It added that the majority of the claims were distributed to private health-care facilities, which received PHP104.70 billion.

This reflects a 50.45 percent increase from the PHP69.59 billion paid to private providers from Jan. 1 to May 31, 2025.

Meanwhile, benefit payments to government facilities rose to PHP73.12 billion, registering a 48.40 percent growth from the PHP49.27 billion logged in the same five-month timeframe last year.

PhilHealth emphasized its commitment to ensuring quality healthcare services for all members.



young entrepreneurs to connect directly with DTI representatives and learn how government programs can help turn ideas into thriving businesses.

Under the leadership of Provincial Director Christian Ted O. Tungohan, DTI Laguna reaffirmed its dedication to empowering the next generation of business leaders and strengthening partnerships that promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth across the province (RFGarcia, DTI Laguna).

NAPAPANAHON RESPONSABLENG PANONOOD CARAVAN 2026 NG MTRCB

Sa panahon ng social media at mabilis na pagkalat ng impormasyon sa iba't-ibang digital platforms, mahalagang maging mapanuri at responsable sa ating pinapanood, binabasa, at ibinabahagi online.

Nakiisa si Congressman Roy M. Loyola sa



Responsableng Panonood Caravan 2026 ng MTRCB na ginanap sa Carmona Community Center (C3), at nagpahatid ng pagbati at pasasalamat sa ngalan ni Mayor Dahlia A. Loyola. Kasama rin si BM Ivey Reyes at ang mga Miyembro ng Sangguniang Panlungsod sa pangunguna ni Konsehal Roy "TJ" A. Loyola III.



SINO ANG MAY KARAPATANG HUMUSGA

Malaking Bahagi na ng araw-araw na Buhay ng Generation Z ang social media. Dito tayo malayang nakapagpapahayag ng ating saloobin, nakapagbabahagi ng opinyon, at nakapagbibigay ng kamalayan tungkol sa mahahalagang isyu. Ngunit kasabay ng mga mabubuting naidudulot nito ay ang madilim na bahagi nito—ang cancel culture.

Sa ngayon, sapat na ang isang post, isang komento, o isang pagkakamali para ma-“cancel” ang isang tao. Maging sikat ka man o ordinaryong indibidwal, mabilis tayong humusga nang hindi nalalaman ang buong kuwento. Kung minsan, sapat na ang pagkakaron ng opinyong taliwas sa nakararami upang makatangap ng pambabatikos at mapahiya sa social media.

Para sa akin, ang social media ay dapat maging isang lugar kung saan malaya tayong nakapagpapahayag ng ating mga pananaw habang nirerespeto rin ang opinyon ng iba. Sa halip na magkaroon ng maayos na talakayan, mas pinipili ng ilan na atakihin ang mga taong may ibang paniniwala. Sa halip na itama ang pagkakamali, tila hinahayaan nilang ang isang maling desisyon ang magdikta sa buong pagkatao ng isang tao.

Mahalagang panagutin ang mga taong nakagawa ng mali, lalo na kung may nasaktan o napinsala silang iba. Ngunit ang pananagutan ay hindi nangangahulugang ipagkakait natin sa kanila ang pagkakataong humingi ng tawad, matuto, at magbago. Lahat tayo ay nagkakamali, at walang sinuman ang dapat husgahan batay lamang sa iisang pagkakamali.

Bago tayo manghugsa ng isang tao sa social media, tanungin muna natin ang ating sarili kung alam ba natin ang buong kuwento. Sa halip na magpalaganap ng galit, mas piliin nating isulong ang pag-unawa, maayos na pag-uusap, at pagbibigay ng pangalawang pagkakataon. Ang social media ay dapat maging lugar ng pagkatuto at pag-unlad—hindi isang espasyong kayang burahe ng isang pagkakamali ang halaga ng isang tao.

DA-4A, KAISA SA IMPLEMENTASYON NG SAGIP SAKA

Kabahagi ang Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) sa pagpapalaganap ng kaalaman ukol sa pagpapatupad ng Sagip Saka Act sa ginanap na Supply and Marketing Caravan: A Sagip Saka Regional Forum Series, noong ika-8 ng Hunyo sa Lipa City Batangas.

Sa ilalim ng RA 11321 o Sagip Saka Act, maaaring direktang bumili ng mga produktong agrikultural mula sa mga akreditadong kooperatiba at samahan ng mga magsasaka at mangingisda na naglalayong mapalawak ang kanilang merkado at mapataas ang kanilang kita.

Sa aktibidad ay nagbigay ng kaalaman sina Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division (AMAD)

OIC-Assistant Division Chief G. Richmond O. Pablo at G. Glenn T. Alianza kaugnay sa nilalaman ng RA 11321 at Negotiated Procurement – Sagip Saka (NPSS). Sinundan naman ito ng pagtalakay ng Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) at Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) sa Public Food Procurement ng taong 2026 upang mas mapalawak ang pagbili ng mga produktong agrikultural para sa mga programa ng kanilang Kagawaran.

Magtapos nito, nagsagawa ng open forum na naglalayong higit na mas mapagtibay ang pagtutulungan sa pagitan ng mga nagsidlalo sa programa lalo’t higit sa mga kooperatiba.

ERC Lowers 100 kW, Expanding Power of Choice to More Filipino Consumers

PASIG CITY—Beginning 26 June 2026, more Filipino electricity consumers will be able to choose their own supplier of electricity following the effectiveness of the 100-kilowatt (kW) contestability threshold under Retail Competition and Open Access (RCOA) and the Retail Aggregation Program (RAP).

The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) said the implementation of the new threshold, pursuant to ERC Resolution No. 22, Series of 2025, marks one of the most significant milestones in the implementation of the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (EPIRA). By lowering the contestability threshold from 500 kW to 100 kW, the Commission is expanding access to the competitive

NATIONAL CAREER FEST CONNECTS OF STI GRADUATING STUDENTS TO JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The National Career Fest, spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM) in partnership with STI College Rosario, successfully connected jobseekers with employment opportunities last June 15, 2026.

The event brought together 315 jobseekers, composed mainly of graduating students, who were given the opportunity to explore various career paths and engage directly with potential employers. A total of 12 local companies participated in the activity, offering an impressive 3,957 job vacancies across different industries.

Beyond providing employment opportunities, the career fest also served as a platform for participants to acquire valuable career insights that are essential in navigating today’s competitive job market. Jobseekers were able to gain a better understanding of industry expectations, required skill sets, and the qualifications needed to succeed in their chosen fields. The event likewise enabled participants to

establish meaningful connections with industry professionals, including recruiters and company representatives. Through direct interaction, attendees received guidance, advice, and firsthand information about potential career pathways, internships, and future employment prospects.

In addition, the career fest opened doors for jobseekers to explore a wide range of employment opportunities suited to various academic backgrounds and skill sets. This initiative provided graduating students and other applicants with a clearer direction as they prepare to enter the workforce. Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM) head Ms. Rizalie Pipin Enero encouraged jobseekers to look beyond salary and focus on opportunities that build experience, nurture skills, and support long-term personal and professional growth. She emphasized that meaningful career choices are those that provide learning, development, and a strong foundation for future success. — OPIO

the initial implementation reflects growing confidence in the competi-

Contestability Threshold to

retail electricity market to a much broader segment of electricity consumers. Qualified medium-sized commercial establishments, schools, hospitals, office buildings, hotels, manufacturing facilities, and other electricity users may now directly contract with their preferred Retail Electricity Supplier (RES). More significantly, it has also made aggregation a viable option for households and smaller consumers that individually do not meet the 100-kW requirement by allowing them to aggregate their electricity demand through the RAP, enabling them to collectively enjoy the benefits of supplier choice for the first time.

The ERC likewise recognized the continuing collaboration among the Department of Energy (DOE), the Independent Electricity Market Operator of the Philippines (IEMOP), Retail Electricity Suppliers (RES), Distribution Utilities (DUs), and other industry stakeholders in preparing the market for this milestone.

The Commission reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring that the expansion of RCOA remains consumer-focused through robust market oversight, strong consumer protection mechanisms, and responsive regulation. As more Filipinos gain access to supplier choice, the ERC will continue to foster a competitive, transparent, and reliable electricity market that delivers affordable, dependable, and sustainable energy services for all. PR

added that a broader competitive market will encourage continued innovation

NAPAPANAHAN ...

Pinangunahan ni MTRCB Chairperson at CEO Lala Sotto kasama sina Vice-Chairperson Juan Revilla, Board Member Jose Alberto V, Board Member Bobby Andrews, Board Member Maria Carmen Musngi, Board Member Richard John Reynoso, at Board Member Ma. Cecilia Villarosa, ang programa na nagbigay-diin sa wastong paggabay sa kabataan, responsableng paggamit ng social media, at pagiging mapanuri laban sa inappro-

private retail market. Under the 100-kW threshold, 77 contestable customers are scheduled for their initial RCOA switch—58 in Luzon and 19 in the Visayas—bringing the total number of initial RCOA switches across all threshold levels to 96 customers. Meanwhile, 11 Retail Aggregated Groups (RAGs), including consumers at the household level, are scheduled for their initial switch under RAP—all located in Luzon—bringing the total number of initial RAP switches to 40 RAGs.

ERC Chairperson and CEO Atty. Francis Saturnino C. Juan described the implementation as a landmark reform that places consumers at the center of the country’s evolving electricity market. “The lowering of the contestability threshold to 100 kilowatts is more than a regulatory milestone—it is a milestone for Filipino consumers. For the first time, residential communities are participating in the competitive retail market through aggregation, extending the power of choice beyond large corporations and industrial customers to ordinary households. This reform empowers consumers to seek electricity solutions that best fit their needs while encouraging suppliers to compete through better prices, innovative products, and improved customer service.”

Chairperson Juan added that a broader competitive market will encourage continued innovation

and investment across the electricity sector while strengthening consumer welfare.

Competition works best when more consumers are able to participate. As the market expands, electricity suppliers are encouraged to become more efficient and responsive, while consumers benefit from greater choice, enhanced service quality, and more competitive electricity offerings. This is the direction envisioned under EPIRA—an electricity sector that is transparent, competitive, and ultimately driven by the interests of the Filipino people.”

The team then

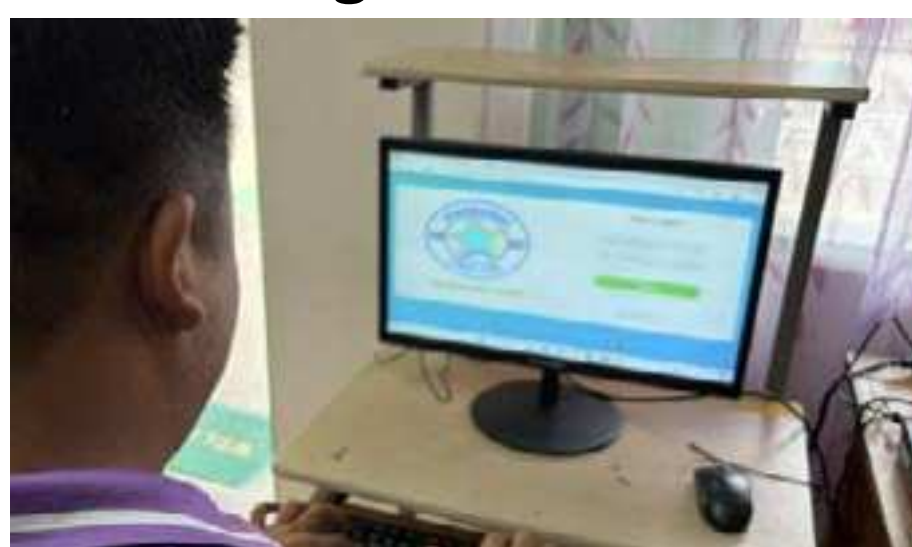
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Thousand of S&T resources SHS students through DOST’s STARBOOKS

Hundreds of thousands of science and technology resources are now within reach of students and teachers at Tuy Senior High School through the STARBOOKS provided by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Batangas, allowing access to valuable information even without an internet connection, on June 2, 2026.

STARBOOKS, which stands for Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly Operated Kiosk Station, is the country’s first digital library developed by the DOST-Science and Technology Information Institute (DOST-STII). It houses thousands of digitized science and technology resources in various formats, including text, video, and audio, all stored in specially designed kiosks



with a user-friendly interface.

As a standalone information kiosk, STARBOOKS allows users to access a vast collection of S&T information even without internet connectivity. With its extensive repository of resources gathered from around the world, it serves as a one-

stop source of science and technology information.

As part of the deployment activity, an Orientation and Training on STARBOOKS was conducted for students, teachers, and parents of the beneficiary school. Ms. Renalee L. Reyes, Science Research Specialist II of DOST-Batangas fa-

cilitated the activity in two parts.

The first part focused on introducing STARBOOKS and orienting participants on its available platforms. Ms. Reyes discussed the program’s concept, mission, vision, and nationwide reach. She also presented various STARBOOKS

deployment sites across the country and highlighted the program’s partners and their contributions.

In addition, she introduced the wide range of resources available through STARBOOKS, including books, magazines, journals, scientific and research papers, disaster preparedness materials, interactive courseware, and K–12 learning materials. Participants were also informed about other STARBOOKS platforms, including STARBOOKS Online and the STARBOOKS mobile application available on the Google Play Store.

The second part of the training centered on site administrator and student orientation on the proper use and management of STARBOOKS. Ms. Reyes encouraged participants to familiarize themselves with their re-

sponsibilities in utilizing the digital library, particularly in providing user assistance, submitting transmittal files, and managing the kiosk system.

The activity was made possible through the support of Tuy Municipal Councilor Jerome Patulot, a deployment partner who provided the computer set used for the STARBOOKS installation.

Meanwhile, Tuy Senior High School Principal Dr. Ma. Rhoda E. Panaganban expressed her gratitude to DOST for the digital library provided to the school. “Lubos po kami nagpapasalamat sa DOST sa pagpli sa aming paaralan bilang benepisaryo ng STARBOOKS. Naniniwala po kami na magiging mahalagang kagamitan ito para sa aming mga mag-aaral at guro sa kanilang pag-aaral at pagtuturo,” she said.

026 MELLPI PRO HIGHLIGHTS: RNET CALABARZON STARTS MELLPI PRO FOR PROVINCES, COMPLETES ASSESSMENT FOR CAVITE AND QUEZON PROVINCE

15–18 June 2026 || Now on its 11th week of implementation, the Regional Nutrition Evaluation Team (RNET) CALABARZON has now started the Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Level Plan Implementation Protocol (MELLPI Pro) for the provincial level by completing the assessment for Provinces of Cavite and Quezon.

Cavite Province: Members of the RNET CALABARZON composed of Nutrition Officer (NO) IIPNFP Samantha E. Bantilan of the National Nutrition Council (NNC) CALABARZON and Nutritionist-Dietitian (ND) I Melvar A. Royeras from the Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines (NFP), started the activity with a courtesy visit to Honorable Governor Francisco Gabriel Remulla and Honorable Board Member Jasmin Angelli Maligaya-Bautista, where they were joined by Provincial Nutrition Action Officer Des-sa May R. Alibangbang and other members of the Provincial Nutrition Committee (PNC).

The team then

went to the Municipality of Tanza to assess the Barangay Daang Amaya II, as the Provincial Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Committee (POBNC) led by Punong Barangay Cindy E. Arguson. Barangay Nutrition Scholar (BNS) Montessa A. Catanghal from the same barangay was also evaluated as the Provincial Outstanding BNS.

NO III Theresa A. Rivas from NNC CALABARZON joined the evaluation on the second day as the team assessed the performance of the Tanza Municipal Nutrition Committee and Provincial Outstanding Local Nutrition Focal Points (POLNFPs), namely Municipal Nutrition Action Officer Dorothy A. Ramirez and Municipal Nutrition Program Coordinator Beverly Rose V. Guzon, through desk review and interview for the LNFPs. The team was warmly welcomed by the members of Tanza MNC led by Councilors Derek Matro and Alexis Dones, and SK President Patrick Bocalan.

Results of the evaluation were feedbacked on the third day before the

team travelled to Cavite Provincial Health Office where they were warmly welcomed by PHO I Dr. Nelson Soriano for the evaluation for the Cavite Provincial Nutrition Committee and Provincial Outstanding District Nutrition Program Coordinator (PDNNPC) Liberty A. Guzman. Results for the evaluation of the PNC with focus on good points and recommendations were then presented on the last day, while results for the DNPC evaluation will be presented on a later date.

Quezon Province: The Provincial Government of Quezon warmly welcomed the members of the RNET CALABARZON composed of NO II Kyla C. Guarda of NNC CALABARZON, ND I Aisia David P. De Guzman from NFP, Field Coordinator Jonalyn O. Laco from the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) and NO II John Kentzee A. Solibaga from the Philippine Multi-sectoral Nutrition Project (PMNP) CALABARZON. The evaluation commenced with a courtesy call to the Quezon Provincial Adminis-



trator Mr. Manuel M. Butardo to present an overview of the MELLPI Pro and its objectives.

As part of the assessment, the team evaluated the performance of DNPC Kristine Estrella and Provincial Nutrition Action Officer (PNAO) Ms. Joan Maricel Zeta-Decena in the implementation, coordination, and monitoring of local nutrition programs.

On the second day, the RNET conducted the validation of Barangay Buenavista West led by Barangay Chairperson Honorable Cipriano B. Delos

Reyes, the endorsed POBNC, to assess its nutrition governance, program implementation, and delivery of nutrition services at the barangay level.

On the third day, NNC CALABARZON Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator Lourdes Bulan-te-Orongan joined the RNET in the conduct of the evaluation activities in the Municipality of Candelaria, the endorsed Provincial Outstanding Municipal Nutrition Committee (POMNC). The team was warmly welcomed by members of the Municipal Nutrition

Committee led by Honorable Mayor George A. Suayan as the MNC Chairperson. The RNET also assessed the performance of the POLNFPs namely, MNAO Graciella O. Ramos, MNPC Joyleta A. Bayani, and BNS Sheena-lyn A. De Guzman of Barangay Masalukot III. Validation activities and a series of interviews were conducted to assess the municipality’s nutrition governance, program implementation, and delivery of nutrition services and performance of the LNFPs.

The evaluation
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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK
Applicant-Mortgagee.

EJF NO. TG-26-041

FOR: Extra Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage Under Act No.
3135, as amended by Act No. 4118

-versus-

SPS. CRESENCIO R. SELISPARA and
ARSENUA C. SELISPARA,
Debtors-Mortgators.

SPS. JAN CHRISTIAN C. SELISPARA and
DOMINIQUE CLAUDETTE DEL MUNDO
SELISPARA,

Co-borrowers/Mortgators.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extrajudicial Foreclosure Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act no. 4118, filed by Applicant-Mortgagee, PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK, a banking corporation duly organized and existing under the law of the republic of the Philippines, with Principal Office and place of business address at the PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") Executed and notarized on September 27, 2013, by Debtors/Mortgators , **SPS. CRESENCIO R. SELISPARA & ARSENA C. SELISPARA, and SPS. JAN CHRISTIAN C. SELISPARA and DOMINIQUE CLAUDETTE DEL MUNDO SELISPARA (co-borrowers)**, all of legal age, Filipinos, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 1088 Road 2 Corner Road 5, Bagong Pag-asa, Quezon City; (2) 108B Road 2 corner Rd. 5 Brgy. Bagong Pag-asa, Quezon city; and (2) Unit 1518-I Wind Residences Condominium, Emilio Aguinaldo Highway, Brgy. Maharlika West, Tagaytay City, Cavite, in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2015002414** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Borrowers/Mortgators in the amount of **FIVE MILLION NINE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT PESOS AND 06/100 (PHP 5, 930,678.06)**, as of March 31, 2026, the undersigned Clerk of Count & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Baby Leem B. Maristela, will sell at public auction on JULY 31, 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 the Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit.

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 076-2015002414

Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the Unit identified and described as:

TOWER 1 – 15th FLOOR – UNIT: 1518
RESORT RESIDENTIA: UNIT: Unit 2
UNIT AREA: 34.81 SQ. Meters

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2012004157; 2012004158; 2012004159 which embraces and describes the land located at BRGY. MAHARLIKA WEST, CITY OF TAGAYTAY with an area of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUN-

DRED SIXTY-TWO (17, 662) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

Owner: **JAN CHRISTIAN COLLADO SELISPARA MARRIED TO DOMINIQUE CLAUDETTE DEL MUNDO SELISPARA, FILIPINOS**
Address: 1088 Road 2 Corner Road 5, Bagong Pag-asa, Quezon City

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on August 7, 2026 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2015002414**.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, June 19, 2026

(SGD) ATTY VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMA YUGA
Clerk Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD) BABY LEEM B MARISTELLA
Sheriff-In-Charge

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concluded with a feedbacking session and exit conference, during which the RNET presented its initial findings and recommendations to further strengthen local nutrition program implementation and sustain positive nutrition outcomes. The MELLPI Pro is the monitoring and evaluation system for the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) conducted annually to assess the performance of local government units

(LGUs) and LNFPs, namely Provincial/City/Municipal Nutrition Action Officers (P/C/MNAOs), District/City/Municipal Nutrition Program Coordinators (D/C/MN-PCs), and BNSs. To date, a total of 21 LGUs and 56 LNFPs were evaluated for the MELLPI Pro. Validation visits will continue until 30 July 2026 and results will then be deliberated on by the RNET CALABARZON on 4 August 2026.



SSS...

flects the government's commitment to strengthening retirement security.

"The continued strong performance of the SSS Pension Booster underscores our commitment to protecting the financial future of Filipino workers. Through prudent management of members' funds, we are helping build a more secure and dignified retirement for every Filipino," Go said.

SSS noted that the 2026 performance follows the 6.83 percent return in 2025, surpassing the prevailing 91-day treasury bill rate which has a year-to-date average of approximately 4.77 percent.

In 2025, contributions rose to 21.8 percent to P699 million from P574 million in 2024, reflecting growing member confidence in the program.

To maximize members' earnings, SSS waived the one percent management fee on the total balance of Pension Booster accounts from 2025 to 2028, allowing members to fully enjoy investment gains.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said the program reflects prudent investment management and long-term value creation. He added that members may now conveniently monitor the monthly compounding growth of

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their Pension Booster savings through their My.SSS accounts, allowing them to track the progress of their retirement funds and make more informed decisions in planning for their future.

"The strong performance of the Pension Booster demonstrates disciplined and professionally managed savings. We remain committed to providing members greater financial security during retirement," de Claro said.

The Pension Booster is open to all SSS members to build additional savings for their retirement. It allows individuals to save starting at P500, with no maximum contribution limit.

Contributions are pooled and invested in government securities, corporate bonds, fixed-income instruments, equities, and money market instruments, with tax-free earnings credited proportionately to members' accounts.

De Claro urged members to start early and stay invested longer to maximize returns, citing the benefits of compound growth.

"Planning and saving for retirement should begin early. The longer the members stay invested, the greater their potential returns," he said.

Interested SSS members may enroll in the Pension Booster Program online through their My.SSS account. PR

MORE THAN 500 KIDS IN SPORTS
HIGHLIGHT OLYMPIC DAY
CELEBRATION

KIDS from three Tagaytay City schools engaging in sports activities highlighted the Philippine Olympic Committee's (POC) global celebration of the Olympic Day on Tuesday at the Tagaytay CT Velodrome.

With POC president Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino leading the annual celebration, the kids—more than 500 of them and all bouncing and frolicking inside the world-class velodrome—took part in boxing, basketball, football, baseball, taekwondo and wrestling clinics administered by national sports association

officials and coaches.

"This is a very important date in the Olympic Movement as we celebrate this day when Olympism and the Olympic Games were founded in 1894," Tolentino said. "It's a day of fun and sports as we join the whole world in celebrating this day."

The celebration, Tolentino explained, had a dual goal—keep kids active and away from gadgets and discover new talents to add to the country's Olympic gold medals.

Tokyo Olympics boxing silver medalist Carlo Paalam Cont. on page 3

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EDITORIAL:
Tapang, Pagkakaisa at Pagmamahal

Araw ng Imus, hindi lang ito pormal na holiday o isang araw na walang pasok, ginugunita natin ang labanan sa Imus noon 1896 yung araw na nanalo si Heneral Aguinaldo at ang mga katipunero dito sa ating bayan mismo, isipin mo sa mga kalyeng nilalaran natin ngayon, dumaan din ang mga bayaning lumaban para sa Kalayaan natin. Pero teka ano nga ba ang ibig sabihin nun para sa atin ngayon? Ang Imus day ay paalala sa tapang, pagkakaisa at pagmamahal sa sariling bayan. Tapang ng ating ninuno ang humarap sa mga kanyon ng walang dalang armas, ngayon, ibang laban na, harapin ang baha pagumuulan, tapang na maghihintay sa trapiko nang hindi nawawalan ng pasensiya at tapang pumili ng tama kahit alam nating mahirap. Pagkakaisa, nanalo sila nuon dahil sa sama-sama mahirap man o mayaman. Sana ganun din tayo sa mga kapwa natin magkakaisa sa bawat tao na nakapaligid sa atin mahirap o mayaman tulungan at walang diskriminasyon. pagmamahal sa bayan habang dumarami na ang istablisimento sana wag natin kalimutan kung sino tayo. yung mga kwentong pagiging kabitenyo natin. Para sa mga Kabataan, kayo na ang mga bagong katipunero pero ang armas ay ballpen, cellphone at pangarap. Ang laban niyo ay para sa mga eskwelahan at maayos, malinis na imus at mas maliwanag na kinabukasan. Para sa mga namumuno, Nawa hindi lang tayo palaro at pa Fiesta, gawin din natin may laman ang selebrasyon tulong, proyekto at malasakit na ramdam ng tao. Kasi sa totoo lang ang taong na hindi nakakalimut kung saan siya nang galing, hindi siya maliligaw kung saan siya pumunta. Mabuhay tayong mga Imuseno .
Happy Imus Day !.

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and Paris 2024 bronze medalist Aira Villegas and Gilas Pilipinas legend Larry Fonacier joined other coaches in supervising the clinics.

Also joining the celebration were national sports association presidents Marcus Manalo (boxing), Ali Sulit (wrestling), Ricky Lim (karatedo), Atty. Wharton Chan (billiards) and Alvin Aguilar (wrestling) and vice president Manny de Castro (baseball) and secretary-general Rocky Samson (taekwondo). Maharlika Ele-

mentary School had 207 school children joining the Olympic Day, while Mendez Crossing Elementary School had 131 kids Carlos S. Batino, Sr. Memorial Elementary School had 175 pupils.

The International Olympic Committee marks June 23 of each year as Olympic Day—International Olympic Day—an annual tradition that dates back to 1948 the day allows Olympians and those involved in the Olympic Movement to reflect on the values of the Olympic Games. PR



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BIR...

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has opened a one-time tax abatement program for micro taxpayers, offering micro businesses and stop-filers an opportunity to resolve outstanding tax liabilities, clean up their records, and start with a clean slate.

Through Revenue Regulations No. 4-2026 issued on June 22, 2026, the BIR prescribes the guidelines and procedures for the availment of a one-time abatement of taxes and/or penalties for qualified micro taxpayers with delinquent accounts, assessments, and open stop-filer cases. Qualified applicants may avail of the program until December 31, 2026.

The program covers micro taxpayers whose gross sales for the year do not exceed Three Million Pesos (P3,000,000) and whose covered total basic tax liabilities and/or penalties do not exceed Eighty Thousand Pesos (P80,000) for a taxable year. Eligible cases include delinquent accounts and assessments, whether preliminary or final and whether disputed or not, as well as open stop-filer cases, including those involving taxpayers who have already ceased business operations. Covered liabilities must pertain to cases existing as of December 31, 2025.

Encouraging qualified taxpayers to take advantage of the opportunity, Commissioner Charlito Martin R. Mendoza said the measure supports President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to ease compliance and make government services more accessible for the transacting public. "This is an opportunity to start with a clean slate. If you are a micro taxpayer with old tax obligations, delinquent accounts, assessments, or stop-filer cases, I encourage you to avail of this program. It is meant to help you settle past obligations without a heavy financial burden, update your records, and move forward as a compliant taxpayer," Commissioner Mendoza said.

Finance Secretary Frederick D. Go welcomed the initiative as part of the administration's

continuing Ease of Doing Business reforms.

"We aim to create a more taxpayer-friendly and business-friendly environment while helping micro businesses resolve lingering tax issues and maintain good compliance practices. By helping micro taxpayers resolve old liabilities and update their records, we are removing barriers to compliance and encouraging greater participation in the formal economy," Secretary Go said.

The Revenue Regulations complement the earlier-issued Revenue Memorandum Circular No. 47-2026, which prescribed simplified and streamlined guidelines and procedures for the closure and cancellation of business registration with the BIR, under which tax clearances may be issued in as fast as three days for qualified cases.

"Many micro taxpayers have already stopped operating but continue to carry unresolved tax obligations or inactive registrations. We have already simplified the process of properly closing a business, and this one-time abatement program complements it by easing the financial burden of settling old tax liabilities for our micro taxpayers. Together, these reforms make it easier to close lingering cases, put their records in order, and move forward," Mendoza said.

Under the regulations, qualified taxpayers must file an application for abatement with the Revenue District Office having jurisdiction over them and pay a one-time abatement fee of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000) for each approved application. Upon compliance with the requirements, the concerned Revenue District Office shall issue a Certificate of Availment evidencing that the taxpayer availed of the program and that the covered case has been closed.

By helping taxpayers regularize their records, resolve dormant cases, and close lingering obligations, the Bureau aims to strengthen voluntary compliance and maintain cleaner, more accurate taxpayer records.

Cayetano...

Senate President Alan Peter Cayetano on Wednesday said his departure from the Senate's top post would not stop efforts to uncover the truth behind alleged irregularities in the country's flood control program, framing the recent leadership battle as a larger struggle over corruption, constitutional independence, and public accountability.

In a June 17 statement on social media titled "A Grateful Heart, An Unfinished Fight," Cayetano thanked supporters, acknowledged allies who stood by him, and vowed to continue pursuing accountability over billions of pesos intended for flood mitigation projects.

The statement comes amid an ongoing dispute over Senate leadership that Cayetano and his allies have linked to efforts to scrutinize government flood control spending. Throughout his statement, Cayetano repeatedly emphasized that the fight was not about the Senate presidency itself.

"This was never about the Senate presidency. From the very beginning it was about the truth — the truth about the flood-control funds, the billions meant to shield our towns and our families from the waters, the protection that was paid for and never came. That is the fight that began all of this one side wanted to bring it out, the other desperate to keep it covered. And it is a fight that we intend to continue, no title or position required," he said.

Cayetano also questioned the purpose of the special session called by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on June 17, which Malacañang said was intended to tackle urgent legislative measures.

He argued that the legislative calendar itself undercut that justification, noting that none of the President's 21 priority measures appeared poised for passage.

He added



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"The President himself named twenty-one priority measures for passage by June, and when our leadership changed, his Palace promised the public there would be no slowdown. Yet not one of those twenty-one appears to be set for passage today," he said.

He said instead, what will be sent into law instead is "a national orphan and two grants of citizenship." The lone priority measure on the calendar, he added, is the Anti-Political Dynasty bill which currently sits only at interpellation

"We could have done the people's work these past weeks had the effort gone into governing rather than into counting to thirteen. Instead, the real work waits. Cover-up time muna," Cayetano said.

He also questioned whether the special session was meant to advance legislation or simply formalize a change in Senate leadership.

"Which leaves one honest question. If we are serious about working, then let us pass serious bills. And if we are not if this Special Session is only the Palace's way of legitimizing its chosen Senate President then the only thing special about it is that it proves our point despite all their denials," he said.

He ended his message by vowing that his pursuit of the truth would continue regardless of who leads the Senate.

"Offices are temporary, titles are temporary, even majorities are temporary — but your right to the truth is not. I promise you, we will get to the bottom of this. We will find the Masterminds. We will hold them accountable," he said, addressing the public.

"I may leave the position of SP, but I am honored to still be your PS your Public Servant,"he added



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KENT FABROS,
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SEPC. PRO. NO. DC1-2501-22

FOR: Judicial Approve of Recognition
of Filiation with Prayer for Change of
Name from “Kent Fabros” to
“Kent Fabros Yamada”

-versus-

LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF
Trece Martires CITY, CAVITE,
AND THE PHILIPPINES STATISTICS AUTHORITY,
Respondents.

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ORDER

Before this Court is a Petition filed on Decem-ber 28, 2022 by petitioner, through counsel, Atty. Silvino L. Sumagaysay, Jr., of Sumagaysay and Sumagaysay Law Offices, praying for the Judicial Approval of Recog-nition of Filiation with Prayer for Change of Name from “Kent Fabros” to “Kent Fabros Yamada,” and ordering the Local Civil Register of Trece Martires City and the Philippine Statistics Authority to 1) Change the petition-er’s surname from “Kent Fabros” to “Kent Fabros Ya-mada”; and 2) record the same in the Register of Births. Petitioner Kent Fabros was born on February 5, 1999 to parents Lenny De Vera, a Filipino citizen, and Kazu-mi Yamada, a Japanese citizen. At the time of his birth, his father Kazumi had yet to recognize him as his child. On May 25, 2001, his parents subsequently married in Silang, Cavite, enabling him to use the name “Kent Fab-ros Yamada” in his school records. His parents likewise executed a Joint Affidavit of Legitimacy recognizing the petitioner as their biological child. Furthermore, the petitioner is publicly known as “Kent Fabros Yamada” both in school and community. Hence this instant peti-tion.

In an Order dated November 28, 2023, the Court directed the petitioner to submit to the court the following documents pursuant to Rule 103 of the Rules of Court:

- 1) Court of proof of service to the Office of the Solicitor General and Office of the City Prosecutor-Dasmariñas City; and
- 2) Original Certified true copies of the annexes attached in the petition.

In his Compliance dated February 15, 2024, the petitioner submitted the following documents:

- 1) Proofs of service showing that the Petition was received by the Office of the Solicitor General and the Office of the City Prosecutor-Trece Martires, Cavite;
- 2) Original Copies of the Certificates of Live Births and Baptism of the Petitioner, Certificate of Mar-riage of Kazumi Yamada and Lenny De Vera Fabros; Joint Affidavit of Legitimacy executed by Kazumi Yama-da and Lenny De Vera Fabros; and
- 3) Five original laminated school identification cards of the petitioner, which the petitioner requested to be returned to the same for “sentimental purpose”

In its Indorsement Letter¹ filed in this Court on April 12, 2024, the Office of the City Prosecutor (OCP) of the City of Trece Martires, Cavite returned the copy of the Petition to the Office of the Solicitor General, claim-ing that 1) it is the City of Dasmariñas City, not the City of Trece Martires, which has jurisdiction over the peti-tion; and 2) the OCP – City of Trece Martires is far from the OCP- Dasmariñas City.

On February 12, 2025, petitioner filed its Motion to resolve herein petition, averring that it has duly com-plied with the Court’s Order dated November 28, 2023, and prayed that the Compliance be noted, and the same be treated as substantial compliance.

In his Second Motion to Resolve filed on March 6, 2026, the petitioner prayed that the Court act upon its previously submitted Motion to Resolve, and issue an Or-der for the establishment of, and in compliance with, the jurisdictional requirements.

The Compliance dated February 16, 2024, the Indorsement Letter, the Second Motion to Resolve and Motion To Resolve, together with the original and certified true copy of the attached documents, the proof of ser-vices of the petition to the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) and Office of the City Prosecutor-City of Trece Mar-tires, Cavite, and the payment of sheriff Trust Fund, as indicated in the Legal Fess Form are hereby NOTED.

However, upon careful evaluation of the petition and its annexes, the Court observed that, up to this date, the petitioner failed to furnish the Office of the City Prose-cutor-Dasmariñas City, Cavite with a copy of the Petition.

More importantly, as per the Notice of Appear-ance dated on February 21, 2024, and filed in this court on March 15, 2024, the OSG deputized the Office of the City Prosecutor of Trece Martires to represent the OSG and appear during the hearing of the present Petition. While the recipient of the Notice of Appearance was the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court of Dasmariñas City, the office that was deputized was the OCP – City of Trece Martires City, Not the OCP-Dasmariñas City, as Required.

Furthermore, even the Office of the City Prose-cutor (OCP) of the City of Trece Martires, Cavite forward-ed an Indorsement Letter returning the copy of the Peti-tion to the OSG stating that they do not have jurisdiction over the case. It is evident that the Office of the Solicitor General has not properly entered its appearance for the instant Petition, and the Office of the City Prosecutor of Dasmariñas, Cavite has not been deputized to appear on its behalf. It is imperative, therefore, that the petitioner and his counsel must coordinate for the submission of the correct Notice of Appearance and Deputization Letter.

ACCORDINGLY, the Court hereby directs the petitioner, through his counsel, to submit/coordinate the submission of the following documents within five (5) days from receipt of this order:

- a. Proof of Service of the Petition to the Office of the City Prosecutor of Dasmariñas City, Cavite.
- b. Notice of Appearance and Deputization Letter issued by the Office of the Solicitor General to the Office of the City Prosecutor of Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

WHEREFORE, in the interest of justice, and finding herein Petition sufficient in form and substance pending the submission of the above-mentioned docu-ments, the same is hereby set for hearing on July 20, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning, before this Court located at 2nd Floor DASCA Building, Congressional Road., Brgy. BuroI I, Dasmariñas, Cavite. Any interested party may appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

1st Indorsement dated April 2, 2024.

Moreover, let a copy of the Petition and all its Annexes, together with this Order, be furnished to the Of-fice of the Solicitor General, Office of the City Prosecutor of the City of Dasmariñas City, for whatever action the said offices may deem proper in the premises.

Likewise, let a copy of this Order be published before the date of hearing at least once a Week for three (3) Consecutive Weeks in a newspaper of general circula-tion in the Philippines, particularly in the province of Cavite, as may be Chosen by raffle, pursuant to P.D 1079, at thee Cost of the Petitioner.

Furthermore, Furnish a Copy of this Order to the Office of the Clerk of Court for the inclusion in the raffle

of publication. Let the original copy of the identification card herein petitioner be returned to him, subject to the presentation of the same during presentation of evi-dence.

Failure by the petitioner to comply with the above mention directives shall be a cause for the dis-missal of the petition.
SO ORDERED.

City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, April 6, 2026.

(Sgd) HELEN B. CONSTANTINO-BALBUENA
Presenting Judge

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phasized that the figures are based on the Reports of Checks Issued and Advice, which includes the Daily Crediting payment scheme implemented by PhilHealth Regional Offices in the Cor-dillera Administrative Re-gion, Calabarzon, Zambo-anga Peninsula, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindan-ao, and Caraga.

It attributed the growth to the collective ef-fort of its stakeholders, in-cluding its members, health-care providers and health workers, to ensure more Filipinos can access health-care services.

“Isang patunay na ang bawat kontribusyon ay ginagamit upang mapala-wak at mapabuti ang mga serbisong pangkalusugan para sa lahat ng Pilipino (A proof that every contribution is being used to expand and improve health services for all Filipinos),” it said.

HEALTH...

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The Provincial Government of Cavite re-mains steadfast in bringing accessible healthcare ser-vices to every Caviteño as part of its continuing com-mitment to building a health-ier province. — OPIO

Carmona...

CARMONA CITY, Cavite (PIA) — By providing specialized facilities and services catering to Per-sons With Disabilities (PWD), the City of Carmo-na’s KALINGYAKAP Inte-grated Shelter, Support and Services for Persons With Disabilities earned recog-nition from the 2026 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA).

The KALINGYA-KAP Integrated Shelter, which opened to the public last February, is part of the city government’s support to PWDs. The two-storey facil-ity, which includes facilities such as classrooms, admin-

istrative office, shower rooms, comfort rooms, dor-mitory rooms, infirmary, consultation room, and many others aim, provides key services for PWDs un-der one roof.

The KALINGYA-KAP Integrated Center was chosen among 700 nomina-tions from around the world under the “Delivering Inclu-sive and Equitable Services to Leave No One Behind” category.

Mayor Dahlia Loyola, in a statement, not-ed the recognition as a mile-stone in they city’s bid to-wards innovation, good governance, and peo-

ple-centric public service.

“Isang mahalag-ang kasaysayan at mile-stone ito ng ating progresi-bong lungsod na sumasailalim sa ating dedi-kasyon tungo sa innovation, good governance, at peeo-ple-centric public service.”

Loyola also recog-nized the Office of the Per-sons with Disability Affairs Officer for its responsive programs which have been key to the city’s bid towards inclusivity.

“Taos-pusong pagbati sa Office of the Per-sons with Disability Affairs Officer para sa walang sawa nilang pagsulong ng

PGC CONDUCTS TOP MANAGEMENT REVIEW



The Provincial Government of Cavite suc-cessfully conducted its Top Management Review (TMR) to assess the effec-tiveness and continual im-provement of its Quality Management System (QMS), bringing together department heads, unit heads, and representatives from various offices on June 16 at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

Provincial Admin-istrator, Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia welcomed the par-ticipants and emphasized the significance of the Top Management Review as a strategic platform for evalu-ating the organization’s QMS performance and identifying opportunities for enhancement. He encour-aged active participation from all attendees in strengthening the delivery of government services.

Governor Francis-co Gabriel “Abeng” Remulla likewise conveyed his mes-sage, highlighting the pro-vincial government’s com-mitment to quality governance, innovation, and excellence in public service. He acknowledged the collective efforts of all offices, particularly the Cavite Quality Management

Office, in sustaining and im-proving the Quality Man-agement System.

The review proper was facilitated by Ms. Mi-chelle Alcid, Quality Man-agement Representative, and attended by thirty-five (35) department heads, unit heads, and office represen-tatives. Key agenda items included the approval of the minutes of the previous Top Management Review, mat-ters arising and follow-up actions, results of the Re-certification Audit, commit-tee reports, performance evaluation of external pro-viders, employee welfare updates, and other organi-zational concerns.

Committee repre-sentatives presented their accomplishments, observa-

tions, and recommenda-tions, with discussions fo-cusing on the performance of the Quality Management System, customer feedback mechanisms, workplace or-ganization initiatives, re-cords management im-provements, training and education programs, and employee welfare con-cerns.

The participants also identified operational challenges and opportuni-ties for improvement. Up-dates on awards, recogni-tions, and formal citations received by various offices were likewise presented, re-flecting the Provincial Gov-ernment of Cavite’s continu-ing pursuit of organizational excellence and quality pub-lic service. — OPIO

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR THE PEOPLE OF DASMARIAS

The Provincial Government of Cavite ex-tended healthcare services to a total of 736 residents of Brgy. San Juan, City of Das-mariñas through its medical and dental mission conduct-ed on June 19.

Healthcare pro-fessionals from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer provided free medical con-

sultations, dental check-ups, and tooth extractions to residents. Electrocardio-gram (ECG) and fasting blood sugar (FBS) proce-dures were likewise con-ducted to support further assessment and manage-ment of health concerns.

In addition, the Of-fice of the Provincial Gover-



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mga programa tungo sa mas inklusibong komunidad para sa mga PWDs.”

As one of the win-ning initiatives, Carmona’s Kalingyakap Center was also recognized for integrat-ing information and commu-nication initiatives, artificial intelligence and digital gov-ernance.

The UN Public Service Awards gives recog-nition to ground-breaking initiatives from 62 countries that advance the Sustain-able Development Goals (SDG).

This year, the award-giving body recog-nized initiatives that re-sponded to multiple chal-lenges and enhancing the capabilities of public admin-istrations while advancing the SDGs. By DILG

CALABARZON BECOMES RST REGION DECLARED INSURGENCY-FREE IN 2026 AS PH CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY

CAMP CAPIN-PIN, Rizal — CALABAR-ZON achieved a historic milestone on the 128th An-niversary of Philippine Inde-pendence after becoming the first region in the country this year to be declared un-der Stable Internal Peace and Security (SIPS) Status during the SIPS Seal Awarding and Declaration Ceremony held at the Que-zon Convention Center in Lucena City, Quezon on June 12.

The milestone was celebrated in the pres-ence of the Department of the Interior and Local Gov-ernment Secretary Jonvic Remulla, Quezon Governor Angelina Tan, Southern Luzon Command Commander Lieutenant General Cerilo Balaoro Jr., and 2nd Infantry (Jungle Fighter) Division Commander Major General Ramon Zagala.

CALABARZON’s regional declaration was built on a series of provincial milestones achieved over the years. Cavite became the first province in the re-gion to be declared under SIPS in 2018 and was sub-sequently revalidated in 2024. Laguna followed in 2019 and was revalidated in 2026, while Batangas at-tained its declaration in

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mained clear: to provide a better future for her chil-dren.

This determina-tion led to a turning point in 2013, when her mother introduced her to CARD SME Bank, Inc., a thrift bank under CARD MRI. Becoming a client allowed Melody to access finan-cial support that sustained her small business and helped meet their daily needs. More importantly, it marked the beginning of new opportunities that would gradually change the course of her life.

Years later, in 2025, another door opened through CARD MRI Hijos Tours, Inc., the tour company of CARD MRI. Melody was chosen

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as one of three clients to undergo training at the Center for Asian Culi-nary Arts in Davao City. Through this experience, she gained fundamental culinary skills that would soon lead her to an entire-ly new path.

Armed with new skills and self-assurance, Melody never thought she would find herself as a Sous Chef for CARD MRI Hijos Tours’ Food Tour program in Davao. Yet there she was, stepping into a role that once felt impossible.

Reflecting on her journey, Melody shares, “Nang naging Sous Chef ako, na-boost ang confi-dence ko sa pakikipag-ug-nayan at pakikipag-usap sa maraming tao. At higit sa lahat, mas na-sustain ko ang pag-provide sa pangangailangan ng aking pamilya.”

As her confi-dence grew, so did her opportunities. Her experi-ence in the culinary field eventually opened another door. Melody became part of the crew of BENTE Pro-ductions Inc., serving as a food stylist assistant for CARD MRI’s second film, “Kusinerang Bulag”.

From a young girl who grew up facing uncer-tainty, to a mother striving to make ends meet, she is now more than a chef who’s exploring opportu-nities in both culinary arts and film.

With her story, Melody is one of those who turned resilience into opportunity, proving that with determination and perseverance, even hum-ble beginnings can lead to a purposeful and comfort-able life. PR

resilient region,” he added.

Today, CALA-BARZON stands as one of the country’s major centers of industry, tourism, agricul-ture, and commerce, where peace continues to create opportunities for growth, investment, and develop-ment. The declaration serves as both a recognition of the gains achieved and a reminder that sustaining peace requires continued vigilance, strong partner-ships, and shared responsi-bility. 2ID