

CALAX Earns Three GREEN Awards for Environmental Sustainability



From L-R: Santa Rosa City Councilor Hon. Carmela Rosa Gonzales-Colmenar; MPCALA Holdings Inc. Facilities Management and MEPF Senior Engineer Dhale Angelo D. Santos; MPTC Assistant Vice President for Central Quality, Environment, Safety and Health (QESH) Allan Jeffrey N. Ang; MPTC Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement Arlette V. Capistrano; Santa Rosa City Mayor Hon. Arlene B. Arcillas; Santa Rosa City ENRO Head Engr. Maria Amor A. Salandanan, EnP.; and Santa Rosa City Councilor Hon. Mythor C. Cendaña. Photo credit: Santa Rosa City Environment and Natural Resources Office

MPCALA Holdings Inc. (MPHI), a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) and the concessionaire of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), has been recognized by the City Government of Santa Rosa, Laguna, for its unwavering commitment to environmental sustainability. This year, CALAX received three major awards in recognition of its green initiatives:

- Sustainable Development Partner: Recognizing MPCALA's contributions to environmental sustainability through its active participation in various coastal clean-up initiatives that help preserve ecosystems, reduce pollution in Laguna Lake, and support climate change mitigation efforts.
- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partner: Awarded for the company's excellence in reducing energy consumption, promoting renewable energy solutions, and implementing energy efficiency initiatives across its offices, toll plazas, and facilities.
- Earth Hour Advocate: Presented for the company's active participation in the annual global Earth Hour movement and its continued efforts to promote energy conservation and environmental awareness



The awards were presented by the City Government of Santa Rosa and received by representatives of MPCALA. "We are deeply honored to receive this recognition from the City Government of Santa Rosa. These awards reflect our commitment to integrating sustainability into every aspect of our operations, from building greener infrastructure to adopting environmentally responsible practices. As we continue to expand CALAX, we remain dedicated to proving that infrastructure development and environmental stewardship can go hand in hand," said MPHI President and General Manager Andrew B. Pangilinan. CALAX is a 44.6-kilometer expressway connecting the provinces of Cavite and Laguna. Once completed, it is expected to serve approximately 95,000 motorists daily. Currently, its operational segments span from Biñan, Laguna to General Trias, Cavite, significantly reducing travel time from an hour to just 26 minutes. Beyond improving mobility, CALAX also advances environmental sustainability by helping reduce fuel consumption and vehicle emissions through shorter travel times. Its green initiatives include the integration of solar power systems, rainwater harvesting facilities, and the progressive transition of its corporate fleet to electric vehicles (EVs), reinforcing the company's commitment to responsible and sustainable expressway operations.



Aerial view of the MPT South Hub, featuring 1,184 solar panels that generate about 97% of the building's energy needs. The facility also has a rainwater harvesting system that reduces water use by 10%, along with EV charging stations for company electric vehicles.

Serving hope one scoop at a time



Sherilyn and Mario Donque stand proudly beside their humble ice cream cart, a business that provides for their daily needs.

Ice cream is one of the most popular desserts in Filipino households. For many, it is more than just a sweet treat; it is their comfort food, often enjoyed as a refreshing way to unwind, especially on hot summer days.

Through years of hard work, their business has also helped them build a resilient life. Crossing paths when she decided to leave home and work in Cebu. She spent a year working as a housekeeper before a close friend invited her to visit Bukidnon for a vacation. During her trip, she met the man who later became her husband, Mario Donque. Their relationship eventually blossomed, and soon enough, they got married and began building a life together. Even before they met, Mario was running his humble ice cream

business, using the skills he had learned from a relative. Through their shared effort, the business became the family's foundation and main source of financial support. Mario started selling ice cream at around 9:00 AM and usually came home at 6:00 PM. When he returned, they would prepare another batch of ice cream for the following day. This has become their daily routine. Through daily hard work and teamwork, they sustain their livelihood and provide for their families. While Mario is out selling ice cream, Sherilyn manages the household and prepares ingredients for their products.

As with any business, there were times when their sales would slow, especially during the rainy season. However, despite these, they understood that business was never constant. The good days and slow days are part of the journey, so they just kept moving forward. "Para sa akin, importante talaga na may negosyo kasi magagamit mo yung income sa iba't ibang pangangailangan ng pamilya mo. (For me, business is really important because your income becomes something you can depend on when needs come up), Sherilyn stated. To gain additional capital for their business, Sherilyn became a client

of CARD, Inc. (A Micro-finance NGO) in 2019. Since then, she has been able to access financial assistance whenever their funds fall short for production needs. Currently, she uses her PHP 50,000.00 loan from the institution to purchase raw ingredients for their ice cream business. Aside from buying ingredients, her previous loans from CARD, Inc. were also used to renovate their house. In the coming years, the couple hopes their business will continue to grow. Although they do not expect rapid expansion, they are happy to see it steadily and consistently grow over time. PR

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AdventEnergy, Chinabank sign 2-MW retail aggregation deal covering 153 branches

Banking on reliable energy: (L-R) AdventEnergy VP for Retail Energy Sales and Services Catherine Del Villar-Pasilaban and President James Yu sign a retail aggregation supply deal with China Banking Corporation, represented by Chief Sustainability Officer William Wayne T. Quesang and Enterprise Services Segment Head Atty. Jose German M. Licup.

Makati, Philippines – AdventEnergy, the retail electricity supply arm of Aboitiz Power Corporation (AboitizPower), agreed to aggregate and supply clean power to 153 branches of China Banking Corporation (Chinabank), the fourth largest private universal bank in the Philippines.

More than 30% of the bank's branch network across Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Metro Manila will be supplied primarily with 2 megawatts of renewable energy, marking one of the biggest partnerships of a retail electricity supplier and a banking institution to date.

The partnership also extends a long-standing relationship between AdventEnergy and the SM Group, which holds majority ownership of Chinabank, aligning

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ARANGKADA PROGRAM IN MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO



The PGC's Arangkada Program made its way to the Municipality of Rosario to reach the hardworking drivers of the community, extending the financial subsidy to help in their daily needs.

Governor Abeng Remulla, together with Congressman Jolo Revilla, and 1st District Board Members Jygs Gandia and Rommel Enriquez, led the activity, solidifying their utmost support for the advancement of the transportation sector.

Joining them in the activity were Mayor Jose Voltaire Ricafrente, Vice Mayor Joanne Michelle Gonzales, and the Sangguniang Bayan members.



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Sa panahon ng internet, napakadali nang makakuha ng impormasyon. Sa isang pindot lamang, maaari na tayong makabasa ng balita, opinyon, at iba’t ibang nilalaman mula sa iba’t ibang platform. Ngunit kasabay ng bilis ng pagkalat ng impormasyon ay ang mabilis ding pagkalat ng maling balita, mapanlinlang na nilalaman, at mga impormasyong walang sapat na batayan.

Hindi lahat ng nababasa o napapanood ay totoo. Maraming impormasyon ang inilalabas nang walang sapat na ebidensya o beripikasyon. Kapag agad itong pinaniwalaan at ibinahagi, lalo lamang nitong pinapalawak ang maling impormasyon at nalililang ang mas maraming tao. Sa halip na makatulong, nagiging sanhi ito ng kalituhan, takot, at pagkakahati-hati ng opinyon ng publiko.

Malaki ang papel ng media sa paghahatid ng tumpak at balanseng impormasyon. Gayundin, may pananagutan ang mga content creator, mamamahayag, at iba pang tagapagbahagi ng impormasyon na tiyaking tama at mapagkakatiwalaan ang kanilang inilalabas na nilalaman. Ang kanilang mga salita at ulat ay may kakayahang humubog sa pananaw at desisyon ng maraming tao.

Ngunit hindi lamang sila ang may pananagutan. Bilang mga mamamayan, may tungkulin din tayong maging mapanuri sa bawat impormasyong ating nababasa at naririnig. Hindi sapat ang makita lamang ang isang balita o post upang paniwalaan ito. Mahalaga ang pagberipika ng pinagmulan, paghahanap ng iba pang mapagkakatiwalaang sanggunian, at pag-unawa sa buong konteksto bago bumuo ng sariling opinyon.

Sa kasalukuyan, mas mabilis kumalat ang maling impormasyon kaysa sa katotohanan. Isang maling pahayag lamang ang maaaring magdulot ng takot, makasira ng reputasyon, o makaapekto sa mga desisyong ginagawa ng mga tao. Dahil dito, higit na mahalaga ang media literacy at ang kakayahang kilalanin ang mapagkakatiwalaang impormasyon.

Ang pagiging mapanuri ay hindi lamang kasanayan, isa itong responsibilidad ng bawat mamamayan. Ang katotohanan ay hindi dapat nakabatay sa dami ng likes, shares, views, o sa kasikatan ng isang tao. Ito ay nakasalalay sa mga datos, ebidensya, at katotohanang napatunayan. Sa panahon kung saan napakaraming boses ang maaaring marinig, mas mahalagang pakinggan ang mga impormasyong nakabatay sa katotohanan kaysa sa mga opinyong walang matibay na batayan.

Ang tanong ay hindi lamang kung sino ang humuhubog sa katotohanan, kundi kung paano natin pinipiling hanapin, suriin, at ipagtanggol ito. Ang isang lipunang marunong mag-isip nang kritikal at magsuri ng impormasyon ay hindi madaling malilang. Sa pamamagitan ng pagiging responsable sa pagtanggap at pagbabahagi ng impormasyon, nagiging bahagi tayo ng pagbuo ng isang lipunang may pagpapahalaga sa katotohanan at pananagutan.

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layong palakasin ang food security at magbigay ng tuloy-tuloy na suporta sa mga pamilyang higit na nangangailangan.

Sa pamamagitan nito, makatatanggap ang mga benepisyaryo ng periodical rice ration bilang dagdag na ayuda upang makatulong sa kanilang pang-araw-araw na pangangailangan.

gangailangan.

Patunay ang programang ito ng patuloy na pagtupad ng administrasyong Marcos sa layuning matiyak na ang bawat bayan ay nakinabang sa mga programa at serbisyong direktang nakaaabot sa mamamayan. | via Tricia Bermudez, PIA Cavite. PR

2026 OTOP Session 4 Equips MSMEs with Digital Marketing Strategies

The Office of the Provincial Cooperatives and Development Officer facilitated the 2026 One Town, One Product (OTOP) Session 4 – Seminar on Digital Marketing for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Cavite to strengthen their digital marketing knowledge conducted on July 22, 2026, at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City.

The seminar formally opened with welcome remarks delivered by Ms. Lilibeth R. Chavez, Provincial Director of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-Cavite, who underscored the importance of digital innovation in helping local enterprises remain competitive and resilient in today's rapidly evolving business landscape.

The discussion on digital marketing was

facilitated by Ms. Jane Maghanoy, Digital Transformation Consultant and Trainer, who shared practical strategies and valuable insights on leveraging digital platforms to strengthen brand presence, increase customer engagement, and expand market reach. Participants learned about effective social media marketing, content creation, branding, and the use of various digital tools to promote products and services in the online marketplace.

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The activity was part of the Provincial Government of Cavite's continuing support for the development of local enterprises through the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Program. By providing capacity-building opportunities, the provincial government aims to enhance the competitiveness of Cavite's MSMEs and enable them to maximize digital platforms for sustainable business growth.— OPIO

Pagpapalakas sa Industriya ng Ube sa pamamagitan ng mga Pagsasanay, Suportado ng DA-ATI CALABARZON

Bilang pagsuporta sa pagsusulong ng pamahalaan na mas paunlarin ang industriya ng ube at makatugon sa lumalaking demand, patuloy na pinalalakas ng Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) CALABARZON ang paghahatid ng makabagang kaalaman at teknolohiya sa produksyon at pagpoproseso ng ube.

“Maganda at malaki ang potensyal ng ube. Patok na patok ito bilang sangkap sa iba’t ibang pagkain, at patuloy ang pagtaas ng demand—hindi lamang locally kun’di pati na rin globally. Ito ay isang malinaw na oportunidad para sa ating mga magsasaka, agripreneurs, at iba pang stakeholders sa industriya ng ube,” ani Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, RAgr, Center Director ng DA-ATI CALABARZON.

Kaugnay nito, 33 Agricultural Extension Workers (AEWs) mula sa iba’t ibang bayan sa rehiyon ang sinanay sa Training on Ube (Purple Yam) Production, Postharvest, Handling, and Processing, na isinagawa noong Hulyo 20-23, 2026, sa Ouan’s Worth Farm and Family Resort Corporation, isang Private Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Service Provider (PAF-ESP) ng ahensya sa Lucena City, Quezon.

Sa pamamagitan ng kanilang re-entry ac-

tion plan na bahagi ng pagsasanay, magsisilbing daan ang mga AEW upang maibaba ang mga teknolohiya at kasanayan sa mga magsasaka ng ube sa kani-kanilang mga bayan tungo sa mas magsaganap produksyon at mas mataas na kita.

Kabilang sa mga pamamaraang kanilang natutuhan at ibabahagi sa mga magsasaka ng ube ang soil testing, land preparation, wastong pagpili ng planting materials, pagpaparami, replanting, pamamahala sa mga sakit at peste, pag-ani, at post-harvest handling and storage. Sa tulong ito ng mga tagapagsanay na sina Bb. Kimberly R. Reyes, RAgr (Provincial Agriculture Office - Quezon), Bb. Ma. Almira C. Silva (Mira’s Food and Agriventure, Inc.), at Bb. Sierralyn S. Sandoval, RAgr (DA-ATI Regional Crop Protection Center IV-A).

Bahagi rin ng pagsasanay ang aktuwal na pagpoproseso ng ube at lakbay-aral sa BeeGood Agriventures OPC, isang Learning Site for Agriculture (LSA) ng DA-ATI CALABARZON sa Tiaong, Quezon. Mula rito, natutuhan ng mga AEW ang wastong pagpaparami ng ube, gayundin ang tamang pagpili at paghahanda ng planting materials.

“Ako po ay napadala dito sa training sa ube dahil sa amin po ay may isang barangay na exclusively ube ang itinatanim. Ang naging practice po doon sa amin ay ang traditional way. Ngunit sa training na ito, nalaman ko na may iba pa palang paraan ng cultural management upang makatipid sa gagamiting planting materials. Natutunan ko rin ang kahalagahan ng postharvest dahil kadalasan, ang naging practice ay pagka-harvest, ilalagay na agad sa sako at diretso benta na. Ito po ‘yung mga ibabahagi at gagawin namin sa aming bayan pagbalik ko,” pahayag ni Andrian Paul William Luna, AEW mula sa Talisay, Batangas.

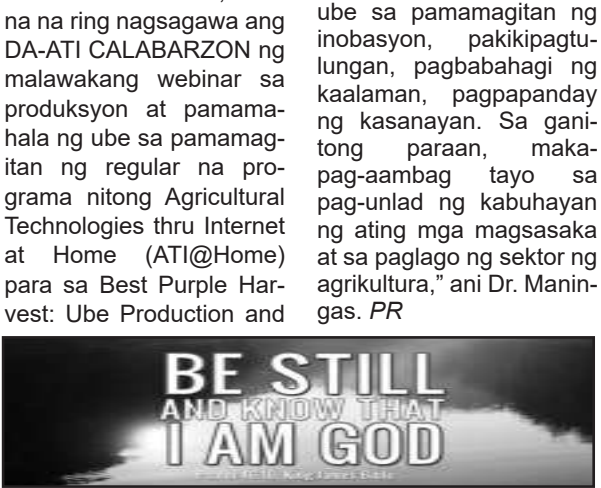
Bilang suporta sa propesyonalisasyon at pagpapatibay ng mga kaalaman at kasanayang pang-agrikultor, nakatanggap ang mga kalahok na rehistradong agrikultor ng 7.5 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credit units mula sa pagsasanay.

Bukod dito, nauuna na ring nagsagawa ang DA-ATI CALABARZON ng malawakang webinar sa produksyon at pamamahala ng ube sa pamamagitan ng regular na programa nitong Agricultural Technologies thru Internet at Home (ATI@Home) para sa Best Purple Harvest: Ube Production and

Management noong Abril 30, 2026. Nakibahagi sa webinar ang 848 na kalahok mula sa iba’t ibang sulok ng bansa, kung saan 700 rehistradong agrikultor ang nakatanggap ng 1.00 CPD credit unit.

Aktibo rin ang DA-ATI CALABARZON sa pamamahagi ng information, education, and communication (IEC) materials tungkol sa ube sa mga pagsasanay at Farmers’ Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers at FITS Kiosks sa iba’t ibang bayan sa rehiyon upang mas gawing aksible ang mga kaalaman at teknolohiya sa produksyon at pamamahala ng ube. Nakaplano na rin para sa susunod na taon ang iba pang mga pagsasanay na may kaugnayan sa industriya ng ube bilang patuloy na pakikisa ng ahensya sa hangaring mapaunlad pa ang industriya.

“Patuloy nating pagtutulungan ang pagpapalakas ng industriya ng ube sa pamamagitan ng inobasyon, pakikipagtutulungan, pagbabahagi ng kaalaman, pagpapanday ng kasanayan. Sa ganitong paraan, makapag-aambag tayo sa pag-unlad ng kabuhayan ng ating mga magsasaka at sa paglago ng sektor ng agrikultura,” ani Dr. Maningas. PR



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NNC CALABARZON CONCLUDES 52ND NUTRITION MONTH WITH THEMATIC CONFERENCE – NOURISHING COMMUNITIES: STRENGTHENING FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY THROUGH SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Antipolo City, Rizal | 31 July 2026 - The National Nutrition Council (NNC) CALABARZON, led by Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator Ms. Lourdes Bulante-Orongan, successfully concluded the month-long celebration of the 2026 Nutrition Month through the conduct of the Nutrition Month Thematic Conference with the theme, “Nourishing Communities: Strengthening Food and Nutrition Security Through Sustainable Food Systems and Partnerships”. The event was co-hosted by the Rizal Provincial Nutrition Committee, chaired by Hon. Governor Nina Ricci A. Ynares, and the Antipolo City Nutrition Committee, chaired by Hon. Mayor Casimiro “Jun” Ynares III.

This year’s Nutrition Month Thematic Conference served as a venue for meaningful learning and discussions centered on the 2026 Nutrition Month sub-theme, “Nutrison at Kalikasan, Ating Pangalagaan!” The conference gathered representatives from national government agencies, local government units, development partners, nutrition workers, and other stakeholders to strengthen their understanding of the important connection between nutrition and environmental sustainability.

In her opening message, Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator Ms. Lourdes Bulante-Orongan expressed her sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the successful celebration of Nutrition Month. She acknowledged the invaluable support of the partner agencies, local government units and other nutrition stakeholders across the region. RNPC Bulante-Orongan also hopes that this nutrition advocacy of protecting nutrition and the environment will not end today. She added, “Let us strengthen our coordinating mechanisms, partnership, and align our initiatives to be one step closer to achieving the “Nutrisonyong Sapat, Para Sa Lahat!”

Messages of support were also delivered by the Rizal Provincial Nutrition Committee through Hon. Governor Nina Ricci A. Ynares, represented by Hon. Reynaldo H. San Juan Jr., M.D., DPBR; the Antipolo City Nutrition Committee through Hon. Mayor Casimiro “Jun” Ynares III, represented by City Councilor Hon. James Gatlabayan; the Regional Nutrition Committee through Department of Health CALABARZON Regional Director Dr. Melissa T. Sena, represented by Dr. Felices Emerita P. Perez, Officer-in-Charge, Health Program Support Division; and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Rizal Province through LGOO II Mr. Wesley P. Pancho. Usec. Dr. Albert Francis E. Domingo and concurrent NNC Executive Director IV also delivered his Nutrition Month Message through a recorded presentation.

The participants then dived deeper into the importance of nutrition and environmental stewardship through the six (6) technical sessions: 1) Nutrition Across the Life Cycle: Growing Healthy with Nature (Ms. Gabrielle Maeбен C. De Guzman - Nutrition Officer II, NNC Nutrition Information and Education Division); 2)

Strengthening Community Resilience and Food Systems to Achieve Food and Nutrition Security (Ms. Jana Marie Culla-Cruz - Programme Policy Officer for Nutrition, World Food Programme (WFP) Philippines); 3) Educating the Community - Boosting Climate-Resilient Agriculture and Fisheries For Food Security (Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, RAgr - Training Center Superintendent II and Center Director, Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Training Institute CALABARZON); 4) Creating Sustainable Impact and Financially Sustaining Solutions for Poverty Reduction (Ms. Patricia Espinosa - Vice President for Operations, Rise and Rebuild International Foundation, Inc.); 5) Farm to Table - Benefits of Consuming Locally Grown Produce through the Food Share Program (Ms. Victoria V. Wieneke - President, Kabisig ng Kalahil); and 6) Too Good to Waste: Food Loss and Food Waste Reduction for a Sustainable Future (Ms. Samantha E. Bantilan - Nutrition Officer II - PNFP Cavite, NNC CALABARZON).

An open forum

followed the sessions, providing participants with the opportunity to raise questions, share experiences, and exchange ideas with the resource speakers. The discussion further strengthened participants’ understanding of the topics presented and highlighted practical strategies that can be applied in their respective communities.

To energize the participants, Project Development Officer I Ms. Anne Nicole S. Gonzales, PMNP Nutrition Officer (NO) II Mr. John Kentzee A. Solibaga and NO II Kyla C. Guarda facilitated a fun and interactive NutriQuiz, where participants actively joined and won exciting prizes. The participants then recited the 2026 Nutrition Month Pledge, led by District Nutrition Program Coordinator Ms. Marie Claire R. Miranda, reaffirming their commitment to promoting good nutrition and protecting the environment.

To conclude the conference, Engr. Romero F. Reyes, OIC - Regional Technical Director for Operations and Extension of DA CALABARZON delivered the closing remarks emphasizing the importance of public-private partnerships in strengthening food and nutrition security for a well-nourished community.

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) CALABARZON, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) CALABARZON, and the Philippine Nutri-Foods Corporation (PNFC) also participated as exhibitors showcasing programs, products, and innovations that promote nutrition, environmental protection, and sustainable food systems.

The NNC CALABARZON extends its heartfelt appreciation to all partner local government units, national government agencies, development partners, exhibitors, resource speakers, and stakeholders whose unwavering support and collaboration made the 52nd Regional Nutrition Month Celebration a meaningful and successful event. Together, let us continue working towards a healthier, well-nourished, and more sustainable future for every Filipino.

ERC Commends Power Sector Partners at 25th Anniversary, Honors Compliance and Operational Excellence

PASIG CITY — The Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) recognized outstanding distribution utilities, power generation companies, and energy solution providers for their commitment to regulatory compliance, operational excellence, and innovation during its 25th Anniversary celebration on 26 June 2026.

Through the conferment of plaques of recognition, the ERC highlighted the vital role of industry partners in advancing a transparent, accountable, and consumer-centered power sector. ERC Chairperson and CEO Atty. Francis Saturnino C. Juan emphasized that the continued progress of the energy industry depends on the collective commitment and cooperation of regulators and stakeholders.

“Building a fair,

transparent, and consumer-centered energy sector requires the shared commitment of all stakeholders. Compliance with standards, accountability, and the pursuit of innovative solutions are essential in delivering reliable and efficient services to consumers.” Chairperson Juan said.

Under the Uniform Reportorial Requirements (URR) and Annual Reports Category, the ERC acknowledged 12 distribution utilities (DUs) for their consistent compliance and timely submission of Annual Reports from 2021 to 2025. The awardees were: Angeles Electric Corporation (AEC), Benguet Electric Cooperative (BENECO), Bukidnon II Electric Cooperative (BUSECO), Cebu I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CEBECO 1),

First Catanduanes Electric Cooperative, Inc. (FICELCO), Leyte II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LEYECO 2), La Union Electric Cooperative, Inc. (LUELCO), Nueva Ecija II Electric Cooperative, Inc. – Area I (NEECO 2-A1), Quezon II Electric Cooperative, Inc. (QUEZELCO 2), San Jose City Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SAJELCO), Samar I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SAMELCO 1), and South Cotabato I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SOCOTECO 1).

The Commission also cited the outstanding performance of entities under the Qualified End-Users (QEs) and Aggregated Capacity Category for their vigorous implementation of the Net-Metering Program and successful empowerment of the highest number of QEs across the

three major islands since 2014. For private distribution utilities (PDUs), the awardees included Manila Electric Company (MERALCO), Negros Electric and Power Corporation (NEPC), and Davao Light and Power Company (DLPC), while for electric cooperatives (ECs), the distinguished awardees were Pampanga I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (PELCO I), Negros Oriental II Electric Cooperative (NORECO II), and South Cotabato I Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SOCOTECO I), representing Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, respectively.

Meanwhile, generation companies were commended under the Allowed Outages Category for maintaining operational reliability and keeping unplanned outages within prescribed limits in 2025.

The Commission cited six facilities:

Anda Power Corporation – 83.700MW
Anda Coal-Fired Power Plant

PanAsia Energy Inc. – 666.680MW
Bataan Combined Cycle Power Plant

Mapalad Partners, Inc. – 17.120MW
Digos Modular Diesel Power Plant

SN Aboitiz Power – Benguet Inc. – 140.080MW
Binga Hydroelectric Power Plant

Maibarara Geothermal Inc.– 32.000MW
Maibarara Geothermal Power Plant

Libertad Power and Energy Corporation – 6.000MW
LPEC Biomass Power Plant

Moreover, the ERC gave distinction to innovation in the energy sector through the Flexible

Energy Solution Category, awarding SMGP BESS Power Inc. (SBPI) for having been issued the Certificate of Compliance (COC) for the country’s first stand-alone Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)-the Masinloc BESS Phase I- and for achieving the largest consolidated stand-alone BESS portfolio in the country, consisting of fourteen (14) BESS facilities with a total installed capacity of 557.994 MW.

The recognition reflects the ERC’s continued commitment to strengthening partnerships with industry stakeholders, promoting regulatory compliance, encouraging innovation, and advancing a more resilient and consumer-focused electricity sector.

TARLAC CITY, Philippines — President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. on July 30 led the rollout of the government’s “Every Town Benefits” (Bawat Bayan Maki-kinabang) Program in Tarlac, distributing ₱102.2 million in funding for community development projects benefiting 511 barangays across the province. The financial assistance was awarded during a program held at the Tarlac City Civic Center under the Socio-Civic Projects Fund (SCPF). The funding will support community development initiatives, strengthen public safety programs, and provide assistance to Presidential Scholars.

According to Malacañang, the initiative forms part of the administration’s broader effort to accelerate the delivery of national government assistance to local govern-

ment units (LGUs). Government data showed that as of June 2026, a total of ₱22.22 billion had been distributed to 1,266 LGUs nationwide through the program.

Aside from the turnover of funds, President Marcos also oversaw the distribution of rice under the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) and met with beneficiaries of the Presidential Scholars Program. He encouraged the scholars to make good use of the assistance they received and to pursue their education diligently so they could contribute to the country’s future development.

Tarlac Governor Christian Yap expressed gratitude for the national government’s continued support, citing scholarship assistance provided to more than 2,000 students in the province, each receiving ₱20,000.

CAVITE CAREER CARAVAN BRINGS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO JOBSEEKERS IN INDANG

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM), successfully conducted the Cavite Career Caravan on July 22, 2026, at the Indang Municipal Covered Court, providing jobseekers with convenient access to employment opportunities from various industries.

The one-day recruitment activity featured the participation of 22 companies, offering a total of 6,724 job vacancies for

applicants with diverse skills, qualifications, and work experience. The caravan served as a venue where jobseekers could directly interact with employers, submit applications, and undergo initial screening and interviews.

A total of 144 jobseekers participated in the recruitment activity, demonstrating the continued interest of Caviteños in employment opportunities. Of these, 34 applicants were hired on the spot (HOTS), allowing them to immediately begin

Yap also highlighted the importance of the rice distribution program, saying it helps families in need while creating a stable market for local farmers. He likewise thanked the administration for advancing the Balog-Balog Dam Project, which is expected to expand irrigation coverage for agricultural lands in Tarlac.

The event was attended by Vice Governor Lita Aquino, Tarlac City Mayor Susan Yap, municipal mayors, members of the Provincial Board, and other local and national government officials.

Through the “Bawat Bayan Maki-kinabang” Program, the national government aims to strengthen community development and bring essential public services directly to local communities across the country. *PR*

August 05-11, 2026 Gatchalian Seeks Ban on GenCo-DU Cross-Ownership to Lower Electricity Costs

Senate President Win Gatchalian is pushing to prohibit cross-ownership between generation companies (GenCos) and distribution utilities (DUs) to create a more competitive environment in the power sector and lower the cost of electricity.

“Cross-ownership between GenCos and DUs could result in conflict of interest potentially leading to anti-competitive behavior that could, in turn, inflate prices to the detriment of consumers,” said Gatchalian, as he filed

Senate Bill No. 1091 seeking to amend Republic Act No. 9136, also known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA) of 2001.

This bill prohibits any GenCo or its subsidiary or affiliate from holding an interest in any DU, and vice versa. It also prohibits any officer of a GenCo or its subsidiary or affiliate from serving as an officer or director of a DU or its affiliate, and vice versa, Gatchalian said.

Without a prohibition on cross-ownership, it



is difficult to determine whether a DU, when contracting power supply, is making a decision that is in the best interest of consumers, Gatchalian explained.

CAVITE ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING STRENGTHENS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION EFFORTS

In observance of Cavite Arbor Day, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (OPENRO), spearheaded a tree planting activity on July 23, 2026, along the Naic-Ternate via Bancaan Road in collaboration with the Municipal Government of Ternate.

The initiative was part of the provincial government’s continuing commitment to environmental protection and sustainable development by promoting greener and healthier communities. The activity gathered representatives from various national government agencies, private sector organizations, environmental volunteers, local government officials, and community stakeholders who joined hands in planting tree seedlings

along the identified provincial road.

Ternate Mayor Llamberto Bambao graced the activity and actively participated in the tree planting, expressing the Municipal Government of Ternate’s full support for the initiative. In his message, he underscored the importance of collective action in protecting the environment and emphasized that collaborative efforts among government agencies, the private sector, and local communities are essential in ensuring a greener and more sustainable future for the municipality and the province.

The tree planting activity aims to establish greenbelts along selected provincial roads to promote ecological awareness, enhance roadside landscapes, and encourage active community participation in environmental

conservation initiatives. The newly planted trees are expected to contribute to cleaner air, provide natural shade, reduce soil erosion, and support local biodiversity in the years to come.

By observing Cavite Arbor Day through meaningful environmental initiatives, the Provincial Government of Cavite reaffirms its commitment to preserving natural resources while fostering a culture of environmental stewardship among Caviteños. The collaborative undertaking highlights the vital role of partnerships among the provincial government, local government units, national government agencies, the private sector, and environmental advocates in building a greener, more resilient, and sustainable Cavite. — OPIO

Nutrition in Motion: PGC Promotes Healthier Workplace Through Zumba

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Workplace Organization Committee, promoted active and healthy living among its employees through a lively Nutrition Month Zumba Activity held on July 28, 2026, at the New Provincial Government Ceremonial Grounds in Trece Martires City.

The wellness initiative highlighted the importance of pairing proper

nutrition with regular physical activity as essential components of a healthy lifestyle. More than an exercise session, the gathering provided employees with an opportunity to stay active, foster camaraderie, and take a meaningful break from their daily work routines.

The program commenced with an invocation led by Ms. Ma. Grace G. Galang from the Provincial Housing Devel-

opment and Management Office, followed by an inspirational message from Ms. Michelle F. Alcíd, Quality Management Representative, who underscored the value of maintaining a healthy mind and body. She encouraged employees to incorporate healthier habits into their daily lives, recognizing that personal wellness contributes to a more productive and effective workforce.

Employees from various provincial government offices enthusiastically joined the energetic Zumba session, filling the ceremonial grounds with movement, enthusiasm, and positive energy. The lively gathering reinforced the message that staying physically active can be both enjoyable and beneficial to overall well-being.

Adding to the celebration, employees participated in photo-op activ-

ities with their colleagues, and photobooth was also provided, allowing participants to capture fun and memorable moments with their co-workers.

The program concluded with closing remarks from Ms. Luzviminda S. Amparo, Chairperson of the Workplace Organization Committee, who thanked everyone who participated in and supported the celebration. She encouraged employ-

ees to continue practicing healthy habits and staying active beyond Nutrition Month.

The celebration highlighted the importance of staying active and making healthy choices. Through activities like this, the Provincial Government of Cavite continues to encourage its employees to practice healthy habits and maintain a healthy and productive workplace. — OPIO

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EDITORIAL: SHE CHOSE HER DREAM

by Hanz Darwin Y. Corciega

In a world that often measures success by marriage, status, or outward achievements, the sacrifices of single working women are too often overlooked. Society is quick to ask why a woman remains single, yet rarely pauses to understand the responsibilities she carries or the dreams she has chosen to put before her own.

The story of the woman who wakes before dawn, works tirelessly, and spends her earnings supporting her family is not unusual. It reflects the reality of countless women who quietly shoulder financial burdens while expecting little in return. They miss birthdays, holidays, and precious family moments, not because they don’t care, but because they are committed to giving their loved ones better opportunities.

Sadly, many people mistake this dedication for ambition alone. They assume these women are simply “too busy” or unwilling to settle down. In my view, this is an unfair and incomplete judgment. Behind every simple smile may be years of sacrifice, loneliness, and silent resilience. Many have postponed their own dreams, relationships, and personal happiness to ensure that others can achieve theirs.

What makes these women remarkable is not that they never struggle, but that they continue despite their struggles. Their courage is found in showing up every day, even when no one notices their efforts. Their strength lies in choosing responsibility over comfort and hope over despair.

The moment when a loved one says, “We made it because of you,” represents more than gratitude, it is recognition that every sacrifice mattered. It reminds us that success is not always measured by personal gain but also by the lives we help transform.

As a society, we should stop defining women by their relationship status and start recognizing them for their character, compassion, and contributions. A single woman is not incomplete. She can be a provider, a leader, a caregiver, and the foundation upon which an entire family builds its future.

Single working women deserve more than admiration on a special occasion. They deserve respect, understanding, and appreciation every day. Their sacrifices may not always be visible, but their impact reaches generations.

To every single working woman: your journey is meaningful, your sacrifices are valuable, and your strength deserves to be celebrated. You are living proof that true heroism often happens quietly, through love, perseverance, and selfless dedication. Happy Single Working Women’s Day!



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GSIS...

In support of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s directive to improve access to affordable financial services for Filipinos, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) has released ₱27.29 billion in microloans to 463,608 active government employees through its Ginhawa Go Program.

From October 24, 2024 to July 28, 2026, the loan facility, formerly known as Ginhawa Lite and relaunched as Ginhawa Go in February 2026, provided members with quick and affordable fi-

nancing for urgent needs, helping them avoid informal and predatory lenders.

Finance Secretary Frederick Go led the relaunch of Ginhawa Go on February 19, 2026, describing it as an important safeguard against abusive lending practices among government employees.

“This program protects employees from abusive lending processes,” said Go, who oversees the GSIS under the Department of Finance.

Under Ginhawa Go, eligible members may borrow from ₱1,000 to

WalterMart Community Malls Welcomes the First Starbucks in Cabuyao City



Cabuyao City, Laguna — August 2, 2026 — A new milestone in Cabuyao City’s continued growth was celebrated today as Starbucks officially opened its doors at WalterMart Cabuyao, marking the first-ever Starbucks store in Cabuyao City and the second Starbucks branch located inside a WalterMart Community Mall.

The opening reinforces WalterMart’s

commitment to bringing globally recognized brands closer to Filipino families while creating meaningful everyday experiences within the communities it serves. Designed to become a welcoming destination for families, professionals, students, and friends, Starbucks WalterMart Cabuyao offers the world-renowned Starbucks experience in a warm and convenient community setting. The store is open daily from 7:30 AM to 10:30 PM, pro-

DILG...

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) conducted the National Validation for the Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Awards (LTIA) on July 21–22, 2026, for the LTIA entries of Barangay Mahabang Kahoy Lejos in Indang and Barangay Pangil in Amadeo, Cavite.

The two-day validation activity assessed the respective Lupons’ practices and accomplishments in promoting effective, peaceful, and accessible community-based justice. The validation team, composed of representatives from DILG, the Department of Justice–Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution,

Office of the President, Philippine National Police, Supreme Court, and partner organizations, conducted preliminary activities and validation proper in the two participating barangays.

The program highlights the commitment of Cavite’s local communities to strengthening Katarungang Pambarangay and promoting peaceful conflict resolution at the grassroots level. Through the LTIA, outstanding Lupon Tagapamayapa are recognized for their exemplary performance and contribution to maintaining harmony and promoting justice within their communities.

— OPIO

₱50,000 at an interest rate of 6 percent, with repayment terms ranging from 30 days to 24 months, depending on the loan amount. Applications are submitted through the GSIS Touch mobile app, with approved proceeds credited directly to the member’s account. The loan also includes Loan Redemption Insurance, which settles any outstanding balance in the event of the borrower’s death, protecting the family from financial liability.

“Ginhawa Go answers a basic need for our members: quick, dignified

access to credit that will not push them toward informal lenders,” GSIS President and General Manager Wick Veloso said. “The volume moving through this program tells us it is filling a gap our members needed filled.”

Eligible members may check their qualifications and apply through the GSIS Touch mobile app or at any GSIS branch nationwide.

For information about the program, interested parties may visit the GSIS website (www.gsis.gov.ph); call the GSIS Contact Center (88474747); or visit the social media channels of GSIS. *PR*

Mayor Dennis “DENHA” Hain also expressed his enthusiasm over the historic opening, describing it as another milestone in the city’s rapid development.

“The arrival of Starbucks in Cabuyao is a testament to the city’s continuous progress and growing investment potential. We are proud to welcome the first Starbucks in our city, made possible through WalterMart’s continued confidence in Cabuyao. This development sends a strong message that Cabuyao is ready for more investors, more business opportunities, more livelihood for our people, and greater progress for our city,” Mayor Hain shared.

The opening of Starbucks WalterMart Cabuyao reflects the shared vision of WalterMart and Starbucks in creating vibrant community spaces where people can connect, relax, and enjoy world-class products and service close to home. *PR*

PGC...

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In support of the 48th National Disability Rights Week celebration organized by the local government of Dasmariñas City, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) conducted a Medical Mission at the Dasmariñas Arena on July 22, bringing essential healthcare services to participants and members of the community.

Held in partnership with the City Government of Dasmariñas, the medical mission underscored the Provincial Government’s commitment to making quality healthcare more accessible, particularly to persons with disabilities (PWDs) and other residents participating in the weeklong observance.

A total of 1,244 beneficiaries received free

healthcare services during the activity, including 930 medical consultations, 263 fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, and 51 electrocardiogram (ECG) procedures. The initiative was supported by the City Health Office (CHO) and city officials, whose collaboration contributed to the successful delivery of the services.

The medical mission was made possible through the joint efforts of the provincial government thru the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Provincial Health Officer, the City Health Office, and the city government of Dasmariñas, reflecting a shared commitment to promoting preventive healthcare and advancing the well-being of every Caviteño. — OPIO

Agency's board approves additional ₱1.16 billion for UHC in 2026 to augment health coverage and ease the financial burden of illness on Filipino families

MANDALUY-ONG CITY — The Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) Board on Tuesday, July 28, approved an additional ₱1.16-billion contribution to the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) for 2026 pursuant to the Universal Health Care Act, raising the agency's total contribution for the year to ₱3.85 billion.

The revised contribution is expected to bring PCSO's cumulative remittances to PhilHealth since 2022 to approximately ₱13.98 billion by the end of 2026.

PCSO has already remitted a total of ₱11.47 billion through the Bureau of the Treasury since 2022. The agency remitted ₱2.71 billion in 2022, ₱2 billion in 2023, ₱2.13 billion in 2024, ₱2.87 billion in 2025 and

₱1.94 billion in the first half of 2026. Another ₱2.51 billion is projected to be remitted during the second half of 2026, bringing PCSO's cumulative contributions to approximately ₱13.98 billion by year-end.

PCSO General Manager Melquiades A. Robles said the agency's contributions help strengthen the health protection available to Filipino patients and their families, particularly when medical expenses place a heavy burden on household finances.

"Behind these figures are Filipino families who depend on PhilHealth when a loved one is hospitalized or needs medical treatment. In support of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s healthcare agenda, PCSO's contribution helps strengthen the system that protects Filipinos from having to shoulder the full cost of health care on their own," Robles said.

Under the Universal Health Care Act, PCSO is mandated to allo-

cate 40 percent of its Charity Fund to support the implementation of UHC. These funds help sustain and improve health benefits for PhilHealth members and their qualified dependents.

Robles said PCSO's compliance with the law is closely tied to its broader mandate of providing health and charitable assistance to the Filipino people.

"This is not simply a financial obligation for PCSO. It is part of our responsibility to ensure that the revenues generated by the agency are returned to the people in ways that protect their health, preserve their dignity and give families one less burden to carry during difficult times," he said.

PCSO's contributions to PhilHealth complement its direct medical and charitable assistance programs for patients requiring hospitalization, medicines, diagnostic procedures and other health-related services. By PCSO



Isinagawa ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) ang pangangalap ng language profile at wordlist sa wikang Átta sa bayan ng Pudtol, lalawigan ng Apayao nitóng 9–10 Hunyo 2026 sa Barangay Cabatacan, Pudtol, Apayao bilang bahagi ng proyektong Balidasyon ng mga Wika ng Pilipinas.

Pinangunahan nina Bb. Dannielle T. Lagui at Bb. Rona Geneva P. Alcantara, mga mananaliksik ng KWF, ang pangangalap ng datos. Nagiging posible ang gawaing ito sa suporta ng Pamahalaang Bayan ng Pudtol sa pangunguna ni Punong-bayan Edmar D. Pascua, JD, katuwang ang mga kawani ng Pambansang Komisyon sa mga Katutubong Mamamayan (NCIP), Luna Community Service Center, at ang komunidad ng mga Átta.

Layunin ng pangangalap na makabuo ng

mas komprehensibong talá ng kalagayan ng wikang Átta, kabilang ang mahahalagang importasyong pangwika na magsisilbing batayan sa mga susunod na hakbang para sa dokumentasyon, pananaliksik, at pangangalaga sa wika.

Kinikilala ang wikang Átta bilang isa sa pitóng (7) malubhang nanganganib na wika sa Pilipinas. Batay sa datos ng Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) noong 2020 na sinuri ng KWF, tinatayang nása 97 sambahayan na lámang sa bayan ng Pudtol at Luna sa lalawigan ng Apayao at bayan ng Gattaran sa Cagayan ang gumagamit nitó bílang pangunahing wika sa tahanan.

Ayon sa United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO 2023), nanganganib ang isang wika kapag unti-unti na

itong hindi ginagamit ng mga nagsasalita nitó, nagiging limitado ang paggamit nitó sa iba't ibang larang ng komunikasyon, at hindi na ito naipapása ng nakatatandang henerasyon sa mga nakababatang henerasyon. Maaari din itong impluwensiya ng mga panlabas na puwersang pangkultura, pang-ekonomiya, panrelihiyon, o pang-edukasyon. Bukod dito, nakaaapekto rin ang negatibong pananaw ng isang indibidwal o komunidad sa paggamit ng kanilang sariling wika.

Sa pamamagitan ng patúloy na dokumentasyon at balidasyon ng mga nanganganib na wika, pinalalakas ng KWF ang mga hakbang para sa pangangalaga, pagpapasigla, at pagpapatúloy ng mayamang pamana ng mga katutubong wika sa bansa para sa susunod na mga salinlahi.

Nutrition Program Coordinator Lourdes Bulante-Orongan.

The official added that the Regional Nutrition Shepherding Team will continue mentoring priority LGUs to strengthen local nutrition governance and improve the delivery of nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions, particularly those supporting mothers and children during the first 1,000 days of life—the critical period for preventing stunting.

She said the regional office will sustain support for Tagaytay City,

CALABARZON's Learning Hub for Enhanced and Revitalized Nutrition Program (LHEARN), which serves as a venue for peer learning and the sharing of best practices among LGUs.

Nutrition promotion campaigns under the Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC) Plan will also be intensified in partnership with the Communicators' Network for Nutrition in Region IV-A (CNN4A) to encourage healthier behaviors and greater community participation.

The regional initiatives support the nation-

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with the latter's broader sustainability and strategic energy contracting efforts to advance its sustainability goals.

The aggregation of power demand was made possible through the Energy Regulatory Commission's (ERC) Retail Aggregation Program (RAP), which allows eligible businesses and institutions to pool the demand of multiple facilities and participate in the competitive retail electricity market.

"In line with our commitment to support the development of renewable energy projects in the country, Chinabank believes that its own operational electricity should be sourced from renewable alternatives whenever

possible," said Chinabank President and Chief Executive Officer Romeo D. Uyan, Jr.

"Our partnership with AdventEnergy enables us to secure clean energy, reduce our carbon footprint, and actively build a more sustainable future."

Amidst volatile global fuel costs, the retail aggregation supply deal not only supports the bank's sustainability initiative but also allows for cost-saving measures and more predictable financial planning.

"AdventEnergy intends to deliver integrated and sustainable energy solutions that are always-on, always reliable, and always ready to meet

the needs of the industries we serve," said AdventEnergy Vice President for Retail Energy Sales and Services Catherine Del Villar-Pasilaban.

The deal also reflects the continued expansion and adoption of the ERC's customer choice programs, complementing the recent implementation of Phase IV of retail competition and open access (RCOA), which lowered the contestability threshold from 500 kilowatts in monthly peak demand to just 100.

AdventEnergy continues to support these programs especially for a wider base of Philippine businesses, including those in critical sectors such as banking and fi-

nance. "As contestability thresholds continue to lower under the ERC's programs, and more eligible customers are able to enjoy the power of control and choice, we want to be the partner that institutions can count on to navigate this shift with confidence," said Del Villar-Pasilaban.

AdventEnergy already powers SM Group's diverse operations – from malls, banks, schools, and retail establishments to its affiliated companies – through a comprehensive suite of energy solutions aligned with the Electric Power Industry Reform Act's (EPIRA) customer choice initiatives including distributed energy resources, RCOA, and RAP

DILG ISSUES GUIDELINES FOR PBBM'S BAWAT BARANGAY MAKIKINABANG PROGRAM, BENEFITING OVER 42,000 BARANGAYS NATIONWIDE

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has issued the implementing guidelines for President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s Bawat Barangay Makikinabang Program (BBMP), laying the groundwork for the nationwide rollout of an initiative that will strengthen grassroots governance, support deserving college students, and help address priority development needs in more than 42,000 barangays across the country.

Through DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2026-038, the Department outlined the implementation of the program, under which each barangay nationwide will receive Php 200,000 from the Office of the President through the Socio-Civic Projects

Funds (SCPF) Project.

The BBMP seeks to empower local government units (LGUs), reinforce effective barangay governance, and expand opportunities for young Filipinos to complete their education while enabling communities to respond to their immediate development priorities.

Of the Php 200,000 allocation, Php 100,000 shall be dedicated to the Bagong Pilipinas Barangay Scholars Program, through which each barangay will select five incoming fourth-year college students for School Year 2026–2027 to receive a Php 20,000 "Finisher Fund" to help cover essential academic expenses and complete their college education.

According to the guidelines, beneficiaries

must be bona fide residents of the concerned barangay and belong to vulnerable households that are at risk of dropping out of school. Preference shall be given to students whose families have no member who has completed tertiary education.

Barangays may also prescribe additional eligibility criteria, provided these are properly documented and implemented in a just, fair, and transparent manner. Meanwhile, the remaining Php 100,000 shall be allocated for the Assistance for the Barangay component, which will support development priorities identified by barangays based on their immediate operational and community needs.

Eligible interventions include the procure-

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY SEIRA SOBERANO OKUMURA!

Happy Birthday! May your special day on August 8, 2026 be filled with love, laughter, and wonderful memories. Wishing you endless happiness, good health, and success in everything you do. May this new year of your life bring you more blessings, exciting opportunities, and dreams coming true. Enjoy your day and celebrate all the amazing things that make you who you are. Have a beautiful birthday!

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ment of public service equipment, administrative and office equipment, streetlighting facilities, and disaster risk reduction and management equipment, among others.

Barangays may augment the allocation using their own local funds to complete identified development priorities. However, the guidelines provide that the assistance shall not be used for infrastructure projects, honoraria, salaries, wages, or other similar personnel-related expenditures.

The DILG said the issuance of the guidelines ensures the transparent, accountable, and efficient implementation of the BBMP, allowing barangays to invest in both human capital and community development while advancing the Bagong Pilipinas vision of bringing meaningful government assistance closer to every Filipino.

PGC BRINGS QUALITY HEALTHCARE TO MAGALLAÑOS

Residents of Brgy. Poblacion III, Magallanes, Cavite received free essential healthcare services through the Provincial Government of Cavite's Medical and Dental Mission held on July 24, 2026.

A total of 437 residents benefited from the outreach, which provided 279

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IN RE: PETITION FOR COMMISSION AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN THE CITIES OF TRECE MARTIRES AND GENERAL TRIAS AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA CAVITE,

TMNP-019-26
ATTY. MARIA SHIELA MONEDERO-ARNESTO,
Petitioner.
x ----- x

NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for application of notarial commission of ATTY. MARIA SHIELA MONEDERO-ARNESTO shall be held on August 11, 2026, at 8:30 in the morning at the Court Room of the Executive Judge, Regional Trial Court, Branch 23, Trece Martires City, Cavite. Any person who has any cause or reason to object the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

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

SO ORDERED.
Trece Martires City, Cavite, July 23, 2026
(SGD) PURIFICACION A. BARING TUVERA
Executive Judge

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MENDEZEÑOS BENEFITED IN ANOTHER LEG OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL MISSION

In a continuous pursuit to make healthcare services accessible to all, another medical and dental mission was successfully facilitated by the Provincial Government of Cavite in the Municipality of Mendez on July 17, benefitting a total of 681 Mendezeños.

The services rendered included medical consultation, dental extraction and on-site diag-

nostic procedures, such as fasting blood sugar and electrocardiogram tests. Additionally, medicines and vitamins were handed out to the patients to complement the overall healthcare services.

The Office of the Provincial Governor and Office of the Provincial Health Officer continue to work together to bridge the gap between the communities and healthcare services. — OPIO