

BotiCARD celebrates 15 years of bringing affordable healthcare closer to communities



BotiCARD's 15th anniversary was celebrated through free health services, including health consultations, blood pressure monitoring, dental extraction, and distribution of free vitamins

BotiCARD, Inc., a pharmacy under CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), celebrated its 15th anniversary on May 20, 2026, at its Paulino Branch in San Pablo City, Laguna, by providing free health consultations, dental extraction, and blood pressure monitoring services.

The services were open to clients of CARD financial institutions, their children, as well as non-clients and community residents. The anniversary program also included the distribution of

free vitamins such as B-complex, multivitamins, ascorbic acid, non-acidic supplements, and vitamin C for children. Clients from CARD MRI financial institutions also continue to receive 20–28 percent discounts on medicines purchased at BotiCARD pharmacies.

The free healthcare services are part of BotiCARD's mission of providing affordable and quality medicines to underserved communities. BotiCARD CEO Florife T. Reynido said they chose to celebrate the milestone

through these services to promote the importance of maintaining good health. "Para kapag senior citizen na tayo, malalakas at masisigla pa rin tayo," she said, addressing the CARD clients and community residents present in the program, reminding them of the value of maintaining their overall well-being.

In its 15th year, BotiCARD has expanded to 27 branches serving provinces across Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. The pharmacy continues to implement efforts that



BotiCARD pharmacists and staff at the Paulino Branch in San Pablo City, Laguna ready to welcome and assist customers purchasing medicines and health supplies during the 15th anniversary celebration.

bring medicines and healthcare services closer to communities, including over-the-counter (OTC) medicine counseling, where pharmacists guide patients on the proper use of medicines.

BotiCARD has also introduced programs such as the BotiCARD Health Plus (BH Plus), which supplies vitamins, maintenance medicine packages, and emergency medicines for CARD clients as part of their insurance, as well as the Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) system of medicines and essential supplies for CARD MRI employees.

BotiCARD Chairman Rosenda P. Aquino expressed her gratitude for the pharmacy's milestone. For the past 15 years, BotiCARD has continued to bring affordable and quality medicines closer to communities, and we remain committed to doing so in the years ahead," she said, reflecting on the pharmacy's healthcare efforts. "We are happy that

BotiCARD has reached 15 years, and will continue exploring healthcare innovations to remain responsive to evolving health needs."

The celebration also featured free haircut services, free herbal coffee tasting, and raffle promos. Also present during the anniversary program were CARD MRI senior advisers Grace Contreras and Dr. Lorenza dT. Bañez, along with BotiCARD staff and CARD clients.

ENCHANTED KINGDOM UNVEILS 31ST ANNIVERSARY EVENTS AND OFFERINGS, ANNOUNCES NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT AGILA THE EKSPERIENCE: SARIBUHAY



Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, is set to mark its 31st Anniversary with Fiesta ng Saribuhay, a month-long celebration that puts the country's rich biodiversity at the heart of its enchanting lineup of exciting shows, world-class entertainment, and other anniversary experiences this October.

With this year's theme, EK continues its mission to enrich every guest's visit as it highlights the beauty of the Philippines through a grand showcase of its people, culture, and biodiversity, which make the country truly unique and enchanting.

The anniversary



festivities officially begin on October 2, with an enchanting World Teachers' Day Celebration, complete with insightful sessions, captivating performances, and special treats and giveaways dedicated to the inspiring educators who help nurture the next generation of



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DTI Laguna Expands MSME Access to Financing Through SB Corp Loan Orientation in Paete



PAETE, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna Provincial Office conducted the "Empowering MSMEs: Unlocking Opportunities through SB Corp Loan Programs" orientation on June 2, 2026, at the Municipal Building in Paete, Laguna, to help micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) access affordable financing and government-backed loan facilities.

The activity introduced participants to various loan programs offered by the

Small Business Corporation (SB Corp), including working capital assistance, purchase-order financing, franchise support, and other financing options designed to meet the needs of growing businesses.

To assist prospective borrowers, DTI Laguna facilitated an orientation on loan eligibility requirements and application procedures, followed by a Pre-Submission Review session that provided hands-on guidance in preparing documentary requirements.

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Nakayapak

Lathala ni Vida Rose Branson

Nakayapak man o may sapin ang mga paa sa paglalakbay, malinaw sana ang hangarin—daan tungo sa kabutihan, sa pag-unlad, at ka-rangyaan ng buhay ng isang taong may pang-arap.

Nakakatuwang isipin kung gaano kalayo ang maaaring patunguhan ng mga paa natin. Sa umaga pa lamang, ang isang gawain ay hindi masisimulan kung hindi tayo babangon mula sa kinahihigaan natin. Mula sa pag-aayos ng higaaan, sa pagluto at pagkain ng almusal, pagligo't paghahanda para sa mga susunod na gagawin sa isang araw ay hindi masisimulan kung hindi tayo babangon at iyayapak ang mga paa dapat nitong patunguhan.

Ang muling pagyapak natin ng ating mga paa sa lupa ng mundo ay isa ring pagkakataon upang ipagpatuloy ang paglalakbay na ating tinatahak sa buhay. Ang pagyapak natin ng ating mga paa ang siyang magdadala sa atin sa kung saan ang nais nating tunguhan.

Sa bawat pagyapak ay panibagong destinasyon at panibagong direksyon. Kung minsan may halo pa itong pagdududa—karapat dapat pa nga bang tumuloy sa lakbay na tinatahak? Baka, kailangang bumalik sa ating pinanggalingan, baka kailangang magbago ng direksyon, o baka kailangan munang ipahinga ang mga paa mula sa paglalakbay—hindi lahat ng pagyapak at lakbay ay perpekto at wasto. Hindi lahat ng destinasyon ay masisiguradong iyon na ang gugustuhin na wakas, ang tuldok ng paglalakbay.

Hindi rin naman nagmamadali, hindi karera ang lakbay ng buhay. Hindi dahil mayroon nang nauna sa kanilang nais na destinasyon ay dapat gayon din ang sundin. Iba-iba ang bilis ng yapak natin, mayroong pinipiling mabagal at paunti-un-ti pero may kasiguraduhang may patutunguhan, banayad lamang ang unlad at lakbay. Hindi lahat ng mga agarang nakararating sa nais na puntahan ay kuntento, hindi lahat ng mabilis ay masaya ang tagumpay.

Iba't iba rin ang kuwento ng ating paglalakbay. Sa bawat pagyapak ay panibagong kuwento, panibagong mga taong papasok sa ating buhay na may dalang impluwensya. Mayroon ding mga pagkakamaling magsisilbing aral na ating dadalhin sa ating pagpapatuloy sa paglalakbay. At hindi rin dapat nasusukat sa suot na sapin paa, nakasapatos, heels, sandals, o simpleng tsinelas, iba-iba man ang tatak, lahat tayo ay maaaring maglakbay patungo sa kaunlaran ng buhay.

Kung kaya't hindi dapat tayo tumitigil sa paglalakbay. Nakakapagod man at kung minsan'y nawawalan na tayo ng kagustuhan na iyapak muli ang ating mga paa, pero hangga't ginigising tayo ng umaga, ang bawat araw ay simbolo na ituloy ang lakbay na nasimulan.

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SUSTEX 2026: BAYANIHAN BECOMES KEY TO SUSTAINABLE NATION-BUILDING

Earlier this year, supply chain, transportation, and trade challenges brought about by the fuel crisis tested national resilience. Now more than ever, sustainability grows greater relevance to support government efforts in reinforcing and protecting the growth of the local economy.

SM through SM Prime Holdings Inc. (SM Prime) and SM Supermalls in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and ARISE Private Sector Alliance for Disaster Resilient Societies mounted the 2026 Sustainability Expo (SUSTEX) at SMX Convention Center Aura, Taguig.

"Sustainability offers broad benefits to key economic sectors of a country like ours—rich in resources that contribute to the nation's production, which must be protected and preserved, especially

against various risks," said DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum, Jr., said DOST Secretary Renato Solidum Jr.

Guided by this year's theme of 'Bayanihan Innovation for a Green and Resilient Philippines' SUSTEX aims to scale a clear path forward for sustainable growth in crucial industries of the Philippine economy.

On top of optimizing organizational performance, sustainable innovation introduced through the summit also presents opportunities for community empowerment, enabling enhanced nation-building.

"For decades, SM has seen how holistic sustainability adds value to the communities we serve. When we embraced sustainability early in our transformation journey, environmental stewardship, community empowerment for nation-building, and supporting economic

participation and viability allowed us to serve Filipinos better," said Engr. Junias M. Eusebio, SM Supermalls Vice President for Operations

Focused on three key areas for nation-building: an enhanced Circular Economy, Energy Innovation, and Disaster Risk Reduction, the sophomore run of the multi-sector showcase connects industry leaders and decision makers to sustainable pathways for innovation and growth.

SUSTEX also aims to equip crucial sectors such as Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises as well as full-scale nationwide businesses, for economic and climate-related disruptions through scalable sustainable solutions.

With over 50 exhibitors and 40 speakers, SUSTEX 2026 showcases the future of nation-building in the Philippines. The annual forum serves as a nationwide platform high-

lighting innovative technologies, fostering multi-sectoral collaboration, and promoting sustainable solutions that contribute to a more resilient, and future-ready Philippines.

About SM Supermalls

SM Supermalls is one of Southeast Asia's largest mall developers and operators, with 90 malls in the Philippines and 9 in China. Every Filipino has an SM story. For generations, SM has been more than a place to shop. It has become part of everyday Filipino life, a place where families gather, friendships grow, milestones are celebrated, passions are discovered, and communities come together. As Filipinos' lifestyles continue to evolve, SM continues to transform its destinations through My SM creating malls that are more connected, experiential, and meaningful, while remaining the place Filipinos know, trust, and call home. My SM. Your Most Loved Supermall.

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beneficiaries.

Retirement and death benefits accounted for the largest share of Social Security benefit payments totaling ₱180.86 billion from January to July 2026. This included ₱110.83 billion for regular pensioners and ₱43.89 billion for survivor pensioners, covering 2.70 million and 1.23 million pensioners, respectively.

Pension reform strengthens retirement protection

SSS continues to implement the Pension Reform Program (PRP), the first multi-year pension increase program in SSS history.

Under the PRP, pensioners receive annual pension increases every September from 2025 to 2027. Retirement and disability pensioners received a 10% increase in their monthly pensions, while death and survivor pensioners received a 5% increase.

For 2026, SSS has disbursed approximately ₱6 billion in additional pension benefits to help pensioners cope with inflationary pressures and

higher energy costs. The pension increase was released earlier in June as part of SSS' support for pensioners amid the national energy situation.

As of July 2026, the average basic monthly pension was ₱5,704, inclusive of the additional ₱1,000 benefit for Social Security pensioners and ₱1,150 for Employees' Compensation pensioners.

Contribution collections remain strong

Members' contributions reached ₱235.33 billion from January to July 2026, continuing to provide the primary funding base for SSS' benefit and service obligations.

During the period, SSS recorded ₱268.14 billion in total revenues and ₱212.64 billion in total expenditures, resulting in ₱55.50 billion in net revenue.

Operating expenses amounted to ₱7.09 billion, equivalent to 24.3% of the ₱29.22-billion charter limit, reflecting the System's continuing efforts to maintain prudent expenditure management.

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DTI CALABARZON FACILITATES COFFEE FARM PHILIPPINE COFFEE QUALITY COMPETITION JUDGES

CAVITE, Philippines – The Department of Trade and Industry IV-A CALABARZON facilitated a coffee farm tour for the judges of the Philippine Coffee Quality Competition (PCQC) Judges on June 4, 2026, in Cavite Province.

The activity aimed to provide the judges with a deeper appreciation of Cavite's coffee industry by showcasing selected coffee institution and enterprises through presentations on their history, operations, and best practices, followed by guided visits to their facilities.

Among the sites visited during the tour were Gourmet Farms in Silang, the National Coffee

Research, Development and Extension Center (NCRDEC) at Cavite State University Main Campus, and Wit and Joy Coffee Farm in Indang, Cavite.

Joining the activity were DTI CALABARZON representatives Sup-TIDS Mary Ann Mada and Admin Aide VI Noriel Katigbak, together with DTI Cavite representatives OIC Division Chief Julita C. Salvacion and TIDS Mikaela Jane P. Bartolome.

Through the exchange of knowledge and experiences, the tour further promoted appreciation for the efforts of Cavite's coffee stakeholders in advancing the province's coffee industry. PR

CAYETANO SUPORTADO ANG 6 GLOBAL PACTS PARA PROTEKSYUNAN AT PALAWAKIN ANG OPORTUNIDAD NG MGA PILIPINO



Suportado ni Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano ang anim na kasunduang magbibigay ng dagdag na proteksyon at oportunidad sa mga Pilipino sa loob at labas ng bansa.

Saklaw ng mga ito ang edukasyon, ligtas na biyaha sa eroplano, patas na pagbubuwis, pinalang dulong ng space objects, extradition, at paglaban sa krimen.

Sumalang nitong September 1, 2026 sa interpellation sa plenary ng Senado ang anim resolution sa pangunguna ng sponsor nitong si Senate Majority Leader Juan Miguel Zubiri, na layuning gawing opisyal ang pagsang-ayon ng Senado sa anim na international agreements.

Giit ni Cayetano, na dating Foreign Affairs Secretary, importanteng isulong sa pamamagitan ng mga kasunduang pandaigdig ang interes ng Pil-

ipinas nang may paggalang sa Konstitusyon at mga batas ng bansa.

Kabilang sa nilagdaan niya ang Proposed Senate Resolution No. 622 para makasali ang Pilipinas sa 2014 Montreal Protocol.

Pinalalakas nito ang mga patakaran laban sa krimen at magulong asal sa international flights. Maaari nitong bigyan ng kapangyarihan ang mga awtoridad sa bansang nilapagan ng eroplano o kinaroroonan ng operator nito na umakasyon sa mga itinakdang kaso.

Sakop naman ng PSR No. 625 ang Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects, na magbibigay sa Pilipinas ng paraan para humingi ng bayad-pinsala sakaling may masawi, masaktan, o mapinsalang ari-arian sa bansa dahil sa space object.

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Upang maiwasan naman ang pagpapataw ng dobleng buwis sa kita ng mga manggagawa at negosyong Pilipino sa Cambodia, nilagdaan ni Cayetano ang PSR No. 628 o Philippines-Cambodia Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement. Niililaw nito ang mga patakaran sa buwis, pinipigilan ang tax



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evasion, at hinihikayat ang kalakalan at pamumuhanan.

Para naman sa edukasyon, nilagdaan ni Cayetano ang PSR No. 626 na sumasang-ayon sa Tokyo Convention on education. Tinitiyak ng kasunduan ang patas at malinaw na evaluation sa university degrees, diploma, at school credits ng mga estudyante at manggagawang tumatawid ng ibang bansa sa loob ng Asia-Pacific region.

Makakatulong ito sa mga Pilipinong gustong magpatuloy ng pag-aaral, kumuha ng training, o maghanap ng trabaho sa ibang bansa.

"I hope we can continue to work on more exchanges — more exchange students, more trips between Japan and the Philippines," pahayag ni Cayetano noong Hulyo. "The Japanese people, the Japanese businessmen, can be not only a partner but a wise counselor and guide to the Philippines."

Sinuportahan din ni Cayetano ang PSR No. 623 o ASEAN Treaty on Extradition at ang PSR No. 624 para sa Philippines-India Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.



TOUR FOR

DILG PROBES OVER 200 BFP OFFICIALS IN SWEEPING CRACKDOWN ON 'SLOT-FOR-SALE' SCHEME



The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is investigating over 200 officials of the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) as part of a sweeping crackdown on the alleged "slot-for-sale" scheme in the bureau's recruitment process, DILG Secretary Jonvic Remulla announced on Friday.

Speaking at a press conference at Camp Crame in Quezon City, Remulla said the investigation forms part of the DILG's continuing efforts to strengthen accountability and good governance within its ranks, warning that officials found involved in corruption will be held accountable.

"I am warning you: I am serious. Hindi ako titigil hangga't hindi makukulong lahat na rotten personnel sa BFP," he said. This comes days after a female BFP Senior Fire Officer 1 was arrested in Pampanga on August 24 after a BFP applicant reported her to authorities for the alleged extortion of P300,000.

Remulla commended the applicant for his bravery in reporting the alleged scheme. The arrested BFP official is now at the Philippine National Police - Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (PNP-CIDG) and is facing charges for robbery, extortion, and violation of Republic Act (RA) 10175.

Earlier this year, Remulla announced that cases were filed against 11 BFP officials for the same slot-for-sale scheme.

He vowed to end the ₱15-billion-a-year corruption in the BFP within six months, as the DILG moves to dismantle what he described as a 25-year nationwide corruption web where applicants allegedly pay P100,000 to P800,000 just to be admitted into the organization.

"My number 1 goal is to clean and strengthen the

According to Remulla, some 23,344 applicants compete for the limited 2,504 available positions in this year's BFP recruitment quota. "Napakaraming qualified, limited ang slots. Sa decision kung sino ang papa-sok ang nagkakaroon ng korapsyon," Remulla added.

He said the BFP Region 4A Assistant Regional Director is also involved in the Pampanga scheme. The official has been relieved while the investigation is ongoing.

All BFP Regional Directors have likewise been placed under investigation as part of the DILG's massive purge of the organization, underscoring the Department's resolve to ensure that accountability applies at all levels.

Beyond holding erring personnel accountable, the DILG is also instituting reforms aimed at closing opportunities for corruption in the recruitment process.

Remulla commended BFP Officer-in-Charge Fire Chief Superintendent Wilberto Rico Neil Ang Kwan Tiu for the progress in enforcing BFP reforms in just three months since he assumed the bureau's top post.

According to Kwan Tiu, the BFP is now implementing an e-hiring online system whereby applicants are designated only by a number or code throughout the recruitment process, eradicating the chances of corruption. The names of applicants who make it to the annual BFP quota are system-generated and revealed only at the end of the recruitment process.

"We are trying our best to institute the reforms of the Secretary in the BFP. With the new system we have, we are confident na wala ng ganoong slot-for-sale scheme," Kwan Tiu said. The DILG said the continuing investigation and recruitment reforms reflect its commitment to ensuring that entry into the BFP is based on merit and qualification, and that public service positions are never treated as commodities for sale. PR



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JOHNNY OLACO,
Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-26-085

FOR: Petition to Sell in
Extrajudicial Foreclosure

-versus-

MARIA ARSENIA FABROS LACSON,
ROLAND FAJARDO LACSON,
AMANDO ESTRADA FABROS, JR.,
AND YAZMINE ISABEL ESTRADA FABROS
Mortgagors.
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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by mortgagee JOHNNY OLACO, of legal age, Filipino, single, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Symphony Towers Condo, Sgt. Esguera corner Timog Avenue, Quezon City, (2) 1155 Nakpil Street, Barangay 686, Zone 75, Paco, Manila, (3) 12 Bulacan St., Caloocan City represented by his Attorneys-In-Fact, Ma. Fatima Llamas and Rona A. Bendicio per Special Powers of Attorney executed and notarized on June 19, 2026 and April 7, 2026, respectively, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Mortgage executed and notarized on September 21, 2025 by mortgagors, MARIA ARSENIA FABROS LACSON MARRIED TO ROLAND FAJARDO LACSON, both of legal age, Filipinos, AMANDO ESTRADA FABROS, JR., of legal age, Filipino, single, AND YAZMINE ISABEL ESTRADA FABROS, of legal age, Filipino, all with postal addresses at (1) No. 10 East Drive, Summerville Subdivision, Sauyo, Novaliches, Quezon City; (2) Woodhills Residences, E-Cluster 1, Apen, Building, 3rd Floor, Barangay Patutong Malaki, Tagaytay City, all represented by their attorney-in-fact Maria Arsenia Lacson y Fabros, per Special Powers of Attorney, executed and notarized on September 5, 2025, July 6, 2025 and January 11, 2025, respectively, in favor of the mortgagee, over real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2025000656 of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the mortgagors in the amount of ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php 1,800,000.00), as of July 6, 2026, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Oliver N. Mendoza, will sell at public auction on November 12, 2026 AT 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 076-2025000656
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

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

STUDIO E – 40.27 SQ. METERS – 3RD FLOOR - C.1

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE T-20292-95** which embraces and describes the land located at PATU-

TONG MALAKI, TAGAYTAY CITY with an area of **THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINE (3, 109)** Square Meters, is registered in the name of:

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Address: No. 10 EAST DRIVE, SUMMERVILLE SUBD., SAUYO ROAD, NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY

Owner: AMANDO ESTRADA FABROS, JR., OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO CITIZEN, SINGLE
Address: No. 10 EAST DRIVE, SUMMERVILLE SUBD., SAUYO ROAD, NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY

Owner: YAZMINE ISABEL ESTRADA FABROS, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO CITIZEN, SINGLE
Address: No. 10 EAST DRIVE, SUMMERVILLE SUBD., SAUYO ROAD, NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on November 19, 2026 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2025000656 the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines September 3, 2026.

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(SDG) OLIVER N. MENDOZA
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₱1.29 trillion investment portfolio

SSS continues to maintain a diversified investment portfolio to support its long-term obligations and preserve the value of the pension fund.

As of July 2026, the System's total investment level stood at ₱1.29 trillion, with an annualized return on investment of 4.64%.

Government securities accounted for 49% of the portfolio, followed by equities at 14%, loans to members and pensioners at 13%, real estate at 12%, and corporate notes and bonds at 8%. The remaining investments were in bank deposits, externally managed funds, and mutual funds.

SSS manages its investment portfolio through prudent risk management and disciplined asset allocation to generate sustainable returns while safeguarding the pension fund.

Expanding financial assistance

In response to rising energy costs, inflationary pressures, and broader economic challenges, SSS has enhanced its loan programs to provide members with more accessible financial assistance during times of need.

The Enhanced Emergency Loan Program (ELP), which took effect on 1 May 2026, provides qualified members with access to up to ₱20,000 at an interest rate of 7% per annum, with a six-month repayment moratorium. The program also relaxed the contribution requirement from 36 to 18 months, provided that the member has at least six posted contributions within the last 12 months.

SSS has also rolled out the SSS Micro Loan Program, or SSS LoanLite, which provides qualified employed members with a fully digital option for short-term financial assistance through participating financial institutions.

Union Digital Bank is the first participating financial institution to make SSS LoanLite available through its mobile application. Representatives of the other participating financial institutions, Rizal Commercial Banking Cor-

poration (RCBC), Land Bank of the Philippines, UnionBank of the Philippines, and Standard Economics, were also present during the SSS 69th Anniversary Press Conference, underscoring the strong partnership between SSS and its financial institution partners. The other LoanLite partners will make the facility available through their respective digital platforms as their systems become ready.

Strengthening retirement savings

SSS is also expanding opportunities for members to build additional retirement savings through the Mandatory Provident Fund (MPF) and Pension Booster (PB).

As of July 2026, MPF contributions reached ₱263.12 billion from 9.18 million members.

The PB recorded ₱2.09 billion in contributions from 95,745 members, giving members another option to build additional retirement savings.

Expanding social security coverage

As of July 2026, SSS had 44.25 million covered members, including employed, self-employed, voluntary, and Overseas Filipino Workers.

The System also maintained 292 local offices nationwide and 30 foreign offices, allowing it to serve members in the Philippines and abroad.

SSS was likewise serving more than 1 million active employers, strengthening its partnership with employers in expanding and sustaining social security coverage.

Preparing for the future

SSS is developing new programs designed to respond to the evolving needs of its members.

Among these is the Energy Sustainability Loan Program, which will allow qualified members with Mandatory Provident Fund accounts to borrow up to ₱400,000 to install solar panel systems at home. The loan will be payable over seven years at an interest rate of 6% per annum.

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Debtor/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 057-2016048998

Lot No. 13 Block: 8 Plan No. PSD-04-226211
Portion of: BLOCK 15, PCS-04-027752, DECREE NO. 4270 ; LRC REC. NO. 5964
Location: BARANGAY OF NAVARRO, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

Boundaries:
LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2 NE LOT 14, BLOCK 8, PSD-04-226211
2-3 SE LOT 11, BLOCK 6, PSD-04-226211
3-4 SW ROAD LOT 1, PSD-04-226211
4-1 NW LOT 15, BLOCK 8, PSD-04-225211
Area: FORTY SQUARE METERS, (40), MORE OR LESS

All sealed bids mus submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

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

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RAMEL D. PALACIO,
(1) D 12#1697 LRC Compound, C.M. Straight Avenue,

Sta. Cruz North, Manila (occupied by third party);
(2) Lot 13 Block 8 Kensington 10, Barangay Navarro, General Trias, Cavite (currently occupied by the mortgagee),

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DTI...

quirements and navigating the SB Corp online application portal.

The initiative seeks to improve the quality of loan applications and help MSMEs better understand available financing options, enabling entrepreneurs to access capital for business operations, expansion, and other growth opportunities.

Through its partnership with SB Corp, DTI Laguna continues to bring financing programs closer to local entrepreneurs by providing information sessions, application assis-

stance, and other support services that help increase MSMEs' access to formal sources of credit.

Access to financing remains one of the key requirements for business growth. By connecting entrepreneurs with appropriate financial assistance programs and guiding them through the application process, DTI Laguna helps create opportunities for MSMEs to strengthen their operations and pursue long-term business development. (KADCainito, DTI Laguna)

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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-590-26

-versus-

SPS. JANICE G. CRUZ AND JOHN KEVIN F. CRUZ,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE \
No. 057-2023054085

Lot No. 37 Block: 9 Plan No. PCS-04-032534
Portion of: LOT 1837-B, (LRC) PSD-105017, BLK. 15, PCS-

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Filipinos.

Guests are also invited to take a symbolic stride for sustainability, wellness, and togetherness at Run to 31: Takbo ng Saribuhay Fun Run on October 11. More details about the event, including how to register, will be released soon on EK's social media pages.

Every weekend of October, the Fiesta ng Saribuhay streetdance performances will set the stage for the country's vibrant culture and festive spirit to shine across the Park. EK's very own Storyverse characters will also add their magical touch into the festivities through their spectacular nighttime parade.

On October 17, EK will put Filipino music, talent, and pride in the spotlight at the Fiesta ng Saribuhay Concert, with R&B hitmaker Dionela set to headline the star-stud-

ded lineup of OPM acts that will surely make the anniversary festivities even more unforgettable. The celebration continues on October 18 with another exciting set of Fiesta ng Saribuhay performances featuring more OPM artists, all of which will be revealed soon.

Explore the archipelago through food as EK's newest Saribuhay Menu serves up healthy and hearty local dishes from the featured destinations in the AGILA The EK-sperience: SARIBUHAY film, available soon at LaunchTime and Amazon Grill restaurants. Further expanding its wide selection of in-park food and dining options, EK will also welcome new tenant partners in the coming months, including Pepper Lunch at the EK Portico, Minimelts, Stroop & Zo, and Mango Royal.

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04-030060, BLK. 17, 19, 20, PCS-04-032025, LOT 2, BLK. 17 PCS-04-030836; LOT 2090 & 2191 ALL OF SFDM ES-TATE, LRCRECORD NO. 5964, DECREE NO. 4270
Location: 1000 sq. ft., 1000 sq. ft., 1000 sq. ft., PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

Boundaries:
LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2 NE LOT 39, BLOCK 9, PCS-04-032534
2-3 SE ROAD LOT 11, PCS-04-032534
3-4 SW LOT 35, BLOCK 9, PCS-04-032534
4-1 NW LOT 38, BLOCK 9, PCS-04-032534
Area: FIFTY (50), SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS

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

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Trece Martires City, **AUGUST 28, 2026**

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SSS is also developing the Mandatory Provident Fund Loan and Pensioners' Card as part of its continuing efforts to expand financial and service options for members and pensioners.

Continuing 69 years of protection

The 69th Anniversary celebration will continue throughout September with activities recognizing SSS members, pensioners, employers, and partners.

Pensioners' Day on 11 September will honor the country's pensioners and highlight the importance of sustained social security protection in retirement.

The opening of the SSS Foreign Office in Madrid on 11 September will serve more than 70,000 Filipinos in Spain.

SSS Global Kabanayan Day will be held in Hong Kong on 12 to 13 September and in Barcelona, Spain on 13 September to provide services and honor OFWs and pensioners.

The 2026 Balikang Bayan Awards on 21 September will recognize outstanding partners and stakeholders whose contributions have helped advance SSS programs and strengthen social security protection.

As SSS moves toward its 70th year, the System remains committed to strengthening its financial foundation, expanding social protection, and delivering services that respond to the changing needs of Filipino workers and their families.

Bawat Isa Protektado, Bawat Bukas Sigurado. By SSS

Portion of: Block 36, Psd-04-230162
Location: Santiago, 10000 sq. ft., 1000 sq. ft. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:		
LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	Lot 5, Block 11, Psd-04-251187
2-4	NE	____, Block 41, Psd-04-230162 (U nbuidable)
4-5	SE	Lot 3, Block 15, Psd-04-251187
5-6	SW	Lot 2, Block 11, Psd-04-251187
6-1	NW	Road Lot 15, Psd-04-251187
Area: ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE (153) SQUARE METERS, more or less		

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SPS. GREGORY M. AGOS, JR. & IRENE C. AGOS
1. Unit 13, Solid Arcade Building, President Avenue, Teoville 3, BF Homes 1, Paralaque City 1700
2. Block 11, Lot 3, Phase 1C, Amaia Scapes General Trias Armaldo Highway, Brgy. Santiago, General Trias, Cavite

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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING
CORPORATION (in its capacity as successor
in-interest of RCBC Savings Bank, Inc.),
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-424-26

-versus-

SPS. LEMUEL C. APIGO and SHEILA C. RHEBERG-APIGO, as represented by Attorney-in-Fact
Dee C. Rheberg,
Respondents/Mortgagors.

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 057-2024026692

LOT NO. 10 BLOCK NO. 18 PLAN NO.
Psd-04-239022

PORTION OF: Lot 2-A, Psd-04-239718
LOCATION: Barangay Bagtas, Tanza Municipality,
Cavite, Island of Luzon

BOUNDARIES:		
LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	NE	Lot 30, Block 17, Psd-04-239022
2-3	SE	Lot 11, Block 18, Psd-04-239022
3-4	SW	Lot 21, Block 18, Psd-04-239022
4-1	NW	Lot 9, Block 18, Psd-04-239022
AREA: THIRTY SIX SQUARE METERS (36), more or less		

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 057-2024026693

LOT NO. 11 BLOCK NO. 18 PLAN NO.
Psd-04-239022

PORTION OF: Lot 2-A, Psd-04-239718
LOCATION: Barangay of Bagtas, Municipality of Tanza,
Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

BOUNDARIES:		
LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-2	NE	Lot 30, Block 17, Psd-04-239022
2-3	SE	Lot 12, Block 18, Psd-04-239022
3-4	SW	Lot 20, Block 18, Psd-04-239022
4-1NW		Lot 10, Block 18, Psd-04-239022
AREA: THIRTY SIX SQUARE METERS (36), more or less		

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Trece Martires City, AUG 28, 2026

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Legal Services and Documentation Department
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MR. MARK L. SANTOS
MS. JESSA F. DIAMANTE
(1) Block 26, Lot 1, Phase 2, Sunrise Subdivision,
Tres Cruses, Tanza, Cavite
(2) Block 14 Lot 8 Camel Tanza,
Barangay Bagtas, Tanza, Cavite

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-439-26

SPS. GREGORIO M. AGOS, JR.
and IRENE C. AGOS,
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 057-2023002565

Lot No. 3 Block: 11 Plan No. Psd-04-251187

CARMONA...

C A R M O N A CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Reporting emergencies and incidents in Carmona City is expected to become faster and easier with the help of the local government unit's (LGU) own SOS: BML community app.

Launched last August 28, the Safety and Order Service: Bayan Muna Lagi (SOS:BML) Community App is a community safety and emergency reporting platform that gives residents direct and faster access to authorities and report incidents.

Mayor Dahlia Loyola said the application is part of their bid to incorporate technology into local governance, ensuring that "nobody is left behind".

"We want our constituents to feel and see that their city government is accessible, that we are listening, and that we are ready to take action when it matters most."

Through this application, Loyola said the public can report various incidents such as fire, crimes, accidents, and violence. Users can also report daily emergencies including those that involve senior citizens and Persons With Disabilities (PWD), solid waste, road obstruction, fallen posts and dangling telephone and electricity lines, noise complaints and more.



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"We want this mobile application to become a working tool for our community na kokonekta sa tao at gobyerno para makatulong nang mas mabilis para makabuo ng mas ligtas at inklusibong lungsod."

It also features daily updates on weather, traffic and even lost and found items.

The Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) lauded the city's initiative for creating a community app for reporting emergencies.

Fire Senior Superintendent Nonilon Macasadia II, DCS, Provincial Fire Marshal, underscored the fire bureau's commitment to work closely with Carmona LGU in ensuring public safety.

"By enabling swift response, the app strengthens multi-agency collaboration and response, ensuring a safer and more responsive environment for everyone. The BFP Cavite commends the City Government of Carmona for this forward-thinking project and reiterates its strong commitment to working hand-in-hand with the local government to serve and protect the community."

The LGU will soon roll out a series of information drives, orientations, and other activities to help residents maximize the application.



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AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY 2.5

One of the highlights of EK's 31st anniversary is the launch of AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY 2.5 this October, featuring new immersive pre- and post-show experiences that bring more enchanting stories of biodiversity to life. It introduces a new multi-sensory walkthrough upon entry that reveals the inspiration, symbolism, and making of the attraction.

Delving deeper into the walkthrough, guests are brought into the natural habitat of the Philippine eagle, offering a glimpse into its lifecycle and the eye-opening plight of one of the most iconic and critically endangered birds in the country.

Additionally, EK will elevate the retail experience at Pugad, AGILA's in-house concept store, with displays and experiences that incorporate retail, education, innovation, and sustainability. Guests can take home not just souvenirs, but also a deeper appreciation and understanding of their overall AGILA experience.

Relaunched in

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October 2025 with a renewed mission that goes beyond tourism to champion sustainability, AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY was notably named as the Best ASEAN New Tourism Attraction by the ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA) last January.

Extending its advocacy beyond the Park, EK has tapped its homegrown P-pop girl group, SMS, to take on the role of Saribuhay Explorers, serving as ambassadors for biodiversity. Through short-form digital content, the group will spread greater awareness about AGILA and the local biodiversity among audiences inside and outside the Park.

*Schedules are subject to change with prior notice.

For more information and updates on EK's 31st Anniversary Celebration and its other events and offerings, visit <https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph> and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and TikTok, and @ek_philippines for Instagram.

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and rebuilding confidence in Congress.

"Mahaba pa ang laban natin. Nakakapagumpisa pa lang tayo. Pero dapat lalo natin ipaglaban ang tama at ipaglaban natin ibangon ang Kongreso sa tulong ng bawat isa," said the House chief.

"Palakasin pa natin yung ating paniniwala na kayang kaya nating ibangon ang Bagong Kongreso."

Since assuming the Speakership, Dy has pushed for a "Bagong Kongreso" anchored on transparency, accountability, institutional reform, and concrete results for the Filipino people.

He has consistently emphasized that strengthening Congress is a collective responsibility—one that requires members and employees to put public service and the welfare of Filipinos above political and personal differences. PR

EDITORIAL:

Happy Sudoku Day!

By: Hanz Darwin Y. Corciega

Before smartphones, Wi-Fi, and unlimited internet, there was a time when children found happiness in the simplest things. There were no online games to play, no social media to scroll through, and no notifications waiting on a screen. Instead, we had newspapers, pencils, and little games that challenged our minds.

One of those games was Sudoku, additionally did you know that every September 9 we celebrate the International Sudoku Day.

For many people, Sudoku was more than just a puzzle. It was something they looked forward to every day. Kapag may bagong dyaryo sa umaga, isa sa mga unang hinahanap ay ang Sudoku sa likod o sa entertainment section. Minsan, bago pa basahin ang balita, hinahanap na agad ang puzzle. May mga taong nagtitimpla muna ng kape, umuupo sa tabi ng bintana, at tahimik na sinisimulan ang Sudoku habang hawak ang lapis.

Para sa mga bata noon, iba rin ang dating ng Sudoku. It may have started as a simple number game, but eventually, it became part of childhood. Kapag may nakitang Sudoku sa dyaryo, puwedeng kunin ang lapis ng magulang, kuya, ate, o lolo at subukang sagutan. Hindi mahalaga kung hindi agad alam ang tamang sagot. Ang mahalaga ay iyong excitement kapag may isang kahon kang napunan nang tama.

Sometimes, we would erase our answers again and again.

"Sigurado ka ba diyan?"

"Baka may mali."

Then we would check every row, column, and box, hoping that everything would fit perfectly.

Sudoku taught us something that was useful beyond the newspaper: patience.

Hindi lahat ng problema ay kailangang madalain. Sometimes, you have to stop, think, make a mistake, erase it, and try again. Every wrong number taught us to be more careful. Every completed puzzle gave us a small feeling of achievement.

And perhaps that was the life-changing part. Sudoku showed us that even a difficult problem can be solved one step at a time.

There were moments when the puzzle seemed impossible. Parang walang tamang number na ilalagay. But instead of giving up, we learned to look again. We searched for clues. We considered our choices. Slowly, one correct answer led to another until the puzzle that once seemed impossible was finally complete.

Life can be like that, too.

Sometimes, we look at our problems and feel that there is no solution. We may become frustrated because we cannot see the answer immediately. But Sudoku reminds us that we don't always have to solve everything at once. We can start with one small step.

Before the internet era, games like Sudoku also gave families a different kind of connection. A newspaper could be passed from one person to another. A child could sit beside a parent and ask for help. Siblings could compete over who could finish the puzzle first. There was no Google to immediately give us the answer. If we wanted to solve it, we had to use our own minds.

That made the experience more meaningful.

Today, we can play thousands of games with just a few taps on a phone. We can search for answers in seconds. Technology has made life easier in many ways, but there was something special about the old days—when entertainment required patience, curiosity, and imagination.

Sudoku was one of those simple joys.

It was a game printed on a piece of paper, but for many of us, it became a memory. It was the puzzle we waited for in the morning newspaper, the challenge we tried to solve with a pencil, and the little victory we celebrated when every box was finally filled.

Perhaps Sudoku did not completely change our lives.

But it taught us lessons that stayed with us: think carefully, be patient, learn from mistakes, and never give up just because the answer is not obvious.

And looking back, that may have been the real magic of Sudoku.

It wasn't just a childhood game.

It was a small puzzle that quietly taught us how to solve the bigger puzzles of life.

Happy International Sodikoo day!