

# NEW ERA BEGINS: CALTEX BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW SERVICE STATION AT GALAX PAGE 3

## DSWD ready to distribute relief amid rainy week



The DSWD Field Offices in the National Capital Region (NCR), Central Luzon, Calabarzon, Bicol Region, and Eastern Visayas, which are the potential areas to be affected based on forecast, are on high alert and are in constant touch with local government units (LGUs) for any request for resource augmentation, Dumlao said.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration has warned of widespread rains, flooding, and landslides.

At 3 p.m., the low-pressure area was located near the coastal waters of Siruma, Camarines Sur. It remains less likely to develop into a tropical depression, but heavy rains is expected over most parts of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao in the next 48 hours.

Aside from FFPs and non-food items, the DSWD maintains at least three million FFPs in all warehouses that they can immediately distribute, in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. that nobody should go hungry in times of calamities.

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### PAHAYAGAN NG Kabitenyo

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## Empowering Women Through Skills: Awarding of Portable Sewing Machines to Kababaihan ng Dasmariñas sa Bagong Milenyo and Green Ladies



In a meaningful step towards empowering women and supporting livelihood opportunities, nine (9) portable sewing machines were formally



awarded to the Kababaihan ng Dasmariñas sa Bagong Milenyo and Green Ladies. This initiative symbolizes not only the provision of essential equipment but also

the recognition of the vital role of women in fostering self-reliance, creativity, and community develop-

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# Pag-IBIG puts 30K foreclosed homes on 'super sale' up to 40% off PAGE 3

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## Bill filed to lower minimum years in service to become GSIS pensioners

MANILA – SSS-GSIS Pensonado Party-list Rep. Rolando Macasaet has filed a bill seeking to lower to 10 years the minimum number of years in service for a government employee to become a pensioner.

Currently, under Republic Act (RA) 8291, the GSIS Act of 1997, a person must have rendered at least 15 years of service, be at least 60 years old at the time of retirement, and not be a recipient of a monthly disability pension benefit, to be entitled to



retirement benefits under the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS).

In a statement on Monday, Macasaet said there is an urgent need to revisit RA 8291 and determine whether the intentions of law are still served today by the 28-year-old provisions, or if they need

to be updated to make retirement pension more accessible by the people.

As of March 2025, GSIS has a total of 2,736,710 members and pensioners broken down as follows: 2,100,257 active members and 636,453 old-age and survivorship pensioners.



## Junior HS students now included in Gov't Internship Program –DOLE

MANILA – An official of the Bureau of Local Employment (BLE) under the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) on Thursday said beneficiaries of the Government Internship Program (GIP) have been expanded to include junior high school students.

In an interview on Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon, BLE officer-in-charge Assistant Secretary Patrick Patriwirawan said the internship has also been extended to up to one year.

"So far, our regional offices continue to implement the GIP. Among

our new features, we have now extended the implementation to our beneficiaries for up to one year, and even junior high school (students), who we did not include previously, are now included in the implementation of the GIP," he said in Filipino.

The GIP provides monthslong internship opportunity for high school,

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## DA adds more P20-per-kg. rice sites for PH farmers



wide.

These are Laoag City in Ilocos Norte; Roxas City in Capiz; Baloy, Cagayan de Oro City in Misamis Oriental; and San Jose, Occidental Mindoro.

Rice producers have earlier gained access to the BBM Na rice in 18 National Food Authority (NFA) warehouses across the Cordillera region, Cagayan Valley, and Central Luzon.

Tiu Laurel, meanwhile, reiterated that fishers will soon enjoy similar

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MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Wednesday added more PHP20-per-kg. rice program sites under the "Benteng Bigas Meron (BBM) Na" to benefit more Filipino farmers.

This comes after about 7,000 local palay

(unhusked rice) farmers benefited from the BBM Na after its expansion on Aug. 13.

In a statement, Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said four sites have been added to make the program more accessible nation-

## Pamana ng Kahapon, Gabay ng Ngayon: Parangal sa mga Dakilang Caviteño



Inaprubahan na ng Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) ng Imus ang resolusiyong naglalaman ng Annual Work and Financial Plan ng City of Imus Council for

the Protection of Children (CICPC) para sa taong 2026, na may pondong P23 milyon sa ikapitong sesyon ngayong Lunes, Agosto 18, 2025.

Pinahintulutan

naman ng SP si City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula na irepresenta ang lokal na pamahalaan sa dalawang Contract to Sell kasama ang mga pribadong indibidwal para sa mga lupaing nasa Brgy. Alapan 2-A at Tanzang Luma 6.

Maari ding lumagda ang alkalde sa isang Contract to Lease para magamit ang gusali bilang Child Development Center.

Samantala, pinagtibay ng konseho ang Supplemental Budget ng iba't ibang barangay sa Imus para sa taong 2025.

## Cayetano, binatikos ang EAO fund ng DPWH



public funds.

Cayetano stressed that the amount, which averages P20 billion a year, could already cover the P55-billion shortfall needed to reach the 4% of GDP target for education spending.

"Ni-research na sa DPWH pala, they have EAO na up to 3.5% for any project above P1 million, at napupunta ito sa either central office, regional director, o sa district engineer," he said.

Cayetano made the point during the organizational meeting of the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education on August 27, which he chairs, in response to Senator Sherwin "Win" Gatchalian's opening statement that the P55 billion needed for education could easily be sourced by reallocating part of the P270 billion set for flood control projects next year.

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1. Maging aktibo ang isip - Gamitin ang utak o kung hindi, ay manghihina ito. Samakatuwid, huwag agad na magretiro sa trabaho. Isaalang-alang ang pagbalik sa eskuwela kahit na may edad na. Patuloy na gawin ang gusto mong gawin. Sa isang pag-aaral sa Rush University Medical Center sa Chicago, ang mga taong patuloy na aktibo sa pagbabasa, pag-aaral at paglutas ng mga puzzle ay halos 50 percent ang bawas sa sakit ng Alzheimers.

2. Magpapayat - Bukod sa pagiging sobra sa timbang ay malinaw na isang kadahilanan ng panganib sa pagtaba ay ang sakit sa puso, diabetes at arthritis. Ang isang pag-aaral noong 2006 ng National Institute of Health ay nagpakita na ang pagtaas ng timbang ay konektado sa mas maikling buhay. Kaya maging masaya kung ikaw ay payat.

3. Maging maingat - Ang maingat na tao ay mahaba ang buhay, ayon sa report ng Terman life-Cycle Study. Ang maingat ay isang kasanayan ng pagiging organisado at disiplinado sa iyong mga ginagawa. Ang maingat na tao ay maaaring mas alam ang kanilang pangangailang pangkalusugan. Pinipili niya ang mas masustansiyang pagkain. Ipinapakita rin sa isang pag-aaral na ang mga batang hindi maingat ay namamatay ng maaga. Ang isang leksyon ay turuan ang ating mga anak na alalahanin ang kanilang kalusugan.

4. Isiping bata pa - Kapag inisip mo na ikaw ay matanda na, mararamdaman mo na ikaw nga ay matanda na. Ngunit kung iisipin na ika'y bata pa ay ang iyong kawatan ay susunod. Panatilihin na ikaw ay bukas sa mga bagong hamon at oportunidad kahit na ano pa ang edad. Maging maalam sa mga balita. Pag-aralan ang mga bagong technology sa halip na ito ay iwasan. Makisalamuha sa mga mas bata sa iyo para mahawahan ng kanilang lakas. Kumain ng sapat at tumulong sa komunidad.

Mga nangungunang sakit ng Pinoyos

1. Altapresyon - Kapag ang inyong blood pressure ay palaging lampas sa 140 over 90, ang ibig sabihin ay may high blood pressure na kayo. Isa sa apat na Pilipino ay may high blood pressure. Ang normal na blood pressure ay mababa sa 140 over 90.

Heto ang mga tips para bumaba ang blood pressure: (1) Magbawas ng timbang; (2) Magbawas sa pagkain ng maaalat. Umiwas o magbawas sa paggamit ng asin, toyo, patis at bagoong; at (3) Mag-ehersisyo ng tatlo hanggang limang beses bawat linggo. Kapag palaging mataas sa 140/90 ang iyong blood pressure, kailangan mo nang uminom ng gamot.

2. Diabetes - Kung may nararamdamang pamamanhid, laging nauuhaw, madalas umihi, o namamayay, magpa-check sa diabetes. Kapag ang blood sugar ay higit sa 126 mg/dl pagkatapos ng 10 oras na hindi pagkain (fasting blood sugar), nangangahulugang may diabetes na kayo. Umiwas sa dalawang bagay: Matataba at matatamis na pagkain. Mag-ehersisyo rin ng regular at huwag magpataba.

Depende sa taas ng iyong blood sugar, may mga mura at mabisang gamot sa diabetes, tulad ng Metformin at Gliclazide. Kung hindi mako-kontrol ang iyong blood sugar, ay mapapabilis ang pagdating ng komplikasyon nito.

3. Mataas na cholesterol - Mataas ang cholesterol kapag lampas ito sa 200 mg/dl. Magdiyeta na. Posibleng kailangan uminom ng gamot kapag lampas sa 240 ang cholesterol. Subukang magdiyeta ng dalawang buwan. Iwas taba, karne, cakes at icing muna. Pagkaraan ng dalawang buwan, ipa-test uli ang cholesterol at kapag lampas ulit sa 240 mg/dl, doon magsisimula ng gamot na Statins.

4. Sakit sa kidneys - Kung mayroong diabetes o high blood pressure, kailangang bantayan ang kidneys. Ang diabetes at high blood ay nakasisira sa kidneys. Kadalasan ay walang nararamdaman ang mga taong may sakit sa kidneys. Kapag may kidney failure na, humihina na ang daloy ng ihi.

Heto ang tips: (1) Bawasan ang alat ng pagkain; (2) Limitahan ang protina sa pagkain. Damihan ang isda, gulay at prutas; (3) Iwasan ang pag-inom ng pain relievers o gamot sa kirot; (4) Uminom ng walo hanggang 10 basong tubig araw-araw.

5. Cancer - Kapag ang isang tao ay wala pang kanser, ang pinakamagandang kainin ay ang tatlong K: kamatis, karots at kalabasa. Puwede rin ang mga pagkaing ito para makaiwas sa kanser: green tea, curry powder, bawang, sibuyas, sibuyas dahon (leeks), repolyo, cauliflower, tofu o tokwa, at talong. Damihan ang pagkain ng anti-cancer foods. Bawasan ang pagkain ng hindi masustansiyang pagkain tulad ng baboy, baka, hotdog, bacon, ham at longganisa.



Empowering the Youth: DTI Rizal Hosts Branding and Packaging Seminar in Baras

Baras, Rizal - The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Rizal, through Negosyo Center Baras, in partnership with the Local Government of Baras and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Rizal, successfully conducted the K-Negosyo: Kabataang Entrepreneur 2.0 Training and Seminar on Branding and Packaging Skills for Youth Merchants last August 18, 2025.

The training focused on helping young business owners in Baras strengthen their branding and improve product packaging to make their enterprises more market-ready.

Two speakers shared valuable insights during the program. Ms. Rachel Leones, Co-owner of Creativly Studio, delivered an engaging talk on branding and packaging



strategies, emphasizing the importance of storytelling, creativity, and building strong brand identities that connect with customers. She encouraged participants to embrace innovation and utilize branding as a tool to differentiate their products.

On the other hand, Mr. R-Jay Salabao from DOST Rizal discussed the technical aspects of branding and packaging, including design elements, materials, and product presentation.

His talk highlighted how science and practi-

cal innovation can enhance product quality and market competitiveness.

The program opened with Councilor Bien Garrovillas, who assured the continued support of the LGU in guiding the youth toward successful entrepreneurship.

Through this initiative, DTI Rizal, LGU Baras, and DOST Rizal reaffirm their shared mission of empowering young entrepreneurs with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to grow their businesses and contribute to the local economy.



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Isko Moreno orders charges vs. contractor over illegal demolition of Manila community center

Manila City DRRMO) Mayor Francisco "Isko" Moreno Domagoso has ordered the filing of criminal charges against the general manager of Jelsie Construction and Supply for the "illegal" demolition of the Rizal Avenue Sports Athletics Complex (RASAC) covered court in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Charges will be filed before the City Prosecutor's Office against Jelsie Construction and Supply, Inc., represented by its general manager Jesse R. Mahusay, for the following violations:

1. Special Cases of Malicious Mischief under Article 328 of the Revised Penal Code, as amended, to be filed by the City General Services Office (CGSO)

2. Unlawful demolition and construction without necessary permit in violation of the National Building Code of the Philippines, to be filed by the DEPW

3. Unauthorized taking of Government Facility in violation of the Republic Act No. 10344 or the "Risk Reduction and Preparedness Equipment Protection Act," to be filed by the Manila City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (MC-

Further checks by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) North Manila District Engineering Office revealed that the project was a P145.5-million "Multi-Purpose Building, Sentro Komunidad de Santa Cruz, Manila (Phase 1)," awarded to Jelsie Construction through a Notice of Award dated May 22, 2025.

A contract agreement was signed a day later, May 23, followed by a notice to proceed on May 26.

Citing data from the City Accountant's office, Domagoso said the demolished property had a net book value of P10.4 million as of 2025.

Records also showed that Jelsie Construction and Supply, Inc. has cornered more than P1.43 billion worth of flood control projects in the City of Manila, according to data from the government's "Sumbong sa Pangulo" website.

The contractor also has projects in all six districts of Manila, ranking as the city's second-largest flood control contractor.

No coordination with City Hall Domagoso

said the demolition and ongoing construction of a new multi-purpose building at the RASAC site were never submitted to the City Government of Manila for the necessary permits or clearances. The RASAC complex was built in 1910 and later redeveloped into an all-weather covered court in 1995 under then Mayor Alfredo S. Lim.

Over the years, it served as a sports and community hub and housed several public facilities, including a City Hall satellite office, a police outpost, a Public Recreations Bureau field office, a daycare center, and a performance stage.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it functioned as an isolation facility and, in recent years, as an evacuation center during typhoons and fires.

Complaints from Manila residents The Mayor recounted that he was alerted to the demolition by residents during his district rounds on August 21. When he arrived at the site, the covered court and adjoining facilities had already been torn down.

He said that certifications submitted by concerned City Hall offic-

es confirmed there were no records of demolition, building, zoning, or tax payment permits in Jelsie Construction's name. No authority to destroy the facility

The Mayor also stressed that Jelsie Construction had no authority from the City Government to destroy or replace the facility.

"I am instituting this criminal complaint as the local chief executive of the country's capital city," Domagoso said.

"This is not only about protecting property but protecting the welfare of our citizens. We cannot allow private contractors to demolish and build at will without the authority of the city, especially on facilities critical to disaster preparedness and public service," the Mayor said.

According to the Department of Budget and Management's (DBM) Local Government and Regional Operations Group, the DPWH project was still marked as "FLR" or "For Later Release" as of August 22.

This means the project was not yet approved as it was still subject for approval by the Office of the President, according to the DBM.

GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

VIRGO (Aug.23 - Sept.23) - Bigyang halaga ang mga suliraning pang tahanan. Isaayos ito dahil lalala kung hindi aksiyunan kaagad. Ang pagbabago ng masamang ugali ay malaking tulong para sa ikakaunlad ng kabuhayan. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 2, 19, 27, 39 at neon green.

LIBRA (Sept.24 - Oct.23) - Magiging magisla ang pakiramdam sa umaga, pero matamlay ka sa dapit-hapon dahil sa inis. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 7, 22, 35, 40 at aqua blue.

SCORPIO (Oct.24 - Nov.22) - Huwag mag-react kaagad. Pag-aralan muna ang tungkol dito bago magbigay ng kumento. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 2, 6, 16, 31 at yellow gold.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.23 - Dec.21) - Malamang may susubok ng iyong pasensya, kaya gamitin ang matinong pag-iisip at hinahon. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 4, 18, 38, 42 at jade green.

CAPRICORN (Dec.22 - Jan.19) - Makakaharap ka ng suliranin, ngunit sa tag-lay na kahinahunan at kalituhan ang lahat ay magiging maayos. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 11, 19, 26, 39 at pale yellow.

AQUARIUS (Jan.20 - Feb.18) - Tumatahak sa tamang landas ang iyong pangarap sa pag-ibig. Iwasan ang maging mainitin ang ulo. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 2, 16, 32, 34 at orange.

PISCES (Feb.19 - Mar.20) - Iwasan ang anumang hakbang na may kinalaman sa pagpapautang o pangungutang ng pera. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 6, 14, 27, 40 at maroon.

ARIES (Mar.21 - Apr.19) - Sikapin na mag-ing kagiliwgiwgi ka dahil kung magmumukmok, hindi magagawa ang mga binabalak. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 6, 32, 34, 38 at royal blue.

TAURUS (Apr.20 - May 20) - Mag-ingat sa mga taong makakasalubong at baka matangay ang cellphone o anumang mahalagang bagay. Lucky numbers at co-lor of the day ang 9, 15, 30, 41 at fire red.

GEMINI (May 21 - Jun.21) - Huwag padala sa tsismis. Iwasan na tumanggap ng pabuya dahil ito ang sisira sa pagkatao. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 3, 17, 33, 35 at pearl white.

CANCER (Jun.22 - Jul.22) - Sa panahon ngayon, ang maging praktikal ay mahalaga. Maki-pagtulungan para may pakinabang. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 5, 18, 25, 35 at dollar green.

LEO (Jul.23 - Aug.22) - Ang pagmamalasakit sa kapwa ay gawin. Sa taglay na katalinuhan, magiging huwaran. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 12, 15, 28, 40 at sky blue.

Human Resources Development and Management Department advertisement with QR codes for job search, application procedures, and application link.

Sustamina Fresh Meatshop advertisement featuring images of meat products and contact information.

# MPTC seeks TRB approval for NLEX expansion

METRO PACIFIC TOLLWAYS CORP. (MPTC) has submitted to the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) its proposal to expand the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), as part of its plan to implement a barrierless toll collection system across its expressways by 2027.

"We already informed the government that we are intending to expand it (NLEX)," MPTC President and Chief Executive Officer Jose Ma. K. Lim told reporters on Aug. 6.

"We have recently submitted to the government the multi-lane free flow that will allow us to go barrierless," he added.

He said the company's earlier proposal to build a skyway along NLEX is also under engineering review.

"We need to have it (barrierless) approved by the government. They will review our proposal to see whether it is acceptable — the cost and the impact on the motorist are acceptable, as well as the amount and the mechanism of the return on investment," Mr. Lim said.

Once approved, Mr. Lim said, a barrierless toll system can be expected on all the company's toll roads.

"Once it is approved [maybe we can implement] by two years. If it is approved by the end of the year, then by 2027," he said.

MPTC said it will allocate up to P10 billion for the implementation of a



barrierless toll system.

The first stage of the barrierless system will be the implementation of cashless transactions, followed by interoperability or the introduction of a unified radio frequency identification (RFID) wallet system along expressways.

Earlier this year, the Department of Transportation postponed the full implementation of cashless toll collection indefinitely.

The government, through the TRB, said the implementation of cashless toll collection is needed for the planned electronic toll collection interoperability. The TRB also plans to introduce a unified RFID wallet system that can be used across tollways.

Mr. Lim said the MPTC has also secured the concession for the expansion of the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX).

The company is planning to expand both ends of CCLEX, linking it to Bacalso and Lapu-Lapu to connect with the Mactan-Cebu International Airport (MCIA).

"In fact, we have already acquired the LLEX (Lapu-Lapu Expressway)

concession to build the connection between the bridge and the airport. So, we are addressing the problems in Cebu," he said, noting that the tollway arm of Metro Pacific Investments Corp. (MPIC) will tap a partner for this project.

In 2024, MPTC said it was negotiating with a European company for the expansion of CCLEX, noting that the foreign investment may range from P5 billion to P10 billion.

The expansion of CCLEX is part of MPTC's strategy to make the expressway viable, as it currently reaches only 30% of its projected traffic volume and struggles to meet the target of 50,000 motorists per day, the company said earlier.

MPTC is the tollway subsidiary of MPIC, one of three key Philippine units of Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd., alongside Philex Mining Corp. and PLDT Inc.

Hastings Holdings, Inc., a unit of PLDT Beneficial Trust Fund subsidiary MediaQuest Holdings, Inc., holds a majority stake in BusinessWorld through the Philippine Star Group, which it controls.

# 60 batang Imuseño, natutunan ang batas trapiko

Binisita ng City of Imus Traffic Management Unit (CITMU) ang Bucandala 1 Day Care Center at Alapan 1-B Day Care Center noong Miyerkules, Agosto 20, 2025, para ibahagi sa 60 mag-aaral kung paano sila magiging ligtas sa daan sa pamamagitan ng Road Safety Awareness Program for Children.

Masayang itinuro sa mga bata ang pangunahing traffic signals at signs, mga dapat at hindi dapat gawin sa daan, Traffic Light Song and Dance, at ipinakilala ang mga traffic



enforcer na kanilang katuwang sa kaligtasan sa daan.

Kaagapay rito ang City of Imus Council for the Protection of Children (CICPC), Office of the City Social Welfare and Development Officer (OCSWDO), at sina Teacher Arlene Barra at Teacher Jaquiline Rosario

## Cayetano...

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The (EAO) is a percentage deducted from DPWH projects worth over P1 million to cover costs for testing, quality control, project management, and pre-construction activities.

But Cayetano said despite these supposed purposes, the fund has failed to guarantee the integrity of

projects and has even been linked to so-called "ghost projects."

"Kung pang-testing at quality control pero wala naman palang quality at ghost project pa, sayang itong pondong ito," he said.

Cayetano emphasized that the fund, which averages P20 billion a year,

is enough to cover the education budget gap and urged Gatchalian to look into it.

"May I respectfully hand it over to you baka gusto mong tingnan. It's mostly P20 billion a year. Isusumbong ko na kay Tulfo y'ang EAO na 'yan," he said.

## Junior HS...

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technical-vocational, or college graduates who want to pursue a career in public service in either local or national government.

The program aims to offer young individuals an opportunity to gain hands-on experience within various government agencies.

At present, the GIP has 43,658 interns, Patriwirawan said.

"One of the steps we are taking is to continue to communicate with other national government agencies, including LGUs (local government units)... where we deploy interns to gain work experience," he added.

Meanwhile, regarding the Special Program for Employment of

Students (SPES), Patriwirawan said in the same interview that they have so far recorded 87,588 beneficiaries this year.

"Last year, we hit 102,973 beneficiaries. This year, we are expected to exceed the 100,000 target," he said.

The SPES program provides temporary employment to financially challenged students, out-of-school youth, and dependents of displaced workers during their school

breaks. Beneficiaries usually go through screening process based on submitted documents to determine if they really belong to low-income families.

At present, there are 1,200 to 1,400 private sector companies participating in the implementation of SPES.

Patriwirawan said they have been lobbying for a continuous increase in budget so that the program can accommodate more beneficiaries. (PNA)

## DSWD ready...

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agency's other resources and logistics such as the mobile kitchens and mobile command centers are also ready to be deployed to affected areas, particularly in evacuation sites.

Dumlao urged the public to be vigilant and to heed all orders from their local authorities for their safety. (PNA)

# Pag-IBIG puts 30K foreclosed homes on 'super sale' up to 40% off

MANILA – The Pag-IBIG Fund has rolled out its Acquired Assets Super Sale, offering more than 30,000 foreclosed properties at discounts of up to 40 percent, making homeownership more affordable for Filipino workers.

The nationwide sale was launched on Aug. 25. It will run until Dec. 14.

In a Facebook video released on Sunday, the agency noted the sale covers both occupied and unoccupied properties, with discounts of 40 percent and 35 percent, respectively.

The Super Sale features larger discounts compared with its previous offerings across all payment modes.

Occupied units under negotiated sale now carry a 40 percent discount for cash buyers, up from 30 percent previously.

Discounts for short-term installment payments have also been raised to 30 percent from 20 percent, while housing loan

purchases enjoy a 20 percent discount, double the previous 10 percent.

Meanwhile, unoccupied units are offered at 35 percent off for cash buyers, 25 percent for short-term installment purchases, and 15 percent for those availing Pag-IBIG housing loans.

It is open to all interested buyers, including non-members and current occupants of foreclosed units.

Eligible Pag-IBIG members, especially minimum- and low-wage earners and overseas Filipino workers, may further benefit through housing loans under the Expanded Pambansang Pabahay para sa Pilipino (4PH) Program, which carries a subsidized 3 percent interest rate for the first five years.

To ensure wider participation, Pag-IBIG will post new batches of available properties weekly until the program ends on Dec. 14.

Department of Human Settlements and Urban

Development Secretary Jose Ramon Aliling said the Pag-IBIG Fund is able to offer more home options by integrating foreclosed properties into the Expanded 4PH housing pipeline through the Super Sale.

It also expands access to affordable and ready-for-occupancy homes for Filipino families, he added.

Top performers Meanwhile, the Pag-IBIG Fund recognized its top-performing employers, developers, and collection agencies in Mindanao during the last leg of its Stakeholders' Accomplishment Report (STAR).

In a Facebook post on Thursday, the agency



said the Pag-IBIG STAR serves as a platform to update stakeholders on the agency's accomplishments and to honor partners who significantly contributed to advancing its mission of providing accessible and affordable housing to Filipino workers.

For the first half of 2025, Pag-IBIG honored the following stakeholders for their outstanding performance:

- Top Employers – Government Sector
  - Provincial Government of Davao del Norte
  - City Government of Zamboanga
  - Zamboanga City Medical Center
- Top Employers –

Private Sector

- Del Monte Philippines, Inc.
- BDO Network Bank, Inc.
- Manuel Guianga and Sirib Growers and Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative

Top Collection Agency: S.P. Madrid & Associates

Special Awards Highest Number of Members Served/Most Number of Units: VCDU Realty Corp.

Best in Conversion: Kisan Lu Lands and Development, Inc.

Highest Number of Socialized Housing Units Taken Out: Davao Joyful Homes Realty Group

Performing Loans Ratio (PLR): Davao Joyful Homes Realty Group

Performing Accounts Ratio (PAR): Davao Joyful Homes Realty Group

Performing Assets Ratio (PASR): Davao Joyful Homes Realty Group

Top 10 Developers

•VCDU Realty Corp.
•Johndorf Ventures Corp.
•8990 Housing Development Corp.
•Gensan VSM Realty Corp.
•Agan Land Corp.
•Davao Joyful Homes Realty Corp.
•Happy Living Realty & Dev't. Corp.
•Argusland, Inc.
•Phinma Property Holdings Corp.
•Kisan Lu Lands and Dev't., Inc. (PNA)

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# NEW ERA BEGINS: CALTEX BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW SERVICE STATION AT CALAX

Biñan City, Laguna—Chevron Philippines Incorporated (CPI), marketer of the Caltex brand of fuels and lubricants, held its groundbreaking ceremony of its newest and first-ever service station located along the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), last August 19, 2025. This new facility underscores its commitment to expanding access to top tier fueling services and modern amenities for motorists down south.

The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by Chevron Philippines executives, and partners from MPCALA Holdings Inc., concessionaire of CALAX, marking a significant milestone in Chevron's ongoing expansion strategy. The new station is designed to offer a convenient, efficient, and safe fueling experience, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, clean amenities, and a wide range of products and is the first fuel service station at CALAX.

"We are proud to bring the very first Caltex station along the CA-



LAX corridor, further supporting the needs of motorists traversing this strategic expressway," said Mr. Pongtorn Tangmanuswong, General Manager, Chevron Philippines Inc. "Our commitment is to provide quality, cleaner, and ever reliable fueling options that meet the evolving demands of our customers."

"As concessionaire and operator of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway, it is an honor to witness this important milestone—the groundbreaking of our very first toll service

facility in partnership with Caltex. This project represents more than just new infrastructure; it is a symbol of strong collaboration between our organizations, with one shared goal: to provide motorists with a safe, clean, and reliable place to rest and refuel along CALAX," said Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of CALAX.

The new CALAX Caltex service station is expected to open by March 2026, promising to become a vital stop for travelers, logistics operators, and residents alike.

About CALAX CALAX is a toll road concession of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation. MPTC's domestic portfolio includes the concessions for the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), the NLEX Connector Road, the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), and the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.

Bill filed... from page 1...

amend the law and shorten the mandatory service requirement for a GSIS member to qualify for retirement pension from 15 to 10 years. By reducing the required years of contribution from 15 to 10, the

bill harmonizes the GSIS contribution period with that of the SSS, which covers private-sector employees, thereby promoting parity between the two major pension systems," Macasaet said. (PNA)

Empowering Women... from page 8...

ment. Through these machines, the beneficiaries will be able to enhance their skills in sewing, generate additional income for their families, and strengthen their participation in local enterprises. More than just tools, the sewing machines represent a chance for these women's groups to expand their horizons, nurture their entrepreneurial spirit, and uplift their quality of life while inspiring others to follow the path of productivity and empowerment.

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DA adds more P20-per-kg. rice sites for PH farmers



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LIBRENG RABIES VACCINATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

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MGA KINAKAILANGAN:

1. Siguraduhin na ang inyong mga alagang aso at pusa ay malusog—walang pagsusuka, LBM, muta, sipon, o anumang sakit.
2. Ang aso at/o pusa ay dapat may edad na tatlong (3) buwan pataas.
3. Kung mayroon, dalhin ang Vaccination Card ng inyong aso o pusa.
4. Ang mga alagang hayop ay dapat nakatali o nasa carrier para sa kanilang kaligtasan.
5. Siguraduhing malinis o napaliguan ang inyong aso at/o pusa bago dalhin sa pagbabakuna.
6. Ang may-ari ng alagang hayop ay dapat residente ng Bacoor. Magdala ng Valid ID na may address bilang patunay.
7. Mangyaring magdala ng plastic para sa maayos na pagtatapon ng dumi ng inyong alagang aso at/o pusa.
Para sa iba pang katanungan, maaring tumawag sa aming tanggapan, Office of Veterinary Services sa (0966) 827 0252.
Subaybayan ang aming Facebook page para sa mga iskediyul, petsa, at lokasyon ng bakuna sa inyong barangay upang masigurong protektado laban sa rabies ang inyong mga alagang hayop!
Let's all STRIKE AS ONE and keep our community safe!

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Parañaque launches HELP card

MANILA, Philippines — To enable residents to access an array of government services, Parañaque rolled out its HELP or the health, education, lifestyle and livelihood card last week.



The card will first be available to over 106,000 senior citizens and persons with disabilities in the city. However, residents can start registering for the

card next year via help.paranaque.gov.ph. Online registration hubs will also be opened in partner malls.

Parañaque Mayor Edwin Olivarez said the HELP card hopes to address the challenges his constituents face. "I know the struggles that you face every day in health, jobs and attaining daily needs. We are doing this to serve you well," Olivarez said.

Cardholders can avail of "various forms" of government aid and exclusive discounts at city hospitals, educational institutions and private partners, such as Okada Manila.

Review proposed flood fund, allot more for education, health: senator

MANILA – Senator Bam Aquino on Thursday called for a reassessment of the proposed PHP243-billion flood control budget for 2026, saying funds for projects not deemed necessary should be redirected to education and healthcare.



"If we really concentrate and put the money where the important programs are, ano ba talaga ang dapat pagkagastusan natin nang tama (What should we really be spending on properly)?" Aquino said in a news release. Aquino, chairper-

son of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, said the amount allotted for flood projects would likely be reduced, with hopes that a portion of it can be shifted to fund free education and universal healthcare. "The PHP243 billion in the 2026 budget for

flood control, I'm guessing mababawasan. That will be slashed significantly. I'm hoping some of that will go to education and maybe some of that will go to healthcare," he said. Aquino said classrooms, learning equipment, and healthcare coverage should be priorities,

citing the 166,000-classroom backlog and the lack of universal access to medical services. Aquino also filed Senate Resolution No. 28 seeking a review of the Department of Public Works and Highways' use of the PHP360-billion flood control budget under the 2025 General Appropriations Act, noting that despite PHP1.47 trillion spent on flood projects from 2009 to 2024, many communities still suffer from poor drainage, outdated pumping stations, and inadequate flood risk management. (PNA)

BACOR CITY JAIL, ANG PAGTATAPOS AT SEREMONYA NG PAG-AANGAT; 37 PDL, NAKAMIT ANG TAGUMPAY SA EDUKASYON

Barangay Molino 2, - Ipinagmalaki ng Bacoor City Jail (BJMP) ang kanilang Seremonya ng Pagtatapos at Pag-angat na ginanap sa Male-Dormitory Covered Court, bilang pagpupugay sa 37 Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) na matagumpay na nakapagtapos ng kanilang pag-aaral sa pamamagitan ng Alternative Learning System (ALS). Ang tema ng kaganapan ay "Henerasyon ng Pagkakaaisa: Kaagapay sa Bagong Pilipinas."



Ang seremonya ay pinangunahan ni City Jail Warden ng Male Dormitory, JSUPT Christopher R. Penil-

la, MM, EMDRCM, CESE. Kabilang sa mga kilalang dumalo sina Mayor Strike B. Revilla, JSINSP Sally C. Buguis (City Jail Female Dormitory Warden), Mr. Cezar Mojiaca (Chief Education Supervisor, School Governance and Operations Divisions, na kumakatawan kay Dr. Babylyn M. Pambid, CESO VI), at

Dr. Leonora M. Medina (ALS Focal Person).

Sa kanyang talumpati, bininyang-diin ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla ang kanyang paniniwala sa pagbibigay ng pangalawang pagkakataon sa mga PDL. Ipinahayag niya ang kanyang kumpiyansa sa kanilang kakayahang magbagong-buhay, at pinuri ang pamunuan ng Bacoor BJMP para

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The fund is earmarked for the construction, rehabilitation, and upgrade of projects such as green open spaces, which include public parks and plazas, nature and family/recreational parks, arboretum, botanical gardens, and river esplanades.

The budget will also be used for the construction of infrastructure for active mobility, such as physically separated bicycle lanes; bike racks; elevated or at-grade pedestrian footpaths and walkways; sports facilities; and recreational trails. (PNA)



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