

## Enchanted Kingdom turns over 10th and 11th Brigada Eskwela classroom

Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, turned over its 10th and 11th adopted classrooms to the Southville Elementary School, Santa Rosa on July 26. Two (2) Kindergarten classrooms were adopted for improvement in support of the 2024 Brigada Eskwela of the Department of Education (DepEd).

The Brigada Eskwela is a nationwide school maintenance program that engages all education stakeholders to contribute their time, efforts, and resources in ensuring all public schools are all set in time for class opening. This year's theme is once again "Bayanihan Para sa Matatag na Paaralan."



This is the 10th year that EK is supporting the said program in fulfillment of the theme park's advocacy of promoting a fun, unique and healthy learning environment for students. EK's very own maintenance personnel and visual artists repaired, upgraded and repainted the turned-over classrooms. Mr. Mario O. Mamon, Chairman and CEO of Enchanted Kingdom

reaffirmed EK's steadfast support for DepEd's Balik Eskwela program and expressed his desire to expand the reach of EK's initiative beyond the city of Santa Rosa as well as the province of Laguna. "What we have been doing here at Brigada Eskwela is more than just repainting walls. We are bringing the magical experience of Enchanted Kingdom **see page 7...**

## CSC offers special eligibility to senior office equipment technicians



MANILA – Senior Office Equipment Technicians interested in applying for government positions may take advantage of the special eligibility provided by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

Under CSC Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 8 dated 7 September 2023, the Senior Office Equipment Technician A and Senior Office Equipment Technician B positions are now included in the list of positions for Equipment

Technician eligibility under Category II of CSC MC No. 10, s. 2013.

"The special eligibility for Senior Office Equipment Technicians A and B represents a significant advancement in acknowledging the expertise of our building and office maintenance personnel in the public sector. Qualified individuals will no longer be required to take the Career Service Examination to gain eligibility and apply for plantilla positions," said CSC Chairperson Karlo Nograles in a press release.

Under CSC MC No. 11, s. 1996, Skills Eligibility is granted to individuals who meet the requirements for specific positions, qualifications for which are not measurable

by written tests.

The special eligibility can be obtained only by completing one year of Very Satisfactory actual performance under temporary status of appointment.

The skills eligibility, although appropriate for our building and office maintenance personnel in the public sector. Qualified individuals will no longer be required to take the Career Service Examination to gain eligibility and apply for plantilla positions," said CSC Chairperson Karlo Nograles in a press release.

To apply for the special eligibility, individuals holding Senior Office Equipment Technician A and Senior Office Equipment Technician B positions must submit the following requirements to **see page 6...**



## Marcos forms presidential office for child protection

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has created the Presidential Office for Child Protection (POCP) to address rising threats to the welfare of Filipino children.



The POCP, which will be under the Office of the President (OP) and headed by a Presidential Adviser for Child Protection (PACP), will be under the control and supervision of the Special Assistant to the President (SAP), according to Executive Order (EO) 67 signed by Marcos on Aug. 6 and published in a local newspaper on Friday.

The POCP is designated to monitor and harmonize government thrusts,

policies, and programs on the protection of children and the promotion of their welfare, with special focus on anti-online sexual abuse or exploitation of children (OSAEC), anti-child sexual abuse or exploitation materials (CSAEM), and child trafficking matters.

EO 67 orders the POCP to submit policy recommendations to the President, as well as monitor the implementation of presi-

dential directives or priority programs and projects on the welfare and protection of children.

The office is also directed to coordinate and collaborate with the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) and other relevant government agencies and bodies, as well as civil society groups, in formulating or updating the National Plan of Action for Children. **see page 2...**

## SHS grads more employable with skills matching, longer immersion



MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) has signed a memorandum of agreement with the Private Sector Advisory Council jobs committee, through the Private Sector Jobs and Skills Corporation, to provide senior high school (SHS) learners with enhanced work immersion opportunities.

In an interview with the "Malacañang Insider" program on Friday, Secretary Sonny Angara said the agreement will ensure that more SHS graduates will be employable through proper skills matching and longer work immersion, in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

"Hindi lang iyong padaplis na work immersion na sandali, isang linggo, dalawang linggo, kundi babad talaga sila. So, makakuha sila ng skills and mase-certify sila (It's not just a light work immersion that's swift, just one to two weeks, but learners will be really immersed. So, they can really acquire skills and they will be certified)," Angara said.

"Kaya (That's why they will become) very employable or hireable sila pagkatapos ng kanilang (after their) work immersion," he added.

Among the avail- **see page 6...**



## Groundbreaking Ceremony of New Headquarters & Inauguration and Blessing of Red Cross Silang Branch



Dinaluhan ni Mayor, Atty. Kevin Anarna bilang Board of Director ng Philippine Red Cross Cavite Chapter ang Groundbreaking Ceremony ng Philippine Red Cross-Cavite Chapter's New Headquarters and Blood Center- Vermosa Imus City at sa Inauguration and

Blessing ng Philippine Red Cross Cavite Chapter Silang Branch.

Nakasama niya sa mga programang ito sina Hon. Richard J. Gordon- Chairman and CEO of Philippine Red Cross, Mr. James Lorenzana- President of Okada Foundation Inc., Mr. Chris Maglanoc-

Senior Vice President & Head of Estates Group of Ayala Land Inc., Director Gilbert Remulla, Secretary General Doctor Gwendolyn Pang at CA Ms. Adel Castillo at iba pang Board of Directors.

Ang proyektong ito ay hindi magiging **see page 7...**

## Cayetano pushes economic growth over gambling as revenue source

Senator Alan Peter Cayetano appealed to the government on Tuesday to focus on growing the economy to boost public funds instead of relying on gambling as a revenue source.

Cayetano made this statement in response to recent proposals in the House of Representatives to revive and legalize e-sabong as an alternative revenue stream following the ban on Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs) imposed by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.



Cayetano emphasized the need to invest in agriculture, promote tourism, and stimulate industrial growth to usher in long-term financial growth.

He argued that, unlike gambling, these sec-

tors would provide long-term financial benefits for the country and positively contribute to the well-being of Filipinos.

A long-time critic of all forms of gambling, **see page 7...**

## PBBM OKs proposed sovereign guarantee for housing program

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has approved the proposed sovereign guarantee for the Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino Program (4PH), Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Secretary Jose Rizalino Acuzar said Wednesday.

In a Palace press briefing, Acuzar said Marcos gave his approval during a sectoral meeting with DHSUD officials at Malacañan Palace in Manila on Tuesday.

Acuzar said the approved sovereign guarantees would be used for the developmental loans of the National Housing Authority (NHA) and Social Housing Financing Corporation (SHFC) to expedite the construction of housing projects under the 4PH and address backlogs in residential units.



"Ito pong guarantee na ito ay gagamitin po ito ng construction para mapabilis kasi po noong nakaraan, ang ginamit namin ay private money, ay napakabagal po ng pasok po ng pondo. Since po utanging naman po ito, kaya po ang naisapan namin, ang utang na lang po ay ang gobyerno na rin, (This guarantee will be used to speed up the construction because in the past, what we used was private money, and the funds came in very slowly. Since it will be loaned, the only borrower will be the government) the National

Housing Authority and the SHFC National Housing Authority at ang SHFC," he said.

"I am optimistic that this guarantee will make the difference in our quest to finally address homelessness in the country," he added.

Acuzar said the approved funding guarantee could be a "game changer," as the Marcos administration commits to providing Filipinos with "decent yet affordable" shelters through a whole-of-nation approach. **see page 7...**

## MPT South Delivers Vital Relief to Communities Impacted by Typhoon Carina



In a compassionate display of corporate social responsibility, Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), sprang into action to provide critical aid to communities devastated by the wrath of Typhoon Carina that hit Metro Manila and Cavite. On August 5 and 6, 2024, MPT South delivered a total of 600 relief packages to affected host communities, including Brgy. Pulvorista

and Aplaya in Kawit, Brgy. Talaba II in Bacoor, Brgy. Tambo, Don Galo, and San Dionisio in Parañaque, and Barangay 201 in Pasay City.

Recognizing the profound impact of the storm, MPT South also shared 100 relief packages with its valued partners, the Philippine Navy and the Alliance of Concerned Transport Organization (ACTO), underscoring the company's commitment to supporting a wide network of stakehold-

ers. "We hope these relief packages will help families and communities see that there is always hope, even in these trying times," said Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management at MPT South. "It is essential that we support each other in any way we can."

This swift and compassionate response from MPT South demonstrates the company's unwavering commitment to its corporate mission and responsibility to support its host communities, especially in times of crisis. MPT South, together with the people who revolve around it, embodies the strong sense of 'Bayanihan' – a uniquely Filipino spirit of community, cooperation, and mutual aid – and is dedicated to sharing this spirit with those in greatest need.



Saging: Pinaka-healthy sa lahat nang prutas

Payo ni Doc Ong



ANG saging mapa-lakatan, latundan o saba ay nagtataglay ng mga sumusunod: Vitamin A, Vitamin B, Thiamine, Vitamin C, Calcium, Iron, Phosphorus, Potassium, Carbohydrates at Protein.

Napakaraming benepisyo ng saging sa katawan:

- 1. Tiyan – Napakaganda ng saging para sa mga may ulcer at nangangasim na sikmura. Ang saging ay may sariling antacid na tinatawag na phospholid. May flavonoid din ang saging na parang tinatapalan ang mga sugat sa ating tiyan.
2. Puso – Mabuti ang saging sa puso dahil mataas ito sa potassium at bitamina. Lalo na kung umiinom ka ng mga gamot sa puso at altapresyon, dagdagan mo na rin ng dalawang saging bawat araw.
3. Multivitamin – Kung susuriin, parang multivitamin na ang saging dahil may vitamin A, B, C, Calcium, Iron, at Potassium ito.
4. Mabuti sa colon – Dahil mataas sa fiber ang saging, puwede itong panlaban sa colon cancer at iba pang sakit sa bituka.
5. Good for exercise – Sa mga mahilig mag-ehersisyo at mag-gym, kailangan ng saging para hindi bumaba ang iyong potassium.
6. Para sa stress at pang-relax – Ang saging ay may tryptophan. Ito ay kemikal na nagpapasaya sa atin at nagpapaganda ng ating emosyon.
7. Maaring makabawas ng leukemia at hika sa bata – May pag-aaral na kapag ang bata o sanggol ay laging papakainin ng saging, mas hindi sila hihikain, at hindi rin magkakaroon ng leukemia. Hindi pa ito tiyak, pero maraming naniniwala sa pag-aaral na ito.

LEE ELATED OVER AGRI EARNING TOP 6 SPOT IN OCTA PARTY-LIST SURVEY

Cong. Wilbert "Manoy" T. Lee has expressed elation over AGRI Party-list being the Top 6 in Tugon ng Masa survey, an independent and non-partisan poll conducted by OCTA Research from June 26 - July 1, 2024 with a sample size of 1,200 respondents.

According to the survey, if May 2025 elections were held during the survey period, about 2.60% of likely voters would vote for AGRI Party-list which would secure two Congressional seats.

"Lubos po tayong nagpapasalamat sa suporta at tiwala ng ating mga kababayan sa AGRI Party-list. Patunay po ito na nag-bubunga ang tapat at todo-kayod nating pagsisikap para tuparin ang mandatong ipinagkaloob ng taumbayan," Lee said.

"Nagsisilbing inspirasyon at hamon po ito para sa lahat ng bumubuo sa AGRI Party-list sa bawat dako ng bansa para lalo pang pagbutihin ang trabaho at paglilingkod sa Pilipino," he added.

Founded in 2005, AGRI Party-list has been championing the rights and welfare of farmers, fisherfolk, and the development of agriculture and marginalized sectors.

This 19th Congress, under the leadership of Lee, AGRI Party-list principally authored Republic Act (RA) No. 11953 or the "New Agrarian Emancipation Act" which frees 610,054 Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) from debt, including interests, penalties, and surcharges incurred.

Also as principal author, the AGRI Party-list Representative pushed for the passage of RA 11985 or the "Philippine Salt Industry Development Act". This landmark measure aims to revitalize the country's salt industry that would create thousands of new jobs, especially in rural areas.

AGRI is currently pushing for the enactment of House Bill (HB) No. 9020 or the "Cheaper Rice Act" which would mandate the government to buy local palay with an additional P5-P10 per kilo on the prevailing farmgate price. This will increase the income of local farmers whom

Lee considers as "food security soldiers" and boost the supply of rice and lower its price in the market.

Through Lee's proposed House Bill No. 3957, AGRI is also pushing for the establishment of Kadiwa centers nationwide to improve the market linkages of local producers. Meanwhile, House Bill No. 3958 aims to provide more support to post-harvest facilities.

AGRI likewise seeks more budget for the digitization of the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA) for the effective distribution of government's assistance to farmers and fisherfolk.

"Sa pagsasaayos ng listahan ng RSBSA para ipamahagi ang mga ayuda at serbisyo sa mga magsasaka at mangingisda, at pagpapasa ng ating mga panukalang batas sa paglalaan ng tiyak na budget taon-taon para sa Kadiwa centers at post-harvest facilities, masisiguro ang tuloy-tuloy na suporta sa ating food security soldiers mula pagtatanim, anihan, hanggang sa pagbebenta ng kanilang produkto sa merkado," the solon from Bicol said.

And in an effort to boost information dissemination on the health benefits for farmers, fisherfolk, and all Filipinos nationwide, AGRI Party-list recently entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

It can be recalled that Lee successfully pushed for the 30% increase in PhilHealth bene-

fits which was recognized by Phil-Health President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Emmanuel Ledesma Jr. as the "spark" that led to the benefit hike implemented last February 14.

Alongside Lee, AGRI also persistently advocates for the institutionalization of "No Balance Billing", full coverage for dialysis, cancer treatment, heart bypass surgery, and other major hospital operations, as well as the inclusion of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Positron Emission Tomography (PET), Computed Tomography (CT) scan, and all other diagnostic tests in the urgent care packages of PhilHealth, underscoring that availability of these tests shouldn't be limited to inpatient care.

"Hindi titigil ang AGRI sa pagsusulong ng mga polisiya at programa para mapagaan ang pansin ng taumbayan. Ang paniwala natin: Filipinos deserve better so we should demand better services for them," the solon stated. "Sa patuloy na pakikisa ng taumbayan, marami pa tayong magagawa. Ang tiwala po ninyo sa akin at sa AGRI Party-list ay pagsuporta ninyo sa ating layunin na "Murang pagkain, gawin na natin. Mga tiyak na trabaho, gawin na natin. Patas at de-kalidad na serbisyon pangkalusugan, gawin na natin!" he added.

Party-lists who were also part of the Top 10 in OCTA's Tugon ng Masa survey are ACT-CIS, 4Ps, Senior Citizens, Tingog, Abang Lingkod, Angat Pinoy, ACT Teachers, I-Rider, and Us wag Ilonggo.

Cayetano pushes...

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Cayetano has consistently warned about the negative consequences of online sabong which far outweigh any financial gain it might provide.

He noted that e-sabong's widespread accessibility increases the risk of addiction, financial ruin, and crime, particularly among the youth.

"Ano ba y'ung tinatanim natin sa next generation? Wala pa akong nakitang bansa na talagang umunlad dahil sa online gaming," he said at a press conference on July 18, 2024.

Two years ago, Cayetano predicted the possible resurgence of e-sabong operations following their initial ban.

"Sa totoo lang, magpapalamig lang 'yan. Tapos sa Senado naman pupunta para sa franchise, o sa next administration," he had said at the time.

E-sabong was previously banned under President Rodrigo Duterte's administration after the disappearance of more than 30 individuals allegedly involved in online cockfighting.

Cayetano said if the people continue to apply pressure against e-sabong and push for more investments and jobs, "God willing po hindi na ito makakabalik," he said.

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This, as he admitted that fast-tracking the construction of housing units is a "big" challenge for the government since most of the 53 ongoing projects under the 4PH are funded by private entities.

Acuzar said under the new plan, the government will serve as the "developer" of the housing units.

"Ngayon, kapag ginamit 'yung dating sistema uli na ang contractor ang maghahanap ng pondo at sila ang manghihiram, tatagal na naman po iyan. So naisipan po namin, instead na sila ang pantangin, bakit hindi ang gobyerno ang umutang at humingi ng guarantee - gobyerno sa gobyerno, para babantayan naman po ng kapwa gobyerno iyong bawat galaw diyari (Now, when the old system is used again where the contractor will look for funds and they will borrow, it will take longer. So we thought, instead of allowing them to lend, why not let the government borrow and ask for a guarantee - government to government, so that the other government will watch your every move there)," she said.

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GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) - Kumpetisyon sa trabaho lalo na sa promosyon ay magiging mahigpit. Asahan na mapapabilang ka sa mga ipo-promote. May matatanggap na hindi inaasahang regalo o balita. Isang kaibigan ang mangangailangan ng tulong materyal o payo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 5, 8, 32, 39 at yellow.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) - Sikapin na matapos ang gawain bago sumapit ang hapon. Ang anumang maiwanan ay mawawalan ng kabuluhan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 1, 5, 18, 38 at orange.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) - Walang katiyakan ang takbo ng panahon. Maaaring urong-sulong ang mga pangyayari kaya makisayaw sa tugtog. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 6, 25, 31, 34 at maroon.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) - Upang magtagumpay, magsaliksik at iayon ang sarili. Kung may hindi nalalaman, huwag mahiyang magtanong. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 13, 26, 28, 38 at cream.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dic. 21) - Ang praktikal na gawain ay magbibigay ng kasiyahan. Bigyan ng parehas na panahon ang tungkulin at ang pamilya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 2, 4, 34, 42 at red.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) - Kailangan ang matibay na disiplina dahil baka may susubok sa iyong pagtimpli. Iwasan ang magalit o mag-init ang ulo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 19, 24, 30, 31 at brown.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) - Kung may lalakaran, sa umaga gawin upang magtagumpay. Naaayon ang pamamasyal o pagdalaw sa kaibigan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 12, 23, 26, 38 at ivory cream.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) - Ang taglay na sipag at pagtityaga ang magiging mabisang puhunan para makamtan ang kaunlaran. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 14, 18, 29, 42 at beige.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) - Magiging matibay ang pundasyon sa trabaho kung may mungkahi para sa ikaunlad ng pinapasukang kumpanya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 17, 24, 35, 40 at gray.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) - Maganda ang pagkakataon para hanapin ang magandang negosyo kaysa magmukmok at walang gawin. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 8, 9, 21, 24 at blue.

GEMINI: (May.21-Hun. 21) - Magiging maagap sa lahat ng bagay, kaya nasa tamang landas ang tinatahak ng kaunlaran. Ang pag-ibig ang gabay sa pagsisikap. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 2, 9, 26, 27 at lemon green.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) - Makakamit ang matagal nang pinapangarap. Magiging sensitibo ka sa mga kakaunting bagay. Kumalma. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 18, 19, 21, 43 at ruby red.

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It is also tasked to identify and recommend urgent government interventions for child protection.

It is mandated to promote and monitor the harmonization, integration, and non-duplication of relevant government thrusts, policies, and programs.

According to EO 67, the POCP will represent the Philippines in relevant international fora and initiatives, as well as monitor the government's compliance with its duties and obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), Worst Forms of Child Labor Convention, and similar international legal instruments.

The POCP may also convene technical working groups for the effective implementation of EO 67.

"In view of the increasing OSAEC cas-

es and other threats to the welfare of children in the Philippines, and consistent with the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, which provides that the protection of children from physical and mental distress is a key strategy to achieve transformative social system, it is imperative to ensure a whole-of-nation approach in strengthening existing institutional and legal framework on child protection," the EO read.

Under EO 67, the POCP will be supported by a staff with background or expertise in child protection.

The budget for the continued implementation of the EO will be included in the budget proposal of the POCP, subject to the usual budget preparation process.

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tection of Children.

The President or the Executive Secretary may, upon the recommendation of the SAP, designate the PACP as a member or an observer in other government agencies and bodies with functions related to child protection.

The funding requirements for the initial implementation of EO 67 will be taken from the current and available appropriation of the OP and other sources that may be determined by the budget department.

The budget for the continued implementation of the EO will be included in the budget proposal of the POCP, subject to the usual budget preparation process.

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able industries for enhanced work immersion are Information Technology and Business Process Management, tourism and hospitality, agriculture and entrepreneurship and manufacturing, among others.

“Gagawin natin ang akma sa mga pangangailangan ng industriya at bibigyan natin ng menu o pagpipilian iyong mga magulang at estudyante kung ano iyong natitipuhan nilang pasukan na industriya (We will make it appropriate for the needs of the industries, we will give parents and students a menu of options on whatever industry they want to be engaged in),” Angara said.

Ten schools, including one specializing in the Alternative Learning System (ALS), will participate in the pilot implementation of the enhanced immersion program.

Angara lauded the private sector’s support to improve the country’s education landscape.

“I’m very gratified. I think it’s the sign of the goodwill of the Marcos administration dahil nakikita ng pribadong sektor na very open si Pangulong Marcos (because the private sector is seeing that President Marcos is very open),” he said.

Partner industries include Semiconductors and Electronics Industries in the Philippines, Information Technology Business Processing Association of the Philippines, Philippine Constructors Association, Confederation of Wearables Exporters of the Philippines, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Employers Confederation of the Philip-

ines, iPeople through the National Teachers College, SM Group, and Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (Go Negosyo).

Besides longer internships for learners, the agreement also intends to train teachers and provide job fairs.

Community support

Angara, meanwhile, lauded the joint efforts of the local community and teachers to push through with the opening of schools as scheduled on July 29 or in the succeeding days despite the effects of the enhanced southwest monsoon and Super Typhoon Carina.

“Sila na mismo na nasira iyong kanilang mga bahay o apektado sila ng baha, pero nandoon sila sa eskwelahan para lang malinis, para lang mahanda iyong mga aklat o libro ng ating mga estudyante (Those whose houses were damaged or affected by the flooding, they were the ones present in schools to clean, to prepare the books of our learners),” he said, citing the normalization of classes in all schools on August 6, or a week after the formal opening of classes.

On July 29, a total of 1,063 schools postponed the official start of their classes for Academic Year 2024-2025.

The DepEd, meanwhile, recorded 24,679,061 enrolled learners from elementary to senior high school in all public and private schools, including 316,466 ALS learners.

The data translate to 89 percent of the DepEd’s 27,722,835 target enrollees for the year. (PNA)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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Branch 90  
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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),  
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-  
**FE O. RAMOS,**  
Respondent/Mortgagor.

File No. FC-DC-1410-24  
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER  
ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against respondents/mortgagors, **FE O. RAMOS** with postal address at (1) 1755 Taft Ave., Malate, Manila; and (2) Lot 4 Block 21, Solar Homes, Phase 2, BO. Langcaan, Dasmariñas, Cavite 4114 and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of May 07, 2024 amounts to **ONE HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY TWO PESOS AND 92/100 (Php197,222.92)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No T-578662  
A parcel of land (Lot 4 Blk. 21 of the subd. plan Psd-042106-065358, being a portion of Lot 3826,-New, Imus Estate, L.R.C. Rec. No.) situated in the Brgy. of Langcaan, Mun. of Das-

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the CSC Regional Office or Field Office having jurisdiction over the agency where they have completed one year of very satisfactory actual work performance:

Properly accomplished CS Form 101-G (Revised, Sept. 2013);

Original and photocopy of the Appointment Paper of the applicant, specifically indicating the status of appointment as “Temporary”; Certification (using the prescribed CSC-ERPO Cat. II Form No. 1, Revised Oct. 2009) from the agency head/highest HRMO that the appointee obtained at least Very Satisfactory rating for the two rating periods during

marinas, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 5; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Lot 2 both of Blk. 21; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Road Lot 15, and on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 6, Blk. 21, all of the subd. plan. Beginni at a pt. marked "1" on plan, x x x containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQ. METERS. x x x

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

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

In the event that the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **OCTOBER 01, 2024**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Cavite, July 22, 2024.

**ARLYN P. BARCELON**  
Sheriff IV

**ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY**  
Clerk of Court VI & Ex Officio Sheriff

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409 Addition Hills, Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City

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(2) Lot 4 Block 21, Solar Homes, Phase 2,  
BO. Langcaan, Dasmariñas, Cavite

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before the expiration of the one-year temporary appointment.

However, filing of applications after the expiration of the one-year temporary appointment may be allowed provided the applicant is still in the service with the same position title.

The complete information and requirements on the Equipment Technician eligibility under Category II of CSC MC No. 10, s. 2013 are available on the CSC website at [csc.gov.ph/special-eligibilities/skills-eligibility-category-ii](http://csc.gov.ph/special-eligibilities/skills-eligibility-category-ii). (PR)

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the one-year temporary appointment as such; Statement of Actual Duties and Responsibilities (using the prescribed CSC-ERPO Cat. II Form No. 2, January 2011) of the applicant executed by the applicant’s immediate supervisor; and

Authenticated copy of the applicant’s Performance Rating Form, duly confirmed by the agency’s Performance Evaluation and Review Committee (PERC), for the two rating periods covered by the one-year temporary appointment.

Applicants are reminded that their applications must be submitted not earlier than one week

## BISYO ANG MAGSERBISYO! SENATOR BONG GO, NAGBIGAY NG DAGDAG NA TULONG SA MGA TAGA MARAGONDON, CAVITE



Pagkatapos ng sesyon sa Senado ay dumiretso si Senator Kuya Bong Go sa Maragondon, Cavite ngayong Biyernes, August 8 para pangunahan ang pamamahagi ng tulong sa 2,500 mahihirap na residente.

Sa inisyatiba rin ng “Mr. Malasakit ng Senado,” bukod sa mga ipinagkaloo ng kanyang opisina ay nakatanggap din ang mga benepisyaryo ng tulong pinansyal mula sa lokal na pamahalaan sa pangunguna ni Mayor Lawrence Arca.

Ayon kay Senator Kuya Bong Go, patuloy ang kanyang pakikipagtuwang sa mga kapwa niya trabahador sa gobyerno para ilapit ang serbisyo at tulong sa mga kababayan nating mahihirap, hopeless, helpless at walang ibang malalapitan maliban sa pamahalaan upang gumaan ang kanilang mga dalahin.

## DOLE readies inputs on Senate's proposal to reduce holidays

MANILA – The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) is ready to provide inputs on the proposal of Senate President Francis Escudero to lessen the number of the country's holidays.

In a press briefing Friday, Labor Secretary Bienvenido Laguesma acknowledged Escudero's concern of too many holidays affecting the productivity of industries.

“Ang pagkakaroon ng maraming holiday ay ina-associate ng ating mga employers sa epkto sa productivity at sa karagdang gastusin; kung magagawa sya ng... sa regular (na araw), syempre mas nanaisin ng employers yan (Having many holidays is associated with productivity issues and additional costs for employers. Of course, employers would prefer to have work done on regular days),” he said.

He, meanwhile, said workers also deserve a break during holidays.

“Dapat din magrecharge kayo eh. Bigyan ng tamang schedule ang mang-



gagawa para ma-avail nila yung kanilang bakasyon (We just do not want excessive holidays. (Workers should also recharge) because that is also part of addressing work-life quality. Nakakapagbakasyon ka kasi meroon din such thing as burnout. Dapat me holiday din kayo na naka-schedule din unless very crucial na pumasok kayo ng holiday ang katumbas naman don dapat bigyan kayo ng (You should also take a vacation because there is a such a thing as burnout. You should also have a scheduled holiday unless it's very crucial that you work on a holiday. But in return, you should get a premium pay,” he said.

The country has 10 legal holidays -- New Year's Day (Jan. 1); Maun-

dy Thursday (varies every year) Good Friday (varies every year); Araw ng Kagitingan (April 9); Labor Day (May 1); Independence Day (June 12); National Heroes Day (last Monday of August); Bonifacio Day (Nov. 30); Christmas Day (Dec. 25) and Rizal Day (Dec. 30).

Islam's two major holidays -- Eid'l Fitr and Eid'l Adha -- are regular holidays pursuant to Republic Act (RA) 9177 and RA 9849, respectively.

## PULONG TUNGKOL SA PAGBUBUKAS NG BIKE LANE: HAKBANG SA ALTERNATIBONG SAFE NA MODE OF TRANSPORTATION PARA SA MGA BACOOREÑO

Idinaos ang isang pulong hinggil sa pagbukas ng Bike Lane sa Bacoor sa pangunguna ng City Government of Bacoor, sa pakikipagtulungan ng Department of Transportation (DOTr), na ginanap sa MSBR Conference Room. Dinaluhan ang pagpupulong ng mga department heads ng City Government of Bacoor, sa pangunguna ni Bacoor City Administrator Atty. Aimee Torrefranca-Neri, mga engineer mula sa DOTr, at ng Metro Land Builders Corp.

Pinag-usapan ang isasagawang groundbreak-



ing ng programang Bike Lane na layuning magbigay ng ligtas at alternatibong pamamaraan ng transportasyon para sa ating mga kababayan.

Ang programang ito ay bahagi lamang ng

## BAGONG RENOVATE NA MUNICIPAL HALL AT FIRE TRUCK SA AMADEO, CAVITE, SINUPORTAHAN NI SENATOR BONG GO



Ininspeksyon ni Senator Bong Go ang bagong renovate na municipal hall sa Amadeo, Cavite ngayong Lunes. Isa si Senator Bong Go sa sumuportahan sa renovation nito bilang Vice Chairperson ng Senate Committee on Finance.

Ininspeksyon din ng senador ang bagong fire truck sa munisipalidad na kanya ring sinuportahan. Kabilang ito sa kanyang inisyatiba na palakasin

pa ang kahandaan sa mga sakuna gaya na lamang ng sunog.

Labis namang nagpapasalamat sina Mayor Redel John B. Dionisio, Vice Mayor Joseph R. Legaspi, mga councilors, mga kawani ng Bureau of Fire Protection, at iba pang mga lokal na opisyal sa suportang ibinigay ni Senator Bong Go sa kanilang bayan.



# Enterprise-based education, training to address underemployment



MANILA – Senator Joel Villanueva on Thursday urged for the passage of Senate Bill No. 2587, or the Enterprise-Based Education and Training (EBET) Framework Act, to address the critical issue of underemployment in the country.

In a statement, the lawmaker said the passage of EBET is "not only timely but also long overdue" after the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported an increase in underemployment to 12.1 percent or 6.08 million Filipinos in June 2024, from 9.9 percent or 4.82 million Filipinos in May 2024.

This highlights the persistent issue of job-skills mismatch and quality of jobs, and a measure is needed to close the skills gap with employer needs, he said.

"The bill, a priority measure of the administration, aims to boost the skills of our workforce through general EBET training, apprenticeship and upskilling, which du-

# CHED urged to push 'Tele-Konsulta' to address mental health issues

MANILA – House Committee on Appropriations Senior Vice Chair and Marikina 2nd District Rep. Stella Quimbo on Thursday urged the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to push for the online consultations or "TeleKonsulta" as a response to the worsening mental health issues among students, teachers and members of various faculties.

Quimbo said online consultations had been successfully applied and implemented in Marikina City.

"Nagawa na po natin ito sa Marikina, at naniniwala akong kaya ring ipatupad [ang TeleKonsulta] sa ibang lugar (We have done this in Marikina [City] and I believe it can also be implemented in other places)," Quimbo, also a teacher, said during the briefing on the proposed CHED budget for 2025.

She said CHED has a huge responsibility to ensure that all higher education institutions, whether public or private, are offering quality programs for Filipino students.

She said all those

who finished college courses should be entitled to more opportunities, particularly jobs that will earn them enough income to address their family's daily needs.

In her 26 years as college professor at the University of the Philippines, Quimbo said she had been a guide of the youth to fulfilling their dreams.

In 2022, the House approved House Bill 6416 seeking to strengthen the mental health services of the state universities and colleges (SUCs).

Last March, Senate President Francis Escudero pushed for the passage of the Senate version of the bill, Senate Bill (SB) 2598, or an Act Strengthening Mental Health Services of SUCs.

Citing data from the Department of Health in 2018, Escudero said an estimated 15.4 million Filipinos were suffering from depression and 1 million from schizophrenia.

SB 2598 requires all SUCs to put up a mental health office "that shall spearhead mental health programs and projects on the campus." (PNA)

## EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of deceased ALFREDO V. CRUZ JR., died intestate at Antipolo Rizal on May 9, 2022 leaving no will nor debts settled to date but leaving a parcel of land situated at Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite. Whereas, at the time of his death, he left one (1) parcel of land covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-500187 identified as Lot 66 Blk-29 situated in the Brgy. Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon and containing an area of THIRTY FIVE SQ. M. AND SIXTY THREE SQ. DEC. (35.63), was the subject of this Extra-Judicial Settlement among the legal heirs of the said decedent in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Pauline S. Dee, under Doc. No. 198, Page No. 40, Book No. 1, Series of 2024

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# Senior citizens body, PhilHealth to enhance elderly care programs



MANILA – The National Commission of Senior Citizens (NCSC) and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) are in talks about the expansion of healthcare coverage and support for senior citizens.

In a news release Thursday, the NCSC said Commissioner Mary Jean Loreche proposed an expansion of PhilHealth's current laboratory packages for the elderly.

Loreche said prostate-specific antigen tests for males, breast ultrasound and mammogram for women, and comprehensive screening for various diseases and geriatric syndromes must be included in the current packages.

Citing that some elderly patients prefer less invasive and more comfortable options over dialysis, Loreche proposed the creation of conservative kidney management programs.

Seniors fighting depression, anxiety, and cognitive decline would also benefit from expanded mental health programs,

she said. Other benefit packages which the NCSC deemed important to the elderly are home-based healthcare services, and transition and convalescent care to support senior citizens recovering from illnesses and surgeries.

The NCSC pushed for the accreditation of the Senior Citizens Community Care Center for the Konsulta Package to ensure its coverage and sustainability, providing a robust support system for elderly care.

It also pushed for discussions on the status of the National Geriatric Center in Metro Manila -- transforming it into a model hospital nationwide similar to the Bicol General Hospital and Geriatric Center.

As of 2020, the Philippine Statistics Authority recorded 9,242,121 senior citizens or those above 60 years old nationwide.

Earlier, the NCSC said about 4,419,153 senior citizens have registered to its nationwide database as of March 1, 2024. (PNA)

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CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ANGELINO B. PELAYO, JR., Married to  
MA. SOCORRO H. PELAYO,  
Mortgagors,

FC CASE NO. 19110-24  
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER  
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118  
X-----X

### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND), mortgagee, with principal place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City 1200, against ANGELINO B. PELAYO, JR., married to MA. SOCORRO H. PELAYO, mortgagors, with residential and postal address at Lot 15 Block 35 Green Estate, 1 Barangay Malagasang 1-G, Imus, Cavite, and/or 276 E Crystal St., Golden Acres, Talon 5, Las Piñas City to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of June 25, 2024 amounts to FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SIXTY SIX PESOS & 11/100 (P565,666.11), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale the undersigned will sell at public auction on August 20, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016036315  
"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 15, BLOCK 35 OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN, PCS-04-026285, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOT 1877 IMUS ESTATE (RS-04-004971), LOT 1880 IMUS ESTATE (RS-04-004970) & LOT 1876-A (LRC) PSD-6794, LRC RECORD NO. 8843), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF MALAGASANG, MUNICIPALITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 16; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 17, BOTH OF BLOCK 35; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 38; AND ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 13, BLOCK 35, ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN. X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS. XXX"

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on August 27, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. without further notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, July 18, 2024.

WILMAR M. DE VILLA  
Sheriff IV  
BRANCH 21

APPROVED: ARMIE A. FRANCISCO  
Clerk of Court VI

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(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND)  
The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Makati City 1200  
ATTY. RIZALDY F. DE LEON  
Attorney-in-Fact, Bernales & associates  
Suite 6 Third Floor, A. Francisco Gold Condominium 1, 784 EDSA West Kamias District, Quezon City 1102  
SPS. ANGELINO B. PELAYO, JR. AND MA. SOCORRO H. PELAYO  
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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
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Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

JOHNNY C. IYO married to MAURA IYO,  
Respondent/Mortgagor.

File No. FC-DC-1426-24  
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF  
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER  
ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118  
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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (Otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against respondent/mortgagor JOHNNY C. IYO married to MAURA IYO with postal addresses at No. 8 1st Ave., Crame, Quezon City and Lot 15 Block 34 Bahay Pangarap 1, Brgy. BuroI, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of July 3, 2024 amounts to SEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY TWO PESOS & 15/100 (Php707,692.15), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on September 05, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, BuroI II, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

### Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-604823

A parcel of land (Lot 15, Blk. 34 of the subd. plan, Psd-042106-075257, being a portion of Lot 3891, Imus Estate (Rs-04-000059), L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the Brgy. BuroI, Mun.

of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 14, Blk. 34; on the NE., along line 2-3 by Alley 35; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Alley 33; & on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 9, Blk. 34; all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, x x x containing an area of SIXTY FIVE SQ. METERS AND FIFTY FIVE SQ. DECIMETERS (65.55) SQ. METERS. x x x

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on September 19, 2024 at the same time and place without further notice.

26 July 2024, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

RODRIGO S. ESTOGERO, JR.  
Sheriff Sheriff IV

ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY  
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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ATTY. POMPEYO P. MAYNIGO  
Vision Credit & Collection Services Inc.  
JRDC Building 117 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Ave., Pasay City.

JOHNNY C. IYO married to MAURA IYO  
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# Paggamit ng DOF sa sobrang PhilHealth fund sa pagpapalakas ng ekonomiya, suportado

MANILA, Philippines — Malaking tulong para mapalakas ang ekonomiya ang balak ng Department of Finance na gamitin ang sobrang P89.9 bilyong pondo ng PhilHealth.

Ayon kay Albay 2nd District Rep. Joey Salceda, sa halip na nakatambay lamang ang pondo, mas makabubuting gamitin na lamang ito.

"PhilHealth has not been effectively using these excess funds to improve member benefits," pahayag ni Salceda.

"They've been stagnant for too long. Utilizing these funds for public investment is a more

productive approach. It helps the government save on interest payments, which is beneficial for the economy," dagdag ng kongresista. Paliwanag ni Salceda, mas makabubuting gamitin na lamang ang unprogrammed appropriations kaysa mangolekta ng bagong buwis.

"Low government spending reduces growth. Reduced growth creates poverty. Poverty creates hunger. Hunger creates disease," pahayag ni Salceda.

Sinabi pa ni Salceda na ang sobrang pondo ng PhilHealth ay galing sa buwis ng taong bayan at hindi sa koleksyon ng mga

miyembro.

"If there is still excess money, it suggests that we have allocated too much in subsidies. It's more prudent to use this surplus taxpayer money for other urgent needs rather than accumulating new debt with interest," pahayag ni Salceda.