

Dasmariñas Completes Green, Green, Green Pedestrian Footpath Project

The City of Dasmariñas marked the completion of an infrastructure project under the Department of the Interior and Local Government's (DILG) Green, Green, Green Program FY 2024, aimed at providing residents with a safer, more accessible, and pedestrian-friendly public space. DILG Cavite attended the blessing ceremony for the

completed project in Burol Main, Dasmariñas City, marking another step in the city's efforts to improve public spaces and support safer mobility for residents. The completed project, formally identified as the Construction of Elevated or At-Grade Pedestrian Footpath and Walkway, provides a dedicated space for pedestrians and is intended to improve accessibility and convenience for people moving through the area. The project forms part of the Green, Green, Green Program, which supports local government initiatives focused on enhancing public spaces and improving community infrastructure. The blessing of the completed facility also highlighted the continued partnership between national government agencies and local government

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CARD Bank pledges continuous financial inclusion on its 29th year



CARD Bank, Inc. management, staff, and clients, together with some of CARD MRI leaders and advisers forming the signature "C" hand gesture during the bank's 29th anniversary celebration.

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Enchanted Kingdom marks its 31st Anniversary with enhanced AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY and a night of OPM music

Enchanted Kingdom (EK), the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, renews its commitment to sustainability and biodiversity as it celebrates its 31st Anniversary with the second set of enhancements of its award-winning flying theater, AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY this October. As a highlight of its Fiesta ng Saribuhay anniversary campaign, EK will continue to share more enchanting stories of Saribuhay through the attraction's new and enhanced pre- and post-show experiences that showcase the rich biodiversity of the Philippines and reinforce its call for Filipinos to appreciate and take care of our en-

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Gov. Abeng Remulla Honors Cavite's 2026 Loyalty Service Awardees

The Provincial Government of Cavite honored its 2026 Loyalty Service Awardees, recognizing dedicated public servants whose years of committed service have helped sustain government operations and bring essential programs and services closer to Caviteños. The recognition underscored the vital role of government employees



SSS encourages members to avail of new microloan facility

The Social Security System (SSS) is urging members with at least 12 posted monthly contributions to apply for its new digital microloan facility, the SSS Micro Loan Program, also known as SSS LoanLite. SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said SSS LoanLite is designed to provide qualified members with accessible, secure, and affordable short-term financial assistance for immediate needs. De Claro said qualified members may apply for loans ranging from P1,000 to P20,000, depending on the average of their 12 latest Monthly Salary Credits (MSCs). "Available repayment periods are 15,

DTI Cavite Celebrates International Coffee Day

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE — DTI Cavite spotlighted the province's growing coffee industry by bringing local coffee appreciation and basic barista skills to its personnel, clients, and neighboring government offices during its celebration of International Coffee Day. See page 3...

Australian Dragon Fruit Growers Association Visits CvSU for Research and Knowledge Exchange



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PhilHealth YAKAP:



Konsulta, Laboratoryo at Gamot para sa Miyembro

Primary care services, laboratory tests at hanggang P20,000 na benepisyo sa gamot, tampok sa programa

Pinalalawak ng Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) ang access ng mga miyembro nito sa pangunahing serbisyong pangkalusugan sa pamamagitan ng YAKAP o Yaman ng Kalusugan Program, na nagbibigay ng primary care services gaya ng konsultasyon, kinakailangang laboratory tests at mga covered na gamot.

Sa ilalim ng programa, kailangang pumili at magparehistro ang miyembro sa isang PhilHealth-accredited YAKAP Clinic. Dito inasagawa ang First Patient Encounter at iba pang regular na konsultasyon para matukoy ang pangangailangang medikal ng pasyente.

Kapag kinakailangan, maaaring magrekomenda ang doktor ng laboratory tests batay sa kondisyon ng pasyente. Ang mga pagsusuri ay maaaring isagawa sa YAKAP Clinic o sa mga accredited at partner diagnostic o laboratory facilities na kaugnay ng programa.

Kasama rin sa YAKAP ang GAMOT benefit, kung saan maaaring makatanggap ang kwalipikadong benepisyaryo ng covered medicines batay sa reseta ng doktor. Ayon sa PhilHealth, maaaring umabot sa ₱20,000 bawat benepisyaryo kada taon ang halaga ng covered medicines sa ilalim ng benepisyong ito.

Iniulat din ng PhilHealth noong Enero 23, 2026 ang patuloy na availability ng 21 essential medicines sa mga YAKAP-accredited primary care facilities. Kabilang sa mga gamot na saklaw ang ilang antibiotic, gamot sa lagnat at hika, at mga maintenance medicine para sa diabetes at hypertension, depende sa kwalipikasyon at reseta ng pasyente.

Binigyang-diin naman na kailangang dumaan sa tamang proseso upang magamit ang mga benepisyo. Ang YAKAP Clinic kung saan nakarehistro ang miyembro ang magsasagawa ng konsultasyon at, kung kinakailangan, magbibigay ng referral o laboratory request at reseta para sa mga covered na gamot.

Sa pamamagitan ng YAKAP, layunin ng PhilHealth na mailapit sa mga miyembro ang pangunahing serbisyong pangkalusugan at maagapan ang mga karamdaman sa pamamagitan ng regular na konsultasyon, screening at access sa kinakailangang gamot.

Editorial: Kailan Kikilos ang Kongreso sa Anti-Political Dynasty Law?*

Supreme Court: 39 taon nang hindi natutupad ang utos ng Konstitusyon; ngayon, nasa Kongreso ang responsibilidad na gumawa ng batas

Sa loob ng 39 taon, nanatiling walang komprehensibong batas na nagtatakda kung ano ang political dynasty at kung paano ito dapat ipagbawal. Sa landmark ruling ng Supreme Court En Banc noong Agosto 26, 2026, idineklara ng Hukuman na may mandatory constitutional duty ang Kongreso na magpatibay ng batas laban sa political dynasties, alinsunod sa Article II, Section 26 ng 1987 Constitution.

Hindi maliit na bagay ang naturang desisyon. Malinaw ang sinasabi ng Konstitusyon: dapat tiyakin ng Estado ang pantay na pagkakataon sa serbisyo publiko at ipagbawal ang political dynasties “as may be defined by law.” Ayon sa Supreme Court, ang pariralang ito ay nagbibigay sa Kongreso ng kapangyarihang tukuyin ang saklaw at depinisyon ng political dynasty—ngunit hindi nito binibigyan ang lehislatura ng opsyon na tuluyang hindi gumawa ng batas.***Dito nagiging mahalaga ang susunod na hakbang. Hindi ang Supreme Court ang gagawa ng anti-dynasty law. Kongreso ang may kapangyarihang magtakda ng depinisyon, saklaw, mga ipinagbabawal na sitwasyon, sanctions at mekanismo ng pagpapatupad. Ang iniutos ng Hukuman ay tuparin ng lehislatura ang constitutional duty na matagal nang hindi naisakatuparan.***Para sa isang demokratikong lipunan, hindi sapat na may nakasulat na prinsipyo sa Konstitusyon kung hindi ito nasusundan ng malinaw at maipatutupad na batas. Ngunit mahalaga ring tiyaking ang anumang batas na ipapasa ay malinaw, patas at naaayon sa Konstitusyon. Kailangang pag-isi pan nang mabuti kung sino ang saklaw nito, anong relasyon sa pamilya ang kabilang, anong posisyon ang maaaring maapektuhan, at paano ipatutupad ang mga probisyon nang hindi lumalabag sa karapatan ng mga botante at kandidato.

Mahalaga rin ang paglililaw ng Supreme Court na hindi nito awtomatikong ipinagbabawal ang pagtakbo ng sinumang kandidato dahil lamang sa pagiging bahagi ng isang political family. Sa kasalukuyang kalagayan, hindi maaaring lumikha ang COMELEC ng bagong substantive disqualification o kanselahin ang certificate of candidacy batay lamang sa political-dynasty membership dahil wala pang komprehensibong batas na nagbibigay ng depinisyon at legal na epekto nito.***Mayroon ding magkakailang pangpananaw sa loob mismo ng Supreme Court tungkol sa lawak ng kapangyarihan ng Hukuman na utusan ang Kongreso. Bagama’t sinang-ayunan ng ilang mahistrado ang mandatory constitutional duty ng Kongreso, binigyang-diin nina Associate Justices Rodil Zalameda, Japar Dimaampao at Maria Filomena Singh ang kahalagahan ng separation of powers at ang pananatili sa Kongreso ng kapangyarihang magtakda ng mismong nilalaman ng batas.

Sa huli, ang usapin ay hindi lamang tungkol sa political dynasties. Ito ay tungkol sa pananagutan ng isang institusyon sa isang malinaw na probisyon ng Konstitusyon. Matapos ang halos apat na dekada ng mga panukalang batas na hindi nauwi sa isang komprehensibong batas, muling nilagay ng Supreme Court sa sentro ng pambansang diskurso ang tanong: kailan maisasakatuparan ang constitutional mandate?

Ngayon, ang susunod na kabanata ay nasa kamay ng Kongreso. Ang hamon ay hindi lamang ang pagpasa ng isang batas, kundi ang pagbuo ng isang batas na malinaw ang depinisyon, makatarungan ang saklaw, naaayon sa Konstitusyon at epektibong naipatutupad. Sa ganitong paraan, ang utos ng Konstitusyon ay hindi manatiling salita lamang sa papel, kundi magiging bahagi ng aktuwal na sistema ng pamahalaan at serbisyo publiko.



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CARD Bank pledges continuous financial inclusion....

CARD Bank, Inc., a microfinance-oriented rural bank, celebrated its 29th anniversary last September 1, 2026, at Maharlika Square in San Pablo City, Laguna.

During the celebration, the bank introduced expanded SME loan products to support clients at different stages of their business and financial journey. Building on its Quick SME Loan product ranging from PHP 30,000 to PHP 1,000,000, the bank added new products including the

Revolving Credit Line for seasonal operational expenses, the Express Working Capital Loan starting at PHP 100,000 for bridging cash flow gaps and replenishing inventories, and the Express Investment Loan providing up to PHP 5,000,000 for planned expansion and purchase of assets.

These new products are designed for clients who have graduated from microfinance loans and need larger capital for their enterprise.

The anniversary program looked back on the early days of CARD Bank when it was established in 1997. CARD Bank’s first President and CEO, now CARD MRI Senior Management Adviser Dr. Dolores M. Torres, fondly recalled how it started: “Simula’t simula pa lang, para na ito sa mga kliyente natin. Sila ang dahilan kung bakit binuksan natin ang bangko (Right from the start, this is already for our clients. They are the reason we opened the bank),” she said.

She also cited the clients’ suggestions and needs that led to the offering of the bank’s following services. “Ganon din, ang mga sumunod na banking services ay request ng members, kagaya ng pagkakaroon ng ATM, ito ay idea nila (Likewise, the subsequent banking services were requested by the clients, such as having an ATM, which was their idea),” she recalled.

Dr. Torres also remembered how some of the bank’s first clients, who had just transitioned from being clients of CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO), took off their footwear upon stepping inside the bank during the opening of the first branch in San Pablo, Laguna. “When I told them they didn’t have to, they said, ‘Madumi ang tsinelas namin, ayaw namin itong maputikan... First time naming makaapak sa totoong bangko (Our slippers are dirty, we don’t want this to get muddy... It’s our first time stepping inside a real bank),” Torres remembered.

The memory reflected the core purpose of CARD Bank’s establishment of helping underserved individuals take their first steps into the formal banking system. CARD Bank President Marivic Austria meanwhile emphasized that while much has changed and grown in the bank over the past 29 years, its commitment to financial inclusion and poverty eradication remains at the heart of its services. “Ang CARD Bank ay mananatiling nakatungtong sa lupa, mananatiling ‘bukas para sa lahat (CARD Bank will remain grounded, will remain open for everyone),” she said, noting that the service will remain the same, particularly

for clients taking their first steps toward financial stability and entrepreneurship.

CARD MRI Founder and Chair Emeritus and CARD Bank Chairperson Dr. Jaime Aristotle B.

Alip also reaffirmed the bank’s ultimate mission and priority. “CARD Bank isn’t defined by the figures it has achieved,” he said. “What defines us is the impact we



From left to right: CARD Bank EVP for Finance and Accounting May Dawat, CARD MRI Founder and Chair Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle Alip, Senior Management Adviser Dr. Lorenza Bañez, and CARD Bank President Marivic Austria, showing their konek2CARD mobile Application on their phones.

have made on the lives of our clients. Kung ano ang naging ambag namin sa kabuhatan ninyo [addressing the clients], iyon po ang nagde-define sa amin (How we contribute to your livelihood, that is what will define us).”

During the anniversary program, the bank also introduced several new features for its konek2CARD mobile application, including cash-in through konek2CARD agents, bill payments, and Express Loan, the digital, pre-approved loan that allows eligible clients to apply for and instantly receive loans of up to PHP 20,000.

Dr. Alip encouraged clients to make full use of the application, noting that digital finance is part of adapting to social changes and clients’ evolving needs. CARD MRI Managing Director Aristeo Dequito, who is also the bank’s first branch manager, delivered his message of congratulations.

CARD Bank staff and clients attended the program. Senior Management Advisers and executive committee members of CARD MRI also attended. Pioneer clients from San Pablo City, Bay, Laguna, and Dolores, Quezon, were also present to celebrate the milestone proudly.

Saan mo makikita ang halaga ng PhilHealth Benefit Packages?

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GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) – Malamang makakari-nig ka ng puna tungkol sa iyong kasintah-an. Bagaman dadaanin sa biro ng mga kaibigan ay ikakasama pa rin ng iyong loob. Gayunpaman, hindi ito magiging dahilan para magbago ang iyong pagtingin sa kanya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 7, 16, 36, 38 at white.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) – Sa kaunting pagkakamali o dipirensiya, hindi mapipigilan ang init ng ulo. Pag-aralan na mapaglabanan ito. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 8, 25, 34, 44 at cherry red.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) – Ipagpaliban ang iyong nilalakad. Makakabuting itikom ang bibig kung maaanghang na salita ang lala-labas. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 9, 12, 21, 28 at pink.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) – Mga bagay na tungkol sa negosyo ang iyong pag-aralang mabuti. Ingatan ang pagba- budget. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 3, 14, 38, 40 at apple green.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) – Huwag ipilit ang gusto, mapapahiya dahil nagkakamali ka. Makakapasa ka kung kukuha ng pagsusulit. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 3, 11, 33, 40 at lavender.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) – Kung may oras na maglibang kasama ang mga kaibigan, gawin din para sa iyong pamilya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 12, 27, 32, 38 at yellow.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) – Posibleng mawalan ng pera kaya mag-i-ngat. Masuwerte kung mabait at responsable ang ka-partner. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 3, 5, 17, 35 at pink.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) – Sa kasalukuyang suliranin na taglay, ang kakaibang lakas ng loob at tunay na nagmamalasakit ang karamay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 5, 19, 29, 35 at red.

GEMINI : (May.21-Hun. 21) – Kung sa nakaraan nakadama ng tamlay dahil sa pag-aalala, ngayon masigla ka dahil makakapiling mo na siya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 2, 24, 31, 39 at blue.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) – Kung nag-ing pabaya sa nakaraan, seryosong harapin ngayon ang mga nakaatang sa balik. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 6, 25, 32, 40 at orange.

LEO : (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) – Kung nangang-arap mamasyal sa abroad. Malabong matupad, bayaran muna ang utang sa credit card. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 10, 12, 27, 40 at lemon green.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) – Hindi mo iindahin ang mga magsusulputang problema dahil maliit ang mga ito kumpara sa mga pinagdaanan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 4, 18, 24, 42 at sky blue.

Ang Burger ng Bayan

From a Cup of Coffee to 3,000 Trees: The Café Cuatro Success Story

by: Ma. Nicole C. Concejero, OTOP Support Staff, DTI Laguna

At 57, Virginia Marte of Santa Rosa, Laguna has built a business that goes beyond selling coffee. Through Café Cuatro, she is helping promote Philippine coffee while creating a more sustainable source of supply for her growing enterprise.

What started as a simple idea during the pandemic has since grown into a business that not only serves customers but also invests in coffee production, with around 3,000 coffee trees now growing in Nueva Ecija.

A Business Born During the Pandemic
Before becoming an entrepreneur, Virginia worked as a Production Technician, Manufacturing Supervisor, and College Instructor/Professor. With a stable job for her husband and two children doing well, she saw entrepreneurship as an opportunity to gain greater freedom while building something of her own.

When the COVID-19 pandemic suspended classes, Virginia explored online business opportunities. The idea for Café Cuatro came when her husband wanted locally produced coffee for their Nespresso machine. This simple need led Virginia to explore the possibility of building a business around Philippine coffee.

Starting the business, however, was not easy. She had to navigate BIR registration, business permits, and FDA certifications, while also dealing with limited availability of locally produced coffee.

Rather than allowing these challenges to stop her, Virginia looked for ways to address them and continued learning about the coffee business.

Learning, Growing, and Finding Support
Virginia joined the BPI SEAL SEGA Start-up program, where she received training and a grant that helped her develop her business further.

She also attended a seminar conducted by DTI Laguna, where she learned about government programs, seminars, training, trade expos, grants, and other forms of assistance available to MSMEs.

Her continued participation in government programs eventually led her to the One Town, One Product (OTOP) program in 2025 and the Kapatid Mentor ME (KMME) program in 026.

Through OTOP, Virginia was able to improve the packaging of Café Cuatro’s products, giving them a more polished and marketable presentation. The product development intervention helped strengthen the product’s market presence, and the business observed increased sales in 2026 following the packaging improvement.

Meanwhile, her participation in KMME is helping her develop practical knowledge in financial management, marketing, and business operations—skills that are important as she works to expand Café Cuatro.

Growing Coffee Trees for a More Sustainable Future

One of the most significant decisions Virginia made was to address the shortage of local coffee supply herself.

She realized that relying solely on cooperatives would not be enough to sustain Café

Cuatro’s growing demand for local coffee. Instead of simply looking for more suppliers,

she decided to become part of the solution by investing in coffee production and working

with local farmers.

Today, Virginia’s coffee production efforts include around 3,000 coffee trees in Nueva Ecija.

Through a partnership with Farm to Cup PH, Virginia planted 1,000 Arabica trees in Nueva Ecija in 2023. The trees were already six-month-old seedlings when they were planted, and the first small harvest is expected around December 2026.

Another 2,000 Robusta trees were planted in Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija in 2024, also using six-month-old seedlings through Farm to Cup PH. Local farmers are now caring for the trees, with the first harvest hoped for around 2028.

Virginia’s decision to invest in coffee farming was also supported by her efforts to learn more about the industry. In 2022, she attended a coffee boot camp to better understand coffee farming strategies and post-harvest practices such as drying.

While the coffee trees mature, Café Cuatro continues to source green beans from farmers and suppliers. This allows the business to maintain its operations while building a more reliable supply of locally grown coffee for the future.

For Virginia, the goal is not simply to produce coffee from her own farms.

She also plans to continue working with local farmers, helping sustain their farms while developing a dependable supply of Philippine coffee for Café Cuatro.

Reaching More Customers

As Café Cuatro continues to grow, Virginia has also explored different ways to reach more customers. She has participated in trade expos and used social media and e-commerce platforms to introduce her products to a wider market.

Customer feedback has also become an important part of the business. For Virginia, listening to customers provides valuable information on how products can be improved and how the business can better respond to market needs.

Milestones Worth Celebrating

Virginia’s entrepreneurial journey has also brought several milestones.

In 2022, Café Cuatro was recognized as one of the Top Ten Start-ups under the BPI SEAL SEGA

program. In 2026, the business received the 2nd Most Innovative Product award at the Kalalak and National Trade Fair.

For Virginia, these achievements represent more than recognition. They reflect the risks she took, the lessons she learned, and the continuous effort she has invested in developing her business.

Lessons from the Entrepreneurial Journey

Virginia believes that entrepreneurship offers many opportunities, but recognizing an opportunity is only the beginning. Turning an idea into a sustainable business requires

sound decisions, persistence, and a clear sense of purpose.

Her journey with Café Cuatro has taught her the importance of integrity, consistency, continuous learning, and faith in oneself and in God.

She also draws inspiration from Bill Gates, particularly his intelligence and philanthropic efforts, while recognizing the importance



of family support and determination in her own entrepreneurial journey.

From starting a coffee business during a difficult period to investing in thousands of coffee trees, Virginia’s experience reflects the importance of adapting to challenges while continuing to pursue long-term goals.

Looking Ahead: A Bigger and Better Café Cuatro

In the next three to five years, Virginia hopes to expand Café Cuatro by using coffee harvested from her own farms while continuing to work with local farmers.

She also hopes to bring Café Cuatro products to more customers across the Philippines and eventually reach international markets. As the business grows, she plans to increase venue and market reach, develop more product variants, and continue improving product quality.

Beyond business growth, Virginia sees a bigger

Australian Dragon Fruit Growers....

Growers....

INDANG, CAVITE — The Australian Dragon Fruit Growers Association (ADFGA) visited Cavite State University (CvSU) on October 5, 2026, as part of its ongoing research tour focused on dragon fruit production, varieties, and sustainable cultivation practices.

Representing ADFGA were Secretary Yana Schiffermuller and Treasurer Melinda Keggan, who explored various dragon fruit varieties at the university. The visit examined key production characteristics, including skin quality, flavor, self-fertility, productivity, pest and disease resistance, and the crops’ resilience to changing climate conditions.

The research tour also served as a platform for knowledge sharing between Australian growers and CvSU agriculture experts, covering sustainable horticulture, tropical fruit management, crop production, and agricultural research.

The discussions and field activities were facilitated by Dr. Teddy F. Tepora, faculty member of the College of Agriculture, Food, Environment, and Natural Resources (CAFENR) and manager of the Innovation and Technology Support Office (ITSO), together with CAFENR Dean Dr. Abigail P. Daria.

The visit underscored the importance of international collaboration in strengthening agricultural research and developing more sustainable and climate-resilient approaches to dragon fruit production.



purpose for Café Cuatro: building a sustainable local coffee enterprise, supporting Philippine farmers, and showcasing Filipino products to a wider market.

Her journey shows that entrepreneurship can begin with something as simple as a need for a cup of coffee. With the willingness to learn, the courage to take risks, and the persistence to keep improving, a simple idea can grow into a business that creates opportunities not only for the entrepreneur but also for the people and communities connected to it.

Gov. Abeng Remulla....

whose continued dedication, experience, and commitment form a lasting foundation of public service in the province.

The recognition highlighted the important role of government personnel in sustaining the delivery of public services and ensuring the continuity of programs and initiatives across the province.

The provincial government emphasized that while changes may take place within the administration, its foundation remains anchored on employees who continue to perform their duties and serve the public with commitment and dedication.

Each year of ser-

vice represents more than time spent in government. It reflects the contributions of public servants who have helped residents, supported government programs, and played a part in the continuing development of the province.

The Loyalty Service Awardees were recognized for their years of dedicated service and for the contributions they have made to their respective offices and to the people of Cavite.

The provincial government expressed its appreciation to the awardees, recognizing their continued commitment as an important part of the province’s public service.

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Have an account enrolled in the online facility of a participating financial institution (PFI)

Have no active SSS Micro Loan and have fully paid any prior microloan refinanced by a PFI

Have no record of fraud against SSS Loanable amount

De Claro noted that while 12 contributions are enough to be eligible for the SSS LoanLite, members with at least 36 total contributions—including at least six posted within the 12 months immediately before applying—qualify for higher loan amounts up to the ₱20,000 ceiling.

De Claro said that members with at least 12 monthly contributions can borrow a loanable amount equal to 11% of their average MSCs in the last 12 months.

Dasmariñas Marks 159th Day with Celebration of History, Progress and Service

By Philippine Recorder News Desk

The City of Dasmariñas commemorated its 159th Dasmariñas Day on October 5, celebrating more than a century and a half of history, progress, and public service while looking ahead to new opportunities and breakthroughs for its residents.

The annual celebration highlighted the city’s milestones and continuing development, recognizing the progress Dasmariñas has achieved through the years as it continues to grow as one of Cavite’s major urban centers.

The occasion also provided an opportunity to reflect on the contributions of generations of Dasmariñeños who have helped shape the city and strengthen its communities through their work, participation, and commitment to local development.

As Dasmariñas moves forward, the city continues to look toward opportunities that can further benefit its residents and create new avenues for growth, development, and improved public service.

The celebration carried the message of moving forward with renewed determination, with the city encouraging Dasmariñeños to remain united in pursuing great



er opportunities and achieving new milestones.

“Onward to opportunities, forward to breakthroughs,” the city said as it marked the 159th Dasmariñas Day, expressing its vision for continued progress and development.

The celebration reaffirmed Dasmariñas’ commitment to building on its history while looking toward a future shaped by new opportunities, continued progress, and stronger public service for every Dasmariñeño.

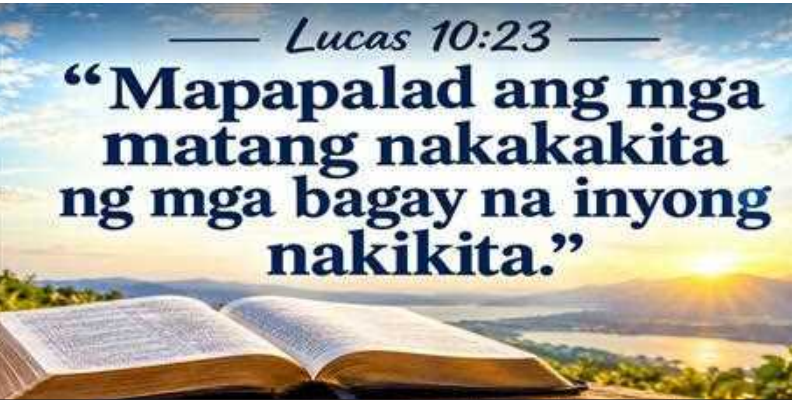
INSPIRASYON: “Mapalad ang mga Nakakakita”

Hindi lahat ng tao ay nakakakita ng tunay na halaga ng ginagawa ng Diyos. Minsan, abala tayo sa problema, pangamba, at mga bagay na kulang sa ating buhay, kaya hindi natin napapansin ang mga pagpapalang nasa harapan na natin.

Ngunit sinabi ni Jesus na mapalad ang mga matang nakakakita—mga matang nakakakita sa kabutihan ng Diyos, sa Kanyang mga ginagawa, at sa Kanyang presensya sa ating buhay.

Ngayong araw, huwag lamang nating tingnan ang mga problema. Tingnan din natin ang Diyos na kasama natin sa gitna ng mga problema.

Ang pusong marunong makakita sa gawa ng Diyos ay pusong marunong magpasalamat.



DTI Cavite Celebrates...

Day 2026 on October 5. Held on October 5, 2026, at the DTI Cavite Provincial Office in Trece Martires City, the celebration featured coffee-related activities, including a coffee appreciation program and a basic barista session for DTI Cavite personnel and clients. As part of the celebration, DTI Cavite served free coffee from Café Amadeo, along with bread, to clients and personnel from nearby government offices. The activity provided participants with an opportunity to enjoy locally produced coffee while learning more about the province's coffee products. The Pio De Roda Café, a graduate of the Kapatid Mentor ME-Money Market Encounter (KMME-MME) Batch 2022, also conducted a coffee appreciation and basic barista session for DTI Cavite employees. The Pio De Roda team shared insights into the history of coffee, different coffee varieties, and proper coffee preparation techniques. Participants were also introduced to fundamental barista skills and practices. Adding to the celebration was a live barista demonstration led by young baristas Rianne Zanielle Rosales and Rianne Zoe Angela Rosales. The young coffee enthusiasts showcased basic coffee-making techniques with aspiring coffee enthusiasts and entrepreneurs. Through the International Coffee Day celebration, DTI Cavite emphasized the importance of supporting local coffee producers, promoting coffee entrepreneurship, and strengthening Cavite's coffee industry. The activity also



and guided DTI Cavite employees as they prepared their own cups of coffee. Based in Indang, Cavite, Pio De Roda Café offers barista training and continues to share its knowledge and passion for coffee

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Carmona Cooperative Community Gains Insights on Government Services, Mental Health““By Philippine Recorder News Desk Isinagawa sa Carmona Community Center ang isang symposium na naglalayong palawakin ang kaalaman ng mga miyembro ng kooperatiba tungkol sa mga benepisyo, programa, at serbisyong iniaalok ng pamahalaan, kasabay ng pagbibigay-diin sa kahalagahan ng mental health at wellness. Pinangunahan ng City Cooperative Development Council at Office of the City Cooperative Development Officer ang Symposium on Government Benefits, Programs, and Services, and Mental Health & Wellness for the Cooperative Community, na dinaluhan ng mga kinatawan mula sa iba’t ibang kooperatiba sa Lungsod ng Carmona. Binigyang pagkakataon sa programa ang mga kinatawan ng iba’t ibang ahensya ng pamahalaan na maipaliwanag ang kanilang mga programa at serbisyong maaaring mapakinabangan ng cooperative community. Kabilang sa mga ahensyang nagbahagi ng impormasyon ang Social Security System (SSS), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), at ang Cavite Center for Mental Health. Tinalakay sa symposium ang mahahalagang impormasyon hinggil sa mga benepisyo at serbisyong maaaring makuha ng mga kwalipikadong miyembro, gayundin ang mga programang maaaring makatulong sa pagpapaunlad ng kanilang kabuhayan at organisasyon. Bukod sa mga government benefits and services, naging mahalagang bahagi rin ng pagtitipon ang usapin tungkol sa mental health at overall wellness. Layunin nitong maitaas ang kamalayan ng mga miyembro ng kooperatiba sa kahalagahan ng pangangalaga sa kanilang mental at emosyonal na kailagan.

Enchanted Kingdom marks its 31st Anniversary with enhanced AGILA...

Among the enhancements is Kwento ng Agila, an immersive walkthrough accessible upon entering the AGILA building. Through immersive visuals and storytelling, the new entry experience takes guests behind the scenes of the attraction, revealing its inspiration, the symbolism behind its architecture, and its development by an all-Filipino team.

Further along the walkthrough, guests will be introduced to the world of the Agila, or Philippine eagle, through a glimpse of its natural habitat and the various species that thrive within its ecosystem. It also traces the lifecycle of the Agila, highlighting its plight as one of the critically endangered birds in the world.

This builds on EK's steadfast commitment to eagle conservation, earlier demonstrated by its adoption and continued support for the care and breeding of Enchanting Kagitingan, a male Philippine eagle, in partnership with the Philippine Eagle Foundation.

Additionally, the immersive experience extends beyond the atrium lobby, as augmented reality (AR) brings the landing queue leading to the Enchanted Forest to life through the guests' smartphones.

EK has also given PUGAD, the attraction's in-house concept store, a new direction as part of the AGILA improvements. The refreshed retail space will now incorporate an enchanting mix of entertainment and learning to encapsulate the overall AGILA experience.

The attraction's existing facilities remain operational and accessible to all guests, while its newly updated areas will officially launch on October 17.

Almost a decade after its launch, AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY was reimagined in October 2025, placing renewed focus not only on tourism but also on sustainability and appreciation for the country's natural heritage. It was later recognized as the Best ASEAN New Tourism Attraction by the ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA) in January 2026.

EK celebrates its 31st Anniversary with Fiesta ng Saribuhay

K is all set to celebrate its 31st Anniversary as it releases more updates on its events, shows, and other offerings throughout October.

Following the announcement of its anniversary events in late August, the theme park has unveiled the complete lineup of performers at its Fiesta ng Saribuhay Concert on October 17 at the Spaceport Grounds. The spectacular night will showcase world-class Filipino music and talent through live performances by award-winning R&B hitmaker Dionela, 1Z Entertainment's rising P-pop girl group XONARA, indie band Sacred Red, and other up-and-coming artists, alongside EK's homegrown talents, SMS and Kingsmen.

The celebration will culminate in the Lipad ng Agila: A Pyromusical Fiesta, giving EK's signature evening send-off a magical twist as vibrant pyrotech-



nic displays and symbolic imagery bring the spirit of the festivities to the night sky. Every weekend in October, the EK Storyverse Characters will bring all the magic and excitement across the Park's themed zones during the Fiesta ng Saribuhay Anniversary Parade. And on October 17, streetdance performers will join in the parade as it serves as a festive prelude to the concert proper. Meanwhile, Run to 31: Takbo ng Saribuhay, a fun run celebrating biodiversity through fitness and togetherness, will take place on October 11 in partnership with the United RSBS Boulevard Stakeholders Federation (URSF).



Registration is now ongoing at the EK Online Store, with 1.5K, 3K, and 5K routes available for interested participants.

SMS and Kingsmen will also mark the Park's 31st Anniversary with new music. The P-pop girl group will release their rendition of Lipad, while the all-male vocal group has re-recorded a festive version of their song, Saribuhay. Both tracks will soon be available on all major streaming platforms.

Meanwhile, parkgoers can immerse themselves in other seasonal experiences at the Agila Grounds, including the Ube-Matcha Festival from October 14 to 18, which showcases the fusion of local flavors with other well-loved favorites, and Palarong Pinoy, a set of skill-based activities featuring traditional Filipino street games, launching just in time for the main anniversary festivities.

More in-park food options also await Fili-

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IN RE: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, TRECE MARTIRES CITY AND GENERAL TRIAS CITY, CAVITE

TMNP-021-26-GT

ATTY. ANN MUTYA G. MAPANO-PUZA,
Petitioner.
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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for application of notarial commission of **ATTY. ANN MUTYA G. MAPANO-PUZA** shall be held on October 13, 2026, at 8:30 in the morning at the Court Room of the Executive Judge, Regional Trial Court, Branch 23, Trece Martires City, Cavite. Any person who has any cause or reason to object the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

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

SO ORDERED.

Trece Martires City, Cavite, September 25, 2026.

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pinos as EK welcomes new tenant partners, with Minimelts launched in September and Mango Royal scheduled to open on October 3.

***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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