

SALARY DEDUCTIONS, IPINANAWAGAN NA SUSPENDIHIN MUNA

Nanawagan si Imee Marcos ng pansamantalang tigil-singil at loan moratorium sa mga ahensya ng gobyerno tulad ng Social Security System (SSS), Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), Pag-IBIG Fund, at Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth).

Ayon sa senadora, mahalagang ipatupad ang hakbang sa gitna ng umiiral na national state of energy emergency, kung saan patuloy ang pagtaas ng presyo ng langis at mga pangunahing bilihin. Layunin umano nitong mabawasan ang pinansyal na pasanin ng mga Pilipino, lalo na ang mga manggagawa, magsasaka, mangingisda, at mali-



(Sen. Imee Marcos)

liit na negosyante. Iginiit ni Marcos na ramdam na ramdam ng publiko ang epekto ng krisis—mula sa pamasahe hanggang sa presyo ng pagkain—kaya makatutulong kung pansamantalang ipagpapaliban ang mga kontribusyon at pagbabayad ng utang sa mga nasabing ahensya.

Dagdag pa niya, dapat munang ibigay nang buo ang sahod ng mga manggagawa upang makasabay sa patuloy na pagtaas ng gastusin sa araw-araw. Binanggit din niya na naging epektibo ang ganitong hakbang noong panahon ng pandemya at iba pang kalamidad, kung saan

nakatulong ang mga palugit upang makabangon ang mga apektadong sektor.

Sa huli, sinabi ng senadora na habang hindi pa natityak kung kailan matatapos ang krisis sa enerhiya, nararapat lamang na gawin ang lahat ng posibleng paraan upang maibsan ang hirap na dinaranas ng mamamayan.



Statement on YAKAP Transition to Electronic Medical Records (EMR)

As PhilHealth expands the Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP), we are taking important steps to ensure that the care our members receive is safe, accurate, and of the highest quality.

YAKAP is built around one goal: to give every Filipino access to comprehensive, preventive care. To deliver on that promise, participating clinics and hospitals must use electronic medical records - so doctors can accurately track patient health history, avoid errors, and ensure continuity of care. These systems also protect the program from potential abuse, so its benefits reach those who truly need them. This is not a checkbox requirement. It is how PhilHealth ensures every Filipino who walks into a YAKAP clinic gets the care they deserve.

PhilHealth's payment model for providers is designed to cover the operational costs of delivering care at YAKAP standards - including digital infrastructure. How these costs are appropriately reflected is something PhilHealth is actively studying.

PhilHealth is committed to ensuring that no eligible member loses access to YAKAP services through this transition, and remains engaged with partner providers toward that end.

Enchanted Kingdom celebrates the return of its legendary Wheel of Fate with magic and nostalgia

Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, proudly celebrated the official return of its legendary ride, the Wheel of Fate, as the highlight of The Legend Shines Again campaign last March 21.

Following the theme park's successful 30th anniversary celebration last October, its signature ferris wheel ride took a four-month break to make way for enhancements, which include a fresh thematic look, smoother ride experience, and updated ride system technology.

This is part of EK's ongoing revitalization of its existing facilities and iconic rides to ensure that their longevity and legacy can be sustained for the years to come.

Regarded as one of longstanding rides of its kind in the country, the Wheel of Fate has been bringing magical experiences to countless Filipinos since EK opened its gates in 1995. It eventually grew into a crowd favorite among its multigenerational guests, especially with families and friends.



This towering ride lifts guests 130 feet above the ground, showcasing the breathtaking view of its home city, Santa Rosa. Aside from this, it also elevates the EK experience by illuminating the whole park, especially during nighttime.

The Legend Shines Again! Wheel of Fate Relaunch The official relaunch of the Wheel of Fate on March 21 featured spectacular performances, with EK's very own P-pop girl group SMS launching their new song, The Legend Shines Again; and OPM band The Bloomfields serenading the crowd with timeless hits.

The cast of Viva One's My Husband is a Mafia Boss also made a special appearance to unveil the show's photo booth installation. Meanwhile, the youth-led organization

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SSS assures OFW members in the Middle East of uninterrupted digital access to benefits



The Social Security System (SSS) today assured its members in the Middle East that they can access benefits and services via digital platforms despite escalating regional conflicts.

SSS President Robert Joseph M. de Claro highlighted the My.SSS Portal's reliability, enabling

Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) to file benefit claims and loan applications without interruption, provided they meet qualifying conditions.

For example, OFWs who were involuntarily separated can avail of unemployment benefit provided they meet the qualifying conditions and certi-

fied by the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW).

"Even in these challenging times, our digital infrastructure ensures seamless service delivery," de Claro said. "Members in the Middle East need not worry; they can manage their accounts safely from anywhere with internet access."

He noted that SSS pensioners in the region can comply with the Annual Confirmation of Pensioners (ACOP) using the recently launched Facial Authentication feature on the SSS website, www.sss.gov.ph.

Korte Suprema at KWF, nagpu-long para sa Episyenteng Pagsasagawa ng VCAD (P-7)

Cayetano kinatigan ang planong crisis committee ni PBBM kasunod ng mga resolusyon sa Senado

Positibo ang naging reaksyon ni Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano sa utos ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. na bumuo ng crisis committee ang gobyerno, kasunod ng tumitinding tenson sa Middle East.

Ayon kay Cayetano, tugma ang hakbang sa nauna nang tinulak ng Senado na paghahanda ng bansa laban sa malalaking krisis.

Matatandaang nitong mga nakaraang linggo, pinagtibay ng Senado ang Senate



Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano

CALAX GOVERNOR'S DRIVE INTERCHANGE

The Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) Subsection 3 has been completed and may open before Holy Week. Spanning approximately 7.91 kilometers, this segment connects the Silang (Aguinaldo) Interchange to the Governor's Drive Interchange. It is expected to significantly ease traffic congestion along Governor's Drive and Aguinaldo Highway, while providing more convenient access for travelers to and from



Silang, Tagaytay, and nearby weekend destinations in Laguna.

This milestone marks a critical step toward realizing the full potential of CA-

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Dumalo mula sa KWF si Dr. Benjamin M. Mendillo Jr., Komisioner sa Pangasiwaan at Pananalapi, kasama ang Yunit ng FSL sa pangunguna ni G. Patrick Bryan Q. Ablaza, Senior Deaf Advocacy Officer; Bb. Diana Pria Vizmanos, Deaf Advocacy Officer; at mga Admin Assistant na sina Bb. Nicah Lagrimas at Bb. Mitzi Mae Tabao. Kinatawan naman nina Hon. Lilian Barribal-Co, Assistant Court Administrator, at Atty. Andrea Mae E. Oraciln ang OCA.

DTI Rizal Celebrates 'Modern Babaylans' during the WISE Forum in its 5th year Inbox

Antipolo City, Rizal | In celebration of the Women's Month, DTI Rizal Provincial Office in partnership with Converge SME Solutions gathered more than 170 participants, most of whom were women, at the Event Hall, Ynares Center,

Antipolo City for the fifth run of Women Initiatives for Successful Entrepreneurs (WISE) Forum last March 11, 2026.

DTI Rizal Provincial Director Cleotilde Duran welcomed the audience by drawing parallels between the Babaylans of earlier times and the modern woman, noting how women today continue to embody strength and leadership while balancing multiple roles in society.

Antipolo City Councilor James



Gatlabayan, speaking on behalf of Antipolo City

Mayor Jun Ynares, expressed appreciation for women as the ultimate multi-taskers, contributing signifi-

cantly to their families, communities, and businesses.

Congresswoman Mia Ynares, represented by former Board Member Ross Glenn

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After decades of hiatus, Track Cycling makes a triumphant return to the Philippine sporting stage!

There is no better way to welcome back a sport where we once dominated Southeast Asia and stood as one of the premier teams in Asia, having represented our nation multiple times in the Olympics. While a lack of infrastructure previously forced our athletes to focus on road and MTB disciplines, we are now reclaiming the track—a field where we last secured SEA Games gold before the turn of the 2010s.

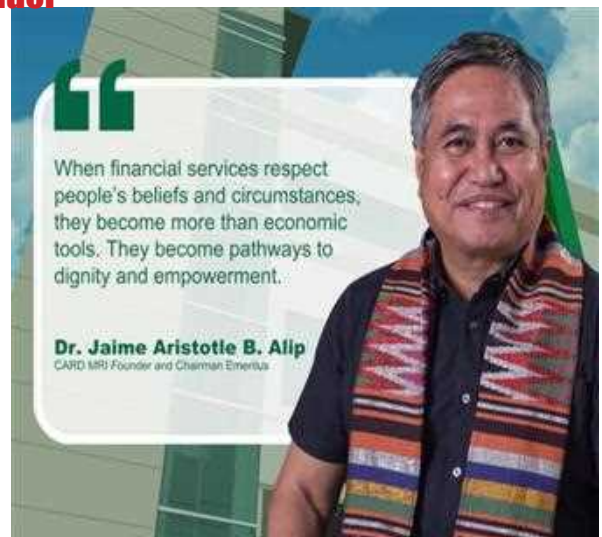
This is precisely why the world-class Tagaytay CT Velodrome was built here in my hometown. We hope that hosting the 2026 Asian Track Cycling Championships will signal the revival of our passion and championship pedigree in this discipline.

Mabuhay ang lahat ng kalahok! Welcome to the Philippines, and welcome to Tagaytay City, the City of Character!

Paano Nakatutulong ang Shariah-Inspired Financial Services Ayon sa CARD MRI Founder

Kapag ang serbisyong pampinansyal ay may respeto sa pananampalataya at kahalagayan ng komunidad, hindi lang ito tulong sa kabuhatan; nagiging daan din ito sa dignidad at lakas para makapagtaguyod nang mas maayos na kinabukasan.

Sa artikulong "Empowered by faith and finance: Stories of hope from Muslim women in Mindanao" sa Manila Bulletin ni Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip, ang CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus, ipinakita kung paano nakatutulong ang Shariah-inspired financial services



sa mga kababaihan sa Mindanao upang maging mas matatag ang buhay ng kanilang mga pamilya.

Basahin ang buong artikulo sa:

KOMENTARYO:

TAMA ANG PAGTANONG NI CONG. NAZAL – KAILANGAN NG KATARUNGANG PATAS AT MGA PUNONG PRIORIDAD

Cong. Robert Nazal

Ang pahayag ni Cong. Robert Nazal ng Bagong Henerasyon Partylist ay isang mahalagang paalala na ang prosesong pang-impeachment ay hindi dapat gamitin bilang kasangkapan ng pulitika, kundi isang paraan para ipagtatanggol ang katarungan at karapatan ng lahat ng mamamayan – kabilang na ang sinumang inakusahan.

Una sa lahat, tama si Cong. Nazal na binanggit ang karapatan sa wastong proseso (due process) at pagkakapanatay-pantay ng pamantayan. Kung ang mga batas at alituntunin ay hindi ipinatutupad nang pantay-pantay sa mga reklamo laban sa Pangulo at Bise Presidente, mawawalan ng kabuluhan ang ating sistemang panghukuman at lehislatibo. Ang pagkakaiba ng pagtrato ay hindi lamang nagpapahina sa tiwala ng taumbayan kundi nagpapakita rin ng kawalan ng integridad sa proseso.

Tungkol sa mga akusasyon laban sa Bise Presidente, hindi maikakaila na ang mga ito ay batay sa pagbibigay-kahulugan, haka-haka, at mga pangkalahatang pahayag – hindi sa matibay na ebidensya. Ang pangunahing prinsipyo ng batas na “ang akusasyon ay hindi katumbas ng ebidensya” ay dapat palaging sundin. Tungkol naman sa pagtaas ng mga ari-arian sa loob ng mahabang panahon, natural lamang itong mangyari dahil sa kita mula sa trabaho, mga pamumuhunan, at pagtaas ng halaga ng mga ari-arian. Ang agad na paghuhusga na ito ay nagmumula sa mga hindi makatarungang yaman ay walang batayan at labag sa katwiran.

Ang paggamit ng Notice of Disallowance na hindi pa rin tapos ang proseso ng pagsusuri, pati na rin ang pagtanggap sa affidavit ng isang nahatulan ng krimen nang walang wastong pagsusuri, ay nagdudulot ng malaking pagdududa sa kredibilidad ng mga paglilitis ng Komite sa Katarungan. Tulad ng sinabi ni Cong. Nazal, ang Komite ay dapat nang ipadala ang usapin sa plenary para ipasa sa Senado – dahil ang Senado lamang ang may kapangyarihan na humatol sa mga kasong pang-impeachment ayon sa Konstitusyon. Ang pagpapatuloy ng mga pagdinig para humanap pa ng ebidensya matapos nang magpasya na sapat ang anyo, nilalaman, at mga batayan ng mga reklamo ay hindi lamang hindi wasto sa pamamaraan kundi maari pang magdulot ng mga problema sa konstitusyon.

Tungkol naman sa kahilingan ng subpoena para sa mga dokumentong hindi naman nauugnay sa panahon ng pagiging Bise Presidente at mga hiling na malawak at hin-



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di tiyak, tama rin ang pagsasalungat ni Cong. Nazal. Ito ay malinaw na isang paghahanap ng ebidensya nang walang tiyak na batayan (“fishing expedition”) na ipinagbabawal ng mga Batas at Alituntunin.

Ngunit higit sa lahat, ang pinakamahalagang punto ni Cong. Nazal ay tungkol sa mga prioridad ng Kongreso. Sa gitna ng mataas na presyo ng bilihin at gasolina, kakulangan sa mga serbisyong pangkalusugan at edukasyon, at mga malalaking isyu tulad ng iskandalo sa flood control, hindi makatwiran na gumugol ng maraming oras at yaman ng bayan sa mga prosesong tila walang sapat na batayan. Bilang “Kapulungan ng Mga Tao,” dapat itong tumutugon sa mga tunay na pangangailangan ng mamamayan.

Ang usapin na ito ay hindi lamang tungkol sa Bise Presidente kundi tungkol sa kung paano natin ipinagtanggol ang mga prinsipyo ng katarungan, pagkakapanatay-pantay, at pananagutan sa ating bansa.

Editorial:**The Heavy Weight of Rising Commodity Prices**

The latest surge in commodity prices has placed an undeniable burden on Filipino households, turning everyday survival into a constant struggle. What used to be routine expenses—buying rice, paying for transportation, settling electricity bills—have now become sources of anxiety for many families. The steady increase in prices is not just an economic issue; it is a human one, affecting how people live, eat, and plan for the future.

At the core of this problem is the shrinking purchasing power of ordinary citizens. With wages largely stagnant, every price hike forces families to stretch already limited budgets. A few pesos added to the cost of basic goods may seem insignificant to some, but for minimum wage earners, it can mean less food on the table or sacrificing other essential needs. The reality is harsh: as prices go up, choices go down. The burden is felt most heavily by low-income households. These families allocate a large portion of their income to basic commodities, leaving little room for savings or emergencies. When prices rise, they are left with difficult decisions—skip meals, delay paying bills, or take on debt just to get by. Over time, this cycle deepens poverty and widens the gap between social classes.

Small businesses are not spared either. As the cost of raw materials and transportation increases, many are forced to raise prices or cut back on operations. This, in turn, affects consumers and workers alike, creating a ripple effect throughout the economy. What begins as a price increase in commodities evolves into a broader economic strain that touches nearly every sector.

While external factors such as global market fluctuations and supply chain disruptions contribute to the situation, this does not lessen the urgency of addressing its impact. Temporary measures like subsidies and price controls may provide short-term relief, but they are not enough to ease the long-term burden. Sustainable solutions—such as strengthening local production, improving supply systems, and ensuring fair wages—are crucial in mitigating the effects of rising prices.

Ultimately, the issue of increasing commodity prices is about more than numbers and statistics. It is about the daily realities faced by millions of Filipinos who are trying to make ends meet. It is about parents who worry about feeding their children, workers who struggle to afford transporta-

tion, and communities that feel the weight of economic uncertainty.

The rising cost of living should not be accepted as an inevitable hardship. It demands attention, action, and accountability. Until meaningful solutions are put in place, the burden of commodity price increases will continue to weigh heavily on those who can least afford it.

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DTI Rizal Celebrates ‘Modern.....

Gongora, also conveyed her greetings and support for women entrepreneurs and the continued growth of MSMEs in the province.

The W.I.S.E. Forum featured a lineup of inspiring speakers who shared valuable insights on leadership, resilience, digital innovation, and financial stewardship for women entrepreneurs.

Ms. Rio Laine Bringuelo, Health & Wellness Manager at Converge ICT, discussed “Modern Day Healing: How Woman Entrepreneurs Can Lead with Empathy and Mental Wellness” wherein she emphasized the importance of empathy and mental wellness in leadership. She encouraged women entrepreneurs to create spaces where people feel heard, valued, and supported, reminding everyone that true success includes emotional well-being, balance, and purpose.

Ms. Allyn Joy Cabarles, CEO of Kaulayaw Café, covering “Crisis Management: Drawing Strength from Ancestral Resilience to Navigate Economic Shifts”. She encouraged participants to see crisis not only as a challenge, but also as an opportunity to reconnect with deeper sources of strength. Learning strength from those who came before us, entrepreneurs and leaders can

develop the courage to adapt, make thoughtful decisions, and guide their teams through change with clarity and purpose.

Sharing her tech expertise was Social Media Specialist and Entrepreneur Ms. MJ Soriano, with the topic “The Digital Woman: Leveraging AI and Technology to Amplify Traditional Crafts”, stressing that while no technology can ever replace tradition and human ingenuity, it can serve as a powerful tool to amplify it—allowing craftspeople to share their creations globally, strengthen their

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Lastly, Ms. Zahan Eileen Figueroa, Channel Manager of GCash MSME, discussed “Financial Stewardship: Managing Business Wealth with a Provider

Mindset”, sharing insights on the importance of ensuring long-term vision and sustainability alongside striving for financial growth. She emphasized that

financial success is not only about profit, but also about stewardship – managing resources that supports not only the business owners themselves but also their employees, families, and communities.

Korte Suprema at KWF,.....

Nagpulong ang Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) at Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) noong 10 Marso 2026, 10:00 nu, sa tanggapan ng Korte Suprema hinggil sa tuntuning ipinatutupad ng Korte Suprema sa Filipino Sign Language (FSL) sa Hudikatura.

Nilinaw ng dalawang panig ang mga proseso sa pagsasagawa ng Visual Communication Assessment for the Deaf (VCAD) kabilang ang pagtalakay sa

Enchanted Kingdom.....

Lion ity Youth Inc. surprised parkgoers with a teaser for Hello Santa Rosa, their flagship tourism program launching this year in collaboration with EK.

The ride’s relaunching ceremony was graced by Santa Rosa City Mayor Arlene B. Arcillas, along with EK Chief Operating Officer Cynthia R. Mamon, Ph.D., and Head of Inter-

For more information and updates on the Wheel of Fate and EK’s 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.

Provincial Governor Nina Ricci Ynares graced the gathering. She shared

personal anecdote from her childhood, recalling how she once sold kamias to neighbors, giving her an early glimpse into entrepreneurship. She commended the participants for their

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dokumentasyon at pagbayad sa Deaf Assessor, alinsunod sa A.M. No. 21-12-04-SC (Re: Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Filipino Sign Language Act). Nakaangkla rin ito sa Batas Republika 11106 o FSL Act na naglalayong palakasin ang akses ng Deaf Community sa mga serbisyong panghudikatura at maisulong ang inklusibidad na pamamahala bilang tugon sa Strategic Plan for Judicial Innovations (SPJI) ng Korte Suprema.

grated Marketing Nico R. Mamon.

Serving as the festivities’ enchanting finale were the Sky Wizardry Fireworks Display and a flash mob led by the EK Storyverse characters.

The Wheel of Fate is now available for guests to enjoy during the Park’s operational days from 12PM to 8PM, alongside EK’s other attractions and experiences.

courage in taking the significant risks involved in starting and managing a business.

Ms. Sharon Dioco, Business Development Division Chief of DTI Rizal, concluded the program and expressed her gratitude to all the guests, participants, and partners who contributed to the success of the forum.

GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) – Abot-kamay na ang tagumpay, ngayon ka pa ba susuko? Magpakatatag para matamo ang hinahangad. Ma-ging matalin sa pagpili ng tanong pagkakativalaan. Isang kamag-anak ang makakaalala sa’yo, may kailangan sila. Kung kaya naman, huwag ipagkait. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 6, 20, 28, 32 at pink.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) – Pakinggan at pag-aralan ang payo bago ikonsidera. Tiyakin na lamang ka sa anumang transaksyon. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 7, 24, 33, 35 at green.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) – Lilitaw ngayon ang kakulangan. Sa halip na magmaktol, lalong magsipag. Pasasaan ba at makakaahon ka. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 1, 18, 25, 32 at tangerine.

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) – Palawakin ang pang-u-nawa para sa isang kapamilya na magpapasaway. Mag-relax din kapag may time. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 8, 21, 26, 35 at dollar green.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) – Kung may negosyo, papatok ito kung tutugma sa need ng iyong market. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 53, 36, 29, 31, 13 at dollar green.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) – Ang ex mo ay hihirit ng second chance. Isip at hindi lang puso ang gamitin. Tiyakin na hindi awa ang mananaig. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 4, 20, 37, 45, 47 at tulip pink.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) – Ayusin ang mga permits para hindi sumabit ang business mo. Ma-

ging maagap sa lahat ng oras. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 36, 49, 55, 11 at pearl white.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) – Mag-focus sa garde-ning, makakatulong ito sa iyong health. Mala- king negosyo ang parating. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 53, 46, 29, 13, 41 at sapphire blue.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) Lumyo sa mga pasaway para hindi ka madamay. Kalma lang dahil malalampasan ang hamon. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 3, 16, 29, 31, 35 at light brown.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) – Sikapin na mapanatili ang value ng pagkatao. Mas mahalaga ito kaysa sa value na nasa wallet mo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 23, 56, 49, 33, 11 at cherry red.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) – Tuloy-tuloy ang biyaya kung mananatili ang sipag at tiyaga Magpasalamat sa lahat ng tulong. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 33, 46, 29, 51, 15 at mustard yellow.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) – Alamin ang totoo sa kalooban mo. Ito ang magpapalaya sa’yo. Sanayin na piliin ang mabuting salita. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 53, 46, 39, 41, 12 at lavender.

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DTI Laguna Empowers MSMEs to Run Efficient, Transparent, and Consumer-Responsive Businesses

Calamba City, Laguna — March 12, 2026 — To help local Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) run more efficient, transparent, and consumer-responsive businesses, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna, in partnership with the Calamba City Government through the Cooperatives and Livelihood Development Department (CLDD), conducted a seminar on Business Operations, Records Management, and Consumer Education at the CLDD Training Center, Mercado de Calamba, Barangay V (Poblacion).

Featuring resource speakers from Negosyo Center Paete and Negosyo Center Magdalena, the seminar aimed to equip MSMEs with practical skills to improve daily operations, Maintain organized records, and foster fair and responsible business practices. Mr. Kent Arvin D. Cainto, Business Counselor of Negosyo Center Paete, led the session on Business Operations and Records Management. Participants learned about common MSME business models—including service, manufacturing, and mer-

chandising or trading—and key aspects of the production process, from sourcing raw materials to processing, packaging, and distribution. Practical strategies such as organizing workflows, monitoring inventory, maintaining accurate records, and regularly evaluating business performance were also emphasized to support more effective day-to-day management. The session also covered the importance of proper records management in promoting transparency, accountability, and informed decision-making. Entrepreneurs were encouraged to adopt simple recordkeeping systems, such as maintaining record books, organizing documents in labeled folders, and using digital tools to track financial transactions. With organized records, MSMEs can make smarter decisions, streamline operations, and run their businesses more efficiently. Meanwhile, Ms. Mhay Mharridle J. Nepomuceno, Business Counselor of Negosyo Center Magdalena, facilitated the Consumer Education session, highlighting consumer rights and responsibilities. Participants were encouraged to stay mindful, make responsible purchasing decisions, and remain aware of fair and ethical practices in the marketplace to help promote a more transparent and responsible consumer environment.

Through this initiative, DTI Laguna and CLDD reaffirm their commitment to empowering MSMEs by providing the knowledge and tools to build sustainable businesses that benefit their communities (MMJNepomuceno, DTI Laguna).

CALAX GOVERNOR'S DRIVE INTERCHANGE

LAX, as the remaining subsections near completion. The forthcoming interchanges in Open Canal and Kaw-it, along with an additional interchange in Riverpark South, will further enhance connectivity, particularly once the expressway links to CAVITEX via the CAVITEX-CALAX Link (CCLink).

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RFID account to ensure sufficient balance, inspect their vehicles before traveling, stay well-rested, and follow speed limits and traffic regulations. Updates are available via the official social media pages as well as the MPT DriveHub app, to keep motorists informed on the latest situation on the MPTC expressways. #



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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, 88 ASIA FINANCE CORPORATION, corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with office address at 10th Floor Unionbank Center Manila, 208 Dasmariñas St., cor. Quintin Paredes St., Binondo Manila; pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on May 21, 2024 by Mortgagor, RAZEL MAKILING ALOJEPAN married to RENE VILLACAPA ALOJEPAN, of legal ages, Filipinos with address at Block 9 Lot 11 Phase 2 Ciudad Nuevo, Brgy. Timalan Balsahan Naic, Cavite, in favor of the Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2013037872 of the Registry of Deeds for Province of Cavite, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED FORTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT PESOS 0/100 (P 441,978.00) inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges, as of October 8, 2025, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Oficio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru his deputy, Leonelle E. Mendoza, will sell at public auction on April 15, 2026 at 10:00 O'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the Office of the Ex-Oficio Sheriff at the Hall of Justice formerly Mayor Macario B. Pena Memorial Hall, Naic, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 057-2013037872
Registry of Deeds for Province of Cavite

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY TIMALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 11 BLOCK 9 OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-024418, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 2965-B AND 2968-B, PSD-04-199019, L.R.C. RECORD NO.), SITUATED IN BARANGAY TIMALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 12 BLOCK 9; ON THE SE ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 46 BLOCK 9 AND ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 9 BLOCK 9; ON THE SW ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 10 BLOCK 9; AND ON THE NW ALONG LINE 5-1 BY ROAD LOT 12 (6.50 M.), ALL

OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S 55 DEG. 57'E, 2355.94 M. FROM MON. 17 NAIC ESTATE, THENCE, S 19 DEG. 39'E, 9.00 M. TO POINT 2; S 70 DEG. 21'W, 3.50 M. TO POINT 3; S 70 DEG. 21'W, 2.50 M. TO POINT 4; N 19 DEG. 39'W, 9.00 M. TO POINT 5; N 70 DEG. 21'E, 6.00 M. TO POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY FOUR (54) SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CMS. BEARING TRUE, DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: JANUARY 1907 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN EXECUTED BY EDGARDO A. AGBADA, GEODETIC ENGR. ON FEB. 4-29, 2008 AND WAS APPROVED ON AUGUST 4, 2008.

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: RAZEL MAKILING ALOJEPAN MARRIED TO RENE VILLACAPA ALOJEPAN, BOTH OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO Address:4-6 B5 COSME COMPOUND, TALON LAS PINAS CITY, METRO MANILA as owner thereof in fee simple, subject to such of the encumbrances mentioned in Section 44 of said Decree as may be subsisting.

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that said land was originally registered as follows:

Case No.: Record No.:8340
Orig. Reg. Date: 02 04 1913 Decree No.:
Original RD: PROVINCE OF CAVITE OCT NO.: OCT-181
Volume No.: A-19 Page No.:
Original Owner:

This certificate is a transfer from TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE T-1262320 (TOTALLY CANCELLED) by virtue hereof in so far as the above-described land is concerned.

Entered at Province of Cavite, Philippines the 15th day of NOVEMBER 2013 at 03:59pm. on

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 22, 2026 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2013037872 the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Naic, Cavite, Philippines, 19 February 2026.

FOR THE EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
BY:
LEONELLE E. MENDOZA
Sheriff V

WARNING:
IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AUCTION SALE UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW.

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PAHAYAGAN NG KABITENYO
MARCH 16, 23 & 30, 2026

DTI: No price freeze amid declaration of national energy emergency

MANILA – The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on Friday clarified that no price freeze is currently in effect despite Malacañang’s declaration of a national energy emergency.

In a statement, the DTI said the supply and prices of basic and prime commodities remain stable following the issuance of Executive Order (EO) No. 110, which aims to safeguard domestic oil supply amid the Middle East conflict.

EO 110 “is a strategic measure specifically designed to address potential disruptions in the global oil supply chain,” the DTI said. The order also activated the Unified

Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food, and Transport (UPLIFT) Program, which provides targeted subsidies for the transport and agriculture sectors. “By stabilizing the cost of moving goods, the government is proactively preventing the very inflationary pressures that would otherwise necessitate a price freeze,” the DTI said.

The agency added that it has engaged the private sector, holding meetings with 21 major manufacturers of essential goods — including canned sardines, bread, bottled water, instant noodles, and coffee — that have “formally pledged to maintain their current prices for the next 30

to 60 days.” “This industry-wide cooperation ensures that prices remain fair without the need for mandatory government intervention,” it said.

The 30-day commitment runs until April 16, while the 60-day period ends on May 16. Citing its price and supply monitoring, the DTI said “inventory levels for basic necessities remain sufficient.” “There is no shortage of supply that would justify artificial price spikes,” it added, following announcements by grocery and retail groups of planned price adjustments starting April 1, 2026 due to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

The DTI also stressed that while a formal ‘freeze’ is not in place, its consumer protection teams are on heightened alert.

“We continue to check compliance with the Suggested Retail Price (SRP) bulletin and monitor BNPCs (Basic Necessities and Prime Commodities) without SRP. Any retailer found engaging in profiteering (raising prices by more than 10 percent without justification) or hoarding will face the full force of the law, including administrative fines and potential imprisonment,” it said. (Joann Santiago-Villanueva/PNA)

ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS IN CRISIS SITUATION PARA SA 184 BENEFICIARIES MULA SA CARMONA

Sa pangunguna ng Office of the City Social Welfare and Development Officer ay isinagawa ang pamamahagi ng tulong pinansyal mula sa Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) ng Department of Social Welfare and Development para sa 184 na beneficiaries mula sa City of Carmona.

Nawa ay makatulong po ito sa inyong mga pangangailangan at suliranin sa araw-araw. Palagi po naming titiyakin na kami ay laging handang umagapay sa inyong mga takbuhan at gampaning hinaharap.



MPTC expressways on full alert this Semana Santa

Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) and its network of expressways—NLEX, SCTEX, NLEX Connector, CAVITEX, CALAX, and CCLEX in Cebu—are rolling out the “Biya-heng Arangkada” motorist assistance program from March 27 to April 6, 2026.

The initiative is also implemented in SCTEX and CAVITEX in partnership with the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) and the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) through PEA Tollway Corporation, respectively.

As part of the program, MPTC has augmented personnel deployment across its network to ensure efficient traffic management, quick incident response, and smooth toll transactions during the Holy Week travel period. The “Biya-heng Arangkada” initiative reflects MPTC’s commitment to ensuring a safe Holy Week journey for motorists and the commuting public, enabling

travelers to reconnect safely with their families during this season of reflection.

Motorist assistance includes:

- Strategically located roadside assistance stations
• Medical teams on standby at select stops
• Availability of EV charging stations and free wifi at select NLEX and SCTEX Rest and Refuel Stations
• Free 24/7 basic mechanical services at all NLEX and SCTEX Rest and Refuel Stations
• Free towing to the nearest exit for Class 1 (and Class 1M for CCLEX) from March 27, 6:00 AM to April 6, 6:00 AM
• 24/7 customer service support via hotline (1-35000) and the MPT DriveHub app

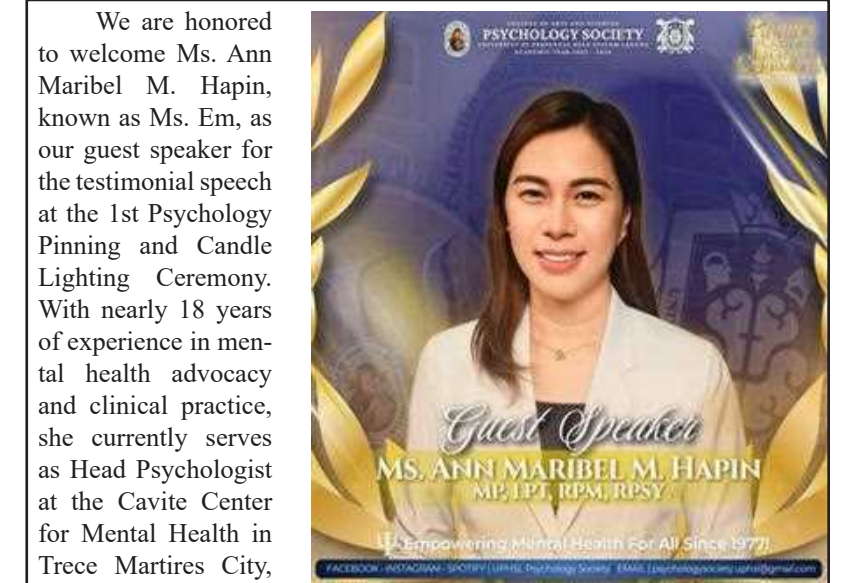
During this period, roadworks, lane closures, and maintenance activities will be suspended to help ensure smooth traffic flow across the expressways. Traffic teams are also on standby to

Maging bahagi ng Young Farmers Challenge Program 2026!



Maging bahagi ng Young Farmers Challenge Program 2026! Mag-pre-register na at huwag palampasin ang pagkakataon na ipakita ang iyong galing sa agribusiness!

Magkakaroon din ng isang Virtual Orientation tungkol sa YFC Program Guidelines at Requirements sa Abril 21, 2026. Alamin ang ibang detalye ng pagpaparehistro dito sa ibaba!



We are honored to welcome Ms. Ann Maribel M. Hapin, known as Ms. Em, as our guest speaker for the testimonial speech at the 1st Psychology Pinning and Candle Lighting Ceremony. With nearly 18 years of experience in mental health advocacy and clinical practice, she currently serves as Head Psychologist at the Cavite Center for Mental Health in Trece Martires City, Cavite.

Ms. Em is a Licensed Psychologist, Psychometrician, and Professional Teacher. She has also served on the Board of Trustees for the Psychological Association of the Philippines since 2020, taking on roles as External Relations Officer and Treasurer, contributing to national mental health initiatives and programs. Beyond her clinical and leadership roles, Ms. Em is passionate about mentoring the next generation of psychologists. She chairs the International Psyche Summit, teaching and guiding students across CALABARZON and Northern Philippines. She also shares her expertise as a part-time professor at St. Dominic College of Asia, Laguna College of Business and Arts, and Perpetual Help System-Biñan.

Currently a Ph.D. Candidate in Clinical Psychology, and holding a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology, Ms. Em brings a multidisciplinary approach to clinical practice, teaching, and psychological assessment. Her experience as a speaker, educator, and leader makes her insights invaluable for our students as they take the next step in their journey. activate counterflow schemes when conditions permit. MPTC urges motorists to plan trips ahead of peak hours. In NLEX, anticipate heavy northbound traffic from Wednesday afternoon to Thursday afternoon and increased southbound volume during the afternoon and evening hours on Saturday and Sunday. Expect heavy southbound traffic on early Monday morning. Motorists are also advised to check their SEE PAGE 4...