

Farmers Receive 5,000 Financial Aid, Grocery Packs, and Agricultural Support in Community Initiative



In a continued effort to support the agricultural sector and strengthen local livelihoods, financial assistance and essential aid were distributed to farmers as part of a community-driven initiative aimed at uplifting their welfare and promoting sustainable farming practices.

The program provided each beneficiary with P5,000 in financial assistance, along with grocery packs and 1 kilogram of plant catalyst. These resources are intended to help farmers address immediate household needs while also supporting their agricultural activities, particularly in enhancing crop growth and productivity.

Carmona City Distributes Livelihood Starter Kits to Support Solo Parents



— In a continued effort to uplift and empower vulnerable sectors of the community, the local government of Carmona City successfully conducted the turnover of livelihood starter kits for members of the Federation of Solo Parents who participated in the city's Sustainable Livelihood Program.

The initiative was spearheaded by the Office of the City Social Welfare and Development Officer (CSWDO), in partnership with ROHM Electronics Philippines, Inc., demonstrating a strong collaboration between the public and private sectors in promoting inclusive economic opportunities.

The turnover ceremony was led by the Federation of Solo Parents of Carmona City, whose members expressed gratitude for the assistance provided by the local government. The program aims to equip solo parents with the necessary tools and resources to start small businesses or livelihood activities, enabling them to generate income and support their families.

According to local officials, the distribution of livelihood starter kits is part of the city's broader Sustainable Livelihood Program, which seeks to provide long-term solutions to poverty by promoting self-reliance and entrepreneurship among disadvantaged groups. The initiative particularly focuses on solo parents, who often face unique challenges.



NO ONE LEFT BEHIND: PHILHEALTH REGIONAL OFFICE IV-A AND BJMP CALABARZON PARTNER FOR INCLUSIVE PDL HEALTHCARE



A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was officially entered into by PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A (PRO IV-A), under the leadership of Acting Regional Vice President Edwin M. Oriña, MD and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Regional Office CALABARZON, headed by JCSUPT ISABELO V CARTIN JR, DSC, MBA, Regional Director of the Jail Bureau, to ensure the efficient reimbursement of the TB-DOTS benefit for the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) in the region.

The signing ceremony highlighted a shared commitment between PRO IV-A and BJMP CALABARZON to improve access to quality healthcare services within jail facilities, particularly for tuberculosis prevention and treatment.

During the event, Dr. Oriña also presented an overview of key PhilHealth programs, including the PhilHealth Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP), which aims to further enhance the health and well-being of PDLs across Region IV-A through expanded benefits, streamlined processes, and improved service delivery.

This partnership represents a concrete step toward the full realization of Universal Health Care. By reinforcing coordinated efforts be-



tween PhilHealth and BJMP CALABARZON, the agreement ensures that even the most vulnerable sectors—including PDLs—are provided with equitable access to essential health services, affirming the principle that no one is left behind.



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Sa tulong ng #KoaSquad, sa-

ma-sama nilang binigyang-buhay ang mga pasong ginawa mula sa lumang dyaryo na maaaring gamitin sa paghahalaman. Ang munting gawaing ito ay nagpapaalala sa atin na hindi kailangang malaki ang ambag upang makatulong. Dahil sa simpleng paraan, sama-sama nating napangalagaan ang ating kalikasan.

Salamat sa inyong malikhaing puso hanggang sa muli nating pagkikita!

SSS partners with EastWest Rural Bank to bring MySSS Card services closer to rural areas



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'POSIBLENG PAGTAAS NG PRESYO NG DIESEL SA HALOS P130/LITRO NGAYON LINGGO'

Posibleng maranasan ng mga biyahero ang panibagong big-time na pagtaas sa presyo ng produktong petrolyo sa susunod na linggo, ayon sa isang source mula sa industriya.

Tinatayang aabot sa P14 hanggang P14.50 kada

litro ang dagdag sa presyo ng diesel, na maaaring magtulak dito na pumalo sa halos P130 kada litro. Ito ay kasunod ng mahigit P20 kada litrong pagtaas na ipinatupad ngayong

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RESCOM, PA NAGDIWANG NG IKA 129 ANNIVERSARYO NG PHILIPPINE ARMY SA PAMAMAGITAN NG PAGTAAS NG WATAWAT

Ipinagdiriwang ng Reserve Command, Philippine Army ang ika-129 anibersaryo ng Philippine Army sa pamamagitan ng isang mataimtim na seremonya ng pagtataas ng watawat na ginanap noong ika-19 ng Marso 2026 sa Camp Riego de Dios, Tanza, Cavite.

Dinaluhan ang aktibidad ng mga opisyal, enlisted personnel, at mga kawani ng sibilyan mula sa Headquarters, na sumasalamin sa pagkakaisa at iisang layunin sa pagbibigay-pugay sa mahigit isang siglo tapat na paglilingkod militar.

Sa ginanap na seremonya, inihatid ni Brig. Gen. Patricio S. Tomales, Deputy Commander ng RESCOM, PA, ang mensahe ng Commanding General ng Philippine Army, kung saan kinilala nito ang kabayanihan at sakripisyo ng mga beteranong sundalo, gayundin ang katatagan ng mga kasalukuyang tropa na nakatalaga sa kabundukan



upang isakatuparan ang kanilang mga misyon. Binigyang-diin din ang mahalagang papel ng mga tauhan sa mga yunit sa kampo at ng mga kawani ng sibilyan na patuloy na nagsusulong ng maayos na pagpapalano at suporta upang mapanap-

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QUEZON CITY - The Social Security System (SSS) today announced that its MySSS Card will soon reach members in unbanked areas after EastWest Rural Bank (EWRB) became its first rural bank card issuer, a move to expand financial inclusion in underserved communities. SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro (right) and EWRB President Shiela Marasigan-Bajado (left) led the signing of



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KASALAN 2026: Dala-wang Araw ng Inspirasyon at Pag-ibig sa Ayala Mall, Vermosa, Imus

IMUS, CAVITE — Inaasahang magiging sentro ng inspirasyon para sa mga engaged couples at wedding enthusiasts ang

KASALAN 2026 na gaganapin sa Abril 11 at 12 sa Ayala Vermosa. Ang dalawang araw na kaganapang ito ay magsisilbing isang engrangeng pagtitipon ng mga eksperto sa industriya ng kasal, tampok ang pinakabagong trends, serbisyo, at ideya para sa perpektong pag-iisang dibdib.

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Voucher bill incorporating Cayetano proposal reaches Senate plenary

Pinagtibay ng En Banc ng #KorteSuprema ang legalidad ng isang circular ng Department of Justice (DOJ) na nagtaas sa antas ng ebidensiyang kailangan sa mga preliminary investigation at inquest proceeding. Mula sa dating probable cause, kailangan

na ngayon ang prima facie evidence with reasonable certainty of conviction (may makatwirang katiyakan na hahantong sa pagkakahatol ng may sala).

Nagpasya ang En Banc ng Korte na ang Department Circular No.

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Bacoor City Inaugurates Multi-Purpose Building with Columbarium in Maliksi II



A new landmark aimed at strengthening both community engagement and public service was formally inaugurated with the blessing of the Multi-Purpose Building with Columbarium located along Evangelista Street in Maliksi II.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by members of the Bacoor City Council, including several city councilors, as well as Alde Pagulayan, who joined the mayor in leading the

Opinion: by Sass Rogando Sasot

The Silent Clause: Why the AFP Must Clarify the

The Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA), ratified to strengthen the defensive capabilities of the Philippines and modernize the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), was presented to the nation as a partnership for mutual defense and humanitarian readiness. However, in light of the escalating and volatile tensions between the United States and Iran, the ambiguity of EDCA's text has transformed from a diplomatic technicality into a critical national security concern. The AFP must clarify to the Filipino people a singular, urgent question: The answer to this question lies buried in the legal nuances of Article IV of the agreement. This provision grants the United States military the authority to "preposition and store defense equipment, supplies, and materiel... including, but not limited to, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief equipment" at designated Agreed Locations in the Philippines.

At first glance, this language appears benign, focusing on readiness for calamities and territorial defense. Yet, the phrase "but not limited to" functions as a legal wildcard. It is a blanket term that severs the text from the specific, public-facing promise of humanitarianism. By omitting any restriction on the type of materiel that can be stored, Article IV theoretically permits the stockpiling of offensive weaponry, combat aircraft munitions, drone technology, and intelligence infrastructure. The agreement binds the location of the equipment, but the "blanket term" liberates the nature of the equipment from legal constraint.

If the United States is utilizing these prepositioned assets in its campaign against Iran—whether by drawing down munitions stored in the Philippines, using Philippine bases for refueling operations, or staging surveillance flights from our territory—then the Philippines is no longer a passive host but an active participant in the logistics of a foreign war. While EDCA ostensibly governs "storage," the line between a depot and a launching pad is perilously thin. When a warplane lands to refuel, it is not "storing" the fuel; it is consuming it for a combat mission. When a ship resupplies with "prepositioned" missiles before heading to the Strait of Hormuz, the Philippine base functions as a direct node in the American war machine.

This distinction is not merely semantic; it is a matter of survival. By allowing our territory to be used as a logistical hub for operations against Iran, the Philippines risks being drawn into a conflict with which it has no bilateral quarrel. This compromises our avowed policy of an inde-



pendent foreign policy and, more dangerously, paints a target on Filipino lives. If retaliation of Iran and its allies extend to assets and facilities supporting U.S. operations, EDCA sites—and the Filipino communities surrounding them—could face consequences for a war the Filipino people never consented to.

For the AFP to remain silent on the operational status of these bases is to abdicate its duty to the sovereign Filipino people. The AFP must issue a definitive statement. Are U.S. forces operating out of EDCA sites in support of operations against Iran? Are prepositioned assets being utilized for that conflict? The Filipino people deserve to know if their land is being used to fuel a war they did not choose, before the silence of our government is a de facto declaration of involvement.

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Editorial: Pagtaas ng Langis: Isang Pasinging Ramdam ng Bawat Pilipino

Patuloy na nararanasan ng Pilipinas ang walang humpay na pagtaas ng presyo ng langis—isang suliraning hindi lamang isyu ng ekonomiya kundi usapin ng pang-araw-araw na pamumuhay ng bawat mamamayan. Sa bawat pagtaas ng presyo ng produktong petrolyo, kasabay nitong tumataas ang pamasaha, presyo ng pagkain, at maging ang gastusin sa kuryente. Sa madaling salita, walang sektor ang hindi naaapektuhan.

Bilang isang bansang umaasa sa inaangkat na langis, mading tamaan ang Pilipinas ng galaw ng pandaigdigang merkado. Kapag may tensyon sa pagitan ng mga bansang may malaking produksyon ng langis o may kaguluhan sa pandaigdigang kalakalan, agad itong nararamdaman sa lokal na presyo. Ngunit ang tanong: hanggang kailan mananatiling ganito ang sitwasyon?

Ang pinakamabigat na epekto nito ay pasan ng mga ordinaryong Pilipino—mga tsuner, manggagawa, at maliliit na negosyante. Ang mga jeepney driver, halimbawa, ay napipilitang magtaas ng pamasaha o magbawas ng biyahe dahil sa mahal na krudo. Ang mga mamimili naman ay nahaharap sa patuloy na pagtaas ng presyo ng mga pangunahing bilihin dahil sa dagdag na gastos sa transportasyon.

Sa kabila nito, inaasahan ng publiko ang mas malinaw at konkretong hakbang mula sa pamahalaan. Hindi sapat ang panandaliang subsidiya; kinakailangan ang pangmatagalang solusyon tulad ng pagpapaunlad ng alternatibong enerhiya, pagpapalakas ng lokal na produksyon, at mas mahigpit na regulasyon sa industriya ng langis.

Mahalagaring paigtingin ang transparencya sa oil pricing upang maunawaan ng publiko kung bakit patuloy ang pagtaas. Ang kakulangan ng malinaw na paliwanag ay nagdudulot ng pangamba at kawalan ng tiwala sa sistema.

Sa huli, ang pagtaas ng presyo ng langis ay hindi lamang simpleng nang ekonomiya ito ay repleksyon ng mas malalim na suliraning pang-ekonomiya at pampulitika. Hangga't walang konkretong hakbang tungo sa enerhiyang sapat at abot-kaya, mananatiling pasan ng karaniwang Pilipino ang bigat ng krisis na ito.

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RESCOM.PA NAGDIWANG NG IKA 129 ANNIVERSARYO.....

tali ang kahandaan ng mga yunit ng Philippine Army sa buong bansa.

"Sa loob ng 129 na taon, nananatili tayong matatag, at lalo pang tumitibay ang ating paninindigan. Nakatindig tayo nang may dangal, handa sa anumang hamon, at nagkakaisa," mensahe ni Lt. Gen. Antonio Nafarrete, Commanding General, Philippine Army.

KASALAN 2026:.....

KASALAN 2026 na tulongan ang mga magkasintahan na maisakatuparan ang kanilang pinapang-arap na kasal—mula sa pagpapalano hanggang sa mismong araw ng seremonya. Tampok sa event ang iba't ibang exhibitors gaya ng wedding planners, photographers, caterers, designers, at event stylists na handang magbigay ng kanilang propesyonal na serbisyo.

Bukod sa mga booth at exhibit, magkakaroon din ng live demonstrations, fashion shows ng mga wedding gowns at barong, at mga mini-seminars na magbibigay ng mahalagang kaalaman sa paghahanda ng kasal. Ito ay pagkakataon para sa mga bisita na makakuha ng praktikal na tips at direktang makipag-ugnayan sa mga eksperto sa industriya.

Ayon sa mga organizer, inaasahang dadagosa ang mga dadalo mula sa iba't ibang bahagi ng Cavite at kalapit na lugar, na naghahanap ng inspirasyon at abot-kayang solusyon para sa kanilang nalalapit na kasal. Ang pagpili sa Ayala Vermosa bilang venue ay nagbibigay ng maluwag, moderno, at eleganteng espasyo na angkop sa ganitong uri ng kaganapan.

Higit pa sa isang expo, ang KASALAN 2026 ay isang pagdiriwang ng pag-ibig, pangarap, at bagong simula. Ito ay nagsisilbing paalala na sa bawat detalye ng kasal—malaki man o maliit—ang tunay na mahalaga ay ang pangakong pagmamahal na magtatagal habang buhay.

Inaanayayahan ang lahat ng engaged couples, wedding suppliers, at maging ang mga nais lamang ma-inspire na dumalo at makibahagi sa dalawang araw na selabrasyon ng pag-ibig sa Ayala Vermosa, Imus ngayong Abril 11 at 12.

SSS partners with EastWest.....

the Memorandum of Agreement, authorizing the bank to issue MySSS Cards, primarily for members in rural areas while remaining accessible to qualified members nationwide.

De Claro praised the partnership as a significant project that will simplify disbursement account enrollment and improve convenience for members, highlighting the card's dual role as an official SSS ID and debit card.

"The MySSS card also allows SSS to provide digital payment facilities for our registrants, members, pensioners and beneficiaries," De Claro added.

The SSS uses National ID database checks to confirm that applicants are registered SSS members, ensuring secure card issuance by its partner bank and accurate benefit disbursement through the linked account. The card also enables members to manage their daily financial transactions with ease.

Bajado said that a streamlined MySSS Card application process will be available at EWRB's 112 branches and branch-lites nationwide this year, most of which are in the provinces, particularly in Mindanao and the Visayas. The card may also be offered at Cross-Selling Desks inside EastWest Bank branches, their parent bank, through a digital channel.

"We will waive maintaining balance requirements for MySSS cardholders, who may also earn interest once their balance reaches at least P500, allowing them to grow their savings while enjoying flexible account features," Bajado said.

De Claro said that SSS has maintained a decade-long collaboration with EWRB, which began in 2017 when the bank was recognized as the Best Collecting and Best Paying Partner in the rural category of the SSS Balikang Bayan Awards. "We hope our collaboration will help SSS better serve members wherever they are," he said. #

Voucher bill incorporating Cayetano.....

15, series of 2024, na naglalaman ng 2024 DOJ—National Prosecution Service Rules on Preliminary Investigation and Inquest Proceedings (DOJ Rules), ay isang lehitimong paggamit ng kapangyarihan ng DOJ sa pangangasiwa at pagpapatakbo ng mga prosesong pamprosekusyon.

Sa ilalim ng bagong pamantayan ng ebidensiya sa preliminary investigation at inquest na itinakda ng DOJ Rules, kailangang tiyakin ng mga piskal na ang ebidensiyang gagamitin para kasuhan ang isang tao ay sapat na nagpapatunay sa lahat ng elemento ng krimen at, dahil dito, may matibay na batayan para humantong sa hatol na pagkakasala.

Kinuwestiyon ni Atty. Hazel L. Meking sa Korte Suprema ang DOJ Rules, at iginiit na lumampas umano ang DOJ sa saklaw ng kapangyarihan nito at nakialam sa konstitusyunal na awtoridad ng Korte Suprema na magtakda ng mga tuntunin sa pleading, practice, at procedure sa lahat ng hukuman. Ayon sa kanya, sa bisa ng DOJ Rules ay tila binago ang Rule 112, Section 3(a) ng Rules of Criminal Procedure, na nagsasaad na probable cause ang kinakailangang antas ng ebidensiya sa mga preliminary investigation.

Hindi pinagbigyan ng Korte ang kanyang petisyon at muling pinagtibay ang naging pasya nito sa A.M. No. 24-02-09-SC, kung saan kinilala nito ang kapangyarihan ng DOJ na maglabas ng sarili nitong mga tuntunin para sa mga preliminary investigation at inquest proceeding.

Ayon sa Korte, ang DOJ Rules ay sumasaklaw lamang sa paraan ng pagsasagawa ng preliminary investigation at inquest ng mga piskal, na itinuturing na mga tungkuling nasa ilalim ng ehekutibong sangay ng pamahalaan. Gayunman, hindi ito umaabot sa mga judicial proceeding, dahil nananatili sa Korte Suprema ang kapangyarihang magtakda ng mga tuntunin ng pamamaraan para sa mga ito.

Binanggit ng Korte na kinilala na nito noon pa na ang preliminary investigation ay nasa eksklusibong saklaw ng mga piskal, nang rebisahan nito ang Rules of Criminal Procedure noong 2005.

Noong 2024, sa pamamagitan ng A.M. No. 24-02-09-SC, iniutos din ng Korte ang pagbasura sa mga probisyon ng Rule 112 na hindi naaayon sa DOJ Rules, para mapag-isa at maging magkatugma ang mga ito.

Nananatiling pinakamataas ang konstitusyunal na kapangyarihan ng Korte na magtakda ng mga tuntunin para sa mga judicial proceeding, gayundin ang kapangyarihan nitong itama ang grave abuse of discretion sa anumang tuntunin o hakbang ng prosekusyon na lumalagab sa mga karapatang itinatakdang ng Konstitusyon.

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linggo.

Samantala, inaasahan ding tataas ang presyo ng gasolina ng P7 hanggang P7.50 kada litro, na posibleng magdala rito sa higit P100 kada litro.

Ayon sa ulat, ang nasabing mga pagtataya ay batay sa apat na araw ng trading sa Mean of Platts Singapore, isang benchmark na ginagamit sa pagpepresyo ng produktong

petrolyo sa rehiyon. Gayunman, maaari pa itong magbago depende sa magiging galaw ng merkado sa nalalabing araw ng kalakalan.

Kung magtutuloy-tuloy ang ganitong pagtaas, inaasahang lalo nitong mabibigatan ang gastusin ng mga motorista at sektor ng transportasyon, gayundin ang presyo ng mga bilihin sa merkado.

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GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) – Abot-kamay na ang tagumpay, ngayon ka pa ba susuko? Magpakatag para matamo ang hinahangad. Ma-ging matalino sa pagpili ng tanong pagkakatiwalaan. 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 magmakto, 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 pagkatalo. 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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CYNTHIA VILLAR, IDI-NAWIT SA LAND GRABBING SA BACoor, CAVITE

BACoor, Cavite — Umalingawngaw ang isyu ng umano’y land grabbing matapos idawit si Cynthia Villar kaugnay ng lupang matagal nang sinasaka ng pamilya Alonzo sa lungsod.

Ayon sa pamilya, ilang dekada na nilang binubungkal ang nasabing lupa at may hawak silang titulo bilang patunay ng pagmamay-ari. Gayunman, laking gulat umano nila nang madiskubreng naibenta na pala ang kanilang lupain at napunta sa Villar, kahit hindi sila sangkot sa anumang bentahan.

Dahil dito, nagtataka ang pamilya kung paano nagkaroon ng transaksyon sa lupang kanilang inaangkin, gayong malinaw na may hawak silang legal na dokumento. Anila, wala silang pinirmahang kasunduan o ibinigay na pahintulot para ibenta ang kanilang ari-arian.

Patuloy ang panawagan ng pamilya para sa agarang imbestigasyon upang mabigyang linaw kung paano nagkaroon ng bentahan at kung sino ang dapat managot sa kontrobersyang ito.

Bacoor City Government Provides Free Medical Check-Ups and Laboratory Services for Kasambahays

The City Government of Bacoor recently organized a special outreach activity providing free medical consultations and laboratory services for kasambahays in Barangay Molino 3, reinforcing the city’s commitment to accessible healthcare and community support. The program was held on March 11, 2026, at the Molino Gymnasium and served around 150 kasambahays who gathered to receive free health services and other forms of assistance.

The initiative was spearheaded by the city government under the leadership of Strike B. Revilla and implemented through the Public Employment Service Office (PESO), headed by Dr. Abraham De Castro. The activity aimed to recognize the important role played by kasambahays in households and communities while ensuring that they have access to essential healthcare services.

Held at the Molino Gymnasium, the outreach event brought together kasambahays from Barangay Molino 3 who benefited from a variety of services, including free medical check-ups, basic laboratory tests, medicines, and meals provided throughout the day. The program created an opportunity for domestic workers—often considered the “unsung heroes” of many households—to prioritize their health and well-being.

Several city officials and representatives attended the event to show support for the initiative. Among those present were Horacio Brillantes, Dr. Abraham De Castro, and Kim Cortes, who attended as a representative of Jun Advincula. Their presence underscored the city’s collaborative effort in carrying out programs aimed at supporting workers and marginalized sectors of the community.

Personnel from various local government offices also participated in the outreach activity, including staff from the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWD), the Public Employment Service Office (PESO), and the Office of the City Health Services (OCHS). These offices worked together to ensure that participants received the medical attention and assistance they needed.

During the event, Mayor Strike Revilla highlighted the vital contributions of kasambahays in the daily lives of many families. He emphasized that domestic workers play an essential role in maintaining households and supporting working families, yet their efforts often go unnoticed. According to the mayor, programs like this outreach activity are part of the city government’s broader effort to acknowledge their dedication and ensure that they receive the care and recognition they

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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-Officio 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 mo morning or soon thereafter, at the Office of the Ex-Officio 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-04-024419, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 2965-3 AND 2968-B, PSD-04-199019, L.R.C. RECORD NO. 1, 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

deserve.

The mayor also stressed that the health and welfare of kasambahays are important to the overall progress of the community. By providing free medical services and promoting preventive healthcare, the city government hopes to empower workers to take better care of their health while strengthening the social safety net for vulnerable sectors.

Participants expressed

appreciation for the program, noting that the free medical consultations and laboratory services provided them with an opportunity to monitor their health without the burden of additional expenses. For many of the attendees, access to free medicines and meals further eased the financial strain often experienced by domestic workers.

The outreach activity forms part of the City Govern-

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 LOJEPAN MARRIED TO RENE VILLACAPA LOJEPAN, BOTH OF LEGAL AGE, PHILIPPINES
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. AMENDOZA
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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88 ASIA FINANCE CORPORATION
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RAZEL MAKILING ALOJEPAN
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Blk 9 Lot 11 Ph 2 New City Brgy. Railway Naic Cavite

PAHAYAGAN NG KABITENYO
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ment of Bacoor’s continuing initiatives to bring essential services closer to the people, particularly to those who may have limited access to healthcare. Through programs like this, the local government seeks to uplift hardworking residents while promoting a culture of inclusivity and compassion within the community. As Bacoor continues to expand its community-centered programs, initiatives

that prioritize healthcare and social welfare remain central to the city’s vision of inclusive development. By recognizing and supporting kasambahays—whose work sustains many households—the city government hopes to create a healthier, more resilient community for all.

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

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 Pacte 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

Mekeni president urges media, business leaders to spread hope amid global tensions

SANTA ROSA, Laguna, March 20, 2026 — The president of Mekeni Food Corporation called on media practitioners and business leaders to go beyond delivering factual and unbiased information by actively spreading hope, especially amid ongoing global tensions affecting economies and communities.

Speaking during his acceptance as an honorary member of the Camp Vicente Lim Press Corps (CVLPC) on Friday, the Mekeni president Mr. Pruds Garcia, emphasized the critical role of both sectors in shaping public sentiment during uncertain times, including those influenced by international conflicts such as the situation involving Iran.

“While it is our responsibility to report and

Paete, led the session on Business Operations and Records Management. Participants learned about common

MSME business models—including service, manufacturing, and merchandising 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,



communicate the truth, it is equally important to inspire hope and resilience among our people,” he said, underscoring the influence of media narratives and corporate leadership in guiding communities through crisis.

The honorary membership was conferred in recognition of Mekeni Food Corporation’s significant contributions to

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).

LIBRENG BINYAG: MASS BAPTISM HATID NG PAMAHALAANG PANGLUNGSOD NG BACoor



St. Michael the Archangel and All Angels Cathedral, Marso 13, 2026 — Isang makabuluhang araw para sa 195 pamilyang Bacoreño nang isagawa ng Lungsod ng Bacoor ang Libreng Mass Baptism, sa pangunguna ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla sa pamamagitan ng Office of the City Civil Registry na pinamumunuan ni Atty. Jigo Arevalo.

Personal na nakibahagi sa okasyon si Lani Mercado-Revilla kasama si Kapitan Edwin Gawaran ng Barangay Kaingin-Digman upang ipakita ang kanilang suporta sa mga pamilyang nakilahok sa programa.

Sa ilalim ng pamumuno at dedikasyon ni Mayor Strike, matagumpay na nagpagdiwang ang sakramento ng binyag kung saan ang bawat isa sa 195 na sanggol at bata ay dinala ng kanilang mga magulang, kamag-anak, ninong, at ninang upang magsaksihan ang kanilang pagtanggap sa relihiyong Kristiyano. Sa tulong ng mga tauhan ng City Civil Registry, maayos na naisagawa ang lahat ng kinakailangang proseso at matagumpay na natapos ang mass baptism sa katedral.

Ang programang Libreng Binyag ay bahagi ng patuloy na pagsisikap ng lokal na pamahalaan—sa pangunguna nina Mayor Strike, Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, at ng Sangguniang Panglungsod—kasama sina Cong. Lani Mercado-Revilla at Bryan Revilla, upang gawing mas accessible ang mahahalagang serbisyo para sa mga mamamayan.

Sa pamamagitan ng ganitong mga programa, patuloy na ipinapakita ng Lungsod ng Bacoor ang suporta nito hindi lamang sa pang-ekonomiyang pangangailangan ng mga residente kundi pati na rin sa kanilang pananampalataya, pagkakaisa ng pamilya, at pagkakailanlan bilang mga Kristiyano.

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Camp Vicente Lim Press Corps officials said the inclusion of representatives from the business sector highlights the growing importance of collaboration between media and industry in addressing societal challenges.

Mekeni Food Corporation, which started as a regional food company in Pampanga, has grown into a recognized brand with a wider national presence, continuing to advocate for community development and responsible business practices.

