

# PAGCOR sends 21K relief packages to Northern Luzon



MANILA – The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) began another massive relief drive in Northern Luzon on Nov. 15, immediately after Typhoon Ofel barreled down the country's northern towns and provinces.

The agency prepared over 21,000 relief packs and immediately extended aid to displaced residents in the provinces of Apayao (1,000 packs), Cagayan (2,000 packs), Isabela (5,000 packs), and Pagudpud town, Ilocos Norte (2,000 packs).

A total of 11,000 food and non-food packs are also scheduled for delivery to severely affected municipalities in Cagayan including Aparri, Baggao, Ballesteros, Buguey, Cayan, Sanchez Mira, and Santa Teresita.

"We have been in close coordination with the Office of Civil Defense to facilitate the distribution of these relief aids to severely affected communities," PAGCOR Chairperson and CEO Alejandro Tengco said in a news release on Monday.

"We understand

the need of these local communities to receive all the help they can get and enable them to rise above their dire situation," he added.

The PAGCOR chief added that even at the height of Typhoon Ofel, the agency was in constant coordination with local government units (LGUs) to ensure the timely distribution of relief assistance.

"We have been actively working with affected LGUs to determine the number of displaced families that needed help and to ensure that no community is left behind," Tengco said.

Super Typhoon Ofel, the 15th tropical storm to hit the Philippines this year, left a trail of damage in Northern Luzon.

The province of Cagayan alone reported PHP1.4 billion in damage to agriculture from the series of typhoons in recent weeks. (PR)

# US donates P25-M learning materials for out-of-school youth

MANILA – The United States government, through the US Agency for International Development (USAID), has provided PHP25 million worth of learning materials to support educational, skill-building, and employment programs for Filipino out-of-school youth.

USAID Philippines mission director Ryan Washburn led the handover ceremony during the US-AID Opportunity 2.0 (O2) Youth and Partners Summit in Quezon City on Nov. 13, which gathered 500 youth development champions from across the Philippines.

The donation will benefit some 200,000 youths through programs like the Department of Education's (DepEd) Alternative Learning System, the Technical Education and



Skills Development Authority's (TESDA) technical-vocational training programs, and the Department of Trade and Industry's (DTI) Youth Entrepreneurship Program.

"USAID is proud to empower out-of-school youth by helping them acquire the skills and training needed to find good jobs and begin building careers," Washburn said.

"Our partnerships with DepEd, TESDA, DTI and other government

partners grew out of our shared vision for creating a supportive learning environment for out-of-school youth across the Philippines," he added.

The donation consists of various educational resources, such as life skills and work-readiness training modules, entrepreneurship guidebooks and teachers' manuals.

It includes manuals for local governments on establishing local networks. **see page 5...**

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# Gov't launches info campaign vs. holiday scams



MANILA – Several government agencies on Friday launched the "Holiday Watch PH 2024" information campaign to alert the public about scams that proliferate during the holiday season.

During the campaign's launch at the National Cybercrime Hub in Taguig City, Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC) Executive Director Alexander Ramos said cybercriminals see the holiday season as the "perfect opportunity to launch attacks" due to the increase in online shopping and mobile device usage.

"People take a break during holidays but scammers do not," Ramos said.

The information campaign is a partnership among the CICC, Department of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Transportation (DOTr), National Telecommunications Commission (NTC), Special Action and Intelligence Committee for Transportation, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Scam Watch Pilipinas, and Gogolook.

The campaign showed eight ways to fight the "12 Scams of Christmas," including calling the 1326 hotline for online scam victims, reporting online scams through the eGov Super App, reporting consumer complaints through the same app, and calling 0920-964-DOTr (3687) for commuter complaints. **see page 4...**

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# PBBM: 'More reliable' transport with LRT-1 Cavite Extension Phase 1

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Friday expressed optimism that commuters will enjoy a "smoother and more reliable" transportation with the inauguration of Phase 1 of the Light Rail Transit Line 1 (LRT-1) Cavite Extension Project (LICE).



"By serving commuters across Metro Manila, Cavite, neighboring areas, the whole project creates a smoother, more reliable mode of transport," Marcos said as he led the inauguration of the project in Parañaque City.

LICE Phase 1 is the first railway project to be completed under the Marcos administration

through a public-private partnership (PPP).

It is expected to reduce travel time from Parañaque City to Quezon City by almost an hour while servicing an additional 80,000 passengers to LRT-1's daily ridership of 323,000.

Once fully operational, the entire stretch of the LRT-1 Cavite Extension Project will reduce travel time from Baclaran in Parañaque to Bacoor, Cavite to 25 minutes, from one hour and 10 minutes.

Phase 1 will connect Baclaran Station in Pasay City to the Dr. Santos

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# Women's Welfare Program launched in Cavite

Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, on Friday, led the launch of the provincial government's Women's Welfare Program, celebrating women and their multi-faceted role in society. Gathering two thousand women from the City of Carmona and another two thousand from the City of Dasmariñas, the Governor



joined the festive gathering and led the distribution of Php 2,000 in cash assistance to the women beneficiaries who belong to the indigent groups from the two cities.

In the City of Carmona, Governor Tolentino was **see page 6...**

# Solon pushes for free vaccines for senior citizens

MANILA – A party-list lawmaker has introduced legislation to provide free vaccines against infectious diseases to all senior citizens in the country.

Agri Party-list Rep. Wilbert Lee filed House Bill No. 11055, known as the proposed Safeguarding Seniors: Free Immunization Act.

The measure seeks to amend Republic Act No. 9994 or the Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010, which limits free vaccinations to the indigent seniors.

Under Lee's proposal, senior citizens will receive free immunization not only for influenza and pneumococcal disease but also for pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, diphtheria, and other diseases



as deemed necessary by the Department of Health (DOH).

"Tayong mga Pilipino ay malaki ang pagpapahalaga sa ating mga lolo at lola, sa ating mga magulang na nag-alaga at nagpalaki sa atin, at nagtaguyod sa ating pamilya. Sa kanilang pagtanda, sila naman ang gusto nating arugain at talagang dapat pagkalooban ng karampatang kalinga (We Filipinos greatly value our grandparents and parents who cared for and raised us. In their old age, we wish to care for them and given them appropriate attention)," Lee said.

Lee said senior citizens are especially vulnerable to infectious diseases due to weakened immune systems.

"Many diseases can have severe or even fatal effects for older adults, **see page 4...**

# PBBM brings over P42-M aid to typhoon-stricken Caviteños



TAGAYTAY CITY – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Thursday led the distribution of financial assistance worth PHP42.33 million to farmers and fisherfolk in Cavite province affected by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name Trami) and Super Typhoon Leon (Kong-rey).

A total of 4,233 beneficiaries from 21 municipalities in the province received PHP10,000 each. "Patuloy ang ating

impacts as soon as possible.

The President said the Department of Social Welfare and Development and the Department of Labor and Employment were present during the event to provide assistance.

The President also urged Caviteños to remain resolute and hopeful in the face of challenges as he assured them of continued government support.

"Hinihikayat ko kayong lahat na manatiling matatag, magtulungan po kayo, at huwag mawalan ng pag-asa, dahil ang pamahalaan ay kasama ninyo sa bawat hakbang ng inyong pagbangon (I encourage you all to stay strong, work together, and never lose hope, because the government is with you every step of the way in your recovery)," Marcos said. (PNA)

He vowed to help victims of Kristine and Leon recover from their

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## Mga sakit ng kababaihan

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2. Bukol sa suso – Lahat ng babae edad 20 pataas ay kailangang matuto kumapa ng kanilang suso. Gawin ito buwan-buwan bago at pagkatapos magkaregla. Humarap sa salamin at tingnan ang suso. May pagkakaiba ba ang kanan at kaliwang suso? Habang nakatayo, salatin ang suso mula sa nipple. Gamitin ang dulo ng dalawang daliri at kapain ng paikut-ikot ang suso. Mag-umpisa sa nipple at hanggang sa papalabas. Pagkatapos ay humiga naman sa kama at ulitin ang pagkapa ng suso. Bago matapos, kapain din ang kilikili para maghanap ng kulani. Kung may bukol na nasasalat, magpatingin sa OB-gynecologist.

3. Hyperventilation syndrome – Maraming babae ang inaatake ng nerbiyos. Sila'y nakararamdam ng hirap sa paghinga, pamamanhid ng kamay, paa at labi. Minsan ay nahihilo sila, at lumalakas ang pintig ng puso. Kung kayo ay nakararanas nito, huwag matakot dahil nerbiyos lang iyan. Ang problema rito ay ang pagbaba ng carbon dioxide sa katawan dahil sa sobrang bilis ng paghinga. Ang solusyon diyan ay ang paggamit ng "brown bag technique." Kumuha ng maliit na bag na gawa sa papel. Itakip sa bibig at ilong at dito huminga ng dahan-dahan. Gawin ito ng 15-30 minutes. Ang gusto natin mangyari ay malanghap mo ulit ang hangin na iyong inilalabas. Sa ganitong paraan, mawawala ang iyong nararamdaman.

4. Ulcer – Huwag magpapagutom. Kumain ng madalas sa isang araw pero kaunti lang. Mag-almusal, meryenda, tanghalian, meryenda at hapunan. Ang pag-inom ng tubig ng pakunti-konti sa buong araw ay makababawas sa asido ng sikmura. Magbaon din ng saging o tinapay para hindi sumakit ang tiyan. Umiwas sa pagkaing nakaka-ulcer tulad ng sili, orange, pineapple, calamansi, lemon, suka, sitsirya at gatas.

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## EK GIFTS FILPINOS WITH TIMELESS MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

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Groove with powerhouse dance crew G-Force, and don't miss out world-class Filipino music talent with the internationally-renowned De La Salle Santiago Zobel (DLSZ) Rondalla as they serenade us with their enchanting performance of Christmas carols.

EK's homegrown talents, SMS, Victoria's Way and the Kingsmen, will also be there to spread

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the magic through a series of spectacular musical performances. And finally, to cap off the night, create more lasting memories with the Timeless Magic Fireworks Show to the tune of EK's 29th anniversary theme song composed and sung by our very own P-Pop girl group SMS.

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A Merrier Timeless Christmas EKsperience Christmas is made even more merry here at EK!

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at the Eldar's Village. Enjoy an array of Filipino and Korean street foods, fresh fruits, juices, hot meals, and delectable snacks.

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And lastly, don't forget to feel the magic of love with your family and loved ones at EK's 4D motion simulator Rialto - with its new featured film Happy Family: Next Level.

So save the date for your next EK getaway as we open six days a week starting December 3 to 15. We will also be open every day starting December 16 until the first week of January.

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## DA: Enhanced loan programs to help farmers recover, boost production

MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) continues to enhance its loan programs to help farmers and fishers boost production, aid those affected by calamities, and encourage the youth to engage in farming.

In an interview over Radyo Pilipinas on Thursday, Executive Director of the DA Agricultural Credit Policy Council, Ma. Cristina Lopez, said various loan programs are available for farmers and fishers at low – or even zero – interest rates, especially in the aftermath of disasters.

These include the Agri-Negosyo Loan and the Survival and Calamity Loan Program for farmers affected by disasters, while refinancing options, including moratoriums, are available for those with existing loans.

“Meron tayong mga programa ng pagpapatang na ito dinadaan natin sa partner lending conduit. Ito ang mga banko at kooperatiba, kasama rin ang DBP (Development Bank of the Philippines) at Landbank (We have loan programs, which we course through our partner lending conduits. These are the banks and cooperatives, including DBP and Landbank),” she said.

Lopez said the Agri-Negosyo Loan offers loans of up to PHP300,000 with a subsidized interest rate of just 2 percent per annum.

She said this loan is available to farmers actively engaged in farming, even if they do not own the



land they cultivate.

Farmers who do not own the land must only provide proof, such as a lease agreement or certification from their association or barangay that they are the ones tilling the land, to be eligible for the loan.

Lopez also noted that each household is entitled to only one loan but exemptions are in place for family members who cultivate separate farms, even though they live under one roof.

The Survival and Calamity Loan Program, meanwhile, is available to farmers or fishers affected by disasters, such as the recent string of tropical cyclones that hit several provinces in the country.

“Para sa mga may state of calamity, may declaration tayo sa lokalidad nila, meron tayong tinatawag na Survival and Calamity Loan Program. Walang interest ito, ang pwedeng mautang nila ay hanggang PHP25,000. Ito para maka-recover sila ulit at makapagtanim agad (For those in areas under a state of calamity, we have the Survival and Calamity Loan Program. It has no interest and they can borrow up to PHP25,000. This is to help them recover and immediately replant),” Lopez said.

The fund will be distributed through various channels, including cooperatives and rural banks, to provide financial relief to those in need.

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Meanwhile, those

who have existing loans but were affected by disasters may avail of a moratorium on loan repayment, which allows borrowers to postpone paying their principal for up to one year if their crops were destroyed.

Moreover, the DA has arranged with lending institutions to offer refinancing options for them.

Lopez said under the Agri-Negosyo and the Survival and Calamity Loan programs, the DA has already released PHP28 billion since 2017.

“Sa La Niña, nakapag-allocate tayo ng PHP500 million. Dito sa Kristine (international name Trami) pa lang meron tayong nasa pipeline, kaniang submission ng request, nasa PHP147 million (For La Niña, we were able to allocate PHP500 million. For Kristine, we have about PHP147 million in the pipeline for those who have just submitted their requests),” she said.

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5,600 farmers from the affected provinces have expressed their intent to avail of the loan program, mostly from the Bicol region.

“Para sa moratorium, mga (For the moratorium, about) PHP167 million benefitting 1,100,” she added.

Young farmers Meanwhile, the DA is also encouraging the youth to engage in agriculture, offering loans of up to PHP500,000 for young individuals seeking to go into farming, depending on their projects.

“Talagang hinihikayat natin ang mga kabataan na mag-engage sa agriculture. Meron tayong programa para sa kanila (We are encouraging our youth to engage in farming, we have a program for them),” Lopez said.

The program aims to make agricultural financing more accessible, even for newcomers who often encounter rejection when securing loans from traditional banks.

Interested individuals may avail of the various DA loan programs through their respective municipal agriculturists, who will endorse their applications to cooperatives, rural banks, and other partner banks.

Lopez also noted that the DA, through the municipal agriculturists, monitors those who availed of the program, ensuring proper use of the loan, by visiting them. (PNA)

## GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

**SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22)** – Maaaring malewala ang iba pang mahalagang bagay na dapat asikasuhin kung itutuo lamang ang atensiyon sa ibang bagay. Kung magahol ka, bigyang prayoridad ang pinaka-urgent. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 1, 9, 22, 30 at red-orange.

**SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21)** – Ang magmadali sa pagpapasiya ay malapit sa panganib. Huwag magtiwala sa taong kakakilala pa lang. Mag-relax ka. Lucky numbers at color for the day ngy 5, 8, 22, 28 at fuchsia.

**CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19)** – May masayang pangyayari ang mararanasan. Iwasan ang anumang uri ng pakikipagsapalaran. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 9, 11, 18, 21 at violet.

**AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18)** – Isang matalik na kaibigan ang maghahatid ng good news. Ang magandang kapalaran ay umaayon sa kalagayan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 2, 8, 19, 32 at green.

**PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20)** – Angkop ang pagpapayaman ng katalinuhan at karanasan ngayon. Ang mga gintong-aral sa buhay ay magagamit mo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 8, 12, 23, 32 at peach.

**ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19)** – Magandang kapalaran ang naghihintay. Maaa-ring may payo ang isang kaibigan sa kalagayang pinansiyal o pag-ibig. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 29, 32, 35 at honey yellow.

**TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20)** – Ang panahon ay umaa-yon sa mga binabalak. Ipagaliban ang pakikipag-date. Matatagpuan ang sarili sa harap ng hamon. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 7, 10, 26, 38 at navy blue.

**GEMINI: (May.21-Hun. 21)** – May sikretong matutuklasan. Posibleng isang bagong kakilala ang magpapatibok ng puso. Magiging happy ka. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 9, 21, 29, 39 at indigo.

**CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22)** – Huwag basta paapekto sa sinasabi ng iba. Gamitin ang katuwiran pero gawin sa matuwid na paraan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 12, 24, 36, 42 at violet.

**LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22)** – May kahirapang pakibagayan ang mahal sa buhay. Kailangan ng pang-unawa at mahabang pasensya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 13, 19, 23, 33 at lavender.

**VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23)** – Tuparin ang pangako para mapanatili ang dignidad. Anumang transaksyon sa negosyo, isagawa sa umaga. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 10, 15, 24, 40 at avocado green.

**LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23)** – Pag-aralan ang mga bagay na gumugulo sa isipan. Kung hindi nakakasiguro sa gawain, magtanong. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 7, 10, 32, 45 at indigo.

## AGRI PL CALLS TO FAST-TRACK EXPANSION OF CROP INSURANCE COVERAGE

With succeeding typhoons hitting the country, AGRI Party-list urged the immediate enactment of a measure expanding crop insurance coverage to protect the livelihood of farmers who lose their hard-earned crops every time a calamity hits.

AGRI is the principal author of House Bill (HB) No. 7387 which seeks to expand the services of the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) and encourage private sector participation in agricultural insurance.

HB 7387 was approved by the House of Representatives on third and final reading in March 2023, and is now pending in the Senate.

"Nananawagan tayo sa mga kapwa natin mambabatas sa Senado na agarang maisabatas ang panukalang ito dahil kulang na kulang sa proteksyon sa kabuhayan ang ating mga magsasaka. Alam naman po natin na tuwing may kalamidad, walang natitira sa kanila maliban sa utang at pangamba na lalong malubog sa kahirapan," AGRI Party-list Representative and Senatorial Aspirant Manoy Wilbert "Wise" Lee, said.

Under the measure, the PCIC shall provide insurance coverage for all agricultural commodities, instead of being limited to palay crops.

Further, the proposed measure shall also include other non-crop agricultural assets, such as but not limited to livestock, aquaculture and fishery, agroforestry, forest plantations, machineries, equipment, transport facilities, and other related infrastructures.

"Bilang mga itinuturing natin na "food security soldiers", deserve ng ating mga magsasaka ang suporta ng gobyerno para siguruhin ang kanilang kita. Nararapat lamang na pagaanin ang pasanin ng pinagmumulan ng mis-mong mga kinakain natin!" the AGRI Party-list said in a statement.

AGRI also called on the PCIC to intensify its information campaign to encourage more farmers to enroll in crop insurance and urged it to be more proactive in reaching out to farmers by deploying mobile offices in areas most affected by the successive typhoons in the past weeks.

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angan ang gobyerno mismo ang gumawa ng paraan para ilapit ang mga serbisyo at benepisyo para sa ating mga magsasaka. Hindi na dapat pahirapan ang mga nasalanta nating kababayan o kaya naman ay parang sila pa ang nakikiusap o nagmamakaawa na sila ay tulungan," the party-list stressed.

More than alleviating the financial woes of farmers due to uncompensated losses during calamities, AGRI Party-list underscored the importance of expanded insurance coverage in achieving food security.

"Ang pinakamabisang paraan para makamit ang murang pagkain at seguridad sa pagkain ay dagdag na suporta sa agrikultura," AGRI stated.

"Kapag naprotektahan ang kabuhayan ng ating mga magsasaka at mga local food producers at natiyak ang kanilang kita, magsisilbi itong insentibo para pataasin ang kanilang produksyon na magpaparami naman ng supply sa merkado. Kapag nangyari ito, bababa ang presyo ng pagkain at iba pang mga bihinhin kung saan panalo ang sambayanang Pilipino!" it added.

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## DSWD chief dismisses claims programs being used for politics

MANILA – Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Rex Gatchalian on Saturday dismissed claims that two major protective services program, Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) and the Ayuda para sa Kapos ang Kita Program (AKAP), are being used for political purposes, including vote buying.

"Let me reiterate that all the DSWD's Field Offices across the country serve people in need, whether they are walk-in clients or were referred to by local government unit (LGU) officials. The DSWD continues to process applications and distribute assistance through AICS and AKAP to qualified beneficiaries," Gatchalian said in a news release.

The DSWD applies a "stringent verification and validation process" for clients who seek financial assistance, even the referrals from legislators and other local government unit (LGU) officials, he added.

"The assessment being done by our licensed social workers is critical to avoid the overlapping of assistance with the other DSWD programs," he said. Gatchalian noted that while the DSWD actively coordinates with LGU officials to organize payout activities, the funding for AKAP and AICS come from the agency's budget as provided under the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

"There is no GAA line item that entitles any congressional district or LGU to have an allocation in any amount and lodged this with the DSWD that could benefit their constituents. Referrals from legislators and local executives are entertained pursuant to existing DSWD guide-



lines," he said.

The AKAP provides one-time cash assistance between PHP3,000 and P5,000 to eligible beneficiaries.

To qualify, families must have an income that falls below the poverty threshold and must not be receiving assistance from other government programs.

To date, more than 6.5 million Filipinos in "difficult circumstances" were provided with aid amounting to PHP40.9 billion through the AICS program in 2023.

The amount released under the AICS program in 2023 represented a 98.5 percent utilization of the fund worth over PHP41.5 million.

The number of clients served under the AICS in 2023 was more than four times the program's annual total target of 1,691,869 beneficiaries who are in need of assistance, such as medical, burial, transportation, education, food and other support services.

The Senate has removed the PHP39 billion proposed allocation for AKAP from the PHP6.352 trillion national budget for 2025.

Senator Imee Marcos said the PHP26.7-billion AKAP was a House insertion in the 2024 budget's final version, where e-signatures of senators were attached after the fact.

"The President (Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.) did not mention AKAP in

the NEP (National Expenditure Program), nor was it in the bicameral version of the GAA, yet it appeared in the final, printed version," Senator Marcos said in a previous statement.

The senator instead proposed combining AICS and AKAP for a more effective aid distribution to Filipinos in need.

Instead of dividing the budget among many programs, she said it would be better to focus on programs that have long-term impacts and those that will make Filipinos feel that they are productive members of society.

The DSWD said more than four million "near poor" Filipinos benefitted from AKAP during its first year of implementation, or January to October 2024.

The AKAP program has demonstrated strong impact with PHP20.7 billion in funds, or 77.57 percent already utilized out of the total PHP26.7 billion budget allocation.

The AKAP funds were allocated across all regions, with most areas achieving over 70 percent in fund obligations, like Regions 3 (Central Luzon), 5 (Bicol), and 6 (Western Visayas).

The National Capital Region alone provided assistance to over 589,000 beneficiaries, showing the scale and reach of the program's impact. (PNA)

## Cavite receives Stable Internal Peace and Security Seal

Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino humbly accepted the Stable Internal Peace and Security (SIPS) Seal during the 4th Quarter Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) IV-A meeting held at Twin Lakes Tagaytay. The award, which recognizes the achievement of SIPS status in all 23 cities and municipalities of Cavite, was presented by RPOC Chair and Quezon Province Governor Angelina D.L. Tan, along with DILG Region IV-A Director Ariel O. Iglesia and BGEN Cerilo O. Balaora, Jr., PA of the 2ID of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

The meeting which was hosted by Cavite province was presided over by Governor Tan, and attended by key officials and representatives from agencies responsible for maintaining peace and security across the region, including the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), the AFP, the Department of National Defense (DND), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD),



and various CALABARZON local government units (LGUs).

During the meeting, updates were presented on several important topics, including the

F.E.E.L.S.A.F.E.R Initiative or the Firearms and Explosives from Candidates/ Supporters/ Kins/ Juridical for Safekeeping and/or Disposal, An Effort Leading to Accurate and Fair Elections in the CALABARZON region, and the resolution urging local chief executives, from the provincial level down to barangays, to register or safely keep unregistered firearms with the Philippine National Police (PNP) in preparation for the 2025 national and local elections.

The meeting also tackled protocols for providing food and non-food assistance, as well as policies on reporting affected families and individuals, particularly in light of recent calamities that have affected CALABARZON.

Governor Tolentino assured of the provincial government's commitment to maintaining peace and security in Cavite and enjoined everyone to work together towards achieving peaceful communities in the region.

She was joined by Vice Governor Shernan Jaro and Cavite PPOC and PADAC focal person Cecil Miranda, head of the Provincial Government - Cavite Office of Public Safety.

The meeting also

## CAVITE CITY AT NOVELETA, NAGSAMA PARA SA PAMAMAHAGI NG PAMASKONG HANDOG NI CONG JOLO REVILLA



Nakatataba po ng puso na makita ang dami at sigla ng ating mga kababayan dahil sa pambihirang pagkakataon ay muling nagkasama ang Cavite City at Noveleta para sa pamamahagi ng maagang pamaskong handog mula sa inyong Congressman

Jolo Revilla, Senator Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr., at Agimat Partylist.

Kasama ang ating magiging Governor Abeng Remulla at Vice Governor Ram Revilla, at ang buong Team Unlad Noveleta at Team Unlad Cavite City, ay na-

kasama at napasaya natin ang libo-libo nating mga ka-distrito dahil sa mga inihanda nating papremyo at balita na nagpapakita na wala tayong hindi kayang magawa dahil sa ating pagkakaisa.

Kada taon, mas lumalaki at mas sumasaya ang paskuhan sa Unang Distrito. Asahan ninyong patuloy pa nating sisikapang maipadama sa bawat isa ang tunay na Alagang Revilla tungo sa tuloy na tuloy na progreso.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year po, mga kababayan ko!

## PAGBIBIGAY NG TRABAHO SA MGA SENIOR CITIZEN AT PWD USAPIN SA COMPANIES MEETING NG IMUS LGU

Nagpulong-pulong ang mga kinatawan ng 50 kumpanya sa Imus noong Biyernes, sa Function Hall ng New Imus City Government Center.

Napag-usapan dito ang mga pamamaraan kung paano mabibigyan ng trabaho ang mga lola, lola, at may kapansanan, sa pamamagitan ng City Ordinance No.



and Providing Guidelines Thereof."

Kinumusta rin nina City Vice Mayor Homer "Saki" T. Saquilayan, Konsehal Mark Anthony Villanueva bilang Committee Chair on Trade, Commerce, Industry, Labor, and Employment and Industrial Peace, Konsehal Yen Saquilayan, at Officer-in-Charge Larry Monzon ng Office of the City Administration bilang kinatawan ni City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula ang mga lumahok na kumpanya.

## PBBM LEADS DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE TO CAVITE RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY SEVERE TROPICAL STORM KRISTINE

Tagaytay City – President Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, Jr. continued his visit to disaster-stricken areas, bringing relief to Cavite province. The President personally led the distribution of financial aid under the Presidential Assistance to Farmers, Fisherfolk, and Families Program, as well as additional welfare services, aimed at supporting residents in their recovery from the devastation caused by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine.

A total of 4,233 beneficiaries from 21 cities and municipalities across Cavite received Php 10,000 each in cash assistance. The aid is part of the government's ongoing efforts to provide immediate support to those hardest hits by the storm, helping them rebuild their lives.

Upon his arrival at the Sigtuna Hall of the Tagaytay International Convention Center, President Marcos was warmly welcomed by Cavite Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, 8th District Representative Aniela Bianca Tolentino, and Senator Francis Tolentino.

The governor expressed her gratitude to President Marcos for always reaching out and extending help to Caviteños. Senator Tolentino expressed his solidarity with



the people and reaffirmed his support for the national government's coordinated response to the needs of affected communities.

Cavite local officials in attendance included Vice Governor Shernan Jaro, 3rd District Representative AJ Advincula, 7th District Representative Ping Remulla and, AGIMAT Partylist Representative Bryan Revilla, Board Members, and other LGU officials.

Accompanying the President were key Cabinet officials, including Department of the Interior and Local Government Secretary and former Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla, Department of Social Welfare and Development Secretary Rex Gatchalian, and Department of Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel. They were joined by representatives from various gov-

ernment agencies, all of whom played an integral role in delivering essential services and assistance to the beneficiaries.

President Marcos reiterated his directive to key agencies to fortify systems and strategies to ensure the safety of the people. He called on LGUs to enhance preparedness measures to prevent the catastrophic impacts of future calamities. He urged everyone to keep the faith and stay united, stating, "Sama-sama nating itaguyod ang isang maunlad at nagkakaisang Bagong Pilipinas, kung saan walang Pilipino ang iwan sa oras ng pangangailangan."

The distribution of aid is part of a broader national government initiative to help the people of Cavite recover and regain their footing after the widespread damage caused by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine.

## Women's Welfare... from page 1

joined by Senator Francis Tolentino in reaching out to Carmona's women. They were warmly welcomed by 5th District Representative Roy Loyola, City Mayor Dahlia Loyola, and the City Council, who expressed their gratitude for the assistance provided to their women constituents. Mayor Maricel Torres of General Mariano Alvarez was also present to share in the momentous event.

The celebration continued in the City of Dasmariñas during the af-

ternoon leg of the Women's Welfare Program, where Governor Tolentino was joined by City Mayor Jenny Barzaga, 4th District Board Members Nickol Austria and Jun Dela Cuesta. The gathering of women beneficiaries from the city was filled with excitement and a sense of solidarity, as they received the much-needed assistance.

Governor Tolentino emphasized the importance of empowering women, recognizing their

crucial role not only within families but also as drivers of social change and progress. She encouraged all women to continue striving for their dreams and assured them that the provincial government would remain committed to supporting initiatives that uplift women's welfare.

The Women's Welfare Program is set to continue throughout the province, aiming to reach even more women and provide them with the assistance they need to thrive.

# PBBM: 'More reliable...

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Station in Parañaque City through five new stations.

The new stations are the Redemptorist-ASE-ANA Station, MIA Road Station, Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX) Station, Ninoy Aquino Avenue Station, and Dr. Santos Station.

These stations will add 6 km. to the transit line, extending the total alignment of LRT-1 to 26 km. from the current 20 km.

In Sept. 1984, Marcos' father and namesake, former president Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr., inaugurated the LRT-1's United Nations (UN) to Baclaran stations.

Marcos acknowledged his father's efforts in initiating the construction of Metro Manila's first urban rail transit system, saying the initiative grew into a larger rail transit system that serves the metropolis.

"On this day, no one is happier than his son in seeing that his father's foresight is being validated by another work that expands mass transit that he had built for the people that he loved," he said.

"The L1CE Project has been a long time in the making - spanning five administrations, starting with President (Joseph) Estrada, to President (Gloria) Arroyo, President (Noynoy) Aquino, President (Rodrigo) Duterte, and now, to mine."

The project, which is set to be operational starting Saturday, aims to alleviate traffic conditions in the cities of Parañaque, Las

Piñas, and Bacoor, Cavite.

During the event, Marcos also boarded the train and returned to the Dr. Santos Station.

'More seamless, modernized' transport system

The President also affirmed the government's commitment to a "more seamless and modernized" public transportation system.

"Our journey towards a more seamless and modernized public transportation system does not end here," he said. "We are committed to building station after station, reaching as far and as fast as our people's needs dictate."

Various key railway projects are currently being undertaken by the government.

These include the Unified Grand Central Station, the Metro Manila Subway Project, the MRT-7, the North-South Commuter Railway, the MRT-4, and the Philippine National Railways South Long Haul.

Marcos said some of the ongoing transport projects may not be completed within his term as these long-term endeavors extend beyond administrations.

"This is the nature of railway development and of any large-scale development: this is not a short-term endeavor. It requires patience, persistence, and passion and commitment that extends beyond immediate timelines," he said. (PNA)



# Solon pushes...

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whose immune systems often become weaker as they age. Kaya napakahalaga ng bakuna para maiwasan ang mga sakit, lalo na kung gagawin itong libre at mas accessible para sa lahat ng ating senior citizens (Vaccines are crucial for preventing diseases, especially if they are made free and more accessible to all senior citizens)," he said.

Lee further highlighted the economic burden of healthcare on seniors, many of whom fear falling ill due to their inability to afford treatment or hospitalization.

"Laging may pangamba ang ating mga kababayan, lalo na ang ating senior citizens, na magkasakit, dahil ayaw na nilang maging pabigat pa sa pamilya, lalo sa mahal na gastos sa gamot at pag-papa-ospital. Kaya marami ang hinahayaan na lang ang karamdaman, hindi napa-checkup at parang

naghihintay na lang ng oras nila (Our citizens, especially seniors, often worry about getting sick because they don't want to be a burden on their families, given the high costs of medicine and hospital care. As a result, many let their illnesses persist without seeking check-ups, almost as if waiting for their time)," he said.

Lee said the proposed free vaccination for all senior citizens is in line with the objectives of Republic Act No. 11223 or the Universal Health Care Act, which promotes free treatment and medicine for all Filipinos.

"The bill aligns with the government's broader commitment to protecting the health and well-being of the elderly, promoting their right to healthcare, and ensuring that they live healthier, longer lives," Lee said. (PNA)

# Gov't launches...

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liance showed that Filipinos are reluctant to report to authorities, with about 67 percent of Filipinos not reporting scams.

The Philippines also recorded 3,937,779 scam messages through short message service or text message, and 414,446 scam calls from Aug. 1, 2023 to Aug. 15, 2024.

"We are again expecting an increase in the number of scams this holiday season as more people are going online to buy gifts, clothes, and food for various parties. Scammers take advantage of the season as a way to dupe people into donating to fake charitable projects," De Guzman said. (PNA)

A study titled "The State of Scams in the Philippines 2024" by the Global Anti-Scam Al-

# US donates...

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works that address the needs of out-of-school youth, as well as guidebooks and handouts for colleges and universities that support out-of-school youth programs.

Since its inception in 2020, USAID's O2 program has reached over 90,000 youth across the Philippines through DepEd, TESDA, higher education institutions, and other local service partners. More than 82,000 young people have com-

pleted workforce development training, while more than 6,400 educators and administrators from DepEd and TESDA have learned innovative teaching strategies geared toward the learning needs of out-of-school youth.

Over 2,200 businesses likewise provided work-based learning, career guidance and coaching and employment opportunities for out-of-school youth. (PNA)

# DOJ provides special job fair for 509 released PDL

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Department of Justice (DOJ) Secretary Crispin Remulla on Monday said 509 persons deprived of liberty (PDL) have been released in observance of the 30th National Correctional Consciousness Week (NCCW) and as part of the government's jail decongestion efforts.

He said the released PDLs were those with expired prison terms, elderly or sickly, those qualified under the Good Conduct Time Allowance (GCTA) Law, and those granted parole or executive clemency.

Remulla said the DOJ and the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) arranged a special job fair for the released PDLs.

In partnership with prominent business enterprises such as BP One Foods, Inc., Breakfast at Antonio's, Pedro the Grocer, Balay Dak, and PGA Cars, the special job fair for former inmates is to explore and venture into various livelihood or business opportunities to help them reintegrate into so-

These activities also intend to ramp up the corrections system of the country aligned with the broader initiatives of the Justice Sector Coordinating Council (JSCC), composed of the DOJ, Supreme Court, and the Department of the Interior and Local Government, to serve as a mechanism to streamline core justice functions by coordination and collaboration.

"Justice is an inherent right which should be accorded to both the free and the incarcerated, this is the true essence of delivering Real Justice for All under the Bagong Pilipinas brand of governance where human rights are always given paramount consideration," Remulla said in a statement.

Remulla lauded BuCor Director General Gregorio P. Catapang Jr. for tirelessly exploring possible opportunities for PDLs to start a new life.

The NCCW is observed every last week of October. (PNA)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE  
FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC),  
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

ALGEL C. RAMOS,  
Respondent/Mortgagor.

File No. FC-DC-1515-24  
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER  
ACT 3135, AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC), a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against respondent/mortgagor ALGEL C. RAMOS with postal addresses at Lot 30 Blk. 43, CityHomes-Resortville, Brgy. Lantaca, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and 70 B. Maria Clara St., Quezon City and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of September 30, 2024 amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE PESOS & 77/100 (Pp840,965.77), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **December 12, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro II, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-480374

A parcel being of land (Lot 30, Block 43 of the subd. plan, Psd-042106-064738, being a portion of Lot 3824-B, Psd-77337, L.R.C. Rec. No. ), situated in the Bo. of Lantaca, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 29; on the NW., along line 2-3 by Lot 28 both of Blk. 43; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Alley 21 (4.50 m. wide); on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 32 Blk. 43 and all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, x x x containing an area of FORTY SEVEN SQUARE METERS AND FIFTY SQUARE DECIMETER (47.50). x x x

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

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on January 09, 2025 at the same time and place without further notice.

04 November 2024. Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

RODRIGO ESTOGERO, JR.  
Sheriff IV

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

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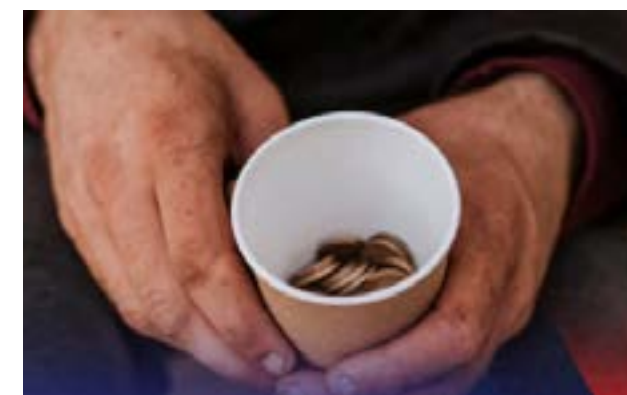
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# Homeless, street persons need responsible help, not alms – DSWD

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) renewed its call to the public not to give alms to children in street situations, homeless individuals and members of Indigenous Peoples' (IP) groups, whose numbers usually grow during the holiday season.

"The DSWD would not like to dampen the Christmas spirit. Gusto pa rin po natin na magbahagi po ng tulong lalong-lalo na sa mga bata (We want to share specially to the children) so the responsible means of doing that is to reach out to them, remove them from the streets," Assistant Secretary Irene Dumlaog said in a news release on Friday.

The appeal



aligns with Presidential Decree (PD) No. 1563, also known as the Anti-Mendicancy Law, which prohibits begging and soliciting charitable donations on the streets by individuals or religious organizations.

To prevent mendicant activities, Dumlaog encouraged the public to offer other forms of assistance, such as conducting organized activities through gift-giving,

organizations conducting fundraising activities through caroling, Dumlaog encouraged them to secure solicitation permits from the DSWD if the scope is region-wide or nationwide.

She said the permit should be secured from the concerned LGU for fundraising limited within a community, city or municipality. A solicitation permit is a certification issued by the DSWD and LGUs that gives authorization to individuals, groups, and other entities to solicit donations or voluntary contributions for charitable or public welfare purposes to prevent any illegal fund drive that exploits the generosity of the donors and intended beneficiaries. (PR)

feeding sessions, medical missions, storytelling sessions and group caroling in coordination with local government units (LGUs). "We want to ensure a safe Christmas experience for all children. Hence, the importance of parental or guardian's supervision on children participating in caroling sessions to ensure they are safe from harm," Dumlaog said.

For groups or