

DTI Rizal, and Robinsons Place Antipolo Open Opportunities for MSMEs Through Pistahang Rizaleny Trade

In celebration of local entrepreneurship and Rizaleño pride, Samahan ng mga Rizaleño sa Sektor ng Agrikultura at Pagkain, Inc. (SARAP Inc.), in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Rizal Provincial Office and Robinsons Place Antipolo,officially opened applications for interested exhibitors for the upcoming Pistahang

Rizaleny Trade Fair scheduled from June 19 to 28, 2026 at Robinsons Place Antipolo.

The trade fair aims to provide micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) with a valuable platform to showcase their products, expand market reach, and connect directly with consumers. Participating entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to promote locally made products while gaining increased visibility in one of the province’s major commercial centers.

The initiative reflects the continuing commitment of SARAP Inc., DTI Rizal, and Robinsons Place Antipolo to support local businesses by creating more market linkage opportunities and strengthening the visibility of Rizaleño products and entrepreneurs.

PhilHealth Region IV-A Adopts Four-Day Workweek Starting June 15

CAVITE, Philippines — The PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A has announced the implementation of a compressed four-day workweek beginning June 15, 2026, as part of the government’s energy conservation initiatives.

In Advisory No. 2026-007, PhilHealth Region IV-A said the move is in compliance with Memorandum Circular No. 114, series of 2026, issued by the Office of the President directing all government agencies to adopt strict energy-saving measures while ensuring the uninterrupted delivery of public services.

Under the new work arrangement, PhilHealth offices in Region IV-A, including Local



Participation is open to qualified MSMEs offering food and non-food products.

However, slots are limited and participation remains subject to approval byRobinsons Place Antipolo to ensure product diversity and event quality.

The participation fees per day are as follows:

- Regular Participants – ₱3,000
- REMAI, PCCI, BAGPI members – ₱2,800
- Tindahang Rizaleny Members – ₱2,600
- SARAP Members – ₱2,600
- SARAP & TR Members – ₱2,300

Interested exhibitors are encouraged to secure their slots early by joining the official coordination group chat through the following link:

<https://bit.ly/pistahang-rizaleny-2026>

Through collaborative initiatives such as the Pistahang Rizaleny Trade Fair, DTI Rizal and its partner organizations continue to strengthen local enterprise development, promote community-based entrepreneurship, and create more opportunities for Rizaleño MSMEs to thrive in competitive markets.



From Pandemic Struggles to Business Success: The Better Days Story



Rose Ann Toledo (front left), a client of CARD SME Bank, Inc. from Silang, Cavite, with her staff at BetterDays Packaging & Printing Services during operations at their manufacturing office.

protocols, so they purchased fabric using the PHP 500. A neighbor who worked as a tailor helped sew the masks.

Rose promoted the products online, and the masks quickly sold out.

What began as a modest investment eventually generated more than PHP 100,000 in gross income. Their venture also provided additional earnings for their neighbor, who helped produce the masks.

“It was unbelievable,” Rose said. “We made income online because of a simple idea and that 500-peso blessing from heaven.”

From Face Masks to Packaging Solutions Encouraged by their initial

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2026 Provincial Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit cum Kadiwa ng Pangulo

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CITY, Cavite — The two-day 2026 Provincial Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit cum Kadiwa ng Pangulo, hosted by the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA), was successfully held on May 13–14 at the OPA Compound, bringing together farmers, fisherfolk,

Assistance of Government, Farmers, and Citizens Towards Developed Agri-Eco Tourism of Amadeo

AMADEO, Cavite — In celebration of Farmers Month, the Municipal Government of Amadeo is set to conduct a Tree Planting Activity and Panel Discussion as part of its culminating activities on May 29, 2026.

Dubbed “RESCUE: Assistance of Government, Farmers, and Citizens Towards Developed Agri-Eco Tourism of Amadeo,” the program aims to strengthen collaboration among the

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Mga Mag-aaral sa Ciudad Nuevo, Villa Apolonia, at Munting Mapino Elementary School, Nakatanggap ng Libreng School Supplies

NAIC, Cavite — Personal na pinangunahan ni Mayor Rommel Magbitang ang pamamahagi ng libreng school supplies nitong Huwebes sa Ciudad Nuevo Elementary School, Villa Apolonia Elementary School, at Munting Mapino Elementary School bilang bahagi ng paghahanda para sa nalalapit na pagbubukas ng klase.

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CARMONA CITY, Cavite — Matagumpay na nagsagawa ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Carmona, sa pangunguna ng Office of the City Social Welfare and Development Officer (OCSWDO), ng pamamahagi ng medical assistance para sa 73 pasyenteng may cerebral palsy at epilepsy mula sa lung-

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ALAGANG GENTRI CARAVAN NAGHATID NG LIBRENG SERBISYO SA CENTRO DE ORO, PASONG KAWAYAN II

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite — Muling inilapit ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng General Trias sa mga mamamayan ang iba’t ibang serbisyong pamubliko sa pamamagitan ng isinagawang Alagang GenTri Caravan sa Centro de Oro, Baran-

gay Pasong Kawayan II. Dinumog ng mga residente ang caravan upang makapag-avail ng iba’t ibang libreng serbisyo mula sa lokal na pamahalaan. Kabilang dito ang serbisyong pangkalusugan, konsultasyong medikal,

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SSS begins early June rollout of 2026 pension hike, citing need for early relief for pensioners

The Social Security System (SSS) today begins the early rollout of the second tranche of the Pension Reform Program (PRP) to 4.1 million pensioners, advancing the originally scheduled September pension increase to provide SSS pensioners with earlier financial relief.

Finance Secretary and Social Security Commission (SSC) Chair Frederick

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CITY OF BACOR LAUNCHES FREE PUBLIC INTERNET, ICT PROGRAMS, AND TRAINING VOUCHERS

BACOR CITY, Cavite — The City Government of Bacor, under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, officially launched several digital initiatives aimed at expanding internet accessibility and enhancing digital literacy among Bacoorenos during a program held on May 28, 2026, at Revilla Hall.

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Opinion: THE YOUNG MIND

A NUMBER of very meaningful considerations can be drawn from the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. One is that with it we are reminded that like Christ, who is the pattern of our humanity and the redeemer of our damaged humanity, we actually came from heaven and are meant to return there for our definitive state of life after "passing" the test God has given us if what he wants us to be is also what we ourselves would like to be.

With our Lord's Ascension, we are told that heaven is now open to humanity after it has been closed due to the fall of our first parents. We have been alienated from our Father God and are now reconciled through the redemptive work of Christ.

Our Lord's Ascension also brings home to us our true home which is heaven where there will be "no more tears, pain or death, (cfr. Rev 21,1-4) where "no eye has seen, nor ear heard, or the heart of man conceived," (cfr. 1 Cor 2,9) It's there where we become a new creation, achieve the perfection of our humanity, and where we enjoy endless peace and bliss.

We really need to develop a yearning for heaven, but doing so by being keenly aware of our duties here on earth. The latter are our daily ordinary pathways to heaven, aside from the sacred means Christ has given us. Yes, we have to always keep heaven in mind and live our earthly life with this goal in sight, using our daily duties and experiences as pathways to reach God.

Yes, as we yearn for heaven, we should be keenly aware of our duties here on earth. We need to see the organic connection between our earthly life and duties and our heavenly yearning. We cannot have one without the other.

In this regard, we have to do a lot of apostolate which would require of us that we, first of all, should be driven with love for God. Otherwise, our apostolate, our love for the others would have no steam to run on.

We need to see to it that our love for God always grows everyday, so that our love for others would also correspondingly grow. In this, we have to realize, first of all, how much God loves us. Only then can we start loving him and loving the others.

That is why we have to pray and consider the truths of our faith that show us much more than what our senses can discover. We can say that a person who does not pray is a person who cannot fall in love properly.

That's because a prayerless love is a love that is simply driven by earthly elements that cannot last for long and cannot cope with all the demands of true love. It's love that would be completely at the mercy of earthly and temporal conditions.

With sincere prayer, we would manage to keep our mind and heart, our thoughts and desires to somehow start and end with heaven. Thus, we can fulfill what St. Paul once said: "Set your hearts on heavenly things, not the things that are on earth." (Col 3,1)

We have to learn how to relate everything to heaven, and not get entangled with our merely earthly and temporal affairs. Everything is meant to start and end with God who is the Creator of everything and the very foundation of reality.

PGC-WOC Holds Flores de Mayo Celebration at the New Provincial Government Center

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite — In line with the monthly theme activity of the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), the PGC-Workplace Organization Committee (WOC) facilitated the traditional Flores de Mayo celebration on May 25 at the New Provincial Government Center.

Employees from various offices gathered to participate in the annual Filipino tradition honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayers and the offering of flowers. The celebration provided government employees with an opportunity for reflection, unity, and thanksgiving.

The highlight of the event was the flower offering to the Virgin Mary, symbolizing love, devotion, and faith. Participants solemnly offered flowers while



prayers were recited, creating a peaceful and meaningful atmosphere throughout the activity.

The celebration also strengthened camaraderie among employees and reinforced the spiritual values upheld within the provincial government workplace.

Editorial: KFC (Kabataan for Change) A Generation Impact

The ongoing impeachment issue involving Vice President Sara Duterte has become more than just another political controversy. For many Filipinos, especially the youth, it has become a test of transparency, accountability, and the kind of leadership this country continues to tolerate.

Politics

As a young Filipino, I choose not to stand on blind political loyalty. I stand on the side of truth.

Supporting the impeachment process does not automatically mean hatred or political opposition. For me, it simply gives the Vice President the opportunity to clear her name and answer the allegations against her through due process. If the accusations are false, then the proceedings allow her to defend herself publicly. If there are truths that must be revealed, then the Filipino people deserve to know them. In the end, transparency benefits both the accused and the nation.

What concerns me more is the culture of politics that continues to

dominate the country. While government officials defend allies, exchange accusations, and focus on political survival, millions of Filipinos continue struggling with poverty, unemployment, corruption, rising prices, and an uncertain future.

As part of the youth of this nation, I demand better leadership. I demand leaders with integrity, competence, and genuine concern for the Filipino people. The country deserves officials who inspire trust and hope, not leaders who make citizens question the direction of the nation.

My generation is not blind to what is happening. We see when politics is prioritized over public service. We recognize when power becomes more important than accountability. We hear the promises, but we also see the lack of action.

Government is not entertainment, and leadership is not a



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performance. Public office carries a responsibility that directly affects millions of lives. Every decision made by those in power shapes the future of the youth who will eventually inherit the consequences of today's governance.

The Philippines cannot move forward if incompetence, dishonesty, and political distractions continue to be normalized. Filipinos deserve leaders who place the welfare of the people above personal ambition and political interest.

To those serving in government today, one question remains: can you still provide the kind of government Filipinos once hoped for, or will those promises remain buried beneath corruption, excuses, and political noise?

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entrepreneurs, and stakeholders from across Cavite province.

The event aimed to strengthen the connection between local producers and a wider network of consumers while promoting agricultural products, livelihood opportunities, and food sustainability in the province.

A total of 27 exhibitors participated in the fair, showcasing a wide range of local crafts, agricultural products, processed goods, and other locally produced items from various municipalities and cities in Cavite.

During the program, messages of support and encouragement were delivered by Engr. Gilbert Gandia, Provincial Administrator; Dr. May Magno, Provincial Veterinarian; Mr. Rexcel Amparo, representative of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); Mr. Rolando Maningas, Agricultural Training

Assistance of Government,

local government, farmers, and community members in promoting sustainable agricultural and eco-tourism development in the municipality.

The Tree Planting Activity will begin at 6:00 a.m. at the Municipal Agriculture Office, followed by a Panel Discussion to be held at the Municipal Covered Court. The discussion will focus on initiatives and partnerships that support environmental conservation, agricultural growth, and the continued development of Amadeo's agri-eco tourism industry.

Institute Regional Center Director; Ms. Myrachel Cuadra, Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer; and Ms. Alysa Luya, representative of 8th Board Member Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista.

The speakers emphasized their shared commitment to strengthening the agriculture industry, improving the livelihood and economic opportunities of farmers and fisherfolk, and ensuring food security throughout the province.

The Provincial Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit continues to be one of the flagship programs of the Provincial Government of Cavite, recognizing the hard work, dedication, and valuable contributions of Caviteño farmers and fisherfolk while providing them with greater opportunities for growth, innovation, and advancement.

The activity also seeks to raise public awareness on the importance of protecting the environment while supporting programs that enhance local agriculture and tourism opportunities for the benefit of future generations.

The Municipal Government of Amadeo encourages residents, farmers, youth organizations, and various sectors of the community to actively participate in the event and contribute to building a greener, more progressive, and sustainable future for the next generation of Amadeans.



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CEREBRAL PALSY.....

Layunin ng naturang programa na mabigyan ng karagdaganang suporta ang mga benepisaryo para sa kanilang patuloy na gamutan, pagbili ng maintenance medicines, therapy sessions, at iba pang mahahalagang pangangailangang medikal.

Ayon sa lokal na pamahalaan, bahagi ito ng kanilang patuloy na adhikain na mapalawak ang serbisyong pangkalusugan at mapagaan ang pinansyal na pasanin ng mga pamilyang may miyembrong nangangailangan ng espesyal na pangangalaga.

Sa pamamagitan ng programang ito, muling ipinakitang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Carmona ang taos-pusong malasakit at dedikasyon nito sa pagsusulong ng kapakanan, kalusugan, at mas maayos na kalidad ng buhay para sa bawat mamamayan.

Patuloy namang hinihikayat ng lokal na pamahalaan ang pagkakaisa at pagtutulungan ng komunidad upang masuportahan ang mga programang nagbibigay pag-asa at tulong sa mga higit na nangangailangan.

ALAGANG GENTRI CARAVAN NAGHATID.....

pamamahagi ng mga gamot, at iba pang programang naglalayong mapabuti ang kapakanan ng mga GenTriseño.

Ayon sa mga opisyal ng lungsod, ang Alagang GenTri Caravan ay bahagi ng patuloy na pagsisikap ng pamahalaan na ilapit sa komunidad ang mga pangunahing serbisyo upang mas maraming mamamayan ang makinabang nang hindi na kinakailangan magtungo pa sa City Hall o iba pang tanggapan ng gobyerno.

Nagpasalamat naman ang mga residente ng Centro de Oro sa programang nagbigay sa kanila ng pagkakataong makatanggap ng agarang tulong at serbisyo sa kanilang lugar.

Patuloy na umiikot ang Alagang GenTri Caravan sa iba't ibang barangay ng General Trias bilang bahagi ng adhikain ng lungsod na maghatid ng dekalidad, maagap, at makataong serbisyo para sa lahat ng GenTriseño.

Mga Mag-aaral sa Ciudad Nuevo,.....

Layunin ng programa na mabigyan ng karagdaganang suporta ang mga mag-aaral at kanilang mga pamilya upang maging mas handa sa pagbabalik-eskwela ngayong taon. Kabilang sa mga ipinamahaging kagamitan ang iba't ibang school supplies na makatutulong sa pang-araw-araw na pag-aaral ng mga batang Naicqueño.

Ayon sa lokal na pamahalaan, patuloy nitong binibigyang prayoridad ang edukasyon at kapakanan ng mga kabataan sa bayan sa pamamagitan ng mga programang nakatuon sa pagpapabuti ng kalidad ng pag-aaral at pagbibigay ng

kinakailangang suporta sa mga estudyante.

Nagpahayag din ng pasasalamat ang mga magulang at guro sa inisyalibong ito ng Municipal Government of Naic, na malaking tulong umano para sa paghahanda ng mga mag-aaral sa darating na pasukan.

Sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Mayor Rommel Magbitang, patuloy ang pagpapatupad ng mga programang pang-edukasyon na naglalayong matiyak na bawat batang Naicqueño ay may sapat na kagamitan at oportunidad upang makapag-aral nang maayos at makamtang ang kanilang mga pangarap.

GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) – Increasing ang income dahil may tiyak na pag-ani sa tuloy-tuloy na sipag at tiyaga. Maging masinop sa iyong kita para hindi na babalik sa dating kalagayan. Huwag kalimutang magpasalamat sa mga tumulong sa'yo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 26, 21, 12, 55, 45 at vermilion red.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) – Kung bahalaan ng panlalamang ang gawain, hindi ito magiging blessing. Itama ang pagkakamali. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 52, 45, 15, 39, 26 at lavender.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) – Mag-ikapu at matatamo ang mga pangarap. Maging mapagbigay sa mga nangangailangan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 47, 32, 55, 23, 11 at cobalt blue.

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) – Gawin ang magagawa dahil wala kang maasahan kundi ang sarili. Magpakata-

tag. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 46, 22, 55, 26, 12 at dollar green.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) – Posible ang pagsisimula ng negosyo, na kung magtutuloy tuloy ay lalago. Matutupad ang pangarap mo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 17, 47, 28, 52, 55 at maregold yellow.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) – Tatanggap ng rewards sa good deeds. Ipagpatuloy ang paggawa ng mabuti at tama, para maging masaya ka. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 25, 36, 47, 56, 33 at flame red.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) – Alamin ang dapat gawin. Mas mabuti ang magtanong kung may hindi naiintindihan, kaysa magmarunong. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 22, 15, 36, 47, 53 at cyan blue.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) – May hiling ang kamag-anak, pagbigyan kung kaya naman. Mas hi-git na pagpapala ang makakamit. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 16, 42, 26, 53, 55 at satin white.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) Susuporta ka sa research. May posibilidad na maging share holder. Happy ka!

Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 39, 18, 28, 45, 55 at sapphire blue.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dic. 21) – Inaayunan ng pagkakataon ang pagtatayo ng negosyo. Magiging masaya ka. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 12, 26, 35, 55, 47 at tangerine.

CAPRICORN: (Dic. 22-Ene. 19) – Iwasan ang barkada. Pagtuunan ang pag-aaralan dahil para ito sa iyong kinabukasan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 42, 33, 26, 52, 12 at shocking pink.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) – Kailangan isa-legal ang mga papeles sa pagtatayo ng bagong negosyo. Huwag basta magtiwala sa iba. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 26, 42, 56, 12, 35 at dollar green.



From Pandemic Struggles to Business Success: The Better Days Story

and manually cut and assembled the boxes. Recognizing a growing demand among small businesses, they posted their packaging samples on Facebook Marketplace and began offering customized boxes to fellow entrepreneurs. Orders started to come in—initially in small quantities of three, five, or ten pieces. Unlike larger competitors that required minimum orders of 1,000 pieces, Rose and her partner accepted orders as low as 100 to 150 pieces. This customer-friendly approach attracted startup businesses seeking affordable packaging solutions. The increasing demand inspired them

to formally establish Better Days Packaging and Printing Services in 2021. Growing Through Opportunity and Support As their client base expanded, Rose sought additional capital to scale operations. A client of CARD SME Bank, Inc. since 2019, she obtained a loan that en-

abled the business to purchase additional machinery and increase production capacity. The investment proved crucial to the company’s growth. From handling small packaging orders, Better Days Packaging and Printing Services gradually expanded

into large-scale digital printing operations. Today, the company produces packaging materials, stickers, soft boxes, layouts, and other customized printing solutions for clients across the country. The business is now capable of fulfilling orders of up to 100,000 pieces and employs eight full-time staff members, one part-time worker, and additional project-based personnel during peak seasons.

Overcoming Challenges Like many growing enterprises, the journey was not without difficulties. Rose shared that managing and training young employees required patience and understanding. There were also periods when sales slowed. To address these challenges, the couple actively participated in seminars, conventions, and networking activities to promote their services and strengthen their business knowledge. They continuously upgraded their equipment and materials, eventually transitioning from photo paper to higher-quality fold-cote materials to meet growing customer demands. Giving Back to the Community Beyond business success, Rose and her team remain committed to community service. Better Days Packaging and Printing Services supports a children’s reading center in Biga, Silang, Cavite, and regularly participates in donation drives and fun-run-for-a-cause outreach activities organized by a Cavite-based organization. For Rose, entrepreneurship is not only about generating income but also about creating positive impact. Lessons from a Humble Beginning Looking back, Rose remembers the emotional

and financial challenges they faced during the early days of the pandemic. Resources were limited, and even transportation was a challenge. “You can start small if you really want to start a business,” she said. She emphasized that shifting from an employee mindset to an entrepreneurial one requires discipline, commitment, and a willingness to take risks. “Don’t expect that starting a business is the end of the journey. The real question is how you will keep it alive and sustain it,” she explained. Rose also encourages aspiring entrepreneurs to continue learning, remain open to new ideas, and maintain proper financial records. “Never stop improving yourself,” she said. “Because your growth drives the growth of your business.”

Recognition for Resilience Rose’s dedication and business discipline have not gone unnoticed. After more than seven years as a CARD MRI client, she was recognized with the Gawad Malikhain award during the Pagkilala sa Mga Likha ni Inay 2025, an event organized by CARD MRI to honor micro-entrepreneurs who demonstrate resilience, innovation, and positive community impact. From a PHP 500 bill found during one of the country’s most difficult periods to a thriving nationwide printing and packaging enterprise, Rose’s story demonstrates how determination, reinvestment, and continuous learning can transform a small opportunity into lasting success. What began as an unexpected blessing became the foundation of Better Days Packaging and Printing Services—a business built not only on opportunity, but also on perseverance, hard work,



SSS begins early June rollout of 2026.....

D. Go and SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said the agency is releasing approximately P6 billion in additional pension benefits from June to August 2026 to help pensioners cope with inflationary pressures and higher energy costs.

“We are releasing the second tranche of pension increases ahead of schedule to support millions of pensioners and their families, helping them meet their daily needs and enjoy greater financial security sooner,” Go said.

“With the early implementation, we hope to provide timely relief to our pensioners and their families as they continue to face every day financial challenges,” de Claro said.

He explained that SSS pensioners as of May 31, 2026, will be eligible to receive the pension hike beginning June 1, 2026, while those whose contin-

CITY OF BACOR LAUNCHES FREE...

The initiative was spearheaded by the Management Information Systems/E-Governance Office (MIS/E-Gov), headed by Mr. Lodgene Asuncion, in collaboration with the City Livelihood Office led by Ms. Carmelita Gawaran, in partnership with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) and ILCDB.

Among the programs launched during the event were the establishment of Free Public Internet Access sites, provision of ICT equipment for learning and productivity, opening of Level II Tech4Ed Digital Training Centers (DTC), and the rollout of SPARK Training Vouchers offering free technology and livelihood courses.

Present during the launch were Congresswoman Lani M. Revilla, Councilor Rey Palabrica, Councilor Noly Galvez, Councilor Horacio Brillantes, Atty. Carlo Paolo Murcia, Officer-in-Charge

agencies fall between June 1 and August 31, 2026, will receive their increased pension starting September 1, 2026.

Under the second tranche of the PRP, retirement and disability pensioners will receive a 10% increase in their monthly pensions, while death and survivor pensioners will receive a 5% increase.

“We recognize that rising prices and economic uncertainty continue to place pressure on Filipino families and businesses,” de Claro added. “Through the PRP, SSS ensures that our pensioners have access to timely, affordable and reliable financial support when they need it most.”

The PRP is the first-ever multi-year pension increase in SSS history. Under the program, pensioners will receive annual increases in their pensions every September from 2025 to 2027. #

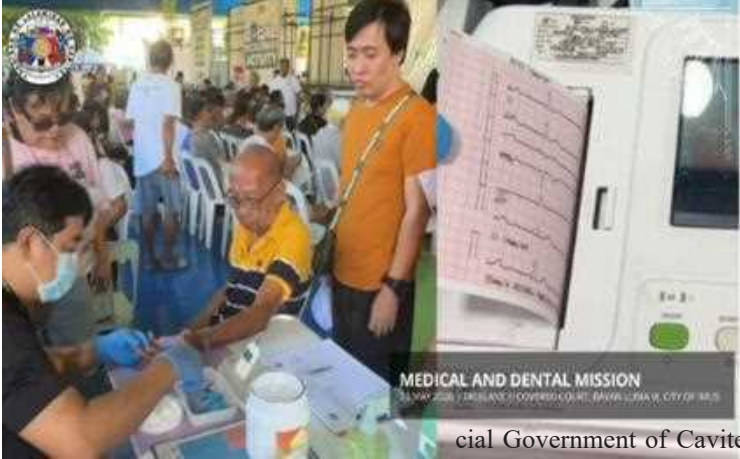
Imusenos Benefit from Medical and Dental Mission in Bayan Luma VI

IMUS CITY, Cavite — More than 1,100 residents of Imus City benefited from a medical and dental mission conducted through the collaborative efforts of the Provincial Government of Cavite and the Local Government Unit of Imus on May 23 at the Treelane III Covered Court in Barangay Bayan Luma VI.

A total of 1,141 Imusenos received free healthcare services during the outreach program, which aimed to bring accessible and quality medical assistance closer to the community.

Healthcare professionals from the Imus City Health Office provided free medical consultations and dental services to residents. Patients were also given proper medical advice and guidance regarding their health conditions and concerns.

Additional diagnostic services, including fasting blood sugar (FBS) and electrocardiogram (ECG) tests, were made available through the LAB for ALL Van. These tests helped medical professionals further assess and identify patients’ health conditions for appropriate treatment and care.



Following the consultations, the mission team from the Office of the Provincial Governor distributed prescribed medicines and vitamins to the beneficiaries.

Present during the activity were Imus City Mayor Alex Advincula, Congressman AJ Advincula, and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, who expressed their gratitude to the Provin-

cial Government of Cavite for continuously extending healthcare services to the people of Imus.

The successful outreach program highlighted the continued commitment of both the provincial and local governments to promote accessible healthcare and improve the well-being of Imusenos.

Mayor Ted Caranza, Nagpasalamat sa Silang Masonic Lodge 416 para sa Brigada Eskwela



Nagpahayag ng pasasalamat si Ted Carranza sa inisyatibo ng Silang Masonic Lodge 416 na makiisa sa nalalapit na pagbubukas ng School Year 2026–2027 sa pamamagitan ng pagsasagawa ng Brigada Eskwela sa Biluso Elementary School.

Layunin ng aktibidad na matulungan ang paaralan sa paghahanda para sa panibagong taong panuruan at masiguro ang maayos at ligtas na kapaligiran para sa mga mag-aaral at guro.

Bukod sa paglilinis at pagsasaayos ng paaralan, namahagi rin ang grupo ng libreng school supplies sa mga

estudyante bilang suporta sa kanilang pag-aaral at paghahanda sa pagbabalik-eskwela.

Pinuri ni Mayor Carranza ang patuloy na pakikiisa ng iba’t ibang organisasyon at sektor ng komunidad sa mga programang pang-edukasyon ng bayan. Aniya, mahalaga ang pagtutulungan ng pamahalaan at pribadong sektor upang mas mapalakas ang suporta sa kabataang Silangueño.

Ang Brigada Eskwela ay taunang programa na naghihiikayat sa sama-samang pagkilos ng komunidad upang maging handa ang mga paaralan bago magsimula ang klase.

