

Gov't, firms sign contracts for portions of North-South Commuter Railway

MANILA, Philippines — The government and private companies signed Thursday contracts for portions of the 56-kilometer North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) connecting Malolos, Bulacan with Clark International Airport and Tutuban with Calamba.



President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. led the ceremonial signing of South Commuter Section Contract Packages (CP) S-02, which involves the construction of railway tracks and stations along España, Sta. Mesa and Paco, and CP S-03B, which involves building a tunnel linking the NSCR with the Metro Manila Subway Project.

“We expect not only decongestion along our main thoroughfares especially within Metro Manila, but also faster travel times for commuters in general,” Marcos said.

“All in all, it promises speedier transactions, more quality time and improve quality of life for all.”

He added, “The railway will also spur economic

activities in the interconnected regions and in all the areas in between. Moreover, it will promote environmental sustainability and public health.”

Marcos said once the NSCR is completed, travel time from the Clark airport to Calamba will be reduced to just two hours.

The Department of Transportation awarded in March CP S-02 with almost P29 billion to the joint venture of Acciona Construction Philippines Inc.—the local unit of a Spanish multinational—and D.M. Consunji Inc.

The P23.92 billion CP S-03B, meanwhile, was awarded in February to the joint venture of engineering giant First Balfour Inc. and Hong Kong-based Leighton Asia.

DICT: No more SIM registration extension

INFORMATION and Communications Technology Secretary Ivan John Uy warned subscribers not to expect another extension of the SIM card registration.

“Please register. You are already given 90 days more to register,” Uy said in a radio interview.

“This is the final extension because the law does not give us an authority to extend again,” he added.

Uy also said that they were seeking to register a little more than 100 million of the 168,016,400 “legitimate” users. This means that the rest are just “active” subscriber identification modules being used for scams.

He added that they were targeting the remaining 20 million SIM card

holders to register during the 90-day extension period.

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According to data from the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) as of April 24, 2023, 87,442,982 SIMs had been registered of the 168,016,400 active subscribers.

Smart Communications leads with 41,619,316 of their 66,304,761 or 62.77 percent subscribers registered.



Globe Telecoms has 39,894,099 of the 86,746,672 subscribers or 45.99 percent registered.

Meanwhile, DITO Telecommunity has 5,929,567 of the 14,964,967 subscribers who have successfully registered or 39.62 percent.

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“The 52 percent is

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Marcos forms Water Resources Management Office in DENR

TO avert the looming water crisis in the country, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has signed an executive order (EO) creating the Water Resources Management Office (WRMO) in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).



The President signed on Thursday, April 27, EO 22, which mandates the WRMO to “ensure the immediate implementation of the Integrated Water Resources Management in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and formulate a corresponding Water Resources Master Plan (IWMP).”

The EO was created to address the challenges that affect the management of water resources in the country, particularly with the increasing demand for water due to population and economic growth, impacts of climate change and the actually misleading,” Uy said.

“Based on experience with other countries’ SIM registration, they expected 70 percent of the SIMs would be actively used. The rest were being used for scams or telemarketing. So, at 70 percent, we are looking at 100-110 million SIM card owners, and we are now at 82 million,” he said.

Uy said the unregistered stands at 20 percent.

He lamented, though, that due to the extension,

the lack of adequate infrastructure leading to uneven distribution of water resources, among others.

“To avert water crisis, minimize and avoid conflicts, and consistent with the State’s sole ownership and control over the country’s water resources, it is imperative for the Government to integrate and harmonize the policies, programs, and projects of all relevant agencies in the water resource sector in the fulfillment of their complementary governmental mandates,” the EO read.

The WRMO is also the scammers, who have significantly reduced their operations, could still use the remaining days to try and scam people anew.

Uy assessed the initial registration, which was supposed to end on April 26, as “very successful.”

“We expect the remaining unregistered SIM owners to take advantage of the situation. The correct description of the targeted population is legitimate users and they are 100 million up,” he said.

tasked to “shepherd and champion, together with the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office, the passage of a law creating an apex body such as the proposed Department of Water and/or a regulatory commission on water.”

It is also directed to integrate into the IWMP the various plans of agencies, which include the Philippine Development Plan, the Philippine Water Supply and Sanitation Master Plan, and the National Water Resources Board Security Master Plan.

The WRMO is further tasked to “generate and maintain credible and timely water and sanitation data to aid in evidence-based policy-making, regulations, planning, and implementation.”

It will be headed by an undersecretary to be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the DENR secretary.

House members divided

Members of the House of Representatives also weighed in on the 90-day extension of the mandatory SIM registration beyond the April 26 deadline.

Ako Bicol party-list Rep. Elizaldy Co expressed his gratitude to President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. for supporting the recommendation of the Department of Information and Commu-

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DOTR, DICT sign pact to establish integrated e-governance system



MANILA – The Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) signed a memorandum of understanding that aims to better manage transport infrastructure projects. *see page 2...*

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY OF LIVESTOCK AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVE



Naging matagumpay ang Groundbreaking Ceremony ng Silang Livestock Agriculture Cooperative na bahagi ng INSPIRE Pro-

gram na ginanap sa Brgy. Litlit Silang, Cavite noong April 28 2023, na dinaluhan ng ating alkalde, Atty. Kevin A. Anarna,

Sangguniang Bayan Members, Municipal Agriculturist Adelia V. Poblete, Agriculture Consultant Noli *see page 6...*

Alert level system still under review by IATF: DOH

MANILA – The Department of Health on Wednesday said the alert level system (ALS) is still under review by the Inter-Agency Task Force for Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF).

In a public advisory, the DOH noted that it has previously recommended for the alert levels to be similar to typhoon warnings and a guidance system in the future.

This, after a post on false ALS restrictions in Metro Manila is circulating online. The post said that Metro Manila has been placed under alert level 1 until April 30, 2023 per IATF Resolution No. 6-C series 2023 and the public must wear face mask at all times.

“At present, Metro Manila is still under Alert Level 1, which means restrictions remain to be in the status quo,” the DOH said.

Earlier, DOH officer-in-charge Maria Rosario Vergeire said they are not considering making face



mask-wearing voluntary despite the recorded rise in Covid-19 cases.

She said the public should assess and know when to wear face masks especially when they belong to the A1 (senior citizens) and A3 (persons with comorbidities) populations.

“The ALS continues to provide guidance for every Filipino through the

IATF recommendations sent to the Office of the President, this is so that each may equip themselves with better layers of protection against Covid-19,” the DOH said.

It added that the local government units have the jurisdiction to require certain health protocols in their communities through local ordinances. (PNA)

POLICE CLEARANCE MERON NA SA SM BACCOOR

Ngayong araw ginanap ang Ceremonial Launching of National Police Clearance sa SM City Bacoor na dinaluhan ni Vice Mayor Rowena B. Mendiola at ibang mga opisyal ng Philippine National Police (PNP) at kinatawan ng SM Bacoor.



Layunin ng programang ito na mailapit sa ating mga kababayan ang serbisyo ng PNP para mas mapadali ang pagkuha ng Police Clearance dahil hindi mo na kailangang pumunta sa City Hall o Police Station para kumuwa nito.

Dumalo sa seremonyal sila PMGEN. ELISEO DC CRUZ, PLTCOL. RUTHER D. SAQUILAYAN, Cavite, Provincial Director PCOL. CHRISTOPHER F. OLAZO, PCOL NOEL R. SANDOVAL, PLCOL. JERRY V. EMPIZO, PBGEN. CARLITO M. GACES, PCOL. NOEL M. FERMIN, PCAP. ALEXANDER S. MICOSA, PLCOL. JOHN ERIC B. ANTONIO, Ms. Rachel Queenie B. Dizon-Rodulfo, Mr. Dennis M. Martel, Mr. Mark Anthony L. Caballero, Mr. Basillio D. Abano III, Ms. Jobelle E. Carreon na kumatawan sa SM City Bacoor.

Patuloy ang pagtutulungan ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa pangunguna ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla at ng Philippine National Police para maibigay ang serbisyonang kailangan ng ating mga kababayang Bacooreño.

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Mga tips kapag nagkasprain at fractures ang mga paa

Payo ni Doc Willie Ong



Nangyayari ang sprain kapag ang litid na nagkokonekta sa isang buto sa kasu-kasuan ay nabanat o napunit. Ang karaniwang naapektuhan nito ay ang sakong.

Mga dapat gawin kung nagkaroon ng sprain:

1. Ipahinga ang napilay na parte ng dalawang araw.
2. Lagyan ng cold compress o yelo.
3. Kung nakahiga, itaas ang bahaging paa para hindi masyadong mamaga.

Fractures o bali sa paa—Ang stress fracture sa paa ay gaya ng hairline crack sa buto. Kadalasan ito ay dahil sa paulit-ulit na paggamit ng pwersa, tulad ng paulit-ulit na pag-talon pataas at pababa o ang pagtakbo na ginagamitan nang malakas na impact gaya ng basketball o track and field.

Mga dapat gawin:

1. Hayaan munang gumaling ang fracture na hindi bababa sa 1 buwan.
2. Gumamit ng tungkod base kung saan ang apektadong bahagi.
3. Iwasan muna ang mga gawain na ginagamitan ng malakas na impact sa loob ng 6 na linggo hanggang mga ilang buwan, base sa lokasyon ng apektadong bahagi at payo ng iyong doktor.

Achilles tendinitis—Ito ay ang pamamaga sa Achilles tendon, na kumukonekta sa masel ng binti at buto sa sakong.

Ang sakit ay kadalasang nakukuha sa pagtakbo at sobrang paggamit o ehersisyo. Nagkakaroon ng pamamaga ang Achilles tendon kaya makararamdam ng matinding kirot lalo na kung tumatakbo o tumatalon.

Mga dapat gawin:

1. Magsuot ng sapatos na malambot ang suwelas sa tuwing tatakbo. Iwasan ang pag-akyat at baba sa matataas na lugar.
2. Iwasan ang mabigat na impact sa iyong sakong sa loob ng ilang araw.
3. I-stretch araw-araw ang kalamnan o masel ng binti.

Bunion sa hinlalaki—Ang bunion ay isang abnormal, na matigas na bukol na nabubuo sa ibaba ng hinlalaki ng paa. Lumaki ang joint ng hinlalaki na nakausli sa tabi, kaya pinipilit itulak at magdikit-dikit ang ibang daliri ng paa. Parang nakabukol palabas ang gilid ng iyong paa kaya mahirap magsuot ng sapatos.

Ang maling sukat ng sapatos na isinusuot o ang namamanang depektong porma ay kadalasang dahilan ng ganitong kondisyon. Ang bunion ay nagiging napakasakit kung magsusuot ng masikip na sapatos at magkakaroon ng kalyo.

Mga dapat gawin:

1. Magsuot ng sapatos na mayroong maluwig na entrada at gawa sa soft leather.
2. Bumili ng sapatos na i-stretch o luwagan sa bahagi na may bunion.
3. Magsuot ng sandals o magagaan na sapatos tuwing tag-init.
4. Kung malaki ang depekto ng paa, kinakailangan ng sapatos na sadyang ginawa para rito.

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struction of these projects will not only keep us on track, but also ensure adherence to high standards of safety, comfort, reliability, and efficiency," Bautista said.

The initiative will also facilitate the integration and interconnection of pertinent systems and applications.

Under the MOU, the DICT will help the DOTr identify and develop new and existing systems and applications to ensure the efficient delivery of public service through e-governance.

E-governance is the use of technology by pushing digitalization to streamline the delivery of government services, making them more accessible, efficient, and transparent to citizens.

"The MOU signing ceremony signals the start of a significant partnership that should help elevate our transport projects to world-class standards," Bautista said.

Several other government agencies also signed the MOU.

With the agreement, the agencies will work with the DICT to streamline the processes. (PNA)

Church org says wage hike petitions just, dignified

MANILA – The Church People-Workers Solidarity (CWS), an ecumenical organization in support of workers' rights and welfare, supports the call of workers for salary adjustments.

In a statement, CWS chairperson Bishop Gerardo Alminaza of the Diocese of San Carlos in Negros Occidental said Friday that workers' demand for living wages is just and legitimate amid the rising inflation rate.

"CWS strongly emphasizes the justness, urgency, and doability of living wage in the midst of economic hardships," he said. "Therefore, CWS supports the clamor of labor unions in the country for substantial wage increase."

Alminaza noted that the rising cost of living and the insufficient wage are forcing workers to work more than 12 hours a day for an extra income to provide for their family.

"Based on dignity, workers have a legitimate claim to those essential material goods that meet basic needs for food, clothing, shelter, health, education, security, and rest," Alminaza said.

He added that the approval of salary hikes is feasible since there are pending measures for wage increase and pending petitions for salary adjustments.

"We support bills filed by lawmakers for a substantial wage increase. CWS also supports initiatives by progressive labor groups to demand for wage increase," Alminaza said.

The decision to issue new wage orders is under the jurisdiction of Regional

Tripartite Wages and Productivity Boards under the Department of Labor and Employment.

In Metro Manila, the Kapatiran ng mga Unyon at Samahang Manggagawa is asking for a PHP100-wage adjustment while the Unity for Wage Increase Now is seeking an increase of PHP571.

In Calabarzon, the Organisasyon ng mga Manggagawa sa EMI and the Metal Workers Alliance of the Philippines want salary adjustments of PHP100 and PHP280, respectively; the United Labor-Western Visayas and the Iloilo Pepsi Cola Workers Independent Union are asking an increase of PHP100 in separate petitions; and in Central Visayas, Cebu Labor Coalition and the Partido Manggagawa have petitioned for an increase of PHPP292.50 and PHP100, respectively.

All set for NegOr Labor Day caravan

Meanwhile, all is set for a massive celebration of Labor Day on May 1 in Negros Oriental with several activities highlighting the occasion, an official of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) here said Friday.

Ma. Teresa Tanquiamco, DOLE-Negros Oriental provincial director, told the Philippine News Agency that several activities are lined up for the celebration in cooperation with various government agencies.

These include a local and overseas jobs fair, KADIWA (Kadiwa sa Pangulo Para sa Manggagawa), Diskwento Caravan, TUPAD (Tulong Panghanapbuhay Sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers) program payout, business and wellness coaching, sports, and raffle/door prizes, among others.

A motorcade will signal the start of the whole-day activity in Dumaguete city, to be followed by the Labor Day commemorative program at the Lamberto Macias Sports Center.

The theme for this year's Labor Day celebration is "Pabahay, Bilihin Abot Presyo, Benepisyo ng Matatag na Trabaho Para sa Manggagawang Pilipino". (With a report from Mary Judaline Partlow, PNA)



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Everything you need to know about NCR single ticketing system

The single ticketing system for the National Capital Region (NCR) is a huge deal for Metro Manila's traffic system. First planned out in the early-'90s, it is finally coming into reality after the Metro Manila mayors approved its implementation during the Metro Manila Council meeting held last **February 1, 2023**. The single ticketing system is to be implemented by **May 2, 2023**, and here's what you need to know about it.



What is the single ticketing system?

The single ticketing system is to be implemented under the Metro Manila Traffic Code of 2023 that is based on MMDA Resolution No. 23-02. Its main objective is to "harmonize the existing national and local laws on traffic enforcement to establish effective transport and traffic management in Metro Manila". It also allows motorists who have been cited for traffic violations to settle their penalties anywhere, regardless of where they were apprehended within NCR.

Why was single ticketing system created?

Per the MMDA, the single ticket system helps the agency, the local government units, and the LTO when it comes to the process of apprehending traffic violators through inter-agency cooperation. These include the payment of fines, along with the redemption of driver's licenses and license plates.

The single ticketing system also wants to prevent "instances of uncoordinated implementation of traffic laws" that causes confusion for the driving public. Don Artes, acting chairman of the MMDA, added that this system will "help minimize corruption and eradicate forms of negotiations between the motorist and the officer".

What are the cities covered by single ticketing system in the pilot program?

Before its implementation regionwide, the single ticketing system will run a pilot program in seven cities. These are San Juan, Muntinlupa, Quezon City, Valenzuela, Parañaque, Manila and Caloocan. "The pilot testing will be done so the next LGUs that will be onboard will roll out their respective systems seamlessly," said Artes.

There was no mention of the pilot program period at the time of writing, but the MMDA will make an announcement when the system will be applied for the whole of NCR.

What are the fines and violations under the single ticketing system?

The violations included in the single ticketing system traffic are comprised of the most common offenses committed in Metro Manila. See the list below for the violations and corresponding penalties:

- Disregarding traffic signs - P1,000
- Illegal parking (attended) - P1,000
- Illegal parking (unattended) - P2,000
- Number coding scheme violation - P500

- Truck ban - P3,000
 - Light truck ban - P2,000
 - Reckless driving - P1,000 (first offense), P2,000 (second offense), P2,000 with seminar (third and subsequent offenses)
 - Tricycle ban - P500
 - Obstruction - P1,000
 - Dress code for motorcycles - P500 (first offense), P750 (second offense), P1,000 (third and subsequent offenses)
 - Overloading - P1,000
 - Defective motor vehicle accessories - P1,000
 - Unauthorized modifications - P2,000
 - Arrogance/discourteous conduct - P500
 - Loading and unloading in prohibited zones - P1,000
 - Illegal counterflow - P2,000 (first offense), P5,000 (second and subsequent offenses)
 - Overspeeding - P1,000
 - Failure to use seatbelt - P1,000
 - Failure to use child restraint system (CRS) - P1,000 (first offense), P2,000 (second offense), P5,000 (third and subsequent offenses)
 - Use of substandard CRS - P1,000 (first offense), P3,000 (second offense), P5,000 (third and subsequent offenses)
 - No motorcycle helmet - P1,500 (first offense), P3,000 (second offense), P5,000 (third offense), P10,000 (fourth and subsequent offenses)
 - Use of helmet with no ICC markings - P3,000 (first offense), P5,000 (second and subsequent offenses)
 - Violation of Children's Safety on Motorcycles Act - P3,000 (first offense), P5,000 (second offense), P10,000 (third and subsequent offenses)
- These fines and violations are according to the Metro Manila Traffic Code of 2023.

How do you settle single ticketing system violations?

There are three ways to pay for fines covered under the single ticketing system. The first one is through any Bayad Center branch, including the ones located outside Metro Manila. That means motorists based outside of NCR no longer need to drive into the city to settle the violation.

The second option is through a Point of Sale (POS) system that the MMDA will provide to its constables. This gives the motorist the option of paying the fine on the spot. The final option is through digital payment platforms or e-wallets (ex. Maya, GCash, mobile banking apps, etc.).



GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) – Hindi mo pagsisisihan sa pagpili ng mangi-ngibig kung puso at utak ang gagamitin. Kung sasabayan ang init ng panahon, makakahanap ng katapat. Kung papatulan ang mang-aasar o mangu-ngulit, tiyak may hindi inaasahang mangyayari. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 15, 24, 39, 42 at red.

GEMINI: (May.21-Hun. 21) – Tiyakin na maging presentable ang sarili dahil may mga tao kang makakaharap. Huwag patulan ang aburido. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 2, 18, 23, 41 at maroon.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) – Ang isang kabiguan ay magbibigay sa iyo ng magandang aral. Napapanahong magkaroon ng mga bagong kaibigan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 5, 10, 29, 33 at brown.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) – Magpakatotoo ka at tiyak mas kagigiliwan ng mga taong nakapaligid sa'yo. Kung may kinaiinisan, huwag na magsalita. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 10, 24, 31, 40 at yellow.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) – Ngayon mo lalong makikilala ng lubusan ang iyong kasuyo. Mauunawaan mo kung bakit kakaiba ang gawi niya. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 18, 25, 39, 43 at blue.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) – Masigla ka sa umaga ngunit may problema sa dapit- hapon. Mapupuno ng inis sa iyo ang ilang katrabaho, magpakabait. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 3, 10, 26, 37 at jade green.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) – Makakabuting manahimik na lamang kung inis ka pa. Ang mga praktikal na bagay ang dapat ipairal ngayon. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 17, 25, 36, 38 at red.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dic. 21) – Tanging ang pagkamaalalahanin at pagkamahinahon ang hahadlang sa namumoong hidwaan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 6, 18, 22, 34 at ruby red.

CAPRICORN: (Dic. 22-Ene. 19) – Hindi tamang sisihin ang taong nakagawa ng kapalpakan, bagkus turuan ng tama at ipaliwanag na hindi na dapat maulit. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 20, 29, 34, 42 at yellow.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) – Mag-ingat kung nagmamaneho ng sasak-yan. Iwasan umawat kung may nag-aaway. Pumirmi sa bahay. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 8, 23, 28, 39 at gray.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) – Bigyan mo ng pansin ang trabaho kaysa ang alitan sa iyong minamahal. Paghupa ng init ulo, matinding lambingan ang kasunod. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 5, 22, 36, 39 at aquamarine.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) – Kung may galit sa kapwa o may problema sa ibang tao, bigyan ng sapat na panahon para mapa-kalma ang sarili. Relax! Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 11, 23, 29, 38 at avocado green.

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ASIA UNITED BANK CORPORATION,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

SHYNE JOSELLE M. PROVENDIDO represented
by her Attorney-In-Fact, NIMFA M. PROVENDIDO,
Respondents/Mortgagors.

File No. FC-DC-0600-23
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OR 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, **ASIA UNITED BANK CORPORATION**, with postal address at Joy-Nostalg Center, 17 ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City against the respondents/mortgagors **SHYNE JOSELLE M. PROVENDIDO represented by her Attorney-In-Fact, NIMFA M. PROVENDIDO**, with postal addresses at Block 11, Lot 33, Phase 3, Mabuhay Homes, Paliparan II, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and Block 4, Lot 10, Nostalji Enclave, Brgy. Paliparan I, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 24 February 2023 amounts to **TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY PESOS & 60/100 (Php2,253,590.60)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **June 01, 2023 at 10:00 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. 057-2022006185

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

LOT NO: 10 BLOCK NO: 4 PLAN NO: PCS-04-028059
PORTION OF: LOT 7545-D-1, PSD-04-127272; 7545-L, 7545-N,

7545-R, (VS-04-000636) BSD-04-000914 (OLT)
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PALIPARAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARINAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON.

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	ROADL LOT 3, PCS-04-028059
2-3	SE	LOT 11, BLOCK 4, PCS-04-028059
3-4	SW	EASEMENT-24, PCS-04-028059
4-1	NW	LOT 9, BLOCK 4, PCS-04-028059

TIE POINT: MON. NO. 153, IMUS ESTATE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	S. 83 ° 22' E	2797.88 M.
1-2	S. 60 ° 32' E	9.00 M.
2-3	S. 29 ° 28' W	10.00 M.
3-4	N. 60 ° 32' W	9.00 M.
4-1	N. 29 ° 28' E	10.00 M.

AREA: NINETY SQUARE METERS (90), MORE OR LESS

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **June 15, 2023**, at the same time and place without further notice.

18 April 2023, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.
Sheriff IV

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

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GROUND BREAKING..

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Poblete, Municipal Economic and Investment Promotions Officer, Mrs. Cynthia Belen Cortez, DA Agricultural Training Institute Rep. Remelyn R. Recotor, National Livestock Program Director Dr. Ruth S Miclat, Provincial Veterinarian Dr. May M. Magno, General Manager of Silang Livestock Agriculture Cooperative Mr. Lynil Torres, Sangguniang Barangay at iba pa.

Ang nasabing programa ay nagmula sa National Government na naglalayong palawigin ang ating livestock dito sa ating bayan kung saan 10M ang ibinabang pondo para rito. Nagpasalamat rin ang ating Alkalde sa programang ito na makapagbigay ng pag-asa sa ating mga kababayan na gustong mapaunlad ang kaalaman sa pag-aalaga ng livestock.



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nications Technology (DICT) to extend the registration.

"The 90-day leeway should not mean another excuse for SIM subscribers to wait until the last few days of the extension before they register. SIM subscribers must realize that their SIM phone numbers are means of identification and access to essential services as the country becomes more digital," Co said.

He emphasized that for the House of Representatives, led by House Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez, one of their main worries was the "disenfranchisement" of the poor and marginalized who have problems registering for SIM cards.

"We do not want them to be shut out of telco service because of their inherent problems stemming from being poor and marginalized," Co said.

"Assistance must be given, especially to senior citizens who are unfamiliar with technical matters, persons with disabilities, and persons with special needs who have inherent handicaps that make them unable to follow online instructions," he added.

Camarines Sur Rep. Luis Raymund "LRay" Villafuerte said the government had wisely refrained from excluding the vast number of Filipinos, who possess the majority of the more than 100 million SIM cards that are still unregistered, from digital and financial inclusion.

Villafuerte was a co-author of Republic Act (RA) 11934, which requires SIM card registration.

House Deputy Minority Leader and ACT Teachers party-list Rep. France Castro indicated that they were still opposed to the SIM card registration law because they felt it was an invasion of privacy.

"The 90-day extension of the SIM card registration means that the government and the telcos blinked. It seems that more than half of SIM card holders are against registering them, or the government's effort in convincing them is extremely lacking," Castro said.

Gabriela party-list Rep. Arlene Brosas said that the 90-day extension would not address the law's basic flaws and that there was no sufficient guarantee in the law that public telecommunications providers would not utilize registrants' personal information for marketing or transactions with third parties.

"The risk of exposing the personal information of millions of Filipinos to third parties, scammers, and syndicates remains at the core of the SIM registration law despite the extension," Brosas said.

Gabriela, together with the Makabayan bloc, voted against the SIM registration bill being approved by the House of Representatives on third reading.

SMC Super Bridge: San Miguel to link Mindoro and Batangas

Motorists that need to get from Batangas to Oriental Mindoro (and vice versa) may no longer have to rely on RoRo (Roll-on/Roll-off) vessels in order to make the journey in the near future.

This comes after San Miguel Corporation (SMC) announced they are in talks with the local government of Mindoro through Governor Humerlito Dolor to build a 15-km “super bridge” that will link the island with mainland Luzon through Batangas.

The project, which is included in the ten programs of the Marcos Administration for public-private partnership (PPP), was first proposed by Oriental Mindoro Cong. Alfonso Umali in 2015. Today, it is currently being pushed by Gov. Dolor in a bid to spur growth and development in Oriental Mindoro and the entire MIMAROPA region.

“We have started bringing together global experts across disciplines,



including a European architectural and engineering firm to do a technical feasibility study on how the bridge can be built sustainably to benefit both people and the environment,” said Ramon S. Ang, president & CEO of SMC.

Ang added that since his last meeting with Gov. Dolor late last year, SMC has engaged the services of a local company to initially do a bathymetric survey to measure water depth. As for the bridge itself, it will start at Barangay Ilijan in Batangas, pass through Verde Island, and then land in Barangay Sinandigan in Puerto Galera.

“We thank Gov. Dolor for pursuing this game-changing project and considering our company to be able to deliver a world-class bridge. It has faced a series of setbacks over the years but we hope that together we can finally bring the vision to fruition,” added Ang.

Once completed, the 15-km bridge is seen to result in faster and more efficient transport of people and goods and spur local economic growth through job generation. It’s also seen to deliver higher investments and optimization of basic services such as water, power, and telecommunications, among others.

HAPAG SA BARANGAY PROJECT NG DILG, INILUNSA NA SA IMUS

BREAKING: Sa pagtutulungan ng Imus City Agriculture Services Office at ng Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Imus, inilunsad na sa Lungsod ng Imus ang Halina’t Magtanim ng Prutas (HAPAG) sa Barangay Project noong Huwebes, Abril 20, sa Brgy. Malagasang 1-G.



Tampok dito ang iba’t ibang mga tanim na gulay at prutas sa Community Garden ng nasabing barangay.

Dinaluhan ito nina Committee Chairperson on Agriculture Konsehal Totie Ropeta, ABC President David Sapitan Jr., CLGOO Joseph Ryan Geronimo, City Administrator Hertito Monzon bilang kinatawan ni City Mayor Alex “AA” L. Advincula, Mr. Jose Rafael Alarcon bilang kinatawan ni City Vice Mayor Homer Saquilayan, City Agriculturist Robert Marges, Kapitan Mark Oliver Valerio, at iba pang mga punong barangay

ng Cluster 9.

Sa kasalukuyan, 14 na barangay ang nakikinabang sa proyektong ito. Layon ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus na maipatupad ito sa 97 barangay sa lungsod.

Ang HAPAG sa Barangay Project ng DILG ay isa sa mga isinusulong na solusyon ng pamahalaan sa kawalan ng katiyakan sa pagkain at sa pagpapatibay ng seguridad sa pagkain.

#AAngatAngImus



Solon: K3 curriculum to result in exponential learning growth

MANILA – The House Committee on Basic Education and Culture on Wednesday agreed on the proposed merging of subjects in the Kinder to Grade 3 (K-3) curriculum, saying it may result in exponential learning growth of learners.

In the Laging Handa public briefing, House Committee on Basic Education and Culture chairperson Rep. Roman Romulo said this will mean more time and opportunity to focus on “functional literacy.”

“Agree po ako fully doon sa bagong [proposal], alam niyo po matagal na po naming sinasabi, pagdating sa Grades 1 to 3, kailangan nating bawasan ang subject. Kailangan pong mag-focus tayo sa functional literacy at sa reading, reading, reading, at sa mathematics (I fully agree with the new proposal, you know, we have been saying that for so long that when it comes to Grades 1 to 3, we need to reduce the subjects. We need to focus on functional literacy and reading, reading, reading, and mathematics),” he said.

The Department of Education (DepEd) earlier proposed a draft intending to merge Araling Panlipunan (social studies) and the Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health (MAPEH) which shall be called Sibika, Kultura, Kasaysayan at Kagalingang Pangkatawan (SIKaP).

The DepEd said the integration hopes to provide learners and teachers “ample time to strengthen functional literacy,” as well as to help learners develop personal and cultural consciousness.

For Romulo, such strategy shall be beneficial in addressing challenges among learners particularly in reading comprehension.

“Kasi kailangan talaga ‘yung ating mga mag-aaral ay matutukan



natin ang reading comprehension at mathematics at siyempre ‘yung pakikitungo nang tama sa ibang tao, kasama po talaga ‘yan (Because we truly need to help our learners focus on reading comprehension and mathematics, and of course, their proper interaction with others, that’s included),” he added.

School calendar

Meanwhile, the legislator underscored the need for the DepEd to carefully assess the proposed reverting to the original school calendar due to extreme heat.

“Talagang napakainit po. Hindi naman natin made-deny ‘yun. Kaya talagang may discomfort sa pagpasok, pero ‘wag din nating kalimutan na pagka tag-ulan naman ay mayroon ding kaakibat na challenges ‘yan (It’s indeed hot, we can’t deny that. That’s why there’s discomfort in attending classes but we should not also forget the rainy season has its own challenges),” Romulo said.

“Kapag may baha, kapag malakas ang ulan, may bagyo, marami ring nagkakasakit sa mga panahon na ‘yun (If there’s flooding, if there’s heavy rain, a storm, many are also getting sick during that sea-

son),” he said.

He added that if the school break shall be reverted to April and May, significant considerations must be made.

Romulo said the DepEd must consider important factors, such as the school’s resilience to typhoons and flooding, safety and health of learners, continuity of learning activities amid rainy season, and the matching of school calendars with higher education institutions (HEIs).

He said the department must coordinate with the Commission on Higher Education since some HEIs have already shifted its academic calendars.

The DepEd has assured the public it is already studying the setup that will be ideal for the learning environment.

DepEd spokesperson Michael Poa also insisted that school heads have the discretion to suspend in-person classes and shift to alternative delivery modes (ADMs).

The DepEd, however, said the proposed acquisition of air conditioners for each classroom in all public schools is not feasible considering the budget restrictions of the education sector. (PNA)



Proactive governance crucial in public financial mgt – DBM chief



Budget Secretary Amenah Pangandaman (File photo) MANILA – Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Secretary Amenah Pangandaman on Wednesday said the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has pursued proactive governance in the 2023 national budget by prioritizing digital transformation and e-governance.

During her keynote speech at the 1st Philippine Association for Government Budget Administration (PAGBA) seminar in Baguio City, Pangandaman said funding the digital transformation in the Philippine bureaucracy would ensure faster and transparent delivery of government services, as well as better engagement with the public.

“In line with the PDP (Philippine Development Plan)

and the 8-point Socioeconomic Agenda, we embraced proactive governance in the 2023 National Budget. Amounting to PHP5.268 trillion, it prioritizes digital transformation and e-governance,” Pangandaman said.

“The end goal is to improve awareness, responsiveness, and performance while fighting corruption and deepening stakeholder participation and transparency in our systems and processes,” she added.

She also urged government budget administrators to be proactive in responding to the challenges in implementing innovation and technologies to public financial management (PFM).

“Being proactive is crucial in responding to the continuing challenges of innovations and technology to public financial management. As such, it is incumbent upon us to build our capacities for proactive governance as we tread an increasingly competitive, volatile, and innovation-driven world,” she said.

Pangandaman delivered her keynote message to around 2,500 PAGBA members, composed of public fiscal practitioners from national government agencies, Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), state colleges and universities and local government units.

The four-day PAGBA seminar will be held until April 29. (PNA)

Solon: Empowerment should be part of women’s rights

MANILA – The Senate’s responsibility in promoting women’s rights and addressing gender-differentiated needs should extend beyond crafting laws.

Senator Risa Hontiveros said they must ensure that more women occupy leadership positions.

“We shouldn’t just stop at passing laws for our women. We should make it our responsibility to ensure that more women are also in leadership positions, more women who intimately know the lived experiences of being a woman,” she said in a news release on Tuesday.

“When we have the different perspectives of different kinds of women in decision-making spaces and in all levels of governance, we would be more able to live out true gender equality and empowerment for all.”

Hontiveros is representing the Philippines in the Global Conference of Parliamentarians on Population and Development in Tokyo, Japan on April 24-26.

The event is organized by the Asian Population and Development Association,



Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development Japan and Parliamentarians Federation for Population, and supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, United Nations Population Fund, and Japan Trust Fund.

Hontiveros, chairperson of the Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations, and Gender Equality, also said the coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) has exposed the social inequalities that exacerbated the gaps and challenges facing women’s rights and gender equality in the Philippines.

“Our country was known to have the longest and strictest lockdown in the world. The consequences of this were most felt by the most

vulnerable among us, especially our women and children,” she said.

Hontiveros has filed the Gender Responsive and Inclusive Emergency Management Act to prevent and respond to the gendered issues that women and girls face.

The bill aims to craft a national preparedness and response plan that addresses the differentiated issues and needs of women; prioritize women and girls in emergency response, especially those who are at the most risk; strengthen gender-based violence preparedness and re-

sponse systems by ensuring that gender-based violence services remain accessible and unimpeded; guarantee the availability of sexual and reproductive health goods and services; ensure the continuity and availability of mental health services; improve education systems’ responsiveness to emergencies that consider the obstacles in education; and institutionalize protections for women migrant workers and their children, rural and indigenous women, and locally stranded women.

“This bill arises at a critical time as we begin to see the end of Covid-19 policies in our country. It is an opportune time to revisit our country’s emergency management system to determine whether or not the more vulnerable among us falls through the cracks,” she said in her sponsorship speech on March 8, the International Women’s Day. (With a report from Leonel Abasola/PNA)



AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **CASTORA LAGMAY**, who died without will or testament, that during her lifetime, she left a parcel of land which is describe as follows; ‘A 1.5 hectares, more or less, portion of Lot No. 59, with a total area of One Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy Four (122,974) Square meters, more or less; described as TCT No. T-27942; situated at Salakit, Kiamba, Sarangani, Province, with ARP No. 96-015-00228”, was the subject of this Extra-Judicially Settlement among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Gabriel B. Octava, under Doc. No. 447, Page No. 90, Book No. IV, Series of 2023

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Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **EDWIN S. CAVALIDA**, who died on August 19, 2004 at Blk 1 Lot 23 Molino Homes III, Subd. Salitran III, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, who died without will or testament, that the said deceased left a parcel of land situated at Blk 1 Lot 23 Molino Homes III, Subd. Salitran III, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. (T-524608) 057-2022048733 and containing an area of Sixty Two Sq. meters and Twenty Sq. Decimeter (62.20), was the subject of this Extra-Judicially Settlement among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Gabriel B. Octava, under Doc. No. 171, Page No. 35, Book No. VII, Series of 2023

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE DECEASED SPS. BENITO DUCUSIN JR. and MARIA DOQUE DUCUSIN

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **BENITO DUCUSIN JR.**, who died on January 7, 2019 at Dasmariñas Medical Center, Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, and **MARIA DOQUE DUCUSIN**, who died on December 30, 2022 at 47 A Lot 21 Aguila Road Saint Charbel Executive Vill. Brgy. Sampaloc 4, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, both died without will or testament, that the decedents left the following properties: Property situated at Upo, Kalaong, Maitum, Sarangani Province, with Real Property Tax No. 05-0017-00130 and with an area of Twelve (12) Hectares more or less, was the subject of this Extra-Judicially Settlement among the legal heirs, under Doc. No. 446, Page No. 90, Book No. IV, Series of 2023

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 90
DASMARIÑAS CITY, CAVITE

TRBank, Inc., (A Rural Bank),
Mortgagee,
-versus-
MERIEL FAYE O. ACABA,
Mortgagors.

File No. FC-DC-0615-23
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 mortgagee, **TRBank, Inc. (A Rural Bank)**, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with postal address at 31st Floor, Unit 3101-3108, Raffles Corporate Center, F. Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City against mortgagors, **MERIEL FAYE O. ACABA** with postal address at (1) Blk 4 Lot 19, Duke Street, Regency Executive Townhomes Sampaloc 2, Dasmariñas, Cavite and (2) Unit 132-A-133A G/F SM Jazz Mall Nicanor Garcia Street, Bel Air, Makati City and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of MARCH 09, 2023 amounts to **ONE MILLION THIRTY NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN PESOS AND 88/100 (Php1,039,197.88)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **MAY 23, 2023 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. 057-2022007299

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BRGY. OF MALINTA, MUN. OF DASMARINAS, PROV. OF CAVITE, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 3 BLK. 5 OF THE CONS. /

SUBD. PLAN PCS-042106-009271, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOT 3873-A-1 & 3873-A-2 (LRC) PSD-291420, LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF MALINTA, MUN. OF DASMARINAS, PROV. OF CAVITE. BOUNDED ON THE S., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 1 OF BLK. 5 OF THE CONS. / SUBD. PLAN; ON THE W., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ALLEY 2 (4.50 M. WIDE); ON THE N., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 3; AND ON THE E., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 2 BOTH OF BLK. 5 OF THE CONS. / SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING N. 29 DEG. 56' W., 329.64 M. FROM MON. 151, IMUS ESTATE; THENCE DUE WEST 12.50 M. TO FT. 2; THENCE DUE NORTH 4.00 M. TO PT. 3; THENCE DUE EAST 12.50 M. TO PT. 4; THENCE DUE SOUTH 4.00 M. TO THE PT. OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY (50) SQ. METERS. ALL PTS. MY AIT AMD ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND XXX XXX

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 that the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **JUNE 06, 2023**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, April 17, 2023.

ARLYN P. BARCELON
Sheriff IV

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

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Metro Pacific to go private after P49-B buyout deal

MANILA -Manuel V. Pangilinan-led Metro Pacific Investments Corp. (MPIC), the Philippine-listed infrastructure giant that controls some of the country's largest utilities, is planning to go private as its owners and a new Japanese investor group prepare to launch a P48.6-billion tender offer as early as next month.

Metro Pacific is principally owned by Indonesian billionaire Anthoni Salim and the Ty family conglomerate GT Capital Holdings.

Also joining the tender offer are the Japanese venture that includes industrial giant Mitsui and a private company owned by Pangilinan, chair and CEO of Metro Pacific.

They are seeking to buy out all of MPIC's minority shareholders that own 36.6 percent of the company at P4.63 per share, which was a lowball price, according to stock market analysts interviewed by the Inquirer.

This comes after months of speculation that caused the company's share price to surge last February and again in the days just before the deal was announced.

MPIC requested a two-day trading suspension until April 28 to allow investors sufficient time to review the deal. Its shares were last traded on Wednesday at P4.26 each.

Delisting from PSE

The tender offer buyers want to delist Metro Pacific from the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) and make it a private company.

"We envision this transaction will release value in MPIC for the benefit of our shareholders and we look forward to working with our partners in MPIC for the long term, undistracted by the need to focus on short-term - often quarterly - goals that public ownership often imposes," Christopher Young, executive director at Salim-controlled First Pacific, the single-largest shareholder of Metro Pacific, said in a statement on Thursday.

Metro Pacific's portfolio includes highly regulated businesses such as electricity distribution giant Manila Electric Co., water concessionaire Maynilad Water Services Inc., tollroads such as the North Luzon Expressway and Subic Clark Tarlac Expressway, the Light Rail Transit Line 1 and a chain of private hospitals, including Makati Medical Center and Asian Hospital and Medical Center.

Recently, it diversified into agriculture via a series of investments into modern dairy farms, coconut processing and vegetable production to address food security issues.

The deal faces risks, however, as COL Financial chief equity strategist April Lynn Tan said on Thursday the tender offer price was "super low" relative to the value of MPIC's assets.

"The tender offer price represents a steep 54 percent discount to our [net asset value] estimate for MPI and 47 percent discount to our fair value estimate for the stock," COL Financial, which maintains an P8.79 target price for MPIC, said in a report on Thursday.

It told investors "not to participate in this round of tender offer".

"We believe there is a likelihood for the consortium to increase the offer price in the subsequent round of tender offer should it fail to acquire enough shares that will meet the threshold for voluntary delisting," COL Financial said.

Offer price issue

Metro Pacific defended the price on Thursday, stating that the offer was a 22 percent premium over the one-year volume weighted average price, which meets the voluntary delisting rules of the PSE.

It also indicated it may scuttle the tender offer if it fails to acquire more than 95 percent of the company's shares to meet the PSE's rules.

The tender offer parties are Metro Pacific Holdings Inc., owner of 46.1 percent of MPIC; GT Capital, owner of 17.1 percent; Mit-Pacific, a venture between Mitsui and Japanese government investment fund JOIN, and MIG, a company controlled by Pangilinan.

The Mitsui venture alone is seeking 20 percent of Metro Pacific while Pangilinan's company will get a 10-percent stake.

Metro Pacific Holdings may increase its stake to nearly 50 percent while GT Capital will increase its stake to 20 percent once the transaction is completed.

"By combining MPIC's business foundation with Mitsui's longstanding capabilities and experience in the global infrastructure business, we will contribute to the energy transition in the Philippines," said Takehiko Aino, Mitsui's general manager of division I (Asia), infrastructure projects business unit.

"In addition, we will support MPIC's business development and create collaborative projects by leveraging our comprehensive capabilities in the digital field and other areas, thereby enhancing MPIC's corporate value," he added.

Last year, MPIC said profits jumped 15 percent to P14.2 billion as the contributions from operations rose 10 percent.

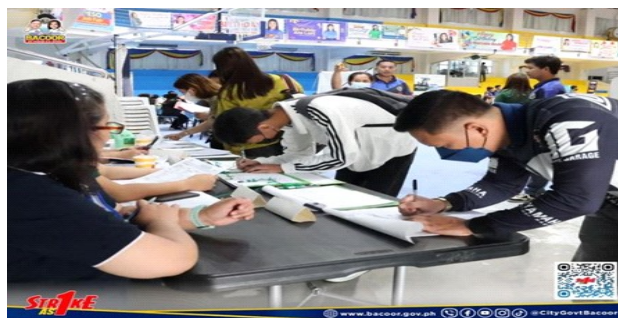
Power accounted for 65 percent of operating income last year, followed by toll roads (30 percent); water (14 percent); and other segments such as railways, healthcare, agribusiness, real estate and fuel storage, which incurred losses of P1.8 billion.

TRABAHO PARA SA MGA BACOOREÑO - ALAGANG ATE LANI JOB FAIR 2023

Pinangunahan ni Cong. Lani M. Revilla ang programa sa pagbibigay ng trabaho sa mga Bacooreño sa pamamagitan ng Alagang Ate Lani Job Fair 2023 na pinangasiwaan ng Public Employment Service Office sa pamumuno ni Dr. Abraham "Bob" De Castro.

Naging mapalad ang mahigit dalawang daang aplikante na dumalo sa Job Fair dahil ang karamihan sa kanila ay na-hired on the spot ng mga kumpanyang nangangailangan ng mga empleyado.

Dumalo naman si Board Member Ram Revilla na nagbigay ng inspirational message sa lahat ng Aplikante, gayun din si Senior Labor Employment Officer II Anne



Marie Faye Gloria na kinatawan ni Provincial Director Marivic Martinez ng Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Cavite.

Dagdag pa rito, nagbigay rin ng Negosyo-Kart ang Office of Congresswoman Lani M. Revilla katuwang ang DOLE sa labing tatlong Bacooreño na Ambulant Vendors.

Patuloy parin ang pagtutulongan ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa pangunguna ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla at ni Cong. Lani M. Revilla para maibigay ang tulong at magandang serbisyo sa ating mga kababayang Bacooreño.