

## BACOR CITY CONDUCTS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS ORIENTATION WITH FIRST AID TRAINING FOR MAYOR'S PERMIT APPLICANTS

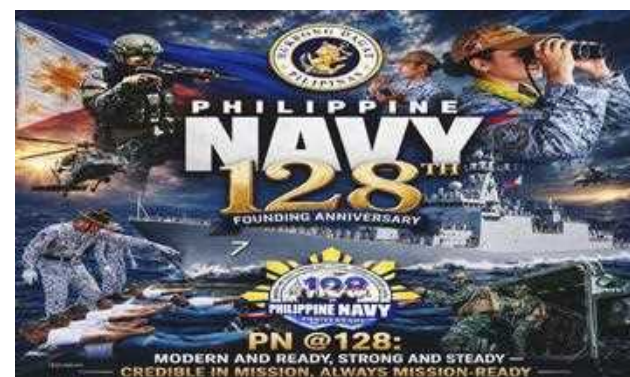
Legislative and Disaster Resilience Building – May 21, 2026 – The City Government of Bacoor held Disaster Preparedness Orientation sessions with Emergency First Aid



Training on May 21, 2026, in compliance with City Ordinance 248-2022. Under Mayor Strike B. Revilla's leadership, the program was implemented by BDRRMO led by Mr. Richard Quion. The morning session from 8:00 AM to

11:00 AM accommodated two groups – 18 for permit renewals and 41 new applicants. Topics included hazard identification, emergency protocols, workplace safety, and hands-on first aid training covering wound care, bandaging, and basic life support skills.

## Hukbong Dagat ng Pilipinas, Ipinagdiwang ang Ika-128 Anibersaryo; Modernisasyon at Kahandaan sa Pagtatanggol sa Dagat, Lalong Pinalakas



MAYNILA, Pilipinas — Opisyal na ipinagdiwang ng Hukbong Dagat ng Pilipinas (Philippine Navy) ang ika-128 taong anibersaryo ng pagkakatatag nito, bitbit ang

mas matatag na pangako sa pagprotekta sa soberanya at sa mga estratehikong karagatan ng bansa. Sa ilalim ng temang “Modern and Ready, Strong and Steady, Cred-

## TESDA boosts collab with construction sector

TESDA officials signed a deed of accession with the National Industry TVET Board for the Construction Sector, strengthening the agency's partnership with the industry.



STRONGER COLLABORATION. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority central office in this undated photo. On May 18, 2026, TESDA officials signed a deed of accession with the National Industry TVET Board for the Construction Sector, strengthening the agency's partnership with

the industry. (PNA file photo by Cristina Arayata)

MANILA – The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) has strengthened its partnership with the construction sector by recently signing a deed of accession with the National Industry TVET Board for the Construction Sector (NITB-CS), an executive

This initiative supports Bacoor's commitment to building a disaster-resilient community and ensuring public safety.

## Mekeni Showcases Export-Quality Filipino Products at IFEX Philippines 2026

PASAY CITY, Philippines — Mekeni Food Corporation is reinforcing its position as a globally competitive Filipino food brand as it joins the prestigious IFEX Philippines 2026, happening from May 21 to 23, 2026 at the World Trade Center Metro Manila.



Recognized as the country's premier global food trade show, IFEX Philippines gathers international buyers, importers, distributors, and food industry stakeholders to discover authentic and innovative Filipino food products for the global market.

At the exhibition, Mekeni is showcasing its wide range of export-quality products, underscoring the company's growing international presence and commitment to world-class food manufacturing stan-

dards. Today, Mekeni products are available in more than 20 countries across Asia, the Middle East, North America, Europe, and Oceania.

“Our participation in IFEX Philippines 2026

## Tulong Pinansyal para sa Anak ng mga Vendor sa Barangay Santiago, General Trias Cavite



Muling nagbukas ng isang mahalagang oportunidad ang Pamahalaang Barangay ng Santiago para sa mga masisisipag na maliliit na negosyante at maglalako sa komunidad. Sa pamamagitan ng programang Edukasyonal na Tulong Pinansyal, layon ng barangay na maghatid ng suporta para sa pag-aaral ng mga anak ng mga residenteng naghahanapuhay

sa lansangan at maliliit na pwesto. Ang tulong na ito ay bukas para sa lahat ng mga rehistradong residente na naglalako ng isda, gulay, prutas, buko, balut, penoy, pan de sal, taho, pati na rin ang mga nagtitinda ng street food at iba pang katulad na maliliit na negosyo. Upang mapabilang ang sa mga makakatanggap ng ayudang ito, kinakailangang magtungo ng mga

aplikante sa Barangay Santiago Hall at hanapin si Barangay Secretary Sol Ziganay para sa opisyal na pagpaparehistro. May mga itinakdang dokumento na dapat isumite upang mapatunayan ang kwalipikasyon ng pamilya. Kabilang sa mga pangunahing hilingin ang pagkakakilanlan o ID ng estudyante, patunay ng paninirahan sa barangay sa pamamagitan ng resident ID, at isang aktuwal na larawan ng kanilang tinitinda o nilalako bilang katunayan ng kanilang hanapuhay.

Mahalagang paa-lala mula sa pamunuan ng barangay na ang huling araw ng pagpapatala at pagsusumite ng mga kinakailangang dokumento ay hanggang nitong Mayo 22, 2026 lamang, eksaktong alas-dose ng tanghang

# CAREravan 2026, Nagbigay ng Mabilis at Madaling Serbisyong SSS sa mga Residente ng Imus

Sundan sa Pahina 7



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## CAVITE SERVICE CARAVAN, NAGHATID NG MAS PINALAPIT NA SERBISYO SA INDANG

Buong pwera po nating dinala ang serbisyo ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Cavite sa ginanap na 3rd leg ng Cavite Service Caravan sa Bayan ng Indang. Kasama natin sina Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, 7th District Cong. Ping Remulla, Board Member Aldrin Anacan, at ang buong Lokal



na Pamahalaan ng Indang sa pamumuno ni Mayor Vergel Fidel.

Sundan sa Pahina 7

## New mega health center seen to decongest hospitals in Carmona, Cavite

CAVITE CITY (PIA) – A new 100-bed 3-storey mega health center in Cavite that will cater to the needs of a growing population in Cavite's 1st district aims to ease overcrowding in hospitals.

The Cavite City Medicare Mega Health Center, located in Barangay 28, Sea Breeze, Cavite City will provide free, accessible, and quality public health care services to Caviteños through its medical surgical, outpatient, diagnostic, birthing, emergency, and pharmacy services.

Health Secretary Dr. Teodoro Herbosa together with DOH Assistant Secretary Dr. Ariel Valencia, led the turnover ceremony, which was graced by Cavite City 1st District Rep. Ramon Jolo B. Revilla III, Cavite City mayor Denver Reyes-Chua, Cavite board member



Ram Revilla-Bautista, and other city officials.

Cavite's 1st district is composed of Cavite City and the towns of Novleta, Kawit, and Rosario.

Sec. Herbosa assured the public that the DOH will continue its commitment to improving the quality of health services in the country, and will

Sundan sa Pahina 6

## SSS eases requirements on P20K emergency loan: Who qualifies?



Cebu City, Philippines — Millions of Filipino workers struggling with rising prices may now qualify

for up to P20,000 in emergency cash assistance after the Social Security System (SSS) sharply relaxed eligibility requirements under its enhanced Emergency Loan Program (ELP).

The expanded program, which forms part of the government's economic relief package, lowers contribution requirements, eases restrictions on bor-

rowers with limited unpaid loans, and broadens access to more member categories, including overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), voluntary members, and self-employed contributors.

The measure comes as Filipino households continue to grapple with soaring food prices, high electricity rates, fuel

Sundan sa Pahina 2

## EKONOMIKONG PAG-ANGAT NGPARAÑAQUE, INAASAHAN SA PAGBU BUKAS NG CAVITEX C5 LINK

PARAÑAQUE\* — Malaki ang kumpidensya ng lokal na pamahalaan ng Parañaque na mas bibilis pa ang pag-unlad ng lokal na ekonomiya sa lungsod. Ito ay matapos ang matagumpay na pagpapakonekta sa kabuuan ng

7.7-kilometer CAVITEX C5 Link na magsisilbing mabilis na ruta patungo sa mga sentro ng kalakalan sa Cavite at Taguig. Ayon kay Mayor Edwin Olivarez, ang proyektong ito ay katuparan ng matagal nang



mithiin para mas mapataas ang antas ng komersyo sa lungsod.

“Pangarap lang ito dati, ngayon totoo na,” pahayag ni Mayor Olivarez.

“The opening of the CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 3B will make travel from Parañaque to Cavite and Taguig, and back, in just

Sundan sa Pahina 3



# Editorial: Ambon ng Ginhawa sa Gitna ng Nagbabagong Panahon

Isang napakalaking hininga ng luwag at kolektibong pasasalamat ang sinalubong ng sambayanang Pilipino nitong nakaraang linggo. Matapos ang sunod-sunod na buwan ng tila walang katapusang pagsubok sa ekonomiya at kalikasan, sabay na dumating ang dalawang napakagandang balita na direktang naramdaman at ipinagdiwang sa bawat sulok ng bansa. Ang mga kaganapang ito ay hindi lamang basta mga balita sa telebisyon o pahayagan, kundi mga konkretong kaluwagan na nagpabago sa araw-araw na takbo ng buhay ng mga ordinaryong mamamayan.

Ang unang malaking ayuda sa bulsa ng publiko ay ang malakihang rollback sa presyo ng mga produktong petrolyo. Nitong nakaraang linggo, nagpatupad ang mga kumpanya ng langis ng bawas-presyo na humigit sa isang piso kada litro para sa gasolina at diesel. Sa unang tingin, maaaring maliit na halaga ito para sa ilan, ngunit para sa mga tsuper ng jeepney

na maghapong pumapasada, sa mga delivery rider na sumasabak sa init at trapiko upang maghatid ng serbisyo, at sa mga ordinaryong commuter na nagtitiis sa araw-araw na biyahang bawat pisong bawas ay malaking tulong. Ang perang natipid dito ay nangangahulugan ng karagdagang pagkain sa hapag-kainan ng kanilang mga pamilya. Bukod dito, ang pagbaba ng operational cost sa sektor ng transportasyon ay inaasahang magdudulot ng magandang kadena ng epekto sa buong merkado, partikular na sa pagbaba rin ng pamasahe at ng presyo ng mga pangunahing bilihin at pagkain na ibinababa sa mga palengke.

Kasabay ng magandang balitang ito sa aspeto ng pananalapi ang opisyal na pagdeklara ng PAGASA sa pormal na pagpasok ng panahon ng tag-ulan sa bansa. Matapos ang ilang buwang matinding pagtitiis ng publiko sa mapaminsala at mapanirang init na dulot ng El Niño, ang muling pagsambulat ng ulan ay itinuturing na isang mal-

aking biyaya. Ang nagdaang tag-init ay nagdala ng makasaysayang taas ng temperatura na nagpahirap sa kalusugan ng marami at nagdulot ng malawakang pinsala sa sektor ng agrikultura. Kaya naman, ang mga unang patak ng ulan nitong nakaraang linggo ay hindi lamang simpleng pagbabago sa ulat ng panahon, kundi isang literal na pagsagip sa buhay at kabuhayan ng ating mga lokal na magsasaka na matagal nang nakatitig sa kanilang mga bitak-bitak at tuyot na sakahan. Higit sa lahat, ang pag-ulan na ito ang nagpalamig at nagligtas sa ating pambansang power grid na kamakailan lang ay muntik nang bumigay at nagbanta ng malawakang brownout dahil sa sobrang taas ng konsumo sa kuryente at air conditioning.

Ang kumbinasyon ng mas murang presyo ng langis at ang pagdating ng ulan nitong nakaraang linggo ay nagsilbing panibagong lakas at pag-asa para sa buong mamamayan. Ang mga pangyayaring ito ay nagpaala

# Opinion: Ang Hamon ng Bagong Panahon

Bagamat nararapat lamang na ipagdiwang at lasapin ng publiko ang mga magagandang balitang ito, ang kasalukuyang sitwasyon ay nag-iwan din ng malaking hamon at responsibilidad para sa ating pamahalaan at sa buong komunidad. Ang ginhawang ating nararanasan ngayon ay hindi dapat maging dahilan upang tayoy maging kampante, kundi dapat itong maging hudyat upang mas maging handa sa mga susunod pang yugto ng taon.

Ang pagbaba ng presyo ng petrolyo ay nakadepende pa rin sa galaw ng pangdaigdigang merkado, na alam naman nating lahat na napakarupok at madaling magbago dahil sa mga geopolitical na tensyon sa ibang bansa. Dahil dito, ang hamon sa gobyerno ay kung paano gagamitin ang panahong ito upang maglagat ng mga pangmatagalang solusyon sa krisis sa enerhiya. Dapat paigtingin ang paghahanap ng mga alternatibong mapagkukunan ng lakas at tiyakin na ang mga subsidiya para sa mga sektor ng transportasyon at agrikultura ay handang maipamahagi sakaling muling sumipa ang presyo ng langis sa hinaharap. Hindi sapat na umasa lamang tayo sa swerte at sa takbo ng pangdaigdigang ekonomiya; kailangan ang isang matatag na estratehiya mula sa pamunuan.

Sa kabilang banda, ang pagpasok ng panahon ng tag-ulan ay may kaakibat na dalawang mukha. Habang ito ay nagdadala ng palamig at tubig para sa mga pananim, alam ng bawat Pilipino na ang ulan sa ating bansa ay madalas ding may kasamang banta ng malalakas na bagyo, malawakang pagbaha, at pagusbong ng mga sakit tulad ng dengue. Ngayong opisyal nang natapos ang tag-init, ang focus naman ng mga lokal na pamahalaan ay dapat mabilis na lumipat sa disaster risk reduction at paghahanda sa kalamidad. Ang paglilinis sa mga baradong drainage, pagpapatibay ng mga dike, at pagsasaayos ng mga evacuation centers ay dapat nang matapos bago pa man dumating ang mga dambuhalang bagyo. Ang bawat mamamayan din ay may tungkulin na panatilihin malinis ang kapaligiran upang maiwasan ang pagbaha at pagkalat ng sakit sa kani-kanilang mga barangay.

Ang magagandang balita nitong nakaraang linggo ay isang pambihirang regalo ng pagkakataon at kalikasan na nagbigay sa atin ng panandaliang espasyo upang makahinga. Ang tunay na tagumpay ay nakasalalay sa kung paano natin gagamitin ang kasalukuyang ginhawang ito upang maging mas handa, mas matatag, at mas ligtas ang bawat pamilyang Pilipino sa mga darating pang hamon ng panahon.

costs, and broader economic uncertainty linked to global tensions and inflation.

Under the revised rules, SSS members now only need at least 18 posted monthly contributions to qualify for the emergency loan program, significantly lower than the previous 36-month requirement.

At least six of those contributions, however, must have been posted within the 12 months immediately preceding the month of application.

The relaxed qualifications aim to widen access to emergency financial assistance for workers who previously failed to meet stricter contribution thresholds despite actively paying into the pension system.

The enhanced ELP allows qualified members to borrow up to P20,000 at a reduced annual interest rate of 7 percent, along with a six-month repayment moratorium.

SSS allocated around P27 billion for the program and expects about 2.24 million members to benefit from the expanded assistance.

Who qualifies for SSS emergency loan? To qualify for the

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enhanced ELP, applicants must live or work in areas officially placed under a State of National Calamity (SONC) or State of National Emergency (SONE) declared by the President or the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC).

Applicants must maintain a valid Philippine residential address reflected in the SSS database. The program covers employed workers, self-employed members, voluntary members, non-working spouses, and land-based OFWs.

Applicants should also be under 65 years old at the time of application.

For self-employed, voluntary, and OFW members, the SSS requires at least six posted contributions under their current membership classification before application.

Unlike previous emergency loan programs, the enhanced

ELP accepts members with limited unpaid loan balances.

Borrowers may still qualify provided their

unpaid arrears do not exceed three monthly amortizations.

SSS, however, disqualifies members who have already received final benefits such as retirement or permanent total disability benefits, unless those benefits were later canceled because of re-employment.

Members facing fraud-related sanctions from SSS also cannot apply.

READ: SSS OKs early 2026 pension hike, easier emergency loans: Who qualifies?

Digital-only application

SSS strictly requires members to file applications online through the My.SSS portal or the official SSS mobile application.

Applicants must enroll in an active disbursement account through the Disbursement Account Enrollment Module (DAEM) on the SSS website.

Accepted accounts include UMID-ATM cards and bank accounts participating in the PESONet system.

For employed members, employers must

electronically certify the loan application through their own My.SSS accounts before SSS processes the request.

Earlier relief rollout

The enhanced loan assistance forms part of a wider P60-billion relief package that SSS announced earlier this year following directives from President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

Apart from the expanded emergency loan program, SSS also advanced the implementation of the scheduled 2026 pension increase from September to June.

Under the adjustments, retirement and disability pensions will increase by 10 percent, while death and survivor pensions will rise by 5 percent.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph de Claro said the agency rolled out the expanded programs to provide immediate and affordable financial relief to workers, pensioners, and businesses affected by continuing economic pressures.

“We recognize that

when they need it most,” he added.

SSS said the expanded assistance package also seeks to steer borrowers away from informal lenders that often impose excessive interest rates, while helping families cover urgent expenses such as food, education, utilities, and medical needs.

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# CAREEravan 2026, Nagbigay ng Mabilis at Madaling Serbisyon sa mga Residente ng Imus



Naging mas mabilis at mas madali para sa mga residente ng Brgy. Malagasang II-A sa Imus ang pag-access sa mga serbisyon ng Social Security System matapos idaos ang “SSS CAREEravan 2026” noong Mayo 14 sa barangay.

Pinangunahan ng SSS Bacoor Branch ang programa katuwag ang pamahalaang barangay ng Malagasang II-A sa suporta ni Punong Barangay Aldrin Olivarez Progreso at ng buong Sangguniang Barangay.

Layunin ng CAREEravan na ilapat sa komunidad ang mga pangunahing serbisyon ng SSS upang hindi na kailangang bumiyahang pa nang malayo ang mga residente para magtanong o magproseso ng kanilang

mga concern. Kabilang sa mga serbisyon ibinigay sa programa ang SSS registration, account assistance, contribution inquiry, benefit verification, at iba pang concerns ng mga miyembro.

Marami ring residente ang nakiisa sa aktibidad upang samantalain ang pagkakataong makapagpa-assist nang direkta sa mga kinatawan ng SSS. Ayon sa barangay, malak-

ing tulong ang ganitong programa lalo na sa mga miyembro ng nais mabibilis ang kanilang transaksyon at mas maintindihan ang kanilang mga benepisyo.

Nagpasalamat naman

# CAVITE SERVICE...

Layunin po ng Cavite Service Caravan na mailapit ang mga serbisyon ng pamahalaan sa bawat Caviteño upang mas magiging mabilis, mas maginhawa, at mas accessible ang pagtulong sa ating mga kababayan.

Nagkaisa po ang mahigit 16 Provincial Offices, 7 National Government Agencies, at 40 private companies upang maghatid ng iba't ibang serbisyon kabilang ang medical, dental, legal, veterinary, livelihood, jobs, social services, disability welfare, agriculture, digital, at iba pang programang direktang pakikinaabangan



# Mekeni Showcases...

reflects Mekeni’s continuing commitment to bring Filipino excellence to the global stage,” said Pruds Garcia, President of Mekeni Food Corporation. “What started as a small homegrown enterprise in Pampanga has now grown into a brand trusted by Filipino families and international consumers alike. Through innovation, quality, and authenticity, we aim to further strengthen the presence of Filipino food products in the international market.”

Mekeni’s participation also highlights the company’s adherence to globally recognized food safety and quality standards, enabling the brand to compete in highly demanding export markets.

According to Marilou Uy, Assistant Vice President for HR and Exports, IFEX Philippines serves as a valuable platform for expanding partnerships and promoting Philippine-made products

# Tulong Pinansyal para...

li. Sa ilalim ng temang Serbisyon Tapat, Makinaabang Lahat, binibigyang-diin ng lokal na pamahalaan na ang bawat maliit na tindahan at paglalako ay may malaking ambag sa pag-unlad ng buong komunidad, kaya naman nararapat lamang na sila ay mabigyan ng kaukulang alalay para sa kinabukasan ng kanilang mga anak.

# GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

GEMINI: (May.21-Hun. 21) – Ang pagtanggap ng mali ay sign ng katatagan. Bigyan ng sapat na panahon ang kasiyahan. Mag-relax, mamasyal kasama ang mga mahal sa buhay. Pero tiyakin na tapos ang lahat ng gawain. Lucky number at color for the day ang 11, 19, 23, 33 at fuchsia pink.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) – Lilitaw ang sikreto. Mabubulabog ka sa inyong katahimikan. Ang good humor ang magpapahupa ng tensyon. Lucky number at color for the day ang 39, 41, 25, 50 at cyan blue.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) – Kumunsulta sa higit na nakakaalam kung hindi ka sure. Ang angkop na gabay ay magmumula sa mga matagumpay na. Lucky number at color for the day ang 25, 49, 54, 19 at orange.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) – Iwasan ang mga pangako, baka mapako lang. Lakasan ang loob para masundan ang bulong ng iyong puso. Lucky number at color for the day ang 45, 56, 27, 15 at purple.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) – Ang iyong partnership sa negosyo ay dadaan sa pagsubok. Magpa-feng shui para maibalik ang harmony. Lucky number at color for the day ang 48, 32, 21, 46 at scarlet red.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) – Kailangan ang confront tungkol sa difficult issue para patatagan ang relationship. Taglayin ang karunungan sa pagpapasiya. Lucky numbers ang 12, 23, 34, 56 at red.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) – Mahalaga na mag-manage ka ng iyong unhealthy stress. Alamin ang iyong physical limits. Kumilos ka na. Lucky number at color for the day ang 17, 29, 32, 44 at peach.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) – Masidhi ang pagnanasa na magtagumpay. Makakamit ito kung magiging consistent sa matuwid na paraan. Lucky number at color for the day ang 25, 46, 33, 51 at bamboo green.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) – Mailalagay mo nga-yon ang iyong theories sa practice. Mapapatotohanan mo na effective ito. Lucky number at color for the day ang 12, 23, 33, 45 at mustard yellow.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) – Exciting opportunities ang magpapatuloy. Mahahadlangan ang pagpapatupad ng responsibilities. Lucky number at color for the day ang 47, 55, 21, 35, at crimson red.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) – Mahalaga ngayon ang magpatuloy sa mga gawain upang ma-achieve ang goal. Lucky number at color for the day ang 27, 38, 43, 51 ocean blue.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) – Harapin at mag-heart to heart talk sa karelasyon. ‘Pag meron common ground, may commitment. Lucky number at color for the day ang 39, 46, 55, 15, at forest green.

# LRT-1 Cavite Extension, sa taong 2031 pa lubos na makakarating sa Bacoor

MAYNILA, Pilipinas — Sa taong 2031 pa opisyal na matatapos at mabubuksan sa publiko ang kabuuan ng proyektong Light Rail Transit Line 1 (LRT-1) Cavite Extension. Ito ang naging opisyal na pahayag ni Department of Transportation (DOTr) Undersecretary para sa Railways Timothy John Batan sa harap ng House Committee on Infrastructure Flagship Programs and Projects. Ayon kay Usec. Batan, mayroon pang natitirang humigit-kumulang limang kilometro na riles at imprastruktura ang hindi pa natatapos sa huling yugto ng proyekto. Dahil dito, ang pagbubukas ng mga huling istasyon na magkokonekta sa Las Piñas at Bacoor, Cavite ay itinakda sa target na timeline na limang taon mula ngayon.

Ang Katotohanan sa Likod ng Operasyon Upang hindi malito ang mga commuter, mahalagang linawin ang kasalukuyang estado ng tren kung saan

nahahati ito sa magkakai-bang yugto ng pagbubukas. Una rito ay ang Phase 1 na sumasakop sa Parañaque Area na pormal nang binuksan sa publiko noong Nobyembre 16, 2024. Mula sa lumang dulo sa Baclaran Station, nadagdagan na ito ng limang bagong istasyon na kinabibilangan ng Redemptorist-Aseana, MIA Road, Asia World/PITX, Ninoy Aquino, at Dr. Santos Station sa Sucat, at ang bahaging ito ay kasalukuyang nang aktibong sinasakyan ng mga mamamayan. Pangalawa naman ay ang natitirang Phase 2 at Phase 3 na siyang dulo patungong Cavite. Ang mga susunod na istasyon na Las Piñas, Zapote, at ang huling bagsakan sa Niog Station sa Bacoor, Cavite ang siyang nakatakda pa sa taong 2031 dahil patuloy pa ang mga clearing operations at engineering redesigns sa mga apektadong lugar upang maitayo ang mga natitirang viaduct.

Bakit Naantala ang Dulo Patungong Cavite? Bukod sa karaniwang isyu ng Right-of-Way (ROW) o pagbili ng mga pribadong lupang tatamaan ng riles, hinarap din ng proyekto ang malaking hamon sa alignment adjustment. Naging usap-usapan ang pagkakaroon ng salubong o conflict sa pagitan ng orihinal na dada-

anan ng tren at ng isang fly-over na naitayo sa kahabaan ng ruta, dahilan upang kailanganin ng mga inhinyero na baguhin ang disenyo at i-realign ang huling bahagi ng riles patungong Cavite. Inaasahang Ginrehaw sa mga Commuter Sa kabila ng mahabang paghihintay para sa mga taga-Bacoor, binigyang-diin ng

pamahalaan at ng pribadong operator na Light Rail Manila Corporation (LRMC) na malaki ang magiging ambag nito sa ekonomiya ng Calabarzon sa oras na makumpleto ito. Mula sa kasalukuyang biyahe na inaabot ng mahigit isang oras gamit ang pampublikong sasakyan sa kalsada, mapapababa ng buong LRT-1 extension ang

biyahe mula Baclaran patungong Niog, Cavite sa loob ng 25 minuto na lamang. Inaasahan ding madaragdagan ng hanggang 300,000 pasahero ang kayang isakay ng tren kada araw, dahilan upang umabot sa kabuuang 800,000 daily riders ang maseserbisuhan ng buong linya sa pagdating ng taong 2031.

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**File No. FC -DC-2093-26**  
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, **ASIA UNITED BANK CORPORATION** a corporation duly organized and existing under by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with postal address at Joy Nostalg Center, 17 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines, against mortgagors, **SPOUSES ROLANDO DOLLETE BIGCAS AND REA SALEM BIGCAS** with postal address at (1) Blk 15 Lot 23, Nostalji Enclave, Governor's Drive, Brgy. Paliparan 1, Dasmariñas, Cavite and (2) 306 Dinggin Bayan, Brgy. Ibayo, Tipas, Taguig City 1630 and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which of as of MARCH 31, 2026 amounts to **ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTEEN PESOS AND 31/100 (Php1,611,916.31)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **JUNE 24, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the lobby 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 Philippines Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

**Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2021047513**

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

**LOT NO: 23 BLOCK NO: 15 PLAN NO: PCS-04-029880**  
**PORTION OF: THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 TO 36. BLOCK 15, PCS-04-028060; LRC RECORDER NO.8843**  
**LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PALIPARAN, MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARIÑAS, continued on next page**

is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of  
**Owner: SPOUSES ROLANDO DOLLETE BIGCAS AND REA SALEM BIGCAS, FILIPINO**  
**Address: POBLACION PARANG PUROK 4 CAPALONGA CAMARINES NORTE PROVINCE OF CAVITE., ISLAND OF LUZON**

**TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

BOUNDARIES:		
LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOTS (S)
1-2	EAST	LOT 24, BLOCK 15, PCS-04-029880
2-3-4-5	SOUTH	ROAD LOT-24, PCS-04-028060
5-6	WEST	LOT 22, BLOCK 15, PCS-04-029880
6-1	NORTH	LOT 2, BLOCK 16, PCS-04-029880

TIE POINT: MON. NO. 153, IMUS ESTATE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	S.79 09' E	2876.64 M-
1-2	DUE SOUTH	10.00 M-
2-3	DUE WEST	0.75 M-
3-4	DUE WEST	5.00 M-
4-5	DUE WEST	2.25 M-
5-6	DUE NORTH	10.00 M-
6-1	DUE EAST	8.00 M-

**AREA: EIGHTY SQUARE METERS (80) MORE OR LESS**

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 **JULY 8, 2026**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Cavite, May 4, 2026

**ARLYN P. BARCELON**  
Sheriff IV

**ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY**  
Clerk of Court VI Ex- office sheriff

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Noticed posted at:  
1.The Bulletin Board of Regional Trial Court, Dasmariñas City, Cavite  
2.The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Hall  
3.The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Post Office  
4.The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Public Market Compose

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## New mega health...

support the efforts of local government units and its leaders to alleviate poverty through the 8-point action agenda of the department.

The Cavite City Medicare Mega Health Center will provide medical surgical, outpatient, diagnostic, birthing, emergency, and pharmacy services to Caviteños. (Photo/Cavite City LGU)

"The establishment of mega health centers like this is a way for us to finally achieve and strengthen universal health care. [We believe] that every life is valuable in Bagong Pilipinas," Herbosa said in his keynote message.

Herbosa also pledged to work on the immediate provision of additional health equipment to ensure the efficiency of the new facility.

Meanwhile, Revilla said that the health facility is a priority project of him and his father, Senator Ra-

mon Bong Revilla Jr., and has committed to the continuous development of the health center.

"The opening to the public of this Mega Health Center fulfills our promise during the campaign period to establish a new public hospital in our district that will enhance the quality of public service and address the medical needs of our fellow citizens. What used to be just a dream for us is now a reality. We will further improve and enhance the services of this facility for every Caviteño," he stated.

Chua expressed gratitude to the DOH and the Revillas for their commitment to making the project a reality, which he expects will provide further urgent care to his constituents and fellow Caviteños.

The mega health center is expected to be fully operational this April. (RF/PIA-Cavite)

# EKONOMIKONG PAG-ANGAT NGPARAÑAQUE, INAASAHAN SA PAGBUBUKAS NG CAVITEX C5 LINK

a matter of minutes. More importantly, its impact on businesses, investors, and opportunities for our city will be immeasurable."

Malaking Bawas sa Oras ng Biyahe

Sa pagkakakumpleto ng Segment 3B, ganap nang naiugnay ang Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) diretso sa C5 Road sa Taguig City. Dahil dito, ang dating isa't kalahating oras (1.5 hours) na ginugulog sa kalsada ay magiging 15 minuto na lamang ngayon.

Bago ang huling yugtong ito, una nang natapos at binuksan ang Segment 3A-1 (mula C5 Flyover hanggang Merville), Segment 3A-2 (mula

Merville patungong RSG at Airport View), at ang Segment 2 (kumokonekta sa Sucat Interchange at R1 Expressway) sa pagitan ng mga taong 2019 at 2024.

Bunsod ng patuloy na pagtaas ng presyo ng petrolyo, malaking tulong ang proyektong ito para sa mga motorista at sa sektor ng lohistika (logistics). Inaasahang mas mapapatatag nito ang ugnayan ng mga industriya sa Cavite at ng mga commercial hubs sa National Capital Region (NCR).

Tinatayang lamapas sa 30,000 na motorista ang makikinabang araw-araw sa mas madaling hiyas patungong NAIA at C5 gamit ang mga bagong

interchange sa R1 Expressway (Coastal Road), Sucat Road (Dr. A Santos Avenue), at C.P. Garcia Avenue.

##### \*Ginhawa sa Trapiko at Benepisyo sa Komunidad\*

Suportado naman ng lokal na pamamahala ng trapiko ang pagbubukas ng expressway. Ayon kay Reynaldo Murillo, pinuno ng Parañaque Traffic and Parking Management Office (TPMO), malaki ang maitutulong ng bagong kalsada sa pag-ayos ng daloy ng mga sasakyan sa lungsod.

"Dahil kumpleto na ang koneksyon mula Cavite papuntang Metro Manila, inaasahang

mababawasan ang traffic at mapapadali ang access sa mga pangunahing lugar tulad ng Taguig at airport. Ginhawa sa biyahe at mas maayos na daloy ng trapiko ang pangunahing benepisyo nito," wika ni Murillo.

Ikinatuwa rin ni Barangay Moonwalk Chairwoman Jemelene Qui ang pagbabagong ito, lalo na para sa mga residenteng araw-araw na bumabiyah. Aniya, mas magiging mabilis ang komute ng mga mamamayan na magdudulot ng mas produktibong kapaligiran para sa lahat.

##### \*Kasalukuyang Iskema ng Operasyon\*

Bagamat interconnected na ang buong

expressway, pansamantala munang nagpapatupad ng "modified scheme" o dalawang linya lang muna kada direksyon sa bahagi ng Segment 3B habang inaayos pa ang mga usapin sa Right-of-Way (ROW). Target nitong maabot ang kabuuang anim na linya na may kasamang 2x2 service road sa hinarap.

Sa kasalukuyan, ang mga motoristang patungong silangan (east-bound) ay may direktang daan na papuntang Bonifacio Global City (BGC), habang ang mga pakanluran (westbound) naman ay mas swabe na ang biyahe patungong Parañaque, Las Piñas, Bacoor, at Kawit, Cavite.

Sa kabila ng lim-

itasyong ito, tiwala pa rin ang pamahalaang lungsod na magsisimula na itong umakit ng mga bagong mamumuhunan, magpapasigla sa mga lokal na negosyo, at magbibigay ng mas maraming trabaho para sa mga mamamayan ng Parañaque.

Ang CAVITEX C5 Link ay isang pinagsamang proyektong ng Cavite Infrastructure Corporation (CIC) — na isang subsidiya ng Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) — at ng Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA). Ito ay kasalukuyang pinapatakbo sa ilalim ng pamamahala ng PEA Tollway Corporation (PEATC)...

## BIR simplifies 'deregistration' process for closing businesses

MANILA – The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) issued a circular simplifying the process for closing businesses and cancelling tax registration as part of the implementation of the Ease of Paying Taxes Act.

Under Revenue Memorandum Circular No. 47-2026 issued on May 19, businesses that stopped operations may apply for the closure or cancellation of their registration, either manually or electronically, through the Revenue District Office where their head office or branch is registered. "From improving the ease of doing business and the ease of paying

taxes, this reform completes the BIR's support for businesses through every stage of the business life cycle. If we make it easier to start and operate a business, then the government must also make it easier to properly close BIR registration once operations have already ceased," BIR Commissioner Charlito Martin Mendoza said.

Those who will apply will only need to submit the application form, surrender the original BIR registration documents and permits previously issued to their business, list of ending inventory of goods and supplies, including capital goods for value

added tax (VAT)-registered taxpayers and the unused invoices, supplementary documents and other unutilized accounting forms, together with their inventory.

Under the new guidelines, penalties for non-filing of tax returns shall no longer accrue once the taxpayer submits the complete documentary requirements for the closure or cancellation of registration.

To prevent the further accumulation of open cases, the taxpayer's registered form types shall likewise be placed under "deregistered" status upon submission of the complete requirements.

However, BIR noted that filing an application for the closure or cancellation of registration does not preclude the Bureau from conducting an audit to determine any outstanding tax liabilities.

Micro taxpayers shall not be subject to mandatory audit for closure and or cancellation of business registration.

Micro taxpayers are those whose gross sales for the immediately preceding year do not exceed PHP3 million or whose gross assets upon retirement do not exceed PHP8 million.

Tax clearances will be issued within three

working days from submission of complete documentary requirements for those with no open cases or outstanding liabilities.

For micro taxpayers with open cases, tax clearance will be issued within three working days from the submission of the complete documentary requirements and the payment of outstanding liabilities, including penalties.

The BIR reminded that taxpayers who cease business operations without submitting the documentary requirements for the closure and or cancellation of their business registration with the BIR shall continue to be liable

for all their tax obligations until their cancellation of business registration is completed.

"This is our 'Ease of Closing Business' reform. In line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to make government services faster, better, and more responsive, and Finance Secretary Frederick D. Go's push to make tax administration more investor-friendly and business-friendly, the BIR is making it easier for taxpayers who have already ceased operations to properly close their business and cancel their registration," Mendoza said. (PNA)



## Maynilad, malapit nang matapos ang mga malalaking proyekto sa Tubig at Wastewater sa Metro Manila at Cavite

MAYNILA, Pilipinas — Inanunsyo ng West Zone concessionaire na Maynilad Water Services, Inc. (Maynilad) na malapit na nitong makumpleto ang ilang malalaking imprastruktura para sa supply ng tubig at wastewater sa buong concession area nito. Ang hakbang na ito ay bahagi ng patuloy na modernisasyon upang palakasin ang pagiging maasahan ng sistema, katatagan ng operasyon, at proteksyon sa kalikasan sa Metro Manila at Cavite. Ayon sa pamunuan ng Maynilad, ang mga naturang proyekto ay estratehikong idinisenyo upang tugunan ang lumalaking pangangailangan para sa malinis na tubig at maayos na sanitasyon, partikular na sa mga siksikang komunidad sa lungsod at sa mga karatig-lalawigan.



Mga Pangunahing Proyekto na Malapit nang Matapos

Kasama sa mga prayoridad na proyektong tinatapos ng kumpanya ang modernisasyon ng La Mesa Treatment Plant 2 (LMTP2). Kasalukuyan nang tinatapos ang mga upgrade sa mahalagang

pasilidad na ito upang masiguro ang mas matatag na supply ng tubig sa buong West Zone, lalo na sa mga panahon ng operational disruption o matinding pagbagsog ng kalidad ng hilaw na tubig.

Kabilang din sa mga tinututukan ang mga pipeline segments sa Daang

Hari sa Las Piñas Area. Tuluy-tuloy ang paglalagay ng mga pangunahing distribution pipelines sa kahabaan ng Daang Hari Road na direktang konektado sa Poblacion Water Treatment Plant sa Muntinlupa. Kapag tuluyan itong natapos, lubos nitong magpapalakas ang distribusyon

at pressure ng tubig sa mga timog na bahagi ng concession area, kabilang ang mga karatig-lugar sa lalawigan ng Cavite.

Niyayari na rin ang pag-upgrade sa CAMANA Water Reclamation Facility (CWRF) sa Dagat-Dagatan na may kapasidad na 205 milyong litro kada araw (MLD). Bukod sa pagpapalawak ng wastewater treatment para sa Caloocan, Malabon, at Navotas, malaki ang maintutulong nito sa rehabilitasyon at pagpapabuti ng kalidad ng tubig sa Manila Bay na nakakaapekto rin sa mga baybayin ng Cavite.

Pagtitiyak ng Maaasahang Serbisyo ni Imihayag ni Maynilad President and CEO Ramoncito S. Fernandez na ang mga proyektong ito ay patunay ng kanil-

ang disiplinadong pagpapatupad at kahandaan ng sistema. Sa pamamagitan ng pag-upgrade sa mga kritikal na pasilidad at pagpapalakas sa primary distribution network, masisiguro ang tuluy-tuloy na daloy ng tubig at mas maayos na pangangalaga sa kalikasan sa pamamagitan ng wastewater management.

Bukod sa mga pasilidad na ito, patuloy din ang pamumuhunan ng Maynilad sa kanilang Non-Revenue Water (NRW) management program para sa taong 2026. Layunin nito na palitan ang mga lumang linya ng tubo sa ilalim ng lupa at maa-gang matukoy ang mga tagas upang mas maximize ang kasalukuyang supply ng tubig nang hindi agad nangangailangan ng mga bagong pinagkukunan.

## 50 Kabataan sa Barangay Paradahan, Tanza, Nakatanggap ng Libreng Tuli Mula sa Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Cavite

TANZA, Cavite — Bilang bahagi ng patuloy na pagtataguyod sa kalusugan at kagalingan ng mga mamamayan sa komunidad, matagumpay na isinagawa ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Cavite, sa pamamagitan ng Opisina ng Gobernador Panlalawigan (OPG), ang programang Operation Tuli noong Mayo 14 sa Barangay Paradahan, Tanza, Cavite.

Sa pakikipagtulungan ng Rural Health Unit (RHU) ng Tanza, ang naturang gawaing pam-publiko ay nagkaloob ng libreng serbisyong patuli para sa limampung (50) kabataang kalalakihan. Layunin ng inisyatibong ito na isulong ang wastong kalinisan sa katawan, pang-iwas na pangangalagang pangkalusugan, at pangkalahatang kapakanan ng mga kabataan sa lugar.

Naging posible ang maayos at matagump-

ay na pagpapatupad ng programa dahil sa dedikasyon at sipag ng mga medikal na tauhan mula sa RHU Tanza, katuwang ang malaking tulong ng mga Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) na nangasiwa upang maging organisado ang daloy ng operasyon.

Lubos ding sumuporta sa aktibidad si Punong Barangay Chester I. Aron, na nagpapakita ng matatag na paninindigan ng lokal na pamunuan ng barangay sa mga proyektong nakasentro sa kalusugan at kapakanan ng kabataan.

Upang mas lalo pang matulungan ang mga kabataan sa kanilang mabilis na paggaling at pangangalaga pagkatapos ng operasyon, nagpamahagi rin ang mga kawani ng OPG ng mga libreng gamot sa bawat benepisyaryo sa mismong araw ng aktibidad.



### EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE DECEASED CLARITA GESTIADA ALWAD

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **CLARITA GESTIADA ALWAD**, who died on May 16, 2026 in Perpetual Help Medical Center, Las Piñas City, that the said deceased died intestate, without a Will or Testament and without any outstanding debts in favor of any person or entity, that the deceased at the time of their death, left a certain parcel of land, situated in Blk. B4 Lot. 8 San Luis II, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, containing an area of Ninety (90) Sqm. more or less, under the National Housing Authority (NHA) was the subject of this Extra Judicial Settlement among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before a Notary Public Atty. Marimar T. Nieto under Doc. No. 276, Page No. 57, Book No. II, Series of 2026.

PAHAYAGAN NG KABITENYO  
MAY 18, 25 & JUNE 1, 2026



### Alagaan ang kalusugang pangkaisipan - maglaan ng oras para sa pagpapahinga.

Ang pagpapahinga ay parte rin ng pagiging produktibo. Ang maikling pahinga ay makakatulong para maiwasan ang burnout sa trabaho, pag-aaral, atbp.



Walang health kung walang mental health.

## DepEd touts foundational learning reforms in int'l confab

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) highlighted ongoing reforms in the Philippines to advance foundational learning at the 2026 Education World Forum (EWF).

This came as a Philippine delegation participated in two high-level sessions with global and Southeast Asian education leaders at the EWF held in London from May 17 to 20.

In a statement Friday, DepEd Undersecretary and Chief of Staff Fatima Lipp Panontongan underscored the need for long-term reforms to boost support to teachers and learners, which are advanced under the leadership of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara.

"We recognized early on that educational decline cannot be solved

through isolated projects or short-term campaigns," she said.

"It requires structural reforms that strengthen how schools function, how teachers are supported, and how systems deliver results."

The DepEd received distinct commendations from international counterparts for the Philippine government's substantial commitment to education financing.

The agency has received about 4 percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) for this year alone, highlighting the government's commitment to boost the education sector.

Key programs highlighted are the School-Based Feeding Program to all Kindergarten and Grade 1 learners nationwide in June, the delivery



of home-bound storybooks to Kindergarten to Grade 3 learners, and the institutionalized Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) program.

In line with international cooperation, the delegation shared critical milestones regarding regional frameworks that seek to uplift basic education across Southeast Asia.

These include the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Foundational Learning (ADFL) or the

major policy deliverable spearheaded by DepEd in support of the Philippines' ASEAN chairship.

The DepEd, likewise, discussed its active involvement in the upcoming ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2026-2030, which features the ASEAN Academic Recovery and Catch-up Program (ASEAN ARC-UP).

The program serves as an integrated regional mechanism within the work plan to advance collective solutions for

learning recovery across member states.

"We believe learning recovery is now a shared regional responsibility that requires collective solutions," Panontongan said.

These contributions position the Philippines as a "reliable partner" in educational development in the region.

"The education challenges confronting our generation are complex, but they are not irre-

versible. Reform requires political will, sustained investment, and collective action from governments, educators, communities, and international partners," Panontongan said.

Besides Panontongan, the Philippine delegation also included DepEd Undersecretary for Learning Systems Carmela Oracion and Undersecretary for Planning, E-CAIR, and PQF Secretariat Rafaelita Aldaba. (PNA)

## DA eyes P53/kilo SRP on local rice starting next week



MANILA – The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Thursday said it is eyeing to impose the PHP53 per kilogram suggested retail price (SRP) for local rice next week.

In an interview, DA Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said this will serve as a price guide for retailers and consumers.

"Suggested lang (It's only suggested) basically, we are just informing the people, the formal memo will be next week," he said.

Tiu Laurel earlier said that the PHP53 per kilo SRP is "acceptable" following consultations with stakeholders, including rice millers and industry groups.

The said SRP seeks to balance farmers' income and affordability for the public.

In terms of floor price for palay (unhusked rice), Tiu Laurel said the agency can only suggest.

"Walang floor price for almost anything in free trade, while we can suggest lang (only), like

in SRP, unless may batas tayo na pwede kang mag-deklara ng (unless we have a law that you can declare a) floor price. Technically, the DA can only suggest," he said.

Besides SRP on local rice, the DA is also set to roll out the full implementation of PHP50 per kilo price cap for 5 percent broken imported rice.

The price cap provides reasonable markup for importers, traders, and retailers, with the PHP37 to PHP38 per kilo landed cost.

As of Thursday, premium imported rice in Metro Manila sells at PHP48 to PHP60 per kilo, while the price of imported well-milled rice ranges from PHP48 to PHP50 per kilo, and imported regular-milled rice at PHP42 to PHP43 per kilo, according to the DA Bantay Presyo (Price Watch).

Local premium rice is at PHP50 to PHP60 per kilo, while local well-milled rice and regular milled rice are both at PHP50 a kilo. (PNA)

## TESDA boosts collab...

said Friday.

In a social media post, TESDA said new members who formally acceded include the Association of Carriers and Equipment Lessors, Inc. (ACEL), Antipolo Institute of Technology (AiTECH), Construction Manpower Development Foundation (CMDF), Philippine Institute of Certified Quantity Surveyors (PICQS), Roto Rooter Philippines, Society of Philippine Electrotechnical Constructors and Suppliers (SPECS), University of Makati, and Women in Infrastructure Foundation, Inc.

"Through the signing, more sub-sectors of the construction sector are represented, which means more industry experts would help us in ensuring that TESDA's training regulations, competency standards, assessment tools, and microcredentials being developed are in line with industry standards," TESDA Public Information Office Director Floramel Joy Songsong told the Philippine News Agency in an

interview.

Songsong said the signing was held on May 18.

She explained that there are five main sub-sectors in construction, depending on the project being built - residential construction, commercial construction, industrial construction, infrastructure construction, and institutional (public service) construction.

The stronger partnership, she said, means better employment opportunities await the graduates with the skill sets that the industry is looking for.

"One of the perks for the NITB-CS is having a ready pool of work-ready TVET (technical and vocational) education and training graduates for their recruitment needs," she said.

NITB members also have access to TESDA's technical assistance for their training needs and conduct of assessment and upskilling for their existing workers, she added. (PNA)

## EK Host Weekend Mother's Day & Summer Events



SANTA ROSA, LAGUNA — Enchanted Kingdom is celebrating its "Forever Enchanted Summer" and 30th anniversary with a special lineup this weekend, May 23 and 24, as shown in the schedule image\_415446.jpg.

The Forever Enchanted Mother's Day celebration features a Beauty & Body Care area offering haircuts, nail spa services, massage chairs, and massage therapy. Guests can also create handwritten keepsakes at the Letters to Mom station.

Entertainment features a character Meet & Greet with the Faerie Queen and Aruga at 5:00 PM (Eldar's Theater) and 5:30 PM (Midway Boardwalk). The SMS Summer Blast runs at 4:00 PM and 5:30 PM at Eldar's Theater, followed by live music from the Kingsmen at the Bandstand at 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM.

Note: Schedules are subject to change without prior notice. For updates, follow @ek\_philippines or @enchantedkingdom.ph.