

Senate OKs 2026 budget with focus on education, health, agriculture

Investments in education, health and agriculture are the highlights of the proposed PHP6.793-trillion national budget for 2026 ratified by the Senate on Monday, according to Senator Sherwin Gatchalian.

Delivering the ratification speech for the bicameral conference committee report on House Bill No. 4058, Gatchalian said the overall direction of the 2026 General Appropriations Bill is anchored on human development, with priority funding directed to sectors seen as critical to long-term national growth.

"We will see that the funds that we have invested in education, health, and agriculture are big because we believe that these three sectors are very important for the development of our country and for the development of our economy," Gatchalian, chairperson of the Committee on Finance, said.

He said education remains the single largest

investment in the 2026 budget, with total funding reaching PHP1.35 trillion, equivalent to 4.4 percent of gross domestic product.

Gatchalian said that he added that funding was also boosted for Zero Balance Billing in Department of Health hospitals and for specialty hospitals.

He highlighted the proposed PHP214.39-billion agriculture budget,

which he said is the highest allocation for the sector in more than a decade and is intended to support farm incomes and strengthen food security.

Gatchalian said the bicameral conference committee incorporated safeguards to protect public funds, citing livestreamed bicameral deliberations, public access to

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PGC Holds Top Management Review

The Provincial Government of Cavite conducted a Top Management Review on December 11, 2025, bringing together department heads and key personnel to reinforce the province's commitment to efficient, transparent, and quality public service.

The program opened with an invocation, followed by a presentation of the province's Quality Policy and an audio-visual overview highlighting ongoing quality initiatives. Participants were formally acknowledged by Ms. Anne Minnette M. Dastas, Unit Head of the Office of the Provincial Governor-Office of the Provincial Internal Audit Services.

Messages of support and direction were delivered by Provincial Administrator Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia, underscoring the importance of insti-



tutionalizing quality standards across provincial offices.

A Top Management Meeting, led by Ms. Michelle F. Alcid, Provincial Board Secretary and Quality Management Representative, served as a key platform to assess performance and align strategies.

The program concluded with closing remarks from the Chief of Staff Mr. Ferdinand A. Belamide, emphasizing continuous improvement and accountability in governance.

The activity reaffirmed the provincial government's dedication to strengthening systems and delivering responsive services to the public. — A. Sarte



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TOP PERFORMING CITY MAYORS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE (2025 YEAR-END SURVEY)



2025 Year-End Survey
Survey Period: Dec 7 - 20, 2025
No. of respondents: 5,000
MOE: +/- 3



AMADEO INTEGRATED SCHOOL CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Mayor Jojo Domingo joined the ribbon cutting and blessing of the new Grade 11 Senior High School building at Amadeo Integrated School, together with principal Gloria Villela and district supervisor Gloria Mojica. This project strengthens the partnership between the LGU and the



education sector in providing safe, conducive, and high quality learning spaces for our youth. The new building represents the municipality's continued investment in education and its commitment to supporting better opportunities and brighter futures for every learner.



Suporta sa Kabataan: Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Cavite, Patuloy sa Pagtataguyod ng Edukasyon

Sa isang makabuluhang pagtitipon na ginanap noong Disyembre 18, 2025 sa Casa de Libro, ang mga piling mag-aaral ng Cavite High School ay nakatanggap ng pinansyal na tulong mula sa butiing Punong Bayan, Mayor Hon. Denver Chua. Ang nasabing programa ay bahagi ng tuloy-tuloy na adbokasiya ng lokal na pamahalaan upang suportahan at pahalagahan ang edukasyon ng kabataan, na itinuturing na isa sa pinakamahalagang pundasyon para sa kaunlaran ng buong komunidad.

Lubos na ikinatuwa ng mga mag-aaral ang natamong tulong, na magsisilbing gabay at suporta sa kanilang pag-aaral, lalo

na sa pagtugon sa mga pangangailang pang-akademiko tulad ng mga kagamitan sa pag-aaral, libro, at iba pang maha-

halagang pangangailangan sa paaralan. Ayon sa mga mag-aaral, ang tulong na ito ay nagbigay sa kanila ng dagdag na inspirasyon

at motibasyon upang magbutihin ang kanilang pagganap sa paaralan at patuloy na magsikap upang

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DOTr to finish 16,575 housing units for NSCS-affected families by 2026

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) has launched an online tracking portal for the door-to-door deliveries of "balikbayan" boxes to the families of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) nationwide.

In a social media post, the bureau said the public may access <https://customs.gov.ph/home/overseas-filipino-worker-ofw/>, regarding the status of their boxes.

Upon accessing the website, the beneficiaries will be able to get information including the Bill of Lading, the container number, consolidator, de-con-

solidator, country of origin, and the status of the delivery.

At the same time, the bureau reminded the public that no payment of fees will be required for the delivery of the boxes and the site is continuously updated with each door-to-door rollout.

The people are also advised to send an email to bayanibox@customs.gov.ph for in-



quiries regarding balikbayan boxes.

Earlier, Commissioner Ariel Nepomuceno said the agency would be conducting door-to-door delivery of boxes sent by OFWs.

This was in compliance with the

orders of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to release the some 130,000 balikbayan boxes as a gift to OFWs and their families in the country.

The initiative seeks to ensure faster and more transparent delivery of balikbayan boxes nationwide.

ATI CALABARZON Trains Over 7,000 Farmers, Agri Stakeholders in 2025

In 2025, the Department of Agriculture (DA) capacity builder, the Agricultural Training



Institute (ATI) in CALABARZON, equipped a total of 7,084 individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to help steer a competitive and prosperous agriculture and fisheries sectors towards a vibrant economy.

As the catalyst and knowledge bank of the Philippine agriculture and fishery extension

(AFE) system, the DA-ATI CALABARZON trained 4,783 farmers; 1,209 agricultural exten-

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General Trias Farmers Graduate from Sustainable Pig Farming



The City Government of General Trias marked a milestone in local agriculture with the graduation ceremony of the Farmers Field School on Sustainable Pig Farming (FFS-SPF) held on December 19, 2025, at the Animal Pound Center in Bagong Kalsada, Brgy. Pasong Kawayan II.

The program celebrated the comple-

tion of learning-by-doing training by local farmers aimed at promoting environmentally sound, safe, and profitable pig farming practices. Participants were equipped with practical knowledge on animal health, biosecurity, and sustainable livestock management to strengthen food security and livelihood opportunities in the city.

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Beyond the Signature



Doc Willie Ong

Making the Philippine Budget Work for the People

The signing of the national budget is always a moment of consequence. With one stroke of the pen, the government converts months of debate, negotiation, and political compromise into a binding plan that will shape the country's priorities for the year ahead.

At its best, the budget is a moral document. It reflects commitments to education, healthcare, social protection, infrastructure, and national security. It signals whether the state is serious about inclusive growth or content with uneven progress.

Accountability, therefore, is paramount. Congress must continue oversight beyond passage. Line agencies must publish clear performance targets and report results in plain language.

The signing of the Philippine budget should also be a call for unity of purpose. Partisan battles may be inevitable during deliberations, but implementation demands cooperation across branches and levels of government.

Ultimately, the budget's success will be measured not by headline figures but by lived outcomes: fewer hungry families, safer roads, resilient communities, better schools, and decent jobs.

BOI investment approvals breach P1.5 trillion anew in 2025

Energy-related projects topped the approvals of the Board of Investments (BOI) in 2025, with the total for the year breaching PHP1.5 trillion for the second consecutive year.

Data released by the BOI on Monday showed that total investments last year reached PHP1.56 trillion, second highest after the record-high PHP1.62 trillion in 2024 but lower than the agency's PHP1.75 trillion target.

BOI said the 322 approved projects last year are projected to generate some 40,000 jobs nationwide.

Projects in the energy sectors topped the list, amounting to PHP970.09 billion, "reflecting sustained momentum in power

generation and related infrastructure projects," according to a news release. Mass housing projects trail with PHP 241.65 billion, followed by transportation and storage, PHP230.06 billion; manufacturing, PHP 62.16 billion; and information and communication, PHP26.56 billion.

Local investments accounted for the bulk at PHP1.41 trillion while foreign investments amounted to PHP149.45 billion.

Most of the local investments are located in the National Capital Region, amounting to PHP383.71 billion, followed by those in the Cordillera Administrative Region, PHP373.39 billion; Calabarzon, PHP257.83 billion; Bicol Region,

PHP123.61 billion; and Central Luzon, PHP105.13 billion.

For foreign investments, those from Singapore are the largest at PHP80.37 billion, followed by those from The Netherlands, PHP33.29 billion; Thailand, PHP7.75 billion; the United States, PHP6.91 billion; and Switzerland, PHP4.33 billion.

Despite the low approvals in 2025, Trade and Industry Secretary Cristina Roque said approvals still breached the PHP1.5 trillion level, which, she said "highlights the Philippines' growing competitiveness and the sustained trust of both local and foreign investors."

"These investments rein-

Mga pagkaing nagbibigay ng energy sa katawan

NARITO ang mga pagkain na puwedeng magbigay ng lakas. Maaring pamalit sa kanin ang mga ito.

1. Mais – Napakataas ng fiber na makapagpapabuo.

Ang mais ay ginagawa ring cereals (corn flakes) at popcorn. Ang pagiging dilaw ng mais ay dahil sa sangkap nitong Vitamin A at lutein na mabuti sa mata. May mga B vitamins din ito para sa ating nerves.

2. Patatas – Mataas sa potassium at iron. Ang potassium ay nakatutulong sa paggalaw ng muscle at pagtibok ng puso. Ang iron ay kailangan ng red blood cell. Tandaan lamang na isama ang balat ng patatas sa pagluto dahil nandito ang fiber, potassium at iron. Puwedeng pangsahog ito sa mechado, menudo o giniling. Ngunit hindi masustansiya ang French fries dahil naiprito ito sa mantika at nilagyan nang maraming asin.

3. Kamote – Ang kulay orange na kamote ay may carotenoids at Vitamin A. Ang carotenoids ay isang sangkap na maaaring makatulong sa pag-iwas sa kanser sa baga, kanser sa balat at kanser sa prostate. Sa mga naninigariyo, kumain ng isang tasang kamote araw-araw para mabawasan ang tsansang magkaroon ng lung cancer.

4. Saging – Masustansiya ang lahat ng klase ng saging—saba, lakatan at laturan. Makatutulong ito sa may ulcer o nangangasim ang sikmura dahil tinatapanan nito ang ating tiyan. Ang saging ay nagpapasaya at nagpapakalma sa dahil sa taglay nitong tryptophan na nagpapataas ng serotonin o happy hormones. Puwedeng pakainin ang mga bata ng saging para ma-relax sila sa oras ng eksamen. Ang saging ay mayaman din sa potassium na kailangan ng mga nag-ehehersisyo.

5. Yacon – May taglay itong fructo-oligosaccharides, na ayon sa eksperto ay mabuti sa mga diabetic. Mataas din sa fiber ang yacon kaya nakakabusog at puwedeng makapagpapayat.



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ATI CALABARZON Trains

sion workers (AEWs) from various local government units; 555 DA staff; and 537 students, agri-enthusiasts, and individuals from the general public.

Training and other extension initiatives by the DA-ATI CALABARZON primarily focused on good agricultural practices, farm mechanization, climate-resilient agriculture, smart farming, and integrated nutrient and pest management.

These programs were not limited to the production aspect, as the agency also equipped the aforementioned individuals with technologies along the agricultural value chain, including post-harvest technologies, processing, and marketing—across different banner programs like rice, corn, livestock, Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP), High

Value Crops Development Program (HVC-DP), organic agriculture, and National Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Pro-

gram (NUPAP), and additional extension services.

Sobra po ang pasalamat ko sa ATI CALABARZON dahil ine-ensure po nila na may bago silang kaalamang naihatid at nakakarating po ito sa aming mga farmers. Sa training na

ito, privilege po para sa akin na matuto at ma-experience yung mga hands-on kung paano ba bumuo ng cacao-coconut fusion products, na totoo pong helpful para mas ma-maximiz pa yung gamit ng raw materials and ma-improve yung pwedeng pagkakitaan ng mga farmers," said Carla Pante, one of the farmer participants who shared her impression of the Training on Coconut and Cacao Fusion: Value Chain-based Product Development and Market Integration last July.

John Mark Sto. Domingo, an agricultural and biosystems engineer from Teresa, Rizal, also shared how the DA-ATI CALABARZON helps ex-

General Trias Farmers

The ceremony featured messages from key officials and partner agencies, including Dr. May M. Magno, Provincial Veterinarian, Ms. Marian Lovella, Learning Specialist, ATI CALABARZON, Hon. Mario C. Amante, Barangay Captain and the City Government, highlighting the importance of empowering farmers through education and innovation.

Graduates were formally recognized during the event, underscoring their commit-

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budget documents, and the requirement for infrastructure projects to carry station numbers and geographic coordinates to allow on-the-ground verification.

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Suporta sa Kabataan:

makamit ang kanilang mga pangarap.

Sa kanyang mensahe, ipinahayag ni Mayor Hon. Denver Chua ang kanyang taos-pusong hangarin na patuloy na umalalay sa mga kabataang nagsusumikap sa kabila ng iba't ibang hamon sa buhay.

The program concluded with a closing message from Dr. Gloria C. Digma, the City Veterinarian, who expressed her sincere gratitude to all the dedicated graduates for their hard work and commitment throughout the program.

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wavering dedication of the DA-ATI CALABARZON in empowering its stakeholders through a resilient and responsive agriculture and fisheries extension system in the region.

Meanwhile, Dr. Rolando Maningas, Center Director of the DA-ATI CALABARZON, shared a glimpse of the agency's plans as it gears towards 2026.

"For 2026, we will solidify our efforts to modernize and mechanize the agri-fishery sector by reinforcing technologies, innovations, quality extension services, inclusivity, and skills-based trainings that respond to the evolving needs of our farmers and fishers," said Dr. Maningas.

He added, "At the same time, we will strengthen our role as a nexus in empowering and catalyzing our extension workers as key change agents in the region, ensuring that our services and their impacts are met on the ground and will truly lead to masaganang agrikultura

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GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) – Mabayaran ang dues, makakapag-save ka na rin for future dahil tatabo ng sales ang business mo. Kung empleyado, naglalandas ang promotion. Pagtuunan ng pansin ang iyong health. Magpahinga kung kailangan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 58, 21, 41, 31, 12 at amethyst violet.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) – Masidhi ang dahilan para i-push na matuloy ang daloy ng mga balak. Maaakit mo ang mga supporter. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 32, 55, 15, 45, 23 at ice blue.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) – Baguhin ang out took sa buhay. Ma-a-attract mo ang makakatuwang sa pag-asenso, tiyakin lang na hindi ito iligal. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 47, 58, 23, 36, 15 at dollar green.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) – Makikilala mo ang iyong soulmate. Magsisimula kayo ng bagong Negosyo. Increasing ang income. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 12, 23, 27, 31, 40 at sunflower yellow.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) – Maakit mo ang support system na kailangan mo sa karerang pinili. Maging matalino kung sino ang pakikinggan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 36, 45, 26, 12, 52 at cyan blue.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) – Mag-ikapa para magpatuloy ang mga dumarating na blessing sa'yo. Magiging happy ka. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 35, 47, 28, 51,15 at sandalwood brown.

GEMINI: (May. 21-Hun. 21) – Lakasan mo ang iyong loob. Simulan ang project. Huwag dedmahin ang kalusugan, magpa-check up. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 16, 42, 56, 21, 33 at sapphire blue.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) – Palaging isaisip ang greater good para sa humanity. Dahil ito maghahatid ng blessings. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 41, 36, 52, 23, 12, at cobalt blue.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) – Tanggap mo ang feedback. Makakatulong ito for improvement. Mag-celebrate para sa iyong second life. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 52, 23, 47, 36, 15 at satin white.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) – Ang iyong tiwala sa kapwa ang mag-aa-ngat ng mga customer. Patuloy ang daloy ng income. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 42, 38, 17, 26, 55 at shocking pink.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) – Kikita nang husto ang iyong business. Kaya naman lahat ng pa-ng-arap ay makakamit. Happy ka! Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 55, 16, 45, 28, 35 at lavender.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) – Merong open door na naglalandas. Maging alerto para hindi ito lumampas sa'yo. Umiyas sa tsismosa. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 52, 13, 42, 26, 32, at cherry red.

2025 marked by extreme heat, record temperatures, widespread impacts

2025 ranked among the warmest years on record globally, despite a shift toward neutral or weak La Nina conditions that typically cool global temperatures, according to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Copernicus Climate Change Service.

Global temperatures in 2025 ranked second or third warmest on record, following the record-hot year of 2024, underscoring the growing strength of human-caused warming driven by greenhouse gas emissions.

Scientists said natural cooling cycles are no longer sufficient to offset rising baseline temperatures, with many regions recording record or near-record heat levels throughout the year.

WMO said its latest global climate outlook shows temperatures over the next five years are likely to remain at or near record levels, with an 80 percent chance that at least one year will exceed the current warmest year on record and a 70 percent chance that the five-year average will temporarily exceed 1.5C above pre-industrial levels.

The effects of climate change are considered one of the biggest threats facing humanity today, according to many studies and scientific bodies.

Summer 2025 heatwaves

Extreme summer heat in 2025 caused widespread health impacts and record temperatures across multiple regions, with July ranking as the third-warmest on record globally.

Europe recorded its fourth-warmest summer on record, with intense heat concentrated in western and southern areas. Land surface temperatures were significantly above average in northeastern Spain, southwestern France, the Balkans and parts of Fennoscandia, with anomalies reaching up to 6C (10.8F) in some locations.

The UK recorded its hottest June on record in England and the second-warmest nationwide since records began in 1884, according to the Met Office. The Netherlands experienced its second-highest June temperatures since 1901, data from the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute showed.

Spain endured its most intense heatwave on record in August, the State Meteorological Agency said.

Scandinavia, including Finland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, saw prolonged heatwaves in July, with temperatures well above seasonal averages across the region.

A study by researchers from Imperial College London and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine estimated around 24,400 heat-related deaths across 854 European cities between June and August. About 68 percent of those deaths were attributed to climate change, effectively tripling the expected toll without human-induced warming.

Italy recorded the highest number of climate-attributed deaths at 4,597, followed by Spain with 2,841, Germany with 1,477, France with 1,444 and the UK with 1,147. The most severe city-level impacts were recorded in Rome, followed by Athens, Paris and Madrid.

Researchers said older populations were particularly vulnerable, with around 85 percent of victims aged 65 or older, adding that heat-related deaths are often underreported.

Asia

Extreme heat affected large parts of Asia in 2025.

Japan recorded one of its hottest Junes since records began in 1898, the Japan Meteorological Agency said, with prolonged heat leading to a surge in heatstroke cases and deaths, particularly among elderly people.

South Korea reported record daily temperature averages in late June, the highest since 1904.

India issued red alerts in New Delhi amid extended heat conditions, while Pakistan saw temperatures rise to around 50C (122F) in parts of Punjab province.

In Iran, authorities closed public institutions in 18 provinces to manage soaring energy demand caused by widespread use of cooling systems.

North America

The US and parts of North America experienced severe heatwaves in 2025, including a major June heat dome that exposed more than 255 million people to extreme temperatures, with readings frequently exceeding 38C (100F).

Record heat affected the Midwest, Northeast, South and West, leading to thousands of heat-related illnesses.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said extreme heat remains the leading weather-related cause of death in the US, with preliminary 2025 data confirming at least 150 heat-related deaths nationwide.

The prolonged heat strained power grids, infrastructure and public health systems across the country.

Droughts intensify

Extreme heat in 2025 intensified drought conditions in many regions by increasing evaporation rates.

Iran faced one of its most severe water crises, with Lake Urmia, once the Middle East's largest saltwater lake, shrinking dramatically and facing periodic drying, alongside critically low dam levels in Tehran and other major cities.

Drought conditions also affected Syria, parts of Africa and South Korea, where the city of Gangneung was declared a disaster zone after record-low rainfall.

The WMO's State of Global Water Resources report warned of increasingly erratic water cycles marked by rapid swings between floods and droughts.

UN Water said 3.6 billion people currently face inadequate access to water for at least one month each year, a figure projected to rise to more than 5 billion by 2050.

Events in 2025 highlighted the accelerating risks posed by climate change, with heatwaves, droughts and related crises becoming more frequent, more severe and more disruptive worldwide. (Anadolu)

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF STATE OF THE DECEASED MARINA TORRES ALEGNO WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS, SHARE AND INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **MARINA TORRES ALEGNO**, who died on September 16, 2012 in Dasmariñas Cavite, that the above-named deceased died intestate, without a Will or Testament and without any outstanding debts in favor of any person or entities, that the deceased left a property covered by TCT No. T-73832 P (M) situated at Barangay Minuyan, Norzagaray Bulaca, identified as Lot 14166-A-3 with an area of Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four (3,474) Sqm., without improvement 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. Jerome G. Salazar under Doc. No. 165, Page No. 34, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2025.

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JANUARY 5, 12 & 19, 2026

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE DECEASED OF BRANDO AQUINO MAMITAG VEHICLE (TOYOTA INNOVA) WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS, SHARE AND INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **BRANDO AQUINO MAMITAG**, who died on April 01, 2021 in Bacoor Cavite, that the above-named deceased died intestate, without a Will or Testament and without any outstanding debts in favor of any person or entities, that the deceased left a vehicle which is more Particularly described as follows: Plate No. NEN2841, CHASIS NO. PA2JA8EM9K0067761, MAKE: TOYOTA, YEAR MODEL: 2019, ENGINE NO. 1GD0702075, BODY TYPE WAGON, SERIES: INNOVA 28 E DI, 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. Jerome G. Salazar under Doc. No. 168, Page No. 35, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2025.

PAHAYAGAN NG KABITENYO
JANUARY 5, 12 & 19, 2026

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION OF THE DECEASED ALEJANDRO L. ACIERTO WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **ALEJANDRO L. ACIERTO**, who died on June 20, 2023 in Manila, that the said deceased died intestate, without a Will or Testament and without any outstanding debts in favor of any person or entities, that the said deceased left a parcel of land covered by TCT No. (T-1294909) 057-2024000583, identified Lot 37 Block 2 with an area of Thirty Six (36) with improvement was the subject of this Affidavit of Self Adjudication among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before a Notary Public Atty. Jerome G. Salazar under Doc. No. 178, Page No. 37, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2025.

PAHAYAGAN NG KABITENYO
JANUARY 5, 12 & 19, 2026

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF ADJUDICATION OF THE DECEASED ALBERTO ERUM REGUDOS also known as ALBERTO DELOS SANTOS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **ALBERTO ERUM REGUDOS also known as ALBERTO DELOS SANTOS**, who died on September 23, 2020 in Pangasinan, that the said deceased died intestate, without a Will or Testament and without any outstanding debts in favor of any person or entities, that the deceased left a property under the BLOCK III BAGONG SILANG HOA INC., Phase 1, identified as Block 36, Lot 2, located at Block 3, Bagong Silang, Molino III, Bacoor, Cavite, with a total area of Thirty-Eight (38) sqm., with improvements thereon. This property is still under Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) under Account No. 31271420260 was the subject of this Affidavit of Self Adjudication among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before a Notary Public Atty. Jerome G. Salazar under Doc. No. 022, Page No. 06, Book No. XXIV, Series of 2025.

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5 holiday deaths linked to stroke, heart attacks reported

Citing surveillance data gathered from Dec. 21 to 31 across 10 pilot monitoring sites, the DOH said three of the fatalities were caused by acute stroke, while two resulted from acute coronary syndrome.

Stroke emerged as the most common condition monitored during the period, accounting for 53 of the 180 recorded acute cases.

This was followed by acute coronary syndrome, which comprised 28 of the 77 cases tracked. Bronchial asthma was also noted, with eight cases recorded out of 31, mostly involving children aged zero to nine.

Most stroke and heart attack cases were recorded among adults aged 60 to 69.

The DOH said the recorded deaths highlight the importance of recognizing early warning signs and acting quickly when symptoms appear.

To prevent acute coronary syndrome, the agency advised the public to

DA to ensure 2026 budget benefits farmers, fishers, consumers

The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Monday said it will ensure that the PHP6.793 trillion national budget, which seeks to strengthen the agriculture sector in the Philippines, will really benefit farmers and fishers.

In a statement, DA Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. vowed to look into the approved funding as the boosted support for the sector will enhance local food production and lead to long-term food security.

"We're happy that the budget has finally been released, but we still need to review what the final version entails," Tiu Laurel said.

The agriculture chief underscored the need for careful scrutiny to ensure that farmers and fishers, as well as consumers and other key stakeholders across the value chain, will benefit from the 2026 General Appropriations Act.

He also emphasized the need to prioritize ongoing reforms, including food security efforts, post-harvest support and modernization, climate adaptability, and resolutions on logistic challenges, among others.

"Public spending must translate into tangible benefits on the ground, not remain on paper," Tiu Laurel stressed.

The DA was reportedly included among agencies with budget reallocations from flood control funds of the Department of Public Works and Highways to ensure support to farmers and fishers.

Among the significant highlights are the additional support for the expanded "Benteng Bigas Meron (BBM) Na" program; PHP20 billion fund for the newly-enacted Animal Industry Competitiveness Act; PHP33 billion fund for farm-to-market roads (FMR) construction; and PHP30 billion Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF).

avoid overeating, smoking, alcohol consumption, and stress, and to seek immediate consultation for chest tightness or breathing difficulty.

For stroke, the DOH urged Filipinos to maintain normal blood pressure, remain physically active, and seek urgent medical attention if numbness or weakness in any part of the body occurs.

Parents of children with bronchial asthma were reminded to avoid triggers such as dust and smoke and ensure that inhalers and medications are always accessible.

In case of emergencies, the public may call 911 or the 1555 DOH Emergency Number for rapid medical assistance.

The DOH emphasized that prompt response and preventive habits remain crucial in reducing fatal complications from non-communicable diseases during the holiday season. (PNA)

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The country's Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) posted a rebound in December 2025 to 50.2 from the previous month's 47.4 level, which an industry official said is a sign of stabilization, not seasonality.

An index of above 50 indicates expansion, while those below 50 shows otherwise.

In a statement Monday, Federation of Philippine Industries (FPI) Chairperson Beth Lee said the 5.9 percent jump of the manufacturing PMI "reflects genuine stabilization rather than Christmas restocking."

"The PMI shows we are back in positive territory—a clear sign of resilience. The challenge and opportunity now is to turn this recovery into lasting industrial strength by investing in innovation, diversification, and resilience," she said.

Lee said the primary factors for the improvement include normalization of factories' operations after the hit from several typhoons last November, the improvement in orders after a slowdown since August, and resumption of purchasing activity amidst supply chain challenges.

"Importantly, the rebound was domestically led; as export orders remained subdued at the close of 2025," she said.

"Looking ahead, export growth in 2026 could pro-

P1-B DOH fund to kick off zero balance billing in LGU hospitals

In a statement on Monday, the DOH said President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. confirmed the allocation, which will be used to reduce patient expenses for basic accommodation to zero in participating LGU hospitals.

The initiative would expand the government's zero balance billing policy beyond DOH-run facilities.

The DOH said the selection of LGU hospitals that will initially implement the program will be based on their local health systems' maturity levels and other technical preparedness indicators.

These include compliance with eligibility criteria, reporting requirements and operational obligations to ensure the LGU's capacity to sustain the program.

The funds will be released directly to qualified large LGU hospitals, similar to the existing zero balance billing system in DOH hospitals, and will not require guarantee letters from politicians.

Further details will be announced once the DOH receives the official copy of the 2026 General Appropriations Act, which will guide the rollout and operational guidelines of the program.

The zero balance billing initiative is part of the administration's push to reduce out-of-pocket expenses and improve access to affordable healthcare, particularly for indigent and financially vulnerable patients. (PNA)



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vide a stronger external tailwind, particularly in electronics, which account for nearly half of Philippine exports. If realized, this export momentum will help sustain PMI readings above 50, signaling broader expansion in the manufacturing sector."

Catalysts for this year include domestic resilience against natural calamities and supply chain shocks, diversification from the current dual structure of food processing and electronics, and strengthening mid-complexity industries like machinery, chemicals, and wood products "to reduce volatility and broaden employment opportunities."

Lee said the country's manufacturing sector accounts for around 15.7 percent of the domestic economy's annual output, below the regional level of between 22 percent and 27 percent.

This situation, she said, "highlights the urgency of Tatak Pinoy reforms to diversify and deepen industrial capacity, ensuring manufacturing becomes a stronger engine of national growth."

"December's rebound is more than just a number—it is a signal that Philippine manufacturing can recover quickly when demand stabilizes. We are optimistic for this year 2026, banking on the expansion and implementation of real reforms that affect businesses, together with the strengthening of initiatives like Tatak Pinoy that can build long-term resilience for the country's manufacturing base," she added. (PNA)

Hundred Islands park draws over 377K tourists in 2025



MALASIQUI, Pangasinan – The Hundred Islands National Park in Alaminos City attracted 377,968 tourists in 2025, generating PHP43.8 million in income despite a slight 2.1% drop from the previous year.

City tourism officer Miguel Sison attributed the decrease Tuesday to weather disturbances in the latter half of the year. Most tourists visited in April and May, with over 65,000 arrivals each month.

Of the total, 366,228 were domestic tourists, and 11,740 were foreign visitors.

"Tuloy pa din ang (Ongoing are the) promotions and marketing as well as the maintenance of existing sites," said assistant tourism officer Rosalie Aruelo.

New attractions include a Bonsai Garden on Pilgrimage Island and various water activities. The city also looks forward to the opening of the PHP249.8-million Sky Garden project, a flagship development expected to boost tourism and create jobs.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., during the project's groundbreaking in May 2024, highlighted the park's family-friendly design and role in strengthening the local economy. (PNA)