

Talaba, Bacoor station added to LRT-1 extension project



MANILA — A new station in Talaba, Bacoor will be added to the LRT-1 Cavite Extension, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) said.

DOTr Secretary Vince Dizon said Monday that the additional station was requested by the local government unit.

“This was a request by Bacoor and it makes sense because yung Talaba station ay doon sa area kung saan yung new development ng Bacoor City,” he told reporters at the sidelines of the Economic Journalists Association of the Philippines (EJAP) Infrastructure Forum in Makati City. “Hindi ko sinabing malaki na ngayon ang ridership, pero since that is future development in Bacoor then most likely you will have a potential huge ridership,” he added.

The DOTr has sought an additional P3 billion in funding for 2026 to build the new station, which would sit between the Zapote and Niog stations.

Dizon said the Light Rail Manila Corporation (LRMC), the private concessionaire responsible for the operations and maintenance of LRT-1, had been informed about this.

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Grand Re-Opening ng McDonald's Cavite City - J. Felipe Blvd



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The New Trece Martires City Hall

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Trece Martires City Hall marked the beginning of a long-awaited vision: the creation of a modern, durable, and purpose-driven facility dedicated to genuine and compassionate public service.

Designed by the renowned WTA Architecture and Design Studio, the new Trece Martires City Hall located in Brgy. Conchu aims to be the cornerstone of faster, more efficient, and people-centered leadership for all Treceños. More than just a building, it stands as a powerful symbol of the city's progress, continuous development, and ever-evolving identity.

Paying homage to the city's namesake and rich history, the building incorporates architectural elements in-

spired by the Thirteen Martyrs Monument. At its entrance, a tessellation of columns and vertical features forms three semicircular layers—each one symbolizing the enduring legacy of the Thirteen Martyrs. These layers reflect how the martyrs remain at the heart of Trece Martires' identity, their ideals continuing to inspire and guide generations of residents.

The vision is clear: to build a City Hall that not only impresses through thoughtful design, but more importantly, delivers reliable, responsive, and heartfelt service to the people it serves.



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PBBM raises railways fare discount of students to 50%

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Friday ordered the raising of the student discount rate to 50 percent at the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Lines 1 and 2, and the Metro Rail Transit Line 3 (MRT-3).

In a press conference at the LRT-2 Antipolo Station, Department of Transportation Secretary Vince Dizon said the discount is in line with Marcos' order to ease the burden of all students and their parents.

The higher discount, which will be implemented starting June 20, applies to all students -- including those enrolled in postgraduate studies -- every



day, including weekends and holidays, until 2028.

“Yung dating 20 percent discount lang sa mga estudyante, inutos ng Pangulo na gawin natin (From the previous 20 percent discount for students, the President ordered us to raise it to) 50 per-

cent,” Dizon said.

“Malaking tulong ito sa mga pamilya lalo na mga magulang na hirap sa pagpaaral sa kanilang mga anak. Yung matitipid nila, pwede nilang ilaan sa ibang gastusin gaya ng mga project, dagdag nila sa baon, o sa iba pang

mga gastusin sa school (This is a big help to families, especially parents who are struggling to provide education for their children. What they save, they can spend on projects, a bigger allowance or other school costs),” he said.

LRT-2 serves the University Belt in Manila, which is home to several colleges and universities.

“Mabuti na ito at least diretso sa balsa ng mga estudyante at ng pamilya nila 'yung benepisyo. Diretsong tulong ito (This is a good thing, the benefits go directly to the pockets of the students and their family. This is a direct help),” he said. (PNA)

SC announces list of local testing centers for 2025 Bar Exams

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Modern tech to enhance learning at Imus public school

IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — In a move to modernize public education and enhance student learning experiences, the City Government of Imus officially turned over 30 state-of-the-art 75-inch digital interactive display units to Tanzang Luma Elementary School.

According to the city government, the initiative seeks to enhance classroom engagement and improve literacy by integrating advanced technology into teaching and

learning.

Third District Representative Adrian Jay Advincula who graced the official turnover of the digital interactive displays, un-

derscored the urgent need to address reading comprehension challenges among students in public schools.

“Many of our students can read, but they struggle with understanding what they read. Through these interactive display TVs, we hope to provide a more immersive

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PBBM to DepEd: Prioritize reliable water, power supplies in schools

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday directed the Department of Education (DepEd) to prioritize the provision of essential utilities—particularly electricity, water, and internet—in public schools to improve learning conditions as the school year 2025-2026 officially opened.

“Yung kuryente, or making sure na may kuryente lahat, may tubig lahat. Yun ang mga basic services na makikita natin para naman maging maayos ang pag-aaral ng mga ating kabataan (Electricity,



making sure everyone has it, and water — those are the basic services we need to see to ensure good education for our children),” Marcos told reporters after inspecting a school in Malate, Manila for the reopening of classes.

He emphasized an

all-agency approach to educational support.

“Nabanggit ko sa ating mga guro na lahat ng departamento ng pamahalaan ay naka-converge dito, sama-samang nagtutulongan (I mentioned to our teachers that all gov-

PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A, Nagsagawa ng 2nd Quarter Press Conference Kasama ang Media ng Laguna

SAN PABLO CITY, LAGUNA | Sa pamumuno ni Dr. Edwin M. Oriña, Acting Regional Vice President ng PhilHealth Regional Office IVA (PRO IV-A), pinangunahan ni Field Operations Division Chief Arturo C. Ardiente at mga Heads ng Local Health Insurance Office ng San Pablo at Calamba City

Grace C. Ramilo at Maria Teresa S. Alba, ang isinagawang press conference na dinaluhan ng mga katuwang nitong media mula sa lalawigan ng Laguna.

Ibinahagi sa naturang press conference ang mga bagong benepisyo tulad ng Outpatient Emergency Care Benefit (OECB), Severe Acute

Malnutrition Package, Outpatient Mental Health Services, Preventive Oral Health Services, Optometric Services para sa mga batang edad 0-15, at Physical Medicine, Rehabilitation and Assistive Mobility Devices.

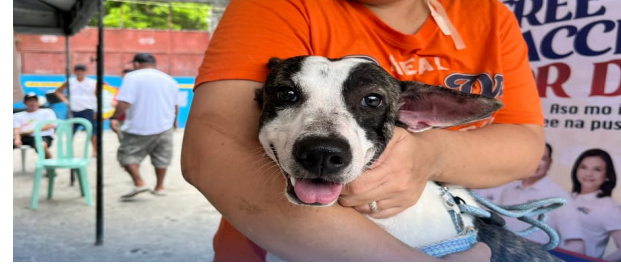
Ipinagbigay kaalaman din sa mga dumalo



MANILA – Education Secretary Sonny Angara on Thursday highlighted the effects of “digital bayanihan” among government agencies and other stakeholders to reach and empower learners in last-mile schools in the country.

This came after Department of Education (DepEd) and National Electrification Administration (NEA) officials visited a last-mile school at the Datu Saldong Domino Elementary School in Sitio Tagpange in Barangay Simbal-

City Government of Bacoor together with Office of Veterinary Services - LIBRENG RABIES VACCINATION PROGRAM



Barangay Molino 1 - Villa Felicia 221 na alagang hayop ang nabakunahan

Maraming salamat sa mga pet owners na aktibong nakiisa sa ating programa! Ang libreng bakunang ito ay bukas para sa lahat ng Bacooreño, pati na rin sa mga residente ng karatig-barangay na kayang pumunta sa itinakdang lugar ng bakunahan.

Paalala: Ang pagiging responsableng pet owner ay nangangahulugang pagbibigay ng tamang pangangalaga at pagbabakuna laban sa rabies upang mapanatiling ligtas ang inyong alaga at ang buong komunidad.

Mga Simpleng Paraan Para Pumayat at Maging Mas Malusog

- 1. Kumain ng mas madalas pero kaunti lamang** - Mas maiwasan mo ang labis na pagkain kung may regular pero kaunting pagkain sa buong araw. Ito ay tumutulong sa pagpapanatili ng matatag na blood sugar level. Mas madali ring makontrol ang cravings kapag hindi ka sobrang gutom.
- 2. Bawasan ang pagkain ng kanin** - Kung 2 tasa ang dating kinain, subukang gawin itong 1 tasa para mabawasan ang calorie intake. Maaring palitan ito ng masustansyang alternatibo gaya ng brown rice o quinoa. Makakatulong din ito sa mas balanseng diyeta.
- 3. Kumain nang mabagal** - Mas mabilis mararamdaman ng katawan ang kabusugan kapag hindi nagmamadali sa pagkain. Makakaiwas ka rin sa indigestion o kabag. Bigyan ng pansin ang bawat subo upang mas ma-enjoy ang pagkain.
- 4. Mag-ehersisyo ng 3 hanggang 4 na beses bawat linggo** - Regular na paggalaw ay nakakatulong sa fat burning at overall na kalusugan. Pumili ng ehersisyong gusto mo upang mas maging consistent. Makatutulong ito hindi lang sa katawan kundi pati sa mental health.
- 5. Palakasin ang masel sa tiyan** - Ang core exercises ay nakatutulong para sa flat na tiyan at tamang postura. Ito rin ay nagpapabuti sa balanse at lakas ng buong katawan. Kabilang sa mga ito ang planking at crunches.
- 6. Panatilihin ang tamang postura** - Iwasan ang pagiging kuba para sa maayos na sirkulasyon at hitsura. Ang tamang postura ay nakakaiwas sa pananakit ng likod at leeg. Ito rin ay nagpapataas ng kumpiyansa sa sarili.
- 7. Iwasan ang matatamis na inumin** - Ang soft drinks, iced tea, at artificial juices ay maraming asukal na nagdadagdag ng timbang. Maaari itong magdulot ng diabetes at iba pang sakit sa metabolic system. Pumili ng tubig o natural na inumin tulad ng buko juice.
- 8. Huwag laktawan ang almusal** - Ang pagkain ng almusal ay nakakatulong para hindi ka labis na magutom sa tanghali. Nagbibigay ito ng enerhiya para sa buong umaga. Ang mga taong nag-aalmusal ay kadalasang may mas mababang tsansa na tumaba.
- 9. Bawasan ang pag-inom ng alak at beer** - Mataas ang calorie content ng mga ito at nakakaantala sa metabolismo. Naaapektuhan din ang pagtulog at paggana ng atay. Mas mainam ang pag-inom ng tubig o tsa pagkatapos ng hapunan.
- 10. Matulog ng sapat, 7 hanggang 9 na oras bawat gabi** - Ang kulang sa tulog ay nagpapataas ng gana sa pagkain at bumabagal ang metabolismo. Ang sapat na tulog ay tumutulong sa muscle recovery at immune system. Mas magiging alerto ka rin sa araw-araw na gawain.
- 11. Iwasan ang pag-order ng fast food** - Karamihan sa mga ito ay mataas sa taba, asin, at calories na nagpapahirap pumayat. Madalas ay kulang din sa fiber at nutrisyon. Mas maganda kung magbaon ng sariling pagkain sa trabaho o eskwela.
- 12. Kumain ng gulay at prutas sa bawat kain** - Mababa sa calories ngunit mataas sa fiber at nutrients, kaya nakakabusog nang hindi tumataba. Makakatulong ito sa digestion at pagpapanatili ng tamang timbang. Piliin ang mga makukulay na prutas at gulay para sa iba't ibang bitamina.
- 13. Maglakad araw-araw kahit 30 minuto lang** - Simpleng paglalakad ay malaking tulong sa pag-burn ng calories at pampaganda ng sirkulasyon. Makakabawas din ito sa stress at makakapagpabuti sa mood. Hindi kailangan ng mamahaling gamit para dito—komportableng sapatos lang ang kailangan.
- 14. Iwasan ang pagkain habang nanonood ng TV o gamit ang cellphone** - Hindi mo namamalayan na sobra na pala ang nakakain mo kapag distracted. Mas nagiging mindless ang pagkain at nagdulot ng overconsumption. Maglaan ng oras at atensyon sa pagkain upang mas maging mindful.
- 15. Maghanda ng pagkain sa bahay** - Mas makokontrol mo ang sangkap at dami ng iyong kinakain kaysa sa pagkain sa labas. Nakatitipid ka pa sa gastos. Mas masarap din ang pagkain kapag ito ay inihanda ng may pagmamahal.
- 16. Uminom ng green tea o tubig kaysa soft drinks** - Ang green tea ay may anti-oxidants at nakakatulong sa fat burning. Ang tubig ay walang calories at tumutulong sa detox ng katawan. Ugaling uminom ng 8–10 baso ng tubig bawat araw.
- 17. Gumamit ng mas maliit na plato** - Psychological trick ito para mabawasan ang dami ng pagkain nang hindi halata. Napag-alamang mas kontento ang tao kahit mas kaunti ang pagkain basta puno ang plato.
- 18. Makakatulong ito sa mas controlled na portion sizes** - Magtala ng iyong kinakain araw-araw. Nakakatulong ito para maging aware ka kung nasosobrahan ka na sa pagkain. Pwede rin itong gamitin para tukuyin kung saan ka dapat magbawas o magdagdag.
- 19. Marami nang libreng apps para sa food journaling** - Maghanap ng support system o ka-exercise buddy Mas nakaka-inspire at nakaka-motivate kapag may kasamang gumagawa ng parehong layunin. Nagkakaroon din ng accountability at mas masaya ang proseso. Mas malaki ang tsansa na maging consistent ka sa iyong routine.

LEE WELCOMES EXPANDED PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR KIDNEY TRANSPLANT, PUSHES FOR ADD'L BENEFITS

AGRI Party-list Rep. Manoy Wilbert Lee lauded the new benefits of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) for kidney transplant patients, as he renewed his call for more free medical services for Filipinos by the state health insurer.

“Nagpapasalamat tayo sa PhilHealth sa pakikinig sa matagal na nating panawagan na palawakin ang mga benepisyong pangkalusugan para sa ating mga kababayan na karapatan at deserve nilang matanggap, na layunin ng ipinaglalaban nating tunay na Universal Healthcare,” Lee said.

According to Lee, given the resources currently available to the PhilHealth, it should be able to fully cover not just the dialysis and kidney transplant, but other chronic diseases and critical services as well.

“Napapanahon nang taasan o gawin na wala na ring limit ang sinasagot ng PhilHealth sa heart bypass surgery, chemotherapy, leukemia at iba pang mabibigat na karamdaman, pati na sa mga diagnostic tests and preventive measures, para mapagaan ang pasanin ng mga pasyente at kanilang pamilya,” the solon earlier stressed.

PhilHealth recently launched the new benefits for adult and pediatric patients with stage 5 chronic kidney disease (CKD) who have undergone kidney transplant. President Ferdinand “Bong-bong” Marcos Jr. also visited the National Kidney and Transplant Institute (NKT) to personally witness the launch of the new benefit scheme.

PhilHealth previously implemented increases in hemodialysis sessions — from 90 to 156 per year, from P2,600 to P6,350 per session, and coverage for kidney transplantation from P600,000 to P2.1 million.

It can be recalled that Lee was the first to expose that PhilHealth had billions of available funds in September 2023. From filing House Bills and Resolutions, conducting consultations, to propounding interpellation questions during budget deliberations, he persistently urged the state health insurer to use these “unused funds” to expand its benefit packages. Lee’s aggressive efforts led to the implementation of

PhilHealth’s increased benefits and free medical services.

“With PhilHealth’s existing funds, they can very well afford to implement additional increase in all benefit packages. Dapat lang damihan at bilisan pa ang implementasyon nito dahil araw-araw, marami nating kababayan ang nangangamba sa pagkakasakit, at ang mas masaklap, pinipiling maratay na lang sa bahay dahil sa takot na lalong malubog sa utang at kahirapan kapag nagpagamot,” he said.

“They are afraid that if they get sick, they will shoulder additional financial burden on buying medicines and paying for medical treatments that will bankrupt their families.”

“Doble pasakit ang pagkakasakit. Yung mismong nagkasakit, hindi na rin nakapagtrabaho, they can no longer earn. This can be addressed if PhilHealth increases their medical benefits, and the government assures our countrymen that they will be cared for when they get sick. Huwag na nating patagalin ang pagpapatupad ng libreng gamot at pagpapagamot. Gawin na natin ito sa lalong madaling panahon,” Lee stressed. ###



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PBBM: Gov't committed to giving OFWs safe, humane workplace

MANILA – The Philippine government is working with host countries to protect the rights of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), especially the assurance of “safe and humane” working conditions, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said on Saturday.

Speaking before the Filipino community in Osaka, Japan, Marcos said his administration will do its best to ensure “smooth” employment and deployment processes for OFWs.

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GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

GEMINI: (May.21-Hun. 21) – Magbibigay ng magandang kontribu-syon ang isang Aries o Taurus. Doblehin ang pag-ingat kung makasagupa ng may pangalan na nagsisimula sa A, E, W. Magiging magaan at maaliwalas ang takbo ng mga oras. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 9, 18, 21, 36 at pink.

CANCER: (Hun. 22-Hul. 22) – Ilang pagbabago ang mangyayari sa aspeto ng pag-ibig dahil hindi pa tiyak ang sariling damdamin. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 3, 6, 14, 18 at jade green.

LEO: (Hul. 23-Ago. 22) – Maisakatuparan kung ano ang gustong mangyari sa buhay. Malakas ang angking ESP. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 3, 12, 28, 35 at sky blue.

VIRGO: (Ago. 23-Set.23) – Magiging maganda ang aspetong pinansyal. Magkakaroon ng pagkakataon na kumita ng ekstrang salapi. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 6, 10, 21, 25 at bright yellow.

LIBRA: (Set. 24-Okt. 23) – Aanihin ngayon kung ano ang itinanim. Kung ano ang ginawa ay siyang babalik sa iyo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 8, 14, 15, 37 at orchid violet.

SCORPIO: (Okt. 24-Nob. 22) – Positibo ang magi-ging pananaw at magsisimula ng maayos at masagana ang buong araw. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 7, 13, 27, 36 at red rose.

SAGITTARIUS: (Nob. 23-Dis. 21) – May mahalagang pag-uusapan tungkol sa lumalabong relasyon. Hinahon ang kailangan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 3, 9, 12, 31 at indigo.

CAPRICORN: (Dis. 22-Ene. 19) – Mapapanunayan mo na ang pangako ng iba sa iyo ay hindi matutupad. Maging mahinahon. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 5, 12, 28, 39 at pale yellow.

AQUARIUS: (Ene. 20-Peb. 18) – Ang maririnig na kapintasan at kahinaan ng minamahal ay tsismis. Huwag magpaapekto. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 2, 6, 25, 36 at strawberry red.

PISCES: (Peb. 19-Mar. 20) – Iwasan ang magbalak na pumasok sa magastos na gawain.Suriin muna ang budget. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 21, 24, 30, 39 at yellow.

ARIES: (Mar. 21-Abr. 19) – Perpekto ang araw para pagtuunan ng pansin ang kalusugan at tahanan. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 4, 6, 31, 39 at antique gold.

TAURUS: (Abr. 20-May. 20) – Huwag iisantiabi ang himala na maaaring mangyari kung patuloy na magsisipag at didisiplinahin ang sarili. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 9, 17, 21, 23 at scarlet.

DSWD eyes programs suited to distinct needs of Indigenous Peoples

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Council for Climate and Conflict Action Asia (CCAA) are working on the Kasama Katutubo Project – an effort to better understand the needs of Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs) and make government programs more responsive and respectful of their way of life.

The partnership was formalized Thursday with the signing of a memorandum understanding by Secretary Rex Gatchalian and CCAA Executive Director Francisco Lara Jr. at the DSWD central office in Quezon City. One of the main goals of the project is to develop a new survey tool that will gather information about IPs' values, resilience, culture, and goals.

"In order for us to come up with programs that will suit the IP communities, we have to first know



who they are, we have to understand where they are coming from and put that in the context of program formulation," Gatchalian said.

According to the DSWD chief, the survey tool will help the agency refine its existing programs and plan initiatives that are more suited to the IPs' real situations and needs.

He acknowledged that programs of various government agencies, including the DSWD, do not cater to the IPs' distinct needs, distinct aspirations, and distinct identities, considering the hundreds of IP communities in the country.

Under the MOU, the DSWD will lead the digitization of the survey

tool so data can be collected and analyzed quickly, enabling the agency to improve how it delivers programs and services to Indigenous communities.

Gatchalian thanked the CCAA for the support and collaboration to better serve the ICCs/IPs.

"Yes, we are all Filipinos but we do admit that in the IP communities, there are nuances that give them a distinct set of values that we have to enshrine and connect to this program. We are very thankful because I think it is a long journey but you are pointing us in the right direction. We look forward to working with all of you," he said. (PNA)

Marcos: Expanded school feeding program to be launched in July

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. announced Monday that the government will roll out an expanded school feeding program in July, aimed at improving nutrition and learning outcomes for Filipino children.

"Tapos 'yung sa feeding program din natin mag-start next month... Kaya pinalaki natin, pinalawak natin 'yung feeding program para sa mga kabataan (Our feeding program will start next month... We've expanded it for our youth)," Marcos told reporters after



visiting Epifanio Delos Santos Elementary School in Manila for the opening of classes for School Year 2025-2026.

Marcos said the initiative complements existing programs of the De-

partment of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) focused on early childhood development. "Kasi kung maalala niyo DSWD meron na tayong program from the First 1,000 days. Kasama na 'yung pagbubuntis para

PCA to plant 50M coconut trees in 2026 – DA

MANILA – To further boost local productivity and regain the global top spot, the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) will plant 50 million coconut trees next year, the Department of Agriculture (DA) said Thursday.

This is part of the administration's five-year aggressive planting targets of 100 million coconut trees until 2028 in line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

"The initial target for next year was 25 million trees, but on the orders of President Marcos, we are doubling our efforts. Our new goal for 2026 is to plant 50 million new coconut trees," Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said in a statement.

At least 15 million coconut trees are targeted to be planted within the year, on top of the 8.5 million trees planted in 2024.

He, meanwhile, assured adequate funding to ensure that the coconut replanting efforts will be scaled up to help the Philippines regain its position



as the world's number one coconut producer.

"The President has allocated additional funds for this, and we will involve coconut farming communities to fast-track the production of planting materials," Tiu Laurel said.

The country lost to Indonesia and remains the world's second coconut producer in 30 years.

In 2024, the Philippines' coconut output stood at 14.77 million metric tons (MT), lower than Indonesia's 17.13 million MT.

Besides replanting efforts, the DA is also focusing on the fertilization program to increase the yield of coconut trees.

"The goal is to

raise yields to at least 60 coconuts per tree annually through fertilization with agricultural grade salt while we wait for the new coconut trees to mature," Tiu Laurel said.

To date, the majority of the country's 340 million existing coconut trees are considered "senile" or aging, which reduces production to only a third of its actual optimal output, which is equivalent to 40 nuts per year.

President Marcos approved about PHP1.8 billion for the fertilization program. (PNA)



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and effective learning experience," Rep. Advincula said during the ceremony.

The interactive displays function like oversized tablets, featuring built-in operating systems, internet browsing, media playback, whiteboarding, and annotation tools—making them ideal for dynamic and student-centered instruction.

Mayor Alex Advincula echoed the congressman's message, highlighting the need to empower both students and educators through access to modern tools and resources.

"We want our

students to keep pace with global trends and equip our teachers with the skills to harness technology in the classroom," the mayor said. "Next year, we plan to install air conditioning units in every classroom to ensure that these devices operate efficiently and create a more comfortable learning environment."

The mayor added: "This development marks a significant milestone not only for Tanzang Luma Elementary School but for public education in Cavite, as it sets the tone for a more digitally inclusive and future-ready learning environment." (RF, PIA Cavite)

SC announces list of local testing centers for 2025 Bar Exams

MANILA – The Supreme Court's (SC) Office of the 2025 Bar Chairperson (OBC) has issued the list of 14 local testing centers (LTCs) for the 2025 Bar Examinations.

According to Bar Bulletin 3, signed on Friday by SC Associate Justice Amy Lazaro-Javier, chairperson of the 2025 Bar Examinations, the LTCs were selected from various parts of the country "to ease the financial burden of applicants hailing from the provinces while helping them remain close to their families, friends, and loved ones."

The 14 LTCs are:

Metro Manila:

- University of Santo Tomas
- San Beda University – Mendiola
- New Era University
- Manila Adventist College
- San Beda College – Alabang
- University of the Philippines – BGC
- Ateneo de Manila University School of Law

Luzon:

- Saint Louis University
- University of Nueva Caceres

Visayas:

- University of San Jose – Recoletos
- Dr. V. Orestes Romualdez Educational Foundation
- Central Philippine University

Mindanao:

- Ateneo de Davao University
- Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology



Lazaro-Javier said the final LTC assignment for each applicant would be available in their Bar Applicant Registration System and Tech Assistance (BARIS-TA) accounts on June 24.

The Exemplify User Guide will be disseminated at a later date.

All queries relating to venue assignment may be coursed through the OBC Help Desk at bit.ly/2025BarExamshelpdesk or call (02) 8552 9690.

The SC reminded the public to check the following sites to get true and accurate information about the 2025 Bar Exams:

- Website: <https://sc.judiciary.gov.ph/bar-2025>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SupremeCourtPhilippines/>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/supremecourtph/>
- Twitter/X: https://twitter.com/SCPh_PIO
- Threads: https://www.threads.net/@scph_pio
- Viber: <https://bit.ly/3YB5rSI>

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ang kalulunsad ng la-mang na PhilHealth benefit package para sa mga adult and pediatric post-kidney transplant patients at ang suporta sa mga pasyente ng National Kidney Transplant Institute (NKTi) na pagpapabuti sa benepisyo ng dialysis para sa mga miyembro ng chronic kidney disease (CKD) stage 5. Binigyang-diin nga din ang pagiging top-paid medical procedure ng PhilHealth hemodialysis benefit package kung saan nakapagtala ito ng P161 milyon sa nakaraang taong 2024.

Inilahad rin ang mga pinagbuting benepisyo para sa Hemorrhagic stroke na nagkakahalaga ng P80,000 pesos mula sa dating P30,000; Ischemic stroke na P76,000 mula sa dating P28,000; High-risk

pneumonia P90,100 mula P32,000; Bronchial asthma P22,488 mula P9,000; Severe dengue P47,000 mula sa P16,000; Acute myocardial infarction (Angioplasty) P524,000 mula sa dating P21,900; Cataract extraction na hindi bababa sa P20,200 hanggang P187,100 mula sa dating P16,000 kada mata; Hemodialysis sessions na P6,350 mula sa P2,600; at Neonatal Sepsis na P25,793 mula sa P11,700.

Kabilang din sa mga pinalawak na benepisyo ang pagtaas ng 95% sa 9,000 case rates packages. Nagkaroon din ng pagtaas ng benepisyo para sa Breast cancer na hanggang P1.4 milyon mula sa dating P100,000, sa Kidney transplant ng hanggang

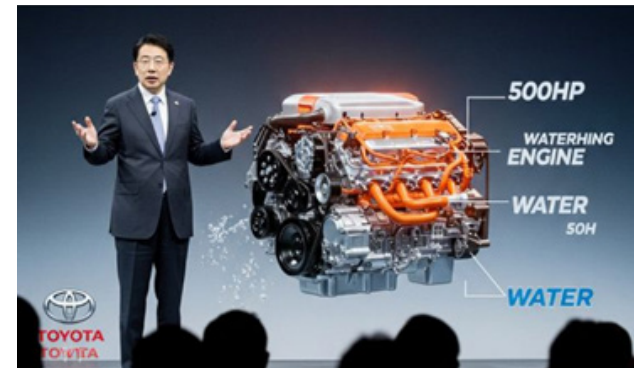
P2.1 milyon mula sa dating P600,000. Ang Hemodialysis naman ay na maaari nang ma-avail ng hanggang 156 sessions na mula sa 90 sessions, at ang Peritoneal dialysis na umaabot ngayong ng hanggang P1.2 milyon mula sa dating P270,000.

Isinasagawa ng PRO IVA ang press conference kada quarter sa mga lalawigan na nasasakupan nito, ang Quezon, Laguna at Cavite, upang maipaabot ang mga bagong impormasyon sa katuwang nitong media at mapalakas ang pakikipagtulungan sa mga ito sa pagpapahatid ng mga dapat malaman ng publiko.

Patuloy ang PhilHealth sa pagpapalawak ng benepisyo at dekalidad na serbisyo para sa mga Pilipino.

Toyota Unveils Water-Powered Car – End of the EV Era?"

In a move that has sent shockwaves through the global automotive world, Toyota – the Japanese automotive giant – has just unveiled a revolutionary water-powered engine. Experts are buzzing: Could this be the beginning of the end for the booming electric vehicle (EV) industry? Let's dive into the details of this game-changing innovation and why it could



potentially upend the entire EV market. Nearby car dealerships

What Is a Water Engine? What Has Toyota Achieved?

According to recent announcements, Toyota has developed an engine that uses water as its primary fuel source – a complete shift from electric or hybrid technologies. This innovation converts water into energy through a chemical process, generating propulsion without emitting harmful CO₂.

Key Highlights: No need for lithium-ion batteries like in

frastructure needed

One of the biggest EV drawbacks is the lack of fast-charging stations. A water-powered engine can be refueled with water almost anywhere, offering far greater convenience.

Truly eco-friendly

EV batteries are often criticized for pollution during mining and recycling processes. Toyota's water engine produces almost no industrial waste and avoids battery disposal altogether.

Is This Technology Real?

According to leaked documents and early reports, the technology could be an advanced version of hydrogen fuel cell systems – but instead of relying on pure hydrogen, Toyota may have developed a method to extract hydrogen from water on demand.

1. Lower production costs

EVs require complex and expensive battery systems, while the water engine is mechanically simpler. This could allow Toyota to sell vehicles at a lower price point, making EVs seem overpriced in comparison.

2. No charging in-

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an, Buenavista, Agusan del Norte for the pilot launch of the energization of off-grid schools.

"This is digital bayanihan in action. When we connect our schools, we connect our students to better futures," Angara said in a statement.

Angara and other partner officials crossed two rivers to reach the last-mile school, the first in the Philippines, and witnessed how it was energized with NEA's solar panels.

"Kahit malayo, kahit mahirap tutulungan natin. Iyan ang instruction ni President Bongbong Marcos (Even though it's far, even if it's difficult, we will help them. That's the instruction of President Bongbong Marcos)," Angara said in a separate interview.

"Ito iyong pinaka-una sa buong bansa (This is the first nationwide). But after this, there will be 290 (other schools). Galing iyong budget sa DepEd, pero ang maga-administer ay ang National Electrification Administration (the budget came from the DepEd but it will be administered by NEA)."

Angara, likewise, led the distribution of connectivity tools, includ-

ing Starlink units, tablets, smart TVs, electric fans, and other learning devices.

Besides this, the DepEd also highlighted the continuous efforts in partnership with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) to ensure that last-mile schools are not left behind in terms of Internet connectivity.

To date, 15 last-mile schools nationwide are connected online – the Radagan Elementary School in Ilocos Norte; Chanarian Elementary School in Batanes; Tibagan Elementary School in Bulacan; Caigdal National High School in Quezon; Ulangan Elementary School in Marinduque; Lipata Integrated School in Camarines Sur; Bay-ang National High School in Iloilo; Salamanca National High School in Cebu; Tigbawan Integrated School in Leyte; Pag-asa Elementary School in Tawi-Tawi; Dalingap Elementary School in Misamis Occidental; Malungon Elementary School in North Cotabato; Cabawa Elementary School in Surigao del Norte; Datu Saldong Domino Elementary School in Agusan del Norte; and Tangalan National High School in Apayao. (PNA)

Cayetano sees bright future for Filipinos in global aviation workforce

MANILA – Senator Alan Peter Cayetano on Wednesday highlighted the growing global demand for aviation professionals, calling it a promising path for Filipino workers.

Cayetano, who authored the bill to establish a National Aviation Academy, said nearly 2.4 million new aviation personnel will be needed worldwide in the coming years, a demand he believes Filipinos are well-positioned to help meet.

"Worldwide pala ay almost 674,000 ang kinakailangan na bagong piloto, 700,000 new maintenance technicians, at 980,000, halos isang milyon, na cabin crew (There's a global demand for near-



ly 674,000 new pilots, 700,000 technicians, and 980,000 cabin crew)," Cayetano said during a Facebook Live broadcast of his visit to the Philippine State College of Aeronautics (PhilSCA) Fernando Air Base campus in Lipa City, Batangas.

While Filipinos are known to excel in fields

like maritime work, nursing, and tech, Cayetano said the aviation sector also offers vast opportunities, not just in piloting but in aircraft maintenance, electronics, and ground operations at new airports worldwide.

The senator's visit comes just a week after Congress passed Senate

Bill No. 2969, which transforms PhilSCA into the National Aviation Academy of the Philippines (NAAP). The measure is awaiting the President's signature.

Cayetano also expressed support for expanding aviation programs in high schools, particularly those under the Science, Technology, Science, Mathematics strand for senior high school, saying he is open to helping pilot initiatives in select schools.

"Pagka nabuo niyo na, let us know. Maybe we can help pick two or three schools na tulungan natin (Once your program is ready, let us know - maybe we can help support two or three schools)," he said. (PNA)

SAN MARCELINO SOLAR FARM: FROM CITRUS PLANTATION TO PHILIPPINES' LARGEST SOLAR POWER PLANT

Matatagpuan sa bayan ng San Marcelino, Zambales, ang dating malawak na citrus plantation ay ngayoy naging pinakamalaking solar farm sa Pilipinas, at isa sa pinakamalaki sa buong Southeast Asia

Ito ay simbolo ng matapang na hakbang ng bansa para itigil ang pagdepende sa maruruming fossil fuels at yakapin ang mas ligtas at renewable na enerhiya. Noong 2023, umabot sa USD 1.6 bilyon ang inilaan ng mga lokal na bangko para sa renewable

energy—pagsuporta para sa kinabukasan ng Pilipinas.

Ngunit nananatiling hamon ang pagpapatuloy ng ganitong progreso, lalo na sa pagbabalik ng pondo para sa mga proyekto ng gas nitong 2025 para sabihing "fragile" pa rin ang energy shift sa bansa. Kaya't mahalagang ipagpatuloy ang suporta sa mga inisyatibong gaya ng San Marcelino Solar Farm upang mapanatili ang landas ng bansa tungo sa mas malinis at matatag na kinabukasan.



Ito ay isang malaking kontribusyon ng Lalawigan ng Zambales bilang lokasyon ng proyektong ito sa pagkamit ng

malinis at sustainable na enerhiya na may layuning maabot ang net zero greenhouse gas emissions pag-sapit ng 2050.

STRIKE CLASH OF INK: A TATTOO COMPETITION FOR A CAUSE



Kahapon ay ginanap ang kauna-unahang Strike Clash of Ink: A Tattoo Competition For A Cause sa Strike Gymnasi-

um, Bacoor Government Center. Tayo ay nikipag-partner sa Japs Events upang magbigay-daan sa suporta sa ating mga Baco-

oreñong tattoo artists and enthusiasts. Ang beneficiary ng competition na ito ay mga biktima ng sunog sa Barangay Talaba 3.

Pinangasiwaan ng Local Youth Development Office ang kompetisyon na ito at nakakatuwa dahil madami na din pala tayong kabataan na tattoo artists, Gen Z ika-nga.

kanilang nag-gagandahang Thai-Inspired motorcycle.

Tunay nga namang kahanga-hanga ang ating mga kababayan at kabataang Bacooreño. Dahil dito, ninais ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla na buuin ang Bacoor Tattoo Artists Association na pangunguhanan ng LYDO. Abangan po ang mga susunod na update mula sa Facebook page ng City Government of Bacoor.

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ernment departments are converging here, working together," he said.

The President also issued specific instructions to several departments — for the trade and transportation departments to work to lower the expenses of parents and students; for the health department to ensure the availability of health facilities in case a child gets sick or injured; and for the social welfare department to work on cyberbullying

and bullying incidents to protect children's mental health.

During his visit at Epifanio Delos Santos Elementary School (EDSES), Marcos led an interactive learning session with Grade 1 students, utilizing flashcards to promote reading and active participation.

The Chief Executive was also briefed on the school's current security measures, including the use of CCTV monitoring.

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gagastos sa istasyon tapos ipapasa natin sa LRMC para patakuhin... We informed LRMC about this two months ago. Kaya kami sumulat sa kanila kasi kailangan i-harmonize yun (sa existing plan)," said Dizon.

"I was told na hindi siya mahirap gawin kasi dadaan talaga siya e. It's the same alignment, maglalagay ka lang ng istasyon sa gitna ng Zapote at Niog," he added.

TWO MORE STATIONS TO OPEN BY 2028

Meanwhile, Dizon expressed confidence that two more train stations of the LRT-1 Cavite extension project could open before President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. steps down in 2028.

He is referring to the Las Piñas and Zapote stations which were previ-

ously plagued with right of way issues.

"Alam ko wala nang problema sa Las Piñas and sa Zapote. I think okay na yun kaya kampante tayo na matatapos na yun," he said.

Dizon said the issue with the Department of Public Works and Highways involving the flyover in Las Piñas has also been resolved.

"I think nagawan ng engineering solution so I think ok na yun. Konting pagbabago pero I think they found a way through it," he said.

Dizon is also optimistic that by 2029 or 2030, the train line will finally be completed until Niog in Bacoor.

"That's going to be huge for people coming from Cavite who work in Metro Manila," he said.



Marcos directs DICT: Improve internet coverage in schools

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday ordered the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) to expand internet coverage across public schools, lamenting only about 60 percent have access to connectivity.

"Sinabihan ko ang DICT, sinabi ko palawakin niyo ang internet coverage. Sa ngayon, ang eskwelahang may internet lamang ay around 60%, napakababa (I told DICT, I said expand the internet coverage. Right now, only around 60 percent of schools have internet, that's very low),"



Marcos said in an interview after visiting the Epifanio Delos Santos Elementary School in Malate, Manila for the opening of classes for school year 2025–2026. Marcos also pointed to electricity issues as a major barrier to achieving

broader digital access in schools.

"Inaayos namin 'yan, inuuna natin yung mga underserved [areas] (We're working on that, prioritizing underserved areas)," he said.

The President

added that the convergence of all government departments is key to improving education infrastructure and services nationwide.

According to the Department of Education (DepEd), some 27 million students from preschool to senior high school will be enrolled for the School Year 2025–2026, which marks the return to the traditional June-to-March school calendar after a temporary shift during the coronavirus pandemic.

The current school year is scheduled to conclude on March 31, 2026. (PNA)

DHSUD, DSWD eye collab on housing for the poor

MANILA – The Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) are exploring collaboration in extending housing support to the poor.

In a meeting on Thursday, DHSUD Secretary Jose Ramon Aliling and DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian discussed how both departments can synchronize their efforts in delivering socialized housing support for street dwellers and beneficiaries of the government's Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps).

"This is in compliance with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to push for pro-poor housing programs. By working closely with DSWD, we will definitely be able to reach our mandated beneficiaries — the



poorest of the poor," Aliling said in a statement.

"We thank Secretary Gatchalian and DSWD officials for their readiness to collaborate with DHSUD para po sa ating mga kababayan pinakaganangailangan ng tulong ng gobyerno (for our fellowmen needing assistance from the government)."

Gatchalian, together with other DSWD officials, expressed openness to help in providing shelter assistance to beneficiaries of their various programs, particularly those

sure that we will have sustainable programs for the poorest of the poor. The support we will get from DSWD will definitely boost our efforts towards this and reach our mandated beneficiaries," the DHSUD chief said.

"Beyond shelters, we intend to provide dignified living for our expanded 4PH beneficiaries, to inspire them to become more productive citizens and proud homeowners."

Respective officials were directed to work closely on the conceptualization of a joint program between DHSUD and DSWD.

The collaboration aims to align the DHSUD's housing programs with the DSWD's comprehensive database of indigent households, ensuring that government housing assistance reaches the most vulnerable sectors. (PNA)



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