

Barzaga Government Center (BGC) sa Dasmariñas, Mas Palalawakin Pa

Philippines 13th-Month Pay Rule 2025 – New Rules For 13 Mo Payment



Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 851, except domestic and government employees. The 13th-month pay rule, which requires employers in the Philippines to give rank-and-file employees in the private sector an extra benefit equivalent to one-twelfth of their total basic income earned throughout a calendar year, is in effect. To find out more about the Philippines' 13th-Month Pay Rule 2025, read the article through to the end.

Eligibility for the Philippines 13th-Month Pay Rule 2025

The 13th-month pay rule in the Philippines mandates that all private sector companies provide rank-and-file employees with additional compensation equivalent to at least one-twelfth of their total base pay over the course of a calendar year.

The deadline for payment is December 24. Workers who have worked for at least one month in a year are eligible for the benefit, which is mandated by

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Now happening: Distribution of LTO plates at Samonte Park



Mga Kailangang Dalhin

- Kopya ng Updated OR at CR ng sasakyan
- Kung hindi ang registered owner ang kukuha, magdala ng - Authorization Letter.

Paalala: Para sa mga nais pang makahabol, mangyaring dumiretso sa Samonte Park Covered Court hanggang alas-5 ng hapon ngayong araw. Ang pagkakataong ito ay isang malaking tulong upang maisaayos ang inyong mga papeles at masigurong legal at maayos ang inyong paggamit ng sasakyan sa lansangan.

- * May pitong karakter: dalawang letra at limang numero (hal. DD12345)
- * Unang rehistro sa LTO Region IV-A
- * MV File Number nagsisimula sa 04
- * Maaari nang palitan ng bagong plaka libre.

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Senate eyes expanded social protection for aging population



MANILA – The Senate on Wednesday opened deliberations on proposals to expand social protection for senior citizens, with senators warning that the country must prepare for an elderly population projected to nearly triple in the next two decades.

During the hearing of the Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development chaired by Senator Erwin Tulfo, lawmakers cited the urgent need to amend the Senior

Citizens Act and strengthen programs that serve as lifelines for the elderly.

“Our senior citizens rely heavily on social protection programs for their daily survival and well-being,” Tulfo said, pointing to delays, inconsistencies, and exclusions in the implementation of the current social pension.

Data from the committee showed the elderly population is expected to grow from 7.6 million in 2015 to 22.6 million by 2045.

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DAILY TRIP!

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GenTri on the Rise: SM City General Trias Set to Transform Cavite by 2026

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SSS Pension Hike Confirmed for September 2025 – New Monthly Amounts for Pensioners

For millions of Filipino retirees, the Social Security System (SSS) serves as their primary financial lifeline. Recognizing the growing challenges caused by inflation and higher living costs, the government has officially confirmed a pension hike for SSS members effective September 2025.

This long-awaited increase is designed to provide permanent relief for retirees, survivors, and disabled beneficiaries, ensuring that their monthly pensions are more aligned with the current cost of living.



Unlike one-time bonuses or tranche payouts, this hike is a permanent adjustment, offering long-term stability and reassurance for pensioners.

What is the SSS Pension Hike September 2025?

The SSS pension hike is a government-ap-

proved increase in monthly payouts for qualified pensioners.

Key details include:

- Effective date: September 2025.
- Applies to retirement, disability, and survivor pensioners.
- Increase

P23 milyong pondo para sa proteksyon ng mga kabataan, aprubado na sa SP



Inaprubahan na ng Sangguniang Panlungsod (SP) ng Imus ang resolusiyong naglalaman ng Annual Work and Financial Plan ng City of Imus Council for the Protection of Children (CICPC) para sa taong 2026, na may pondong P23 milyon sa ikapitong sesyon ngayong Lunes, Agosto 18, 2025.

Mananagaling na City Mayor Alex “AA” L. Advincula na irepresenta ang lokal na pamahalaan sa dalawang Contract to Sell kasama ang mga pribadong indibidwal para sa mga lupaing nasa Brgy. Alapan 2-A at Tanzang Luma 6.

Maaari ding lumagda ang alkalde sa isang Contract to Lease para magamit ang gusali bilang Child Development Center.

Samantala, pinagtibay ng konseho ang Supplemental Budget ng iba't ibang barangay sa Imus para sa taong 2025.



Kauna-unahang mobile command center sa Cavite, pinasinayan ng Imus LGU

amount: P500 to P1500 per month depending on contribution history.

Distribution: Automatically credited to bank accounts under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system.

This decision comes after years of lobbying by senior citizen groups, who have long argued that pensions have not kept pace with the real cost of living in the Philippines.

Why the Hike Matters in 2025

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Cayetano, nagbigay daan para malutas ang hindi pagkakasundo sa nominasyon sa CA

Upang malutas ang hindi pagkakasundo, binawi ni Senador Alan Peter Cayetano nitong Lunes ang kanyang nominasyon sa Commission on Appointments (CA).

Ayon kay Cayetano, ginawa niya ito dahil mahalagang magkaroon ng magkakaibang representasyon sa CA, na may kapangyarihang magkumpirma o tumanggi sa mga pangunahing Presidential appointee.

Dagdag niya, isa lamang itong pansamantalang solusyon upang magbigay-daan sa mas malalim na mga talakayan sa mga senador.



“May I propose this temporary measure just so that we'll have more time to discuss the representation in the CA and the interpretation of the Supreme Court (cases). May I ask that my name be withdrawn as a nominee for the CA,” sabi ng senador sa plenary session nitong August 18, 2025.

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Sotto donates salary to fund student scholarships



MANILA, Philippines — Senate minority leader Vicente Sotto III said he has already turned over his first two months' salary to help fund scholarships for poor students, delivering on a campaign promise he made during the 2025 senatorial race.

Sotto's office said

the amount was deposited to the account established for the senator's scholarship program.

“I already received my first two-month salary. Just as I promised during the campaign, I will give this to those needing financial help, in particular to education – to help students struggling in life,” Sotto said in a statement.

He said his office has begun screening applicants for assistance, with one already approved as

scholar, five lined up for interviews, and 12 completing requirements.

“With my office, we screened the application of students who submitted,” he said.

Sotto first made the pledge in Pampanga while campaigning for his Senate bid under the administration ticket Alyansa para sa Bagong Pilipinas.

During one of Alyansa's sorties, he vowed never to keep his salary as

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Solusyon sa dark circles sa ilalim ng mga mata

1. Matulog ng 7-8 oras bawat gabi.

– Kapag sapat ang tulog, nabibigyan ng pagkakataon ang katawan na mag-repair at bumalik sa normal ang sirkulasyon ng dugo sa ilalim ng mata.

2. Kung hindi makatulog, humiga lang at ipikit ang mga mata.

– Kahit hindi agad makatulog, nakatutulong ang pagpapahinga sa katawan at mata upang mabawasan ang pagod at pamumula.

3. Magpalamig ng ilang hiwa ng pipino. Ilagay ang pipino sa yelo o refrigerator. Ipikit ang mata at ipatong sa ibabaw ng mata ng 15 minuto. Palitan ang pipino kapag hindi na ito malamig.

– Ang malamig na pipino ay nakababawas ng pamamaga at nakapapreskong tingnan ang paligid ng mata.

4. Puwede ring gumamit ng tea bags. Ilubog ang dalawang tea bags sa maligamgam na tubig. Pagkatapos ay palamigin ito sa refrigerator. Ipatong ang tea bags sa mata ng 15 minuto. Ang sangkap na tannin sa tea ay nakatutulong sa pagbabawas ng pamamaga at pangingitim ng mata.

– Nakakatulong din ito para marelaks ang mga ugat sa paligid ng mata at magmukhang mas buhay ang mga mata.

5. Kung nagmamadali, kumuha ng yelo o pinalamig na kutsara at ipatong ito sa eye bags. Gawin ito ng ilang minuto lang habang malamig pa ang kutsara.

– Ang lamig ay pumipigil sa sobrang pamumuo ng dugo at nakababawas ng puffiness o pamamaga.

6. Uminom ng 8-10 basong tubig bawat araw para hindi dehydrated ang katawan.

– Ang sapat na tubig ay tumutulong para manatiling hydrated at mas elastic ang balat, kaya hindi madaling mangitim ang ilalim ng mata.

7. Umiwas sa nakaka-allergy na bagay o pagkain. Maaaring mamaga ang mata kapag may allergy.

– Kapag iwas-allergy ka, mas maiiwasan ang pangangati, pamumula, at pamamaga na nagdudulot ng dark circles.

8. Iwasang ma-stress.

– Kapag relaxed ang isip at katawan, mas nagiging maayos ang tulog at mas nababawasan ang tensyon na nakakaapekto sa balat.

9. Huwag sumimangot.

– Ang paulit-ulit na pagsimangot ay nagdudulot ng wrinkles at lalong nagpapadark ng eye area.

10. Panatilihin na laging maging masaya para gumanda at mabawasan ang eye bags.

– Ang pagiging masayahin ay nakatutulong sa kalusugan at nagpapabuti sa overall glow ng balat.

Cayetano, nagbigay...

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Ito ang naging mungkahi ni Cayetano pagkatapos magkainitan sina Senate Majority Leader Joel Villanueva, na gustong maghalal ng 10 miyembro ng Majority sa CA, at Senate Minority Leader Vicente Sotto III, na kumuwestiyon sa proseso ng pagpili.

Nakatulong ito para malutas ang hindi pagkakasundo ng mga senador. Ito rin ang naging dahilan kung bakit binawi ni Sotto ang kanyang mosyon na ipagpaliban ang halalan para sa mga miyembro ng Senate CA.

Naging daan ang mungkahi ni Cayetano para mahalal ng Senado ang kanilang CA contingent, na sina Senator Ronald "Bato" dela Rosa, JV Ejercito, Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada, Christopher "Bong"

Go, Rodante Marcoleta, Imee Marcos, Raffy Tulfo, Joel Villanueva, at Mark Villar. Tatlo pang senador mula sa Minority block ang isasama sa panel.

Pinuri ni Senate President Francis Escudero sina Cayetano at Sotto sa kanilang diplomatikong solusyon.

"We thank Senator Cayetano for his magnanimity and as well as thank the distinguished Minority Floor Leader Sotto for his understanding and patience," wika ni Escudero.

Kakayahan ng CA na papanagutin ang mga kalihim.

Sa gitna ng hindi pagkakasundo, iginiit ni Cayetano ang kahalagahan ng CA sa pagpapanagot sa mga kalihim.

"My appeal is for the Secretaries of Energy and DENR (that are important). We all know that it's not only the DPWH and flood control projects ang nag-cause ng baha. We all know that whether it's the issue of reclamation, kulang ng Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), o mga ilog na tinambakan, (problema ng) DENR iyan. We also know na ang laki ng problema sa kuryente in some parts of the Philippines," wika ng beteranong senador.

"The CA is such a powerful tool to get the secretaries on the right track. Kung hindi sila dapat i-confirm o kung ico-confirm, through our collective effort, I think itong flooding at kuryente madi-discuss ang maaga," dagdag niya.



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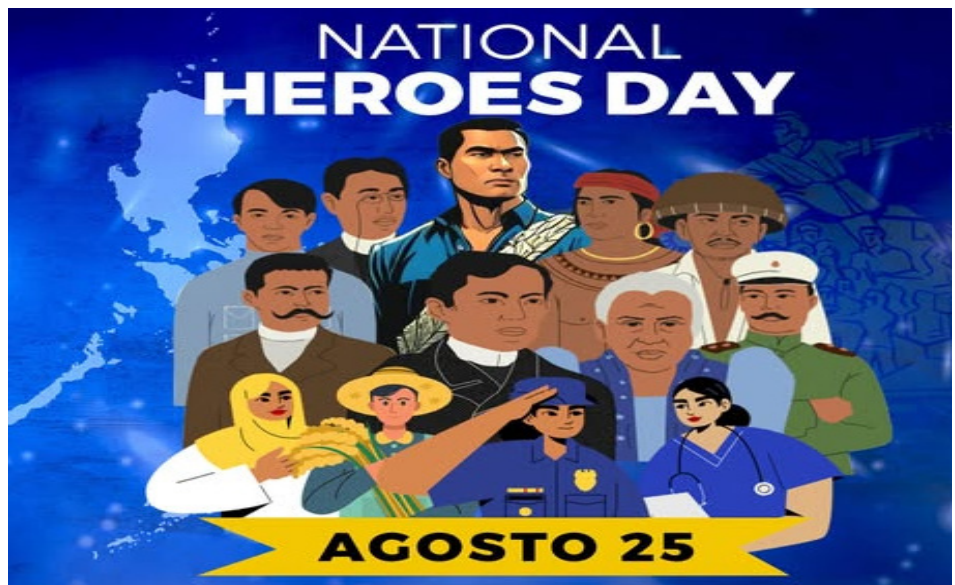


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Philippines 13th...

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Private sector workers: Employees in private companies, including those working part-time or with multiple employers, are eligible.

Employees with at least one month of service: Those who have worked for at least one month during the calendar year are entitled to 13th-month pay, even if they resign or are terminated before the payment date.

Exemptions:
Government employees: Those working in government agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations, are not eligible.

Managerial employees: Those holding supervisory roles and exercising management powers are typically exempt.

Household helpers: Domestic workers, such as maids and drivers, are not automatically entitled, but employers may provide this benefit voluntarily.

Purely commission-based workers: Those paid solely on commission, without a fixed basic salary, are exempt.

Important Elements of the 13th-Month Pay Regulation

About It: A mandatory bonus that is equivalent to one-twelfth of the worker's base salary at the end of the year.

Who is qualified: Every regular employee in the private sector who has worked for at least one month within a given calendar year.

Calculation: The annual base wage is divided by twelve to arrive at this figure.

When it is paid: According to the legislation, employers must make the payment by December 24th at the latest.

Purpose: The goal is to give staff members extra money for holiday spending.

Philippines 13th-Month Pay Rule 2025: Taxation Guidelines

The 13th-month pay rule in the Philippines has specific taxation guidelines.

1. **Tax-Exempt** Amount: Up to P90,000 in total 13th-month wages and other benefits are not subject to income tax.

2. **Taxable** Amount: Any amount exceeding P90,000 is subject to withholding tax on compensation.

3. **Computation:** The tax-exempt amount is computed based on the total basic salary earned within a calendar year, divided by 12.

4. **Reporting:** Employers must report the 13th-month pay and other benefits in the Annual Alphabet of Employees and reflect the exact amount and exemption applied in the BIR Form No. 2316.

Sotto donates...

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a senator, instead channeling it to fund scholarships for poor and deserving students.

"We won't get even a cent and we will give it to our poor students," Sotto had declared.



Senate eyes...

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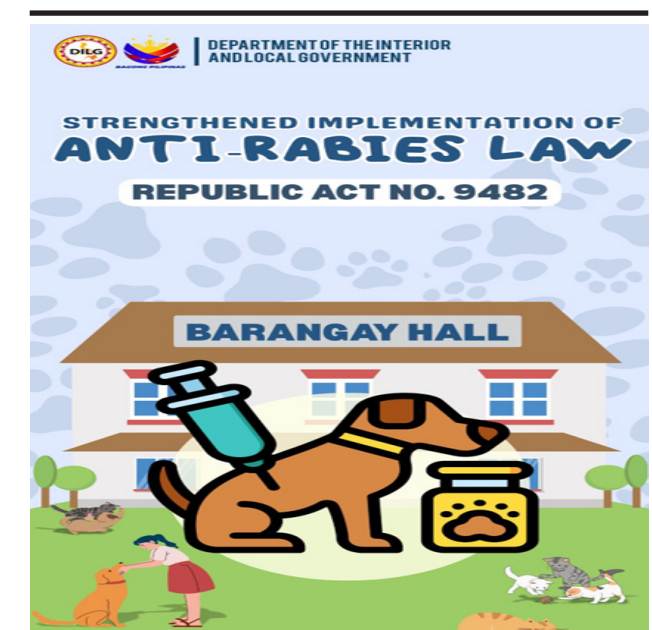
ed that while the existing PHP500 monthly pension helps indigent seniors, many remain excluded and the amount is insufficient to cover food and medicine.

Several bills were presented, including proposals to grant a universal social pension of up to PHP1,500, provide a PHP1,000 subsidy for maintenance medicines, simplify access to medical and burial aid, and penalize discriminatory practices in the distribution of government assistance.

Senate Deputy

Minority Leader Risa Hontiveros, in her manifestation, pushed for free maintenance medicines and vitamins for the elderly.

"Hindi lahat sa ating mga seniors ay may pambili ng gamot... Kaya't dapat hindi na kailangang mag-alala ang ating mga lolo at lola kung saan kukunin ang pambili (Not all of our seniors can afford to buy medicine... That's why our grandparents should no longer have to worry about where to get the money to pay for it)," she said. (PNA)



Kauna-unahang mobile command center sa Cavite, pinasinayan ng Imus LGU

Upang higit pang mapabilis ang pagtugon sa oras ng mga sakuna at kalamidad, pinasinayaan ng Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Imus ang kauna-unahang Mobile Command Center sa Cavite ngayong Lunes, Agosto 18, 2025.

Pinangunahan ang pagpapasinaya nina City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula, Vice Mayor Homer T. Saquilayan, mga

konsehal, at Office of the City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer Marisel Cayetano.

Nakasama rin si Reb. Manny Villas na nanguna sa pagbabasbas.

Ang nasabing Mobile Command Center ay makabago at kompleto sa mga kagamitang kailangan para sa mas mabilis na pagresponde sa panahon ng mga sakuna at kalamidad.

GUHIT NG KAPALARAN

LEO (Jul.23 - Aug.22) - Magiging malaki ang iyong tiwala sa sarili at positibo ang pag-iisip sa mga gawain. Walang suliranin sa pamilya o sa minamahal. Nasa tamang landas ng kasaganahan ang dinadaanang ng iyong kabuhayan kung patuloy ang pag-sisikap. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 10, 14, 35, 36 at blue.

VIRGO (Aug.23 - Sept.23) - Manghihiram sa iyo ng pera ang isang kaibigan o kamag-anak, pero pag-isipan dahil matagal bago mabayaran. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 8, 16, 24, 30 at old rose.

LIBRA (Sept.24 - Oct.23) - Magiging makitid ang iyong isip, kaya iwasan ang biruan. Ang pagre-relax ay makakatulong sa'yo. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 8, 10, 13, 25 at orange.

SCORPIO (Oct.24 - Nov.22) - Ang paanyaya ay tanggihan para maiwasan ang hindi magandang pangyayari. Iwasan ang sosyalan. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 5, 15, 24, 30 at jade green.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.23 - Dec.21) - Magtatagumpay sa nilalakad kung sa umaga isasagawa. Magaan ang pasok ng negosyo. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 2, 14, 29, 35 at ocean blue.

CAPRICORN (Dec.22 - Jan.19) - Ang tahanan ay mapagtutuunan ng pansin. Hinahon ang kailangan para 'di makasakit ng kapwa. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 5, 12, 25, 31 at light green.

AQUARIUS (Jan.20 - Feb.18) - Hintayin ang tamang oras at pagkakataon para sa gustong mangyari. Iwasan ang makipagsisihan. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 10, 12, 14, 31 at burgundy.

PISCES (Feb.19 - Mar.20) - Dagdagan ang tiyaga at panalangin nang makaiwas sa bulilyaso. Hinahon ang kailangan sa tuwina. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 6, 14, 19, 24 at red.

ARIES (Mar.21 - Apr.19) - Bigyang pansin at wastong pangangalaga ang kalusugan. May magaalok ng trabaho sa'yo. Lucky numbers at color for the day ang 16, 20, 31, 42 at maroon.

TAURUS (Apr.20 - May 20) - Tawag ng panahon para maiwasan ang mga pekeng kaibigan. May balitang matatanggap. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 8, 16, 19, 30 at dollar green.

GEMINI (May 21 - Jun.21) - Magandang balita dahil handa mong harapin ang anuman dahil sa kasiglahan. Masayahin ka nga-yon. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 1, 9, 12, 28 at cream.

CANCER (Jun.22 - Jul.22) - Kahit alam mong tama ka, huwag makialam sa pagdedesisyon ng iba hanggang hindi kumunsulta sa iyo. Lucky numbers at color of the day ang 14, 19, 21, 39 at purple.



GenTri on the Rise: SM City General Trias Set to Transform Cavite by 2026

Cavite is leveling up — and nowhere is this progress more visible than in General Trias. The city, already recognized as one of the fastest-growing areas in the province, is welcoming a transformative development that will soon reshape its skyline and lifestyle. SM City General Trias, one of Cavite's biggest



and most anticipated malls, is now steadily rising at Riverpark North.

From Groundbreaking to Growth

Just a year after its groundbreaking, construction of the massive retail and lifestyle complex is in full swing. The project has advanced rapidly, with its structure already taking shape against the horizon. SM Prime Holdings has set its completion target for 2026, and by then, the mall is expected to become a premier hub for shopping, dining, leisure, and community activities.

A Catalyst for Economic Opportunities

SM City General Trias is more than just another shopping center. It represents progress, opportunity, and growth for Caviteños. The mall is projected to generate

thousands of direct and indirect jobs, ranging from construction to retail and service industries. Beyond employment, it will support local entrepreneurs and businesses by providing them with a dynamic platform to reach more customers, fueling Cavite's already booming economy.

Part of Riverpark North's Master Vision

Strategically located within Riverpark North, a master-planned estate, SM City General Trias is envisioned as a centerpiece of a fully integrated community. The estate will combine residential areas, a thriving commercial district, and a future transport hub, ensuring seamless connectivity and convenience for residents and visitors alike. This integration highlights the mall's role as not only

SM City General Trias is not just a mall. It is a symbol of progress, a driver of growth, and a promise of a new era for Caviteños.



Enchanted Kingdom and Klook join forces to unlock more magical perks for every guest

Enchanted Kingdom (EK), the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, teams up with Klook, Asia's leading travel and experiences platform, to create more magical experiences in time for all guests.

Nico R. Mamon, EK's Head of Integrated Marketing, shared the premier theme park's exciting plans and exclusive offers in line with its 30th anniversary celebration this October 2025 - highlighting a limited-time anniversary offer for Klook users which includes in-park spending credits worth Php 300 Wizard Money for every purchase of three regular day passes for visits during Fridays from August 15 to September 15, 2025.

EK and Klook first came together in 2017 to make booking admission tickets more convenient, and have since worked together on crafting exciting promotions and irresistible deals.

"Collaborating with Klook for the last eight years has allowed us to provide a more seamless online booking experience — making the magic more accessible and hassle-free



so our guests can simply focus on creating memories that last a lifetime here at Enchanted Kingdom. That's why we're committed to take this partnership further by offering exclusive perks to Klook users, making every visit even more enchanting," Mamon shared.

He added that guests can also look forward to even more surprises, including exciting freebies to be given away throughout the park.

"Enchanted Kingdom, to many Filipinos, is a very iconic childhood experience that many revisit to relive memories, or introduce to their kids. To this day, it remains to be one of

the most sought-after activities on Klook," shared Michelle Ho, General Manager of Klook Philippines. "It's exciting to be celebrating this milestone with them after years of mutual trust and support.

We hope that this most recent collaboration makes everyone's next trip to the park an extra magical one!" she concluded.

For more information and updates regarding this exclusive offer along with EK's other events and offers, visit <https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph> and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and TikTok, and @ek_philippines for Instagram.

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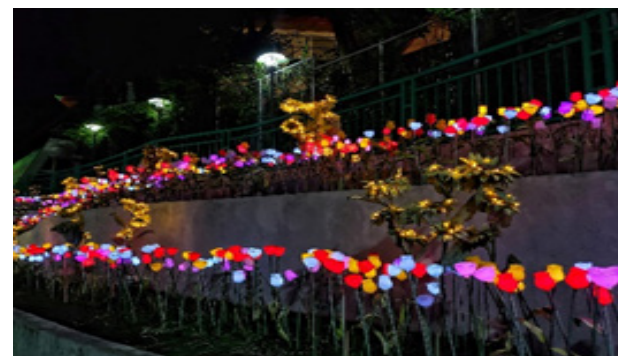


Kasalukuyang isinasagawa ang pagpapalawak ng Barzaga Government Complex (BGC) sa Dasmariñas, Cavite, kung saan matatagpuan ang iba't ibang gusali, pabilidad, at ang city hall ng lungsod.

Ayon kay Jimmy C. Martinez, City Tourism Officer ng Dasmariñas, mas marami pang proyekto at establisyimento ang nakapaloob sa plano ng pamahalaang lungsod na kilala bilang isa sa pinakamabilis na umuunlad na siyudad sa Cavite.

Kabilang dito ang kasalukuyang konstruksyon ng Dinosaur Park, tatlong karagdagan gusali bilang bahagi ng orihinal na plano para sa Kolehiyo ng Lungsod ng Dasmariñas (KLD), at ang pagtatayo ng Justice Hakk, Philippine National Police (PNP) Station, at Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Station.

Nang tanungin tungkol sa estado ng turismo sa lungsod, inihayag ni Martinez ang positibo at masiglang datos ng tourist arrivals sa Dasmariñas, batay sa mga ulat



Kaugnay naman ng taunang Paru-Paro Festival na nagsisilbing simbolikong pagdiriwang ng pagiging lungsod ng Dasmariñas, plano ring magtayo ng Butterfly Sanctuary na ilalagay sa Promenade Des Dasmariñas at ang pinakamalaki nito sa Humayao.

Samantala, matapos ang paglahok ng Bacoor at presentasyon nito ng Bakood Festival sa New York City,



na kanilang natatanggap araw-araw.

"Active at masigla ang turismo sa Dasmariñas. In fact, yung mga tourism arrivals report, on a consistent daily submit. Hence, 2024 awarded ang City of Dasmariñas, rank no. 2 next to Tagaytay," ani Martinez.

Dagdag pa nito, mayroong 34 resorts sa lungsod at mga recreational park gaya ng Kadiwa Park, at ang pangunahing dinadayo na Promenade Des Dasmariñas. Itinuturing itong flagship tourist destination ng siyudad dahil sa iba't ibang trail at aktibidad na maaaring gawin dito.

Bagama't libre ang entrance fee sa nasabing parke, nakatutulong pa rin umano ito sa paglago ng ekonomiya ng lungsod dahil sa mga vendor sa paligid at mga restaurant na nakatayo at tinatayo pa, na laging dinaryo ng mga turista.

Gayunman, dulot ng mataas na bilang ng turistang dumarating, isa sa mga pangunahing suliranin ng lungsod ang matinding trapiko.

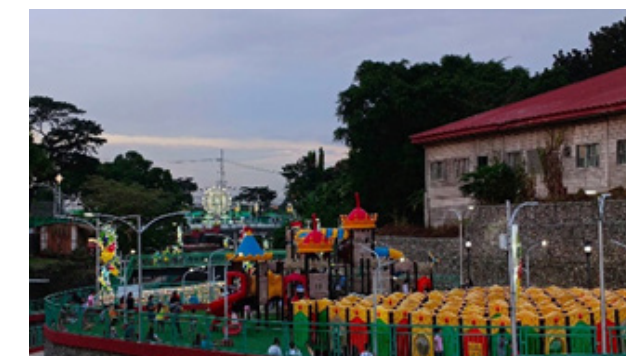


"Isa sa challenges na kinahaharap naming, number one is traffic. Kasi minsan yung mga visitors natin, gustung pumunta, but then again, medyo traffic, nagkakaroon sila ng hesitation," saad ni Martinez.

"Traffic naman kasi, sign of progress 'yan di ba? Kasi hindi naman magiging traffic ang isang lugar kung hindi progressive," dagdag pa niya.

Bilang solusyon iminungkahi ni Martinez ang pagdaragdag ng traffic personnel at ang mas maayos na traffic flow management, lalo na sa mga pangunahing entryway patungo sa kalapit-lugar ng Dasmariñas.

Ininasagawa rin ng pamahalaan ng "Tara Dasma Tayo" city tour bilang bahagi ng promosyon ng turismo, kung saan tampok ang benepisyo ng pagiging Dasmariñeño, tulad ng libreng serbisyo sa Pagamutan ng Dasmariñas, libreng edukasyon sa KLD, at libreng funeral services sa Panteon De Dasmariñas.



present ng Paru-Paro Festival. Kasi ang Paru-Paro Festival, talagang pinopromote naming dahil nagpapakilala ito sa kultura ng siyudad," pahayag ni Martinez.

Matatandaang nag-perform din ang lungsod ng Paru-Paro Festival noong Hunyo 12 upang irepresenta ang probinsya ng Cavite sa ginanap na Kalayaan Festival 2025. *By: Andrea Bitangcor*

Advertisement for Tara, usap tayo sa Family Planning featuring a family photo and QR codes for more information.

Advertisement for Human Resources Development and Management Department featuring QR codes for job search and application.

Municipality of Silang Ranks Second in Cavite Tourist Arrivals

By MEDELIZA DANA O & AMELEN VIDANES

In terms of Cavite-wide tourism, Silang ranks second in tourist arrivals, next to Kawit, tracking its tourism performance through tourist arrival data, which includes both same-day and overnight visitors.

“Last year, 1.9 million ang (tourist) arrivals namin,” according to Jecka Mae De Castro, the current Officer in Charge from Silang Tourism Office.

Silang’s tourism targets the Gen Z and Millennial demographics. Thus, most of their promotional efforts are concentrated on social media, particularly Facebook.

They also collaborate with universities such as Cavite State University and Far Eastern University (FEU) Cavite in promoting tourism. Recently, in celebration of History Month, they held a heritage lecture series at FEU Cavite with participants ranging from Grades 4 to 6 and high school students. These events were held in connection with Youth Week this August.

On the cultural



side, Silang is also highly active.

The Silang Historical Society plays a big role in promoting heritage awareness and preservation, particularly among local residents. They also conduct research and write publications related to Silang’s history and culture. The Silang Historical Society, together with the Cavite Historical Society, serves as the LGU’s partners in preserving local heritage.

Tourism is a

growing sector in Silang, but its exact contribution to the local economy is still being determined. There is no specific or quantifiable formula yet to measure tourism’s share in Silang’s total income. The office is currently coordinating with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) to figure out how to measure this accurately.

For now, Silang’s main source of income is from the agriculture sector—particularly from farmers. Silang envisions



itself as the “Premier Agriculture Town in Cavite.” As such, the Municipal Agriculture Office is heavily focused on supporting farmers. Providing them fertilizers, seedlings, and farming equipment.

While tourism’s contribution isn’t yet massive, there’s visible growth thanks to the increasing number of new cafés, events places, and leisure parks. The hope is that tourism will continue to boom in the coming years.

Silang offers a

wide range of attractions that showcase its culture, heritage, and agriculture, making it one of the most promising destinations in Cavite. Tourism in the town is mostly managed by private groups, highlighting the strong involvement of local businesses in its growth.

The Perlas ng Silang Flower Park and Acienda Designer Outlet serving as the main attraction that showcases town’s pride and provides a modern shopping experience that attracts both local and international visitors. Farms like Gourmet Farms and Pedro Farm conduct tour activities that showcase sustainable agriculture, while restaurants such as Café Agapita, Silid, and Balai Palmera attract visitors with authentic local food.

At the same time, heritage sites like the oldest church retablo in the Philippines, together with schools, parks, and the annual Sumilang Festival, promote Silang’s culture and farming traditions, supporting the town’s goal of increasing tourism arrivals and boosting local income.

Despite its potential, the town faces major challenges, since Silang’s tourism is largely private-

ly driven, it limits the local government’s control and makes it difficult to fully direct the sector’s growth and lacks government-owned land that could be used to develop or expand attractions.

“In terms of government-owned, wala pa kami sa point na yon, kasi... basically, ang main concern is wala pa kaming available na lupa na owned ng government to develop,” said Ms. De Castro.

These limitations are compounded by poor infrastructure, with narrow roads restricting access to farms and parks, while weak telecom and Wi-Fi connections reduce online visibility and prevent Silang from reaching a wider market. Without addressing these issues, the town’s efforts to maximize its attractions remain constrained.

The municipal budget also supports only two major festivals each year, forcing reliance on private investors and outside grants. The absence of solid statistics on economic gains makes it difficult to measure how much tourism truly contributes to Silang’s growth.

To address these challenges, Silang has laid out several strategies for tourism development, with one of its main goals being the strengthening of eco-tourism through projects such as a pasalubong center and a public park. To improve accessibility, the LGU plans to implement a road network development plan alongside upgrades in telecommunications and internet coverage.

It also emphasizes the role of youth in preserving culture and the environment under a broader theme of sustainable tourism, and encourages research and book publications about Silang’s heritage and history, whether for free access or in collaboration with authors.

Kadiwa ng Pangulo, Naghatid ng Abot-kayang Bilihin sa Imus

By ANDREA BITANGCOR

Dumating nitong Agosto 22 ang Kadiwa ng Pangulo sa Barcelona 3 Covered Court, Barangay Buhay na Tubig, Imus City upang mag-alok ng abot-kayang produktong lokal para sa mga residente.

Iba’t ibang pangunahing pangangailangan ang mabibili rito gaya ng bigas, sariwang karne, prutas at gulay. Tampok din ang mga lokal na produktong tulad ng panghimagang, inumin, pampalasa, tinapay, kape, tsinelas, bayong bags, at iba pang gamit sa bahay mula sa 48 tindahan at prodyuser.

Layon ng programa na gawing mas mura at mas madali ang pag-access ng mga mamamayan sa pagkain at iba pang pangangailangan. Bukod dito, nagsisilbi rin itong pagkakataon para maipakita ng mga maliliit na negosyante at magsasaka ang kanilang mga produkto.

Kabilang sa mga dumalo sa aktibidad sina Engr. Pamela Cruz mula sa Office of the Provincial Government, Imus City Vice Mayor Homer T.

Saquilayan, at mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Panglungsod sa pangunguna ni Konsehal Darwin Remulla, na siya ring namumuno sa Komite ng Agrikultura.

Naroon din sina City Local Government Operations Officer Roxanne Vicedo, mga kinatawan ng Department of Agriculture CALABARZON, at iba pang department at unit heads ng lungsod. Pina-tunayan ng pakikilahok na ito ang pagtutulungan ng lokal at pambansang ahensya para sa tagumpay ng Kadiwa program.

Patuloy namang kinikilala ang Kadiwa ng Pangulo bilang mabisang paraan upang tugunan ang mataas na presyo ng bilihin, habang itinataguyod din nito ang kabuhayan ng mga magsasaka at prodyuser sa pamamagitan ng direktang ugnayan sa mga mamimili.

Samantala, ina-aabangan naman ng mga residente ang mag susunod pang anunyo para sa mga darating pang Kadiwa ng Pangulo sa iba’t ibang barangay sa lungsod.

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **BENJAMIN FERNANDEZ DE VERA**, who died on January 8, 2025, at Our Lady of the Pillar Medical Center Tamsui Ave, Bayan Luma II, City of Imus, Cavite, without any last will, the said deceased, at the time of his death, left the following Properties to wit: (1) Parcel of land situated at Blk 17 Lot 45 Amaris Phase 2, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite, covered by TCT No. 057-2024044709 with an area of Seventy Five (75) sqm., more or less (2) A Certain Motor Vehicle with Certificate of Registration No. 4041581-0 and more particularly described as follows: Make: Toyota, Series: Vios 1.5 G CVT, Body Type: Sedan, Year Model: 2020, Engine No.: 2NRX529982, Chassis No.: PA1B-23F32L6007284, Plate No.: NGB4007, Mv File No.: 1301-00001578150, was the subject of this Extra Judicial Settlement of Estate among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Marimar T. Nieto, under Doc. No. 454, Page No. 92, Book No. 9, Series of 2025

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SSS Pension...

has experienced significant inflation in the past few years. Basic necessities such as rice, fuel, utilities, and medicines have become increasingly expensive. For pensioners, who rely primarily on their monthly benefits, these price increases have made survival more difficult.

The September 2025 pension hike is important because it:

- Improves the purchasing power of retirees.
- Reduces financial dependence on family members.
- Strengthens government credibility in fulfilling social welfare commitments.
- Provides sustained relief rather than temporary, one-time support.

This move sends a strong message that the government values the dignity and welfare of its elderly citizens.

New Monthly Amounts for Pensioners
The increase varies depending on the member’s contribution record and category.

- Expected Breakdown:
- Minimum pensioners: Around ₱500 increase per month.
 - Average pensioners: ₱800–₱1200 increase per month.
 - Long-term contributors: ₱1500 or more increase per month.

This adjustment is designed to ensure fairness—while all pensioners benefit, those who contributed more over their working lives receive proportionally higher increases.

Eligibility for the Pension Hike

The pension hike will apply across all major categories of SSS pensioners:

- Retirement Pensioners – Members who have reached retirement age and receive monthly pensions.
- Disability Pensioners – Members receiving long-term disability benefits.
- Survivor Pensioners – Dependents of deceased members entitled to survivor pensions.

To qualify, beneficiaries must have an active pension status as of September 2025. Pensioners with suspended accounts due to legal or compliance issues will not receive the increase until their status is reinstated.

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF THE LATE ALBERTO B. ORERA WITH SALE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **ALBERTO B. ORERA**, who died on July 15, 2021 in Kalibo, Aklan, that said deceased died intestate without any testament having no issue and leaving of one (1) parcel of land including all the improvements found and existing thereon situated in the Bagong Bayan, Municipality of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite and covered by TCT No. T-147000, was the subject of this Affidavit of Self-Adjudication among the legal heirs of the said deceased in the said instrument, executed before Notary Public Atty. Marimar T. Nieto, under Doc. No. 488, Page No. 99, Book No. 9, Series of 2025

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How Will Pensioners Receive the Increase?

The process is automatic and does not require any applications.

- Bank Credit – The new pension amounts will be credited directly to registered bank accounts.
- SMS and Email Alerts – Pensioners will receive official notifications confirming the updated amounts.

Remittance Centers – For pensioners without bank accounts, accredited remittance centers will distribute the adjusted pensions.

This ensures a smooth and efficient rollout for millions of beneficiaries nationwide.

Benefits of the Pension Hike

The confirmed September 2025 increase provides wide-ranging benefits:

- Financial stability – Helps pensioners cope with inflation and rising healthcare costs.
- Independence for seniors – Reduces overreliance on children or relatives.
- Equity in distribution – Minimum earners are protected, while long-term contributors are rewarded.

Positive family impact – Lightens the financial load on households supporting elderly members.

Government and Social Impact The pension hike is not just a welfare measure—it has economic implications as well. With millions of pensioners receiving higher monthly benefits, billions of pesos will flow back into local communities, supporting small businesses and driving consumption.

The move also reinforces the government’s long-term social protection agenda, ensuring that the elderly population is not left behind as living costs rise.

Future Outlook

Experts note that while the September 2025 increase is a major step forward, more reforms are needed. Policymakers are discussing the possibility of:

- Automatic inflation indexing – Linking pension increases directly to cost-of-living changes.
- Regular reviews – Ensuring adjustments every few years to prevent stagnation.
- Expanded pension coverage – Bringing informal sector workers into the system for broader inclusivity.

If implemented, these reforms would guarantee that pensions remain sustainable and responsive for future generations.

Conclusion: The SSS pension hike of September 2025 is a historic victory for retirees, disabled members, and survivor beneficiaries. By permanently increasing monthly pensions by ₱500 to ₱1500, the government has delivered meaningful relief at a time of high inflation and economic uncertainty.

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