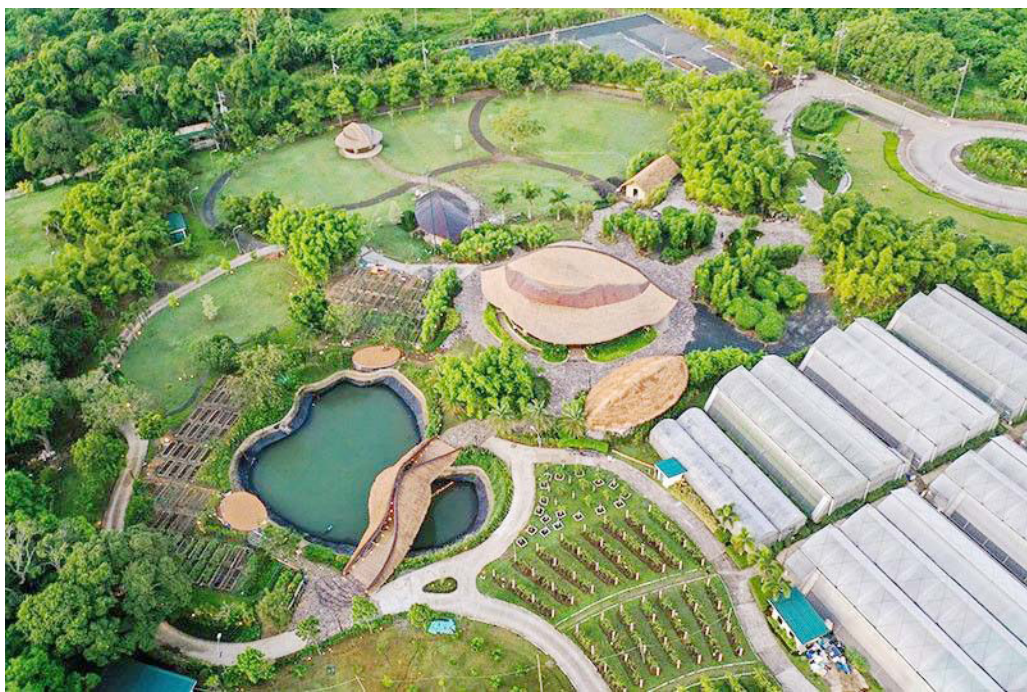


Cavite EcoPark lands on TIME's Greatest Places list



By Jan Milo Severo

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite — Kaway'an EcoPark in Barangay Panungyanan, General Trias City, has been named one of TIME magazine's World's Greatest Places of 2026, becoming the only destination from the Philippines to make this year's prestigious global list.

The recognition places the Cavite based eco tourism destination among some of the world's most notable attractions and highlights the country's growing reputation in sustainable tourism.

Developed by Citihomes Builder & Development Inc., Kaway'an EcoPark was envisioned as a destination that promotes harmony between people and

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Araw ng Kalayaan in Cavite honors veterans

By Patricia Bermudez

KAWIT, Cavite (PIA) – More than a commemoration of history, this year's celebration of Araw ng Kalayaan in Cavite paid tribute to the men and women who fought for our country's independence. On June 12, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), provincial government of Cavite, and the Philippine Navy led the Araw ng Kalayaan celebration at Liwasang Aguinaldo. Beyond the vibrant and colorful

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Bacoor, DSWD Strengthen PAG ABOT Program



The City Government of Bacoor, through the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWD), held a coordination meeting with the Department of Social Welfare and Development Region IV A on June 11, 2026 at the Strike Conference Room to further strengthen the implementation of the PAG ABOT Program in the city. The meeting was attended by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Councilor Noly Galvez,

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Tanza Fishers Receive Boats, Engines from DOLE

By Patricia Bermudez

TANZA, Cavite (PIA) – Fisherfolk groups in the Municipality of Tanza are looking forward to additional income as the Department

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Free Baptism Program Held for Local Families



The City Government conducted a "Libreng Binyag" or free baptism program for children on June 11, 2026, as part of its continued effort to provide compassionate public services to residents, according to the local government. The program was led

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Halal Awareness Seminar Held for Local Businesses



The City Government, through the Local Economic Development and Investments Promotions Office (LEDIPO) in coordination with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Cavite, conducted a Halal Awareness and Preparation Seminar on June 10, 2026 at the

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New Barangay Kagawad Takes Oath in Zapote II



The Office of the Mayor conducted the oath-taking ceremony of Ms. Keith Danielle L. Henega, formally marking her appointment as Barangay Kagawad of Barangay Zapote II, according to the local government. Mayor Strike B. Revilla administered the oath of office, officially welcoming Ms. Henega into her new role as a member of the barangay council. The ceremony was held at the Office of the Mayor and was witnessed by Barangay Zapote II Chairman Edwin Torres.

The oath-taking marks the start of Ms. Henega's service as a barangay official, where she is expected to help implement

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Bacoor, DSWD strengthen PAG ABOT

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CSWD Head Emiliana Ugalde, BDRRMO Head Richard Quion, GSO Head Agripino Pagdanganan, CSWD personnel, and DSWD Region IV A officials and representatives led by the Luzon Program Coordinator. Discussions centered on aligning policies, streamlining processes, and improving the delivery of services for vulnerable individuals and families in Bacoor. DSWD representatives provided

updates on national guidelines and introduced new components of the program, including skills training grants and micro enterprise seed funding aimed at helping beneficiaries achieve greater self reliance. Key points raised during the meeting included the expansion of coverage to more families facing economic hardship, the creation of a unified beneficiary database,

and the deployment of mobile outreach teams to reach residents in remote barangays. Bacoor was also identified as one of the pilot areas for the program's enhanced digital application system, which will allow residents to submit requirements online and track applications in real time. Both the City Government of Bacoor and DSWD Region IV A reaffirmed their

commitment to strengthening social protection programs and ensuring that assistance reaches intended beneficiaries. The enhanced PAG ABOT Program is expected to be launched by the end of July 2026 and may benefit around 2,500 families in its first year of full implementation. The initiative reflects ongoing efforts to build stronger partnerships for inclusive growth, responsive governance, and improved opportunities for residents of Bacoor City.

Free Baptism program

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by Mayor Strike B. Revilla and implemented through the City Civil Registry Office headed by Atty. Oliver Agustin. It was held at the Parokya ng Our Lady Queen of Peace in Barangay Queensrow West. Also present during the activity were Councilor Rey Palabrica, Father Jessie James Avenido, parish priest of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Barangay Queensrow East Captain Theodore Montes, Barangay Queensrow Central Captain Armando Obligacion, and officials from Barangay Queensrow West. Parents, godparents, and relatives of the baptized children attended the ceremony. The event was also supported by City Civil Registry personnel, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, catechists, and other local government staff who helped ensure the smooth conduct of the program. A total of 93 children were baptized and formally welcomed into the Christian faith through the sacrament of baptism. The program aims to assist families by allowing them to have their children baptized without additional financial burden. Beyond its spiritual significance, the initiative also helps parents in securing important civil registry documents needed for their children in the future. The initiative reflects the local government's continued commitment to support not only the material needs of residents but also their spiritual and social well-being, strengthening the partnership between the government, the church, and the community.

Araw ng Kalayaan in Cavite honors

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activities, Caviteños took the time to honor veterans and their legacies. Celso Voluntad, a veteran and the Regional Vice President of the Veterans' Federation of the Philippines, thanked the local government for continuously commemorating the Araw ng Kalayaan and keeping the spirit of their sacrifices alive. "Nais naming magbigay paalala sa buong sambayanang Pilipino kung ano ang dinaanan naming pakikipaglaban sa mga manlulupig sa ating bayan. Natutuwa kami bilang mga beterano na nararamdaman namin dito sa aming puso na kami ay binibigyang pagpapahalaga lalo na ngayong ipinagdiriwang ang ating Araw ng Kalayaan." Having witnessed pivotal chapters of history, Voluntad emphasized Cavite's rich heritage that must be passed down to future generations. "Ang aming bayan ay punong-puno ng kasaysayan na dapat maipamulat sa ating kabataan." Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla echoed this sentiment, emphasizing that true independence is a commitment that must be reflected in one's values and choices. "Let us take a moment to reflect on our values and morals as we continue to honor this special day. The fate of the republic should not be shaped by circumstance alone, rather it shall be forged and strengthened by the right choices we make today." Remulla added, "May we remember that the freedom we enjoy was earned through literal blood and sweat of our forefathers. May we become a nation where true freedom is celebrated

and embodied through our actions and commitment to one another." Centered on the theme, "Kalayaan,

Kinabukasan, Kasaysayan", Vice Governor Ram Revilla, Kawit Mayor Armie Aguinaldo, and NHCP Historic Sites and Education chief Gina Batuhan joined the solemn celebration. (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

Cavite EcoPark lands on TIME's

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nature. The park features expansive open spaces, lush greenery, lagoons, and bamboo groves designed to provide visitors with an immersive and relaxing experience. Rather than focusing solely on attractions, the EcoPark encourages guests to slow down, reflect, and reconnect with nature through thoughtfully designed landscapes and natural surroundings. At the center of the development is the Marilag Grand Pavilion, a bamboo structure created through a collaboration between Filipino architects and international experts, including Indonesia's IBUKU Studio and London's Atelier One. The pavilion showcases the structural capabilities of bamboo, using geometry and innovative engineering to create wide spans while maintaining durability and resilience against tropical

conditions. Complementing the pavilion is the Marahuyo Bridge, which follows the same bamboo design principles. Both structures were designed to respond naturally to climate conditions, airflow, and movement while blending seamlessly with the environment. Visitors to Kaway'an EcoPark can enjoy a variety of activities, including boat rides on the man made lagoon, horseback riding, visits to farms and greenhouses, and leisurely walks through bamboo groves. Other facilities, such as the Marikit Gazebo and Guest Lounge, provide additional spaces for relaxation and reflection. The EcoPark also serves as a venue for weddings, cultural celebrations, corporate functions, photo shoots, and community gatherings, offering large event spaces while

maintaining a peaceful and intimate atmosphere. A key feature of the EcoPark is its collaboration with local artisans, farmers, and craftsmen, whose expertise contributes to construction, landscaping, and daily operations. Through educational programs, workshops, and seasonal activities, the park promotes cultural preservation and environmental awareness while showcasing Filipino craftsmanship. "Kaway'an EcoPark stands as a testament to what becomes possible when a remarkable team of experts dares to come together to share one vision and goal — to bring a sustainable sanctuary to life," said Rosie Tsai, president of Citihomes Builder & Development Inc. The recognition was further highlighted by the visit of Department of Tourism CALABARZON

Director Marites T. Castro during the EcoPark's official press tour. Her participation underscored the government's support for Kaway'an EcoPark as an important eco tourism destination in the region and the country. Castro was welcomed by Tsai and Kaway'an Eco Development Inc. General Manager Elizabeth Wang, who toured members of the media around the park's facilities and attractions. Being the only Philippine destination included in TIME's World's Greatest Places 2026 reflects not only the EcoPark's achievements but also the contributions of Filipino architects, craftsmen, landscape designers, and community members who helped bring the project to life. The distinction places Cavite and the Philippines on the global stage, showcasing the country's creativity, craftsmanship, and commitment to sustainable environmental design.

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Tanza fishers receive boats, engines

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of Labor and Employment (DOLE) continues to provide sustainable opportunities for them. Last June 11, members of the Kalipunang Mangingisda ng Julugan III (KALMADA 3) and the Samahan ng Mandaragat ng Julugan VI received boats, gasoline engines, and racer propellers as part of the livelihood packages from DOLE under the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP). DOLE Cavite Provincial Director Marivic Martinez, in her message, encouraged the beneficiary-fisherfolk to maximize the assistance they received.

"Sana po ay magamit nang tama ang mga na-award naming livelihood na ito sa inyong pangangisda at makatulong sa patuloy na pag-unlad ng inyong kabuhayan. Nawa'y lalo pa itong madagdagan upang mas lumaki ang inyong kita at masiguro ang mas matatag na kinabukasan para sa inyong mga pamilya," she said. Martinez added that the awarding of the livelihood assistance marks another step in improving the well-being of local fisherfolk by providing them with opportunities to strengthen

their livelihood and create sustainable income-generating opportunities. "As the beneficiaries embark on this new chapter,

the assistance serves not only as support for their immediate needs but also as an investment in a more stable and prosperous future for their families and communities." (PB-PIA CALABARZON, DOLE Cavite Provincial Office/Facebook)

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **GERTRUDES DUNGCA VILLANUEVA** who died intestate, without will or testament, on April 11, 2026 in Santa Rosa, Laguna consisting of one parcel of land under TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-7478 situated in Trece Martires City, and 2 Memorial lots situated at Love Memorial Park, Garden of Joy Famous and Paradise Court – B of which she is the absolute and registered owner, had been the subject of an EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT by and among the surviving legal HEIRS of said deceased as per Document No. 248, Page No. 51, Book No. VII Series of 2026 of Notary Public Atty. Christian A. Magsino dated June 11, 2026.

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New Barangay Kagawad takes OATH

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programs, policies, and needs and concerns of City and barangay initiatives addressing the residents in the community. officials expressed their

support for the newly appointed kagawad and emphasized the importance of dedicated public service, responsible leadership, and active

community engagement in strengthening local governance.

Chairman Torres’ presence highlighted the cooperation between barangay leaders and the city government in ensuring effective representation and responsive service delivery at the grassroots level.

The appointment reinforces the city government’s commitment

to maintaining capable and committed leadership across all barangays, ensuring that communities continue to receive quality public service and representation. As she assumes her new responsibilities, Ms. Henega joins local officials dedicated to promoting the welfare and development of Barangay Zapote II and the wider community.

Halal awareness seminar held for

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3rd Floor of the Legislative and Disaster Resilience Building. The activity is part of the local government’s continued efforts to support enterprises, promote inclusive economic development, and strengthen the competitiveness of local businesses.

The program was led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla and Vice Mayor Rowena B. Mendiola, together with LEDIPO Head Khei Javier Sanchez, Business Permits and Licensing Department Head Lawrence San

Jose, and Bacoor Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office Head Richard Quion.

Resource speakers included DOST Cavite Supervising Science Research Specialist Anna Daigan and Khadafy Etado, Overall President of the Muslim Consultative Assembly. The seminar was attended by representatives from various business groups, micro, small, and medium enterprise owners, and senior citizen representatives.

Discussions focused on Halal principles, certification processes, regulatory requirements, and business opportunities linked to Halal compliance. Speakers emphasized that Halal certification can help businesses expand market reach, build consumer trust, and access both local and international markets.

Participants were also encouraged to consider Halal certification as a strategic step for business expansion and

long term growth, particularly in serving diverse consumer needs and maintaining quality and ethical standards.

Through initiatives like this seminar, the city government continues to provide knowledge and support to local entrepreneurs, helping them strengthen their operations and competitiveness in a growing marketplace.

The program also underscores the government’s commitment to inclusive economic growth, MSME development, and building a business environment that supports innovation and diversity.

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,
Applicant-Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPOUSES JOHN CONRAD A. VILLANUEVA
AND ANNA MAYLENE D. VILLANUEVA,
Debtors/Mortgagors,
X-----X

File No. FC-DC-2125-26
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL
ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135, AS
AMENDED BY ACT 4118

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK** with postal address at PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila against the debtor/mortgagor **SPOUSES JOHN CONRAD A. VILLANUEVA AND ANNA MAYLENE D. VILLANUEVA** with postal address at (1) Phase 1, Block 9 Lot 45, St. Anthony St., St., Charebel South Village, Dasmariñas City, Cavite; (2) Phase 1, Block 89 Lot 45, St. Anthony St., St. Charebel South Village, Dasmariñas City, Cavite; (3) Lot 8 Block 12, Phase 3C, Greenwoods Village, Brgy. Paliparan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite; and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of **APRIL 30, 2026 amounts to FOUR MILLION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY TWO PESOS AND 09/100 (Php 4,684,842.09)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **JULY 29, 2026** at 10:00 o’clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the lobby of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2021027089

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

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Is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of Owner: SPOUSE JOHN CONRAD A. VILLANUEVA AND ANNA MAYLENE D. VILLANUEVA, BOTH FILIPINO, BOTH OF LEGAL AGE
Address: Phase 1 Block 9 Lot 45 St. Anthony Street, St. Charebel South Village, City of Dasmariñas Cavite

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (continued from page 1)
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Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **AUGUST 12, 2026**, at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Cavite, June 4, 2026.

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TITLE NO. T-45933 OF THE
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PROVINCE OF CAVITE,

LRC CASE NO. 8843-2023-93

MARCIANA D. BECHAVE
represented by EDRALIN PEÑA
DELA CRUZ as Attorney-in-Fact,
Petitioners,
X-----X

THIRD AMENDED ORDER

This is a petition instituted by Marciana D. Bechave represented by her attorney-in-fact Edralin Peña Dela Cruz for the issuance of a new owner’s duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-45933 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Bacoor City registered in the name of the petitioner, Marciana D. Bechave in lieu of the lost one.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that said petition is set for hearing on **5 August 2026, at 1:30 in the afternoon.** All those interested are cited to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

The Sheriff of this Court is ordered to post copies of this Order in three conspicuous places in the City of Bacoor where the subject property is situated.

Furnish copies of this Order the Offices of the Register of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Trece Martires City and Bacoor City Branch.

Furnish the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court of the City of Bacoor a copy of the Order for raffle.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN CHAMBERS, this 14th day of May 2026 in the City of Bacoor.

ROSALINDA E. BELTRAN-KAWADA
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Palace says Comelec has available funds for Cavite special polls

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) has sufficient funds to conduct a special election in Cavite, Malacañang said on Thursday. Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) had informed the Palace that the poll body may use its existing funds for the electoral exercise.

Comelec chairperson George Erwin Garcia earlier said the poll body would need some PHP200 million for the holding of the elections.

“Kinausap po natin ang DBM. According to DBM, mayroon pa pong pondo na nasa Comelec at maaari naman po nilang gamitin po iyon. Sapat po ang pondo (We spoke with the DBM. According to the DBM, the Comelec still has available funds, and it can use those funds for the election. The funds are sufficient),” Castro said in a Palace press briefing.

The statement came following the Comelec’s request for funding assistance for the conduct of the special polls.

Castro said Comelec’s available funding could be tapped for the election. The special election in Cavite’s 4th District is scheduled for August 2026.

The election will fill the vacant seat in the House of Representatives following the expulsion of former representative Francisco Barzaga Jr.

Barzaga was expelled for disorderly behavior, conduct unbecoming of a member, and violations of the House Code of Conduct.

The Comelec, meanwhile, has set the certificate of candidacy filing period for the special polls on July 15 to 17 while the election period will start on July 30.

“We intend to be able to proclaim the winning member of the House of Representatives the morning after the election of Aug. 29. So, more or



ELECTION FUNDING. Palace Press Officer Claire Castro says Thursday (June 11, 2026) that the Commission on Elections has sufficient existing funds to conduct the special election in Cavite’s 4th District, citing information from the Department of Budget and Management. The August 2026 polls will fill the vacant congressional seat left by the expulsion of former representative Francisco Barzaga Jr. (File photo)

less Aug. 30, early hours, we want to make the proclamation,” Garcia said in an interview at the sidelines of the 1st Coordination Meeting for the Special Election for Member, House of Representatives, 4th District, Cavite Socio-Economic Building Buro 1 Main, Dasmariñas City, Cavite on Thursday.

“So far, we have not seen any circumstances that may prevent the conduct of

the election,” the poll body chief added. On the other hand, Garcia is hoping that Aug. 29 would be declared a holiday in the city to encourage more voters to participate.

There are a total of 437,730 registered voters in the fourth legislative district of Cavite, which has 43 voting centers and 3,166 clustered precincts. (with report from Ferdinand Patinio/PNA)

CHIZ PREFERS NON-TAX REVENUE OPTIONS OVER NEW TAXES TO BOOST GOV’T. COFFERS

Senator Francis “Chiz” Escudero has maintained that the national government should consider non tax revenue options, including the bidding out of exploration and production agreements over the country’s indigenous coal resources.

The veteran legislator made the statement as economic managers continue to study ways to strengthen revenue generation to sustain social protection programs, energy transition efforts, and long term fiscal stability. He said this approach on indigenous resources could help generate additional funds while supporting ongoing fiscal and development priorities. To date, several tax proposals remain under review as part of the government’s broader fiscal strategy.

Among the measures being examined are adjustments to excise taxes on sweetened beverages and certain food products, the Motor Vehicle Road User’s Tax (MVRUT), and the proposed excise tax on single-use plastics (SUPs). Escudero has consistently maintained that new taxes should be a last resort, emphasizing the importance of efficient revenue collection and the full utilization of existing non tax opportunities.

The senator noted that the Philippines has long identified coal bearing areas in Cagayan, Isabela, and parts of South Cotabato and Sarangani, which can be offered to the private sector through transparent and competitive bidding, since these areas remain underdeveloped despite their potential to contribute to national revenues. “In lieu of new taxes, the government should maximize the resources it already owns,” Escudero said. “Bidding out exploration and sharing agreements over our indigenous coal reserves is a practical way to raise revenues without imposing additional burdens on the public.”

He explained that properly structured agreements can provide substantial upfront payments and steady annual income for the government through work program commitments and the state’s share from future production. Escudero said his own economic estimates show the scale of the opportunity. “If done correctly and competitively, these agreements can yield up to one trillion pesos upfront, and around seventy to one hundred billion pesos every year in non tax revenues,” he pointed out.

The Bicolano senator added that tapping indigenous energy resources can complement the country’s long term energy and development goals. He expressed hopes the government will continue to explore non tax options alongside existing revenue measures to help support national priorities while being mindful of the public’s capacity to absorb new taxes.

PGC, DLSU-D Career Fest links graduates to jobs



CAVITE — Nearly 2,000 jobseekers, including graduating students and alumni, explored employment opportunities during the DLSU-D IMPACT Career Fest 2026 held on June 9 and 10 through a partnership among the Provincial Government of Cavite, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and De La Salle University Dasmariñas (DLSU-D).

Led by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM), the two day event brought together 1,932 registered jobseekers and 42 local companies that offered a total of 2,805 job vacancies.

The career fair resulted in 296 applicants being identified as near hires, while 533 clients also accessed services from participating national government agencies through a One Stop Shop.

The program opened with a welcome message from Mr. Julius M. Tibayan, MBA, Director of the Advancement and Alumni Relations Office, followed by an inspirational message from Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, Head of OPPEM.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was also held, attended by DLSU-D administrators, representatives of government agencies, and industry partners.

Participants likewise attended sessions on Labor Market Information, Labor Education, and Career Coaching led by Pinpin-Enero, together with Mr. Demetrio C. Villanueva III, Labor and Employment Officer I of OPPEM, and Ms. Zsahara Martinez, Labor and Employment Officer III of the DOLE Cavite Provincial Office.

The DLSU-D IMPACT Career Fest 2026 underscored the shared commitment of the Provincial Government of Cavite, DOLE, and DLSU-D to expanding employment opportunities and supporting career development for Caviteños.

Bacoor Expands Digital Attendance System to Private Schools

BACOR CITY, Cavite — The Bacoor City Government has expanded its digital attendance monitoring program to private educational institutions following the signing of a Time and Attendance System Agreement during the city’s flag raising ceremony on June 15 at the S.T.R.I.K.E. Gymnasium. The agreement was signed by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, and Lodgene G. Asuncion, officer in charge of the E

Governance Department and Management Information System (MIS), representing the city government. Members of the Sangguniang Panglungsod witnessed the signing.

The initiative forms part of the city’s Free ID App Program, which has already been implemented in public schools and is now being extended to private schools through the Bacoor City Organization of Private Schools (BCOPS), led by its president, Ruth Esconde.

Under the program, parents can monitor the time their children enter school through a digital attendance system designed to improve student safety and accountability. The platform also aims to strengthen communication between schools and families while making attendance management more efficient.

City officials said the expansion of the system reflects Bacoor’s continuing efforts to embrace digital solutions that enhance public services and support the education sector.

Participating private schools include Marvelous Faith Academy of Bacoor Inc., St. Peregrine Institute Inc., Cavite Bible Baptist Academy, Christian Values School Foundation Inc., Little Angels Learning School, Child Quest Center Inc., King James Academy Cavite Inc., Ruth E. Esconde School of Multiple Intelligences Inc., Seven Seas

Academy, Marie Osmund School Inc., Brookstone Academy of the South Inc., Theos Higher Ground Academe, St. Alphonsus Liguori Integrated School, The Bearer of Light and Wisdom Colleges, Maria Mae Academy Inc., Growing Years Learning School Inc., Academy for Christian Education, Greenvalley Academy Inc., and Herman Harrell Horne School.

The city government said the program demonstrates its commitment to innovation and collaboration by providing modern solutions that benefit students, parents, schools, and the wider community.

With the expansion of the Time and Attendance System, Bacoor continues to advance its digital governance initiatives while promoting safer and more connected learning environments for students across the city.

