

New Township Project Set in Cavite by Cebu Landmasters



Cebu Landmasters expands into Luzon with a 70-hectare Dasmariñas, Cavite site, laying the foundation for a flagship township set to deliver 6000 homes in a thriving high-growth corridor. Photo shows the lot turnover ceremony (L-R): CLI VP for Business Development Luzon Eric Tan, Senior VP and Chief Legal Officer Larri-Nil Veloso, Chairman and CEO Jose Soberano III, Senior Executive VP & COO Franco Soberano, and Senior Manager for Business Development Jose Gabriel Soberano.

Cebu Landmasters, Inc. has secured an approximately 70 hectare property in Dasmariñas, Cavite, marking a major step in its expansion into Luzon's fast growing development corridors. The company announced that the acquisition strengthens its position beyond its established markets in Visayas and Mindanao and supports its plan to build a flagship township in Southern Luzon.

The property is strategically located near Governor's Drive and major routes such as the Cavite Laguna Expressway, placing it within a key growth area in CALABARZON. The site is surrounded by established communities and is accessible to schools, hospitals, and commercial areas, making it suitable for large scale township development. Cebu

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Cavite Orients 57 GIP Interns



The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), successfully conducted the Government Internship Program GIP Orientation on

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GMA Residents Receive Medical and Dental Aid



The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer conducted a Medical and Dental Mission on April 7, 2026 at Barangay Poblacion 5, GMA, Cavite. A total of 425 residents availed of medical services during the outreach, while

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OPPDC Holds Training on ELA PDIP Monitoring

The Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator successfully spearheaded the Training on the Preparation of Executive Legislative Agenda and Provincial Development Investment Program 2025 to 2028 Monitoring Report at the New Provincial Government Center on March 26, 2026. The activity gathered ELA PDIP focal persons from different provincial

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Bacoor athlete wins national gold, heads to world stage



BACOOOR CITY — Bacoor is celebrating another sporting milestone after Sports Director Michael Ver Comaling was crowned Philippine Modern Pentathlon Men's Overall National Champion 2026, earning the gold medal and bringing pride to the city and the province of Cavite. The recognition was held at the Office of the Mayor, where Mayor Strike B. Revilla

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Cavite launches revised child protection protocol

A stronger child protection system took center stage on March 26 as the Department of Justice, in partnership with the Provincial Government of Cavite Province, formally launched the Revised Protocol

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Cavite Holds ECCD Forum



The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer successfully conducted the Early Childhood Care and Development ECCD Forum on April 8, 2026 at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City. The event gathered stakeholders committed to strengthening early childhood education and development across the province. The forum served as an important venue for Child Development Workers, program

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Cavite trains former OFWs in pastry making

Former Overseas Filipino Workers gained new skills in baking as the Provincial Government of Cavite conducted a pastry making training on March 23 at Bahay Kalinga, located within the Cavite Command Center compound in Trece Martires City. Organized by the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer Livelihood Division in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, the activity gathered 20 former OFWs. It aimed to equip participants with practical skills that could help them start small businesses or earn additional income. The program opened with remarks from OPCDO Officer in Charge Ms. Myrachel P. Cuadra, who welcomed the participants and highlighted the value of skills development in creating sustainable livelihood opportunities. Mr. Allan Valencia, RSW, MMus, from OPSWDO followed with an encouraging message, urging participants to make the most of the training as a step toward self reliance. An orientation on OPCDO programs and services was also conducted by Livelihood Division Head Ms. Sheryll H. Loyola to guide the participants on available support for their future business plans. The hands on training was led by Ms. Corazon A. Tepora, who shared her expertise in baking, particularly in making brownies and chocolate chip cookies, allowing participants to learn through actual preparation and demonstration. The initiative reflects the continuing efforts of the Provincial Government of Cavite to support returning OFWs by providing opportunities to build skills and establish sustainable livelihoods within the province. Source: Office of the Provincial Information Officer (OPIO)

GMA residents receive

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67 individuals received dental care. Additional diagnostic services were also offered, including electrocardiogram testing for 17 residents and fasting blood sugar testing for 85 individuals, helping in the early detection and monitoring of common health conditions.

The activity was attended by 5th District Board Member Aidel Paul Belamide, together with Municipal Councilor Aisa C. Gutierrez and other local officials, underscoring the province's continued commitment to bringing essential health services closer to communities.

In partnership with the GEAMH and Carsigma District Hospital medical team, consultation services were efficiently delivered to ensure proper assessment and care for patients. The OPHO dental team provided dental services, while the OPG medical team distributed free medicines to beneficiaries, extending support beyond consultations.

The Provincial Government of Cavite reaffirmed its commitment to accessible and community based health programs aimed at improving the wellbeing of residents across the province.

DSWD warns TNCs on payout rules

Department of Social Welfare and Development Secretary Rex Gatchalian on Monday issued a stern warning to transport network companies to comply with stricter coordination measures ahead of the Cash Relief Assistance special payout for drivers and riders in the public transport sector.

Gatchalian also urged beneficiaries to follow the official schedule and verify their names in the master list to avoid overcrowding and delays at payout venues. "Basta simple lang, pag nandoon ang pangalan mo, pumunta ka. Pag wala yung pangalan mo, wag ka muna pumunta," he said during a meeting with representatives from the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, Department of Information and Communications Technology, and various TNCs at the DSWD Central Office in Quezon City.

He called on companies to assign knowledgeable personnel at help desks to properly assist drivers during the distribution of aid.

"I will remind you all again. I'm telling you, I'm really going to make this such a big issue. Send people who are knowledgeable," Gatchalian added.

The DSWD chief also reiterated his warning against setting up recruitment booths at payout sites and flagged delays in the submission of driver lists.

"For Grab and MoveIt, stop your practice of turning the payout



into recruitment sessions. Ang Lalamove, literally late nagpadala kaya halos walang nabayaran. Sa Help Desk, pupunta 11 nang tanghali," he pointed out. Other transport network companies present during the meeting included Joyride and Foodpanda. More than 160,000 motorcycle taxi and private delivery riders, along with over 48,000 TNVS drivers, are expected to receive PHP5,000 cash assistance under the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations program. This covers both unclaimed beneficiaries and newly validated recipients.

To avoid confusion and misinformation, Gatchalian directed TNCs to rely only on official government announcements, particularly the master list and schedules released by DSWD and LTRFB. "This time, we have to speak as one policing unit. Kung ano yung pinost ng LTRFB na listahan at schedule, yun na lang ang i-repost niyo sa social media niyo," he said. The payout for motorcycle taxi and delivery riders is scheduled on April 17 for those who previously missed their claims. Additional beneficiaries will also be accommodated on April 17 and 19 at designated venues including Caloocan Coliseum, TNC Park Concert Grounds in Taguig, Makati Coliseum, and Quezon Memorial Circle, starting at 7 a.m. Meanwhile, TNVS drivers will have a separate one day payout within the week, with the exact date to be announced. The assistance will also cover eligible drivers from nearby provinces such as Rizal, Laguna, Cavite, and Bulacan, especially those operating within Metro Manila.

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Landmasters plans to develop the area into a master planned township with around 6000 residential units across economic and mid market segments.

The project will also include commercial, institutional, and estate facilities designed to support a self sustaining community.

Initial phases are expected to be launched between 2027 and 2028, allowing early development and alignment with rising housing demand in the area.

"This milestone represents a key step in widening CLI's reach and entering new growth markets," said CLI chairman and chief executive officer Jose R. Soberano III. He

added that the company aims to bring its brand of planned communities to Luzon while creating jobs and supporting regional growth.

The Dasmariñas project is part of CLI's broader Luzon expansion strategy as it continues to grow its landbank while maintaining financial discipline. The company said the

transaction is not expected to have a material impact on its operations in the near term.

Founded in 2003, Cebu Landmasters has developed 132 projects across 18 cities in Visayas and Mindanao, spanning residential, office, hotel, mixed use, and township developments.

It is now extending its footprint to Luzon as part of its long term growth strategy. This article is brought to you by Cebu Landmasters Inc.

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for the Case Management of Child Victims of Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation, and Discrimination under the banner "Kabitenyong Kumikilos Para sa Karapatang Kabataan."

Held at the New Provincial Government Center, the initiative went beyond a ceremonial launch as it highlighted the province wide commitment to place children, especially the most vulnerable, at the center of governance and public service.

The program was organized in collaboration with the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, strengthening Cavite's response system to child protection concerns through a more responsive and coordinated approach.

In her welcome remarks, 8th District Board Member Jasmin Angelli Maligaya Bautista

emphasized the importance of collective action and thanked stakeholders and partners present. She expressed confidence that the initiative would deepen cooperation and shared responsibility in building a safer environment for children in Cavite.

Also present was 1st District Board Member Romel R. Enriquez, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Services, Family, Women, Children and Elderly, together with representatives from local government units, provincial offices, and other partner agencies, reflecting a whole of government approach to child protection.

Delivering the opening message, Undersecretary Raul T. Vasquez of the Department of Justice stressed that meaningful reform happens at the community level through strong coordination among

local government units, national agencies, and civil society. He noted that under the leadership of Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" D. Remulla, Cavite continues to move closer to ensuring that every child is protected, understood, and supported in recovery.

Justice Secretary Frederick A. Vida described the revised protocol as the result of strong inter agency collaboration. He said it addresses emerging forms of abuse and strengthens trauma informed and child sensitive approaches, confidentiality safeguards, and multidisciplinary coordination to prevent retraumatization.

Governor Remulla assured stakeholders that the initiative will be fully implemented in the province, stressing that policies must translate into real protection and action for children.

Vice Governor Ramon Vicente H. Bautista also

underscored that the effort goes beyond formalities, calling it a commitment to protect children and uphold their rights.

He emphasized that Cavite leaders share the duty to ensure no child is left to face adversity alone.

A key moment of the event was the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Understanding led by the Governor, provincial board members, and local chief executives, symbolizing a unified commitment to implement the revised protocol across the province.

Closing the program, Undersecretary Monina Josefina H. Romualdez of the Department of Social Welfare and Development reaffirmed continued support for child welfare initiatives and stronger partnerships to protect Filipino children.

The event reflected a shared commitment that in Cavite, child protection remains a priority, with systems and institutions working together to safeguard every child.

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P10-B aid for farmers, fishers to be released April 15

By Stephanie Sevillano

The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Tuesday said it will release the PHP10 billion worth of financial aid to farmers and fishers on April 15, in line with the Marcos administration's response to cushion the impact of rising fuel costs on the agriculture sector.

In an interview, DA Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel stated that the assistance would be released simultaneously nationwide.

"Bukas ire-release na yung (Tomorrow, we will release the) Presidential Assistance to Farmers and Fisherfolk (PAFF), that's PHP10 billion for 4.175 million farmers and fisherfolk," he said.

Earlier, the DA said each eligible beneficiary will receive a cash assistance amounting to PHP2,325.

Most of the more than four million beneficiaries come from the rice sector, totaling 2.197 million. This was followed by 1.475 million corn producers, more than 102,000 sugar farmers, and about 399,000 fishers nationwide.

The PAFF is a financial aid on top of the fuel subsidies earlier released to registered farmers and fishers.

Other funds, including the PHP1 billion quick response fund (QRF) and unused fuel subsidy budget from previous



AID TO FARMERS, FISHERS. Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. on Tuesday (April 14, 2026) announced the release of the PHP10 billion presidential aid to farmers and fishers on April 15. Around 4.175 million farmers and fishers are expected to receive the cash assistance. (Screengrab/PTV)

years, are being eyed to further cushion the impact of rising oil prices on local food producers.

Meanwhile, Tiu Laurel said they have secured a commitment from toll operators to waive fees for agricultural commodities.

"From what I understand, mag-a-announce today 'yung mga nakausap naming toll operators at pumayag sila kahapon na tanggalin 'yung toll fees sa mga agri trucks (the toll operators who have discussed with us have agreed yesterday to waive the toll fees for agricultural trucks)," he said.

The DA chief said these include the South Luzon Expressways, Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway, and Muntinlupa-Cavite Expressways, among others.

The DA has also assured logistics assistance through the deployment of food trucks to ensure the delivery of agricultural commodities from farms to trading posts or local markets. (PNA)

Chiz pushes fuel aid for farmers, fishers

Senator Francis "Chiz" Escudero said the fuel assistance being extended to tricycle and jeepney drivers in various parts of the country should also cover small farmers and fisherfolk who are equally burdened by rising fuel prices and are essential to maintaining the country's food supply. Escudero made the statement after the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) confirmed that nearly half of the fishers in Luzon have stopped going out to sea due to soaring fuel prices. "Sana ay mabigyan ng karagdagang tulong ang ating mga magsasaka at mangingisda bukod sa nailaan na ng pamahalaan para sa kanila sapagkat hindi naman talaga sapat ang subsidiyang binibigay," the veteran legislator said. "Hindi sila dapat maiwan sa anumang ayuda ng pamahalaan."

To this end, Escudero said both the national and local governments must exert every effort to ensure that fishing communities in various parts of the country receive help the soonest. He noted that several localities have already rolled out fuel assistance to affected sectors. In Eastern Visayas, more than 900 municipal fisherfolk in Biliran province recently received P3,000 fuel discount cards under BFAR's Fuel Discount Program for Farmers and Fisherfolk. In Tacloban City, transport groups have also begun receiving fuel aid as rising costs strain operations. In Bacolod City, Lone District Rep. Alfredo Abelardo Benitez led the distribution of free biodiesel to fisherfolk in several barangays, an initiative meant to help small-scale fishers reduce operational costs as petroleum prices remain elevated. Samahang Industriya ng Agrikultura (SINAG) executive director Jayson Cainglet has also reported that up to 50 percent of fisherfolk in Cavite, Bataan, Zambales, and Pangasinan have stopped going out to sea because of rising fuel costs. Pangisda Pilipinas, through its president Pablo Rosales, likewise appealed for immediate government aid, saying small fishers are "earning almost nothing" as fuel prices climb week after week. "Araw araw silang lumalabas para magbigay ng pagkain sa ating hapag, pero sila mismo ay apektado sa pagtaas ng presyo ng krudo. Kailangan nila ng agarang tulong at suporta mula sa pamahalaang nasyonal at lokal," Escudero said.



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Cavite opens 57 GIP interns

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April 6 at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

A total of 57 government interns attended the orientation and are scheduled to be deployed in various local government units across the province. These include the Provincial Government of Cavite, the cities of Trece Martires and Tagaytay, and the municipalities of Mendez,

Maragondon, Noveleta, Magallanes, Tanza, Indang, and Naic.

The activity aimed to prepare the interns for their assigned roles by familiarizing them with responsibilities and the working environment in government offices. It also emphasized the importance of professionalism, public service, and adherence to ethical standards as they

begin their internship experience.

The Government Internship Program is part of DOLE's youth employment initiatives that provide opportunities for young individuals to gain practical experience in government service. The program allows interns to work in real workplace settings where they can develop skills, improve

employability, and gain a better understanding of public service. It also serves as a pathway for fresh graduates and out of school youth to enter the workforce while contributing to nation building.

The Provincial Government of Cavite reiterated its support for programs that empower the youth and generate employment opportunities, as part of its commitment to developing a competent and service driven workforce for the future.

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personally congratulated the Bacooreño for adding another prestigious title to his growing list of accomplishments.

Following his national championship victory,

Comaling has been officially selected to represent the Philippines in several international competitions this year. These include the World Cup 2026 in Bulgaria this May, the World Cup

2026 in Hungary this June, and the Asian Games 2026 in Japan this September.

Mayor Strike expressed his pride in Comaling's success, noting that his dedication and

achievements serve as an inspiration to young athletes in Bacoor and across the country.

City officials also extended their congratulations and wished Comaling success as he represents the Philippines on the international stage.

OPPDC holds training on ELA PDIP

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government departments and units to strengthen their understanding of the monitoring system and to equip them in properly accomplishing the monitoring tool for tracking the status of their respective programs, projects, and activities.

Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator

Engr. EnP Lorna Leyran welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of the training in effectively monitoring the progress and outcomes of PPAs. This was followed by an overview of the activity presented by EnP Mary Grace Reyes.

The training included interactive lectures,

discussions, workshops, and presentation of outputs designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed in preparing accurate and reliable monitoring reports. These efforts support transparency and data integrity in the implementation of provincial programs and projects.

By the end of the

training, participants gained a clearer understanding of the importance of well planned and effectively monitored projects in achieving the province's development goals.

The training was conducted by the governance sector covering Economic, Infrastructure, and Environmental Management and will continue with the Institutional and Social sectors. Source: OPIO

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coordinators, and partner agencies to harmonize efforts, improve knowledge, and ensure the effective implementation of ECCD programs in their respective areas.

A key highlight of the activity was the presentation of Mr. Aries R. Panganiban, ECCD Focal Person, who emphasized the importance of maintaining an updated database of ECCD enrollees and Child Development Workers. He stressed that accurate and timely data collection is essential in policy making, program planning, and resource allocation to ensure that services properly reach intended beneficiaries.

He also discussed the standardized process for recognizing both public and private Child Development Centers and learning centers, highlighting the need to comply with established guidelines and quality standards to ensure safe, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate learning environments for children.

Meanwhile, Ms. Jolivette Yao of the ECCD Council provided a detailed

discussion on the ECCD System Act, underscoring its role as the foundation of early childhood development programs in the country. She explained that the law institutionalizes a comprehensive and integrated system that addresses the holistic needs of children from birth to four years old, including health, nutrition, early education, and social services. She also highlighted the shared responsibility of local government units, families, and communities in effectively implementing ECCD programs, stressing the importance of cooperation in nurturing young children.

The ECCD Forum reaffirmed the Provincial Government's commitment to strengthening early childhood care and development programs by equipping implementers with the right knowledge and tools. Through continuous capacity building initiatives, Cavite aims to build a more supportive and responsive environment where every child can have the best possible start in life.

PhilHealth assures coverage for heat illnesses

As the dry season begins, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation reminded members that coverage for heat related illnesses remains available to help protect Filipinos from rising temperatures and related health risks.

The state insurer said its inpatient benefit packages for common summer and heat related conditions may be availed in any PhilHealth accredited hospitals nationwide, helping reduce out of pocket expenses.

Covered conditions include heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat collapse, heat cramp and sunstroke with a benefit of Php 12,675. Heat fatigue and other effects of heat and light are covered up to Php 18,135, while moderate to severe dehydration has a package worth Php 7,800.

Other illnesses also included in the coverage are varicella or chickenpox without complication at Php 7,800, typhoid fever at Php 19,500, sore eyes or conjunctivitis at Php 16,575, and infectious diarrhea or acute gastroenteritis at Php 11,700.

PhilHealth added that cases involving toxic effects from contact with fish and other marine animals such as jellyfish, sea anemone, shellfish and starfish are also covered with a benefit of Php 11,115.

The agency also reiterated that emergency healthcare needs, whether heat related or not, are covered under the Outpatient Emergency Care Benefit Package, which is available in accredited Level 1 to 3 hospitals.

This ensures that members can access immediate care for urgent conditions, further strengthening financial protection during emergencies.

"PhilHealth stands ready to protect every Filipino. We



want all members to know that coverage is available to help ensure their safety, wherever they are and regardless of the season," said PhilHealth President and CEO Edwin M. Mercado.

For inquiries, members may contact PhilHealth through its 24/7 hotlines at (02) 866 225 88, or via mobile numbers 0998 857 2957 and 0968 865 4670 for Smart users, and 0917 127 5987 or 0917 110 9812 for Globe subscribers.

Marcos leads turnover of PTVs to Cavite and Laguna

The national government has continued to strengthen local health services with the turnover of four Patient Transport Vehicles (PTVs) to the provincial governments of Cavite and Laguna under the administration of Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

The ceremonial turnovers were held separately on March 27,

2026, with the President personally leading the distribution of the medical transport vehicles through the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office.

At Camp General Mariano Castañeda in Silang, Cavite, the President, together with Department of the Interior and Local Government Secretary Jonvic Remulla

Jr., awarded two PTVs to the provincial government of Cavite during the 47th Commencement Exercises of the Philippine National Police Academy Silang Paglaom Class of 2026.

Assisting in the turnover was PCSO Southern Tagalog and Bicol Region Department Head Irma Guemo, with the vehicles formally

received by Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel Remulla.

Meanwhile, at Camp Vicente Lim in Calamba, Laguna, the President also personally led the donation of two PTVs to the provincial government, which were received by Laguna Governor Sol Aragon.

PCSO Assistant General Manager for Management Services Sector Arnel Casas and Laguna Branch Head Flora Obina were also present during the turnover ceremony.

The donation of PTVs forms part of the PCSO Medical Transport Vehicle Donation Program, which aims to provide immediate medical transportation and enhance emergency response capabilities, particularly in communities requiring reliable and accessible healthcare services. Records show that by the end of 2025, PCSO had completed the distribution of PTVs to all cities and municipalities nationwide, reinforcing the

PGC Honors Public Servants



On March 30, the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Committee once again led the distribution of tokens of appreciation as performance incentives to qualified employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite, in recognition of their excellent delivery of public service.

The ceremony was attended by Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista together with members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, who conveyed their appreciation for the employees' hard work, loyalty, and valuable contributions toward efficient and effective governance.

The event also doubled as a simple celebration for employees who marked their birthdays in March. Source: OPIO

Bacoor expands Free WiFi rollout



The City Government of Bacoor is moving forward with the expansion of its free internet program, with more public access sites expected to be completed this April.

In a meeting held on April 8, 2026 at the SBR Conference Room, city officials met with representatives from the Department of Information and Communications Technology to assess the progress of the "Free WiFi for All" initiative.

The discussion was led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla and organized by MIS E-Government head Lodgene Asuncion. Also present were City Administrator Atty. Aimee Torrefranca Neri, Jo Ricardo, chief of staff of Congressman Lani M. Revilla, Adrian Barrera of DICT Region 4A Cavite, and Jonathan Mendoza, service contractor from Revlv Solutions Incorporated.

During the meeting, officials reported that 66 out of the planned 93 WiFi sites are already operational across the city. The DICT assured the local government that all sites will be completed within April.

Once fully implemented, the program is expected to provide free internet access in all 47 barangays and 47 public schools in Bacoor.

Authorities said safeguards are in place to promote responsible internet use, including restrictions on access to pornographic content, gambling platforms, and mobile games.

Residents may connect by selecting the "DICT Free WiFi for All" network, registering to sign in, and accessing up to 12 hours of free internet per session.

The initiative aims to improve connectivity, strengthen digital access, and create more opportunities for Bacoor residents, according to the City Government of Bacoor through its MIS E-Government Office.

government's commitment to bringing essential medical services closer to the Filipino people.

Through initiatives such as this, the administration continues to underscore its dedication to strengthening the country's

healthcare system and ensuring timely, life saving medical assistance across communities. "PCSO, Hindi Umuurong sa Pagtulong!" This article is based on a report from INQUIRER.net and is brought to you by PCSO.

