

# PhilHealth pushes preventive healthcare under UHC

By Cecile Maloles

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) is urging Filipinos to maximize preventive healthcare services under the Universal Health Care (UHC) Law, emphasizing the importance of seeking medical consultation even before symptoms or illnesses appear.

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## DPWH targets 2027 completion of Punta Open Canal diversion road

By Patricia Bermudez



GEN. TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — To ease traffic and cut travel time in Cavite, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is fast-tracking the construction of the

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## Ex-Cavite police director named PNP chief's acting spox



Police Col. Marlon Santos (Photo courtesy of PNP)

Former Cavite Police head Col. Marlon Santos has been designated as acting spokesperson of Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. In his new role, Santos will convey the directives, policies, and official

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## Cavite MSMEs Join OTOP Program

TRECE MARTIRES CITY — Twenty micro, small, and medium enterprises in Cavite officially started their product development journey after the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer,

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## SSS launches nationwide Palengke Caravan for mobile services



The Social Security System (SSS) has deployed its mobile e-Wheels to public markets and barangays across selected towns and cities nationwide as part of weeklong Palengke Caravan, aimed at reducing travel time, long queues, and transaction difficulties experienced by workers, pensioners, and beneficiaries. The caravan

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## Bacoor Holds Disaster Orientation for Permit Applicants

The City Government of Bacoor conducted a Disaster Preparedness Orientation for new applicants seeking Mayor's Permits to Work on May 18, 2026, as part of the implementation of

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## DOS Hospital Holds OB Wellness Program

In celebration of its 68th anniversary, Dra. Olivia Salamanca Memorial District Hospital conducted an OB Wellness Services Program on May 15, 2026, aimed at promoting women's health through free and accessible medical services for the community.

The activity began with the registration and assessment of patients, followed by basic health examinations including blood pressure monitoring and pulse oximeter readings to ensure proper evaluation of all beneficiaries.

The program was attended by 1st District Board Member Hon. Romel R. Enriquez, who expressed support for the hospital's health initiative.



The wellness activity was carried out through the efforts of Dr. Nonie John L. Dalisay, Provincial Health Officer II, together with Dr. Dubhie Ram, Dr. Rhoda Perez, and Dr. Paul Comising.

Free medical services

offered during the program included hemoglobin screening, bone density screening through Biofemme Bone Screening sponsored by Unilab, family planning services, and Pap smear testing.

Hospital officials said the

activity forms part of their continuing commitment to provide essential healthcare services and strengthen women's health awareness in the community. Source: Dra. Olivia Salamanca Memorial District Hospital

## Bacoor Gives Honorarium to 4Ps Parent Leaders



S.T.R.I.K.E. Gymnasium — May 25, 2026 — The City Government of Bacoor, under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, conducted the distribution of honorarium for 4Ps Parent Leaders at the S.T.R.I.K.E. Gymnasium. The activity was organized through the City Social Welfare and Development Office headed by Emiliana Ugalde.

A total of 327 Parent Leaders received financial assistance as honorarium in recognition of their service and dedication in supporting the implementation of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program in the city. Beneficiaries also received grocery packs provided by the local government.

Mayor Strike B. Revilla underscored the important role of 4Ps Parent Leaders in assisting fellow residents and helping ensure the success of community welfare programs. The initiative highlights the city government's continued support for grassroots leaders contributing to family welfare and local development.

## Ex-Cavite police director named PNP

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positions of the PNP chief to the public and the media, while helping communicate the organization's key programs, operational developments, and reform initiatives. Santos also currently serves as senior police assistant to the ex officio commissioner of the National Police Commission (Napolcom).

In that capacity, he works closely with the commission in advancing reforms focused on accountability, discipline, strategic communication, and stronger coordination between the Napolcom and the PNP.

Before his latest designation, Santos served as provincial director of the Cavite Provincial Police Office and as regional

chief of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group's Regional Field Units 4A and 7.

Santos thanked the PNP leadership and the Napolcom for the trust and opportunity given to him and reaffirmed his commitment to responsive and people-centered public service.

"Nagpapasalamat po ako sa tiwala na ibinigay sa akin ng ating Chief, PNP. Rest assured na gagawin po natin nang maayos ang ating trabaho at patuloy tayong magbibigay ng serbisyong mabilis, tapat, at nararamdaman para sa ating mga kababayan (I am grateful for the trust by our Chief, PNP. Rest assured that I will do my job well and continue to provide fast,

honest, and compassionate service to our countrymen)," he said in a statement.

Napolcom Commissioner Rafael

Vicente Calinisan expressed confidence that Santos would help strengthen public trust in the police organization through credible and people-centered communication. (Christopher Lloyd Caliwang/PNA)

## Philhealth pushes preventive healthcare

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During the Sulong Southern Tagalog radio program, PhilHealth Region IV-A Field Operations Chief Arturo Ardiente said the UHC Law, enacted through Republic Act No. 11223 in 2019, removed many of the previous limitations on access to health benefits. Under the current system, Filipinos may now avail themselves of healthcare services regardless of contribution status, provided they are Filipino citizens registered with PhilHealth.

"Ang nais ng ating pamahalaan, malayo ang bawat isa sa sakit. In the early stage, kung meron man, nape-prevent na po natin," Ardiente said. He said the government is shifting from a hospital-centered healthcare system toward preventive and primary care through the enhanced PhilHealth Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP).

"May sakit ka man o wala, magpa-check-up ka. Hindi lamang ito para sa may sakit. Prevention is

better than cure," he added.

According to Ardiente, YAKAP strengthens primary healthcare services by assigning every Filipino and their dependents to a primary care facility of their choice, whether public or private. These facilities are tasked to monitor patients' health conditions, conduct profiling and screening, and provide referrals when necessary.

The program covers free consultations, laboratory tests, essential medicines, dental care, mental health services, nutrition interventions, and early cancer screening for breast, lung, liver, and colon cancer. Ardiente explained that early profiling can help detect health risks even before symptoms appear.

"Kung may history ng cancer sa pamilya o may risk factors ang pasyente, puwede na agad i-refer para maagapan habang maaga pa," he said.

He also underscored the expansion of healthcare infrastructure in the provinces through the

establishment of Super Health Centers and regional specialty hospitals under the UHC framework.

"These facilities bring healthcare closer to the people so they no longer need to travel to Metro Manila for specialized treatment," Ardiente said.

PhilHealth is also strengthening its PhilHealth GAMOT program, which provides qualified members enrolled under YAKAP with access to free medicines. Beneficiaries may avail themselves of up to P20,000 worth of medicines annually through accredited facilities nationwide.

Despite the expanded healthcare benefits, Ardiente noted that one of PhilHealth's biggest challenges remains changing the public's health-seeking behavior.

"Napakababa pa rin po ng bilang ng mga nagpapa-check-up kahit libre na ang mga serbisyo. Kaya humihingi po kami ng tulong sa media, local government units, at iba't ibang ahensya para

mahikayat ang mga tao na magpatingin nang maaga," he said.

To register, Filipinos only need a PhilHealth Identification Number (PIN) and a valid ID. Registration and assignment to a YAKAP facility may also be completed online through PhilHealth's member portal.

PhilHealth assured the public that healthcare services under UHC are intended for all Filipinos regardless of social status, employment, or income level.

"Basta Pilipino ka, dapat maka-access ka ng de-kalidad at abot-kayang serbisyong pangkalusugan," Ardiente said, noting that this is part of the efforts of the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to ensure the provision of comprehensive healthcare services to all Filipinos.

The agency reiterated its call for all Filipino citizens to take advantage of free healthcare services before illness strikes, emphasizing that prevention and early checkups remain key to avoiding serious disease and financial hardship. (CCM/PIA CALABARZON)

## Bacoor holds disaster orientation

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City Ordinance 248-2022. The activity was held at the Legislative and Disaster Resilience Building through the initiative of the city government under Mayor Strike B. Revilla and was carried out by the Bacoor City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office led by Mr. Richard Quion. The

orientation was conducted in two batches. The morning session ran from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM with 36 participants, while the afternoon session was held from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM attended by 44 applicants. Participants underwent discussions on hazard identification, emergency

response protocols, evacuation procedures, workplace safety guidelines, and basic first aid training, all of which are required under the city ordinance. City officials said the daily program aims to ensure that all new permit applicants are equipped with essential disaster preparedness

knowledge as part of the application process. Under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Bacoor City continues to strengthen its disaster resilience programs by preparing workers and business operators to respond effectively during emergencies and protect both lives and property. Source: Bacoor City Government / Bacoor City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office

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# Silang Residents Receive Free Medical Services

SILANG, Cavite — The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Governor, conducted a Medical Mission and Operation Tuli Program in Barangay San Vicente II, Silang on May 11, 2026, as part of its continuing efforts to bring healthcare services closer to communities.

The outreach program served a total of 307 beneficiaries who received various medical and preventive

healthcare services during the activity. Among the services provided were 207 medical consultations, 40 Fasting Blood Sugar tests, 16 ECG procedures, and free circumcision for 44 young beneficiaries.

The Provincial Government said the successful conduct of the medical mission reflects its ongoing commitment to delivering responsive, inclusive, and quality healthcare programs to Caviteños. The activity also



highlighted the collaborative efforts of local healthcare workers and community partners in ensuring that residents receive accessible and essential medical assistance.

## SSS launches nationwide Palengke

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supports the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to bring public services faster and closer to the people, particularly in underserved and hard-to-reach communities.

“For many pensioners, informal workers, and members in underserved communities, even a single branch visit can mean transportation expenses, lost income, and hours spent in line,” SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. De Claro said. “Through the SSS e-Wheels / Palengke Caravan, we are bringing government services directly to communities so people can access assistance

and complete transactions closer to where they live and work,” he added.

He explained that the SSS is holding a caravan in public markets to bring its services directly to market vendors and ambulant sellers who are unable to visit branch offices because they cannot leave their small businesses unattended.

The SSS e-Wheels will be deployed in Metro Manila starting on May 25, which targets to serve around 21,500 clients. It will be followed by caravan activities in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro; Legazpi, Albay; Silay City, Negros Occidental; and Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte

on May 27. The nationwide caravan will conclude on May 28 in Virac, Catanduanes.

The mobile caravan will offer services including employer registration, inquiries and verification, Annual Confirmation of Pensioners or ACOP, updating of member data records, issuance of SSS numbers and forms, and online-related transactions such as My.SSS registration, password resetting, Payment Reference Number generation, pension loan applications, and benefit claim applications.

SSS will also deploy for the first time the newly launched facial

authentication with liveness check for ACOP verification during mobile service operations, allowing eligible pensioners to complete verification faster and more conveniently without visiting branches.

From January to April 2026, the SSS conducted a total of 3,294 e-Wheels activities nationwide, serving 239,367 members and residents in last-mile communities. In 2024, the SSS e-Wheels Program received the ASEAN Social Security Association Recognition Award in the innovation category.

“By bringing services closer to the people, we are making SSS more accessible, more responsive and convenient for workers, pensioners, and their families,” De Claro said.

## Cavite MSMEs join OTOP program

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partnered with the Department of Trade and Industry Cavite for the opening of the 2026 OTOP Next Gen Program Assessment, Consultation, and Triage or ACT on May 13 at the New Provincial Government Center here.

The five-month program aims to help local MSMEs improve product quality, strengthen branding, and become more competitive in the market through a series of training sessions, consultations, and technical

assistance that will continue until September 2026.

During the first session, participating entrepreneurs attended discussions on emerging design trends and market focused product development strategies. The activity also featured one on one consultations with partner agencies and industry experts who gave technical advice and recommendations based on the specific needs of each business. Among the partner agencies present during

the event were the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Science and Technology, Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, and the OTOP designer.

The participating MSMEs received guidance on FDA licensing and product registration, technology transfer opportunities, funding support, trademark registration, sourcing of raw materials, as well as branding, packaging,

and label design improvement. Through the collaborative initiative, local entrepreneurs gained practical knowledge and support that could help improve their products and open wider market opportunities.

The 2026 OTOP Next Gen Program also reflects the continued commitment of the OPCDO and DTI Cavite in supporting local enterprises and encouraging innovation among Caviteño MSMEs, contributing to the province's economic growth and development.

Source: Provincial Government of Cavite OPIO

## DPWH targets 2027 completion of punta

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Punta-Open Canal Diversion Road Project which is slated for completion by the end of 2027.

During his inspection of the ongoing construction project last May 15, Secretary Vince Dizon assured funding for the remaining 2.35-kilometer-portion of the diversion road project.

“In-assure ko si Mayor [Luis Ferrer IV] na ang target natin ay matapos ito hanggang Tanza nang end of 2027. At itutuloy natin ‘yung natitirang 600 meters papuntang Imus, matatapos na rin nang end of 2027.”

Dizon admitted that the construction project has been met with major roadblocks, such as securing right-of-way permits. However, the DPWH said funds for the right-of-way will be downloaded to the city government to expedite acquisition and construction—a practice that will be adopted in future construction projects nationwide.

“yung pondo na roughly P90 million para sa right-of-way acquisition [ay] ida-download na lang namin sa LGU. At ito na ang

gagawin nating sistema all over the country.” The Punta-Open Canal Diversion Road, which broke ground in 2016, faced

issues with right-of-way acquisition. Designed as a six-lane thoroughfare, it will shorten travel time from Arnaldo Highway to Tanza, Cavite, to 15 minutes from the current 40 minutes. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from DPWH)

### AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION OF ESTATE BY SOLE HEIR

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **YUSHIRO YOKOYAMA** who died intestate, without leaving any testament, on July 10, 2025 in Kanagawan Ken, Japan consisting of a **Saving Deposit with Account No. 392-3-39221587-6** at Metro Bank, City of Bacoor, Cavite Branch, had been ADJUDICATED unto herself by the widow/SOLE HEIR Rosalinda Mores Yokoyama, as per Document No. 210, Page No. 42, Book No. 482, Series of 2025 of Notary Public Atty. Reina M. Villa dated October 2, 2025.

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Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK INC.**, a universal banking corporation with postal address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against the debtors/mortgagors, **CARL RHENUELLE R. PERADO and JAYJAY A. CRUZ**, with postal address at 9391 Maria Susafe St., San Antonio, Parañaque; Lot 39 Block 18, Phase 1, Idesia Dasmariñas, Brgy. San Agustin I, Dasmariñas City, Cavite; and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of **27 March 2026** amounts to **FOUR MILLION TWO HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED ONE PESOS & 75/100 (Php 4,248,301.75)**, exclusive of legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **June 26, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter at the Ground Floor Lobby, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro 2, 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:

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## Cavite gives P4.3M aid to transport workers

CARMONA CITY, Cavite — The provincial government of Cavite has released financial assistance worth P4,304,000 to support tricycle operators and jeepney drivers in Carmona City, in recognition of their role in the local transport sector. Cavite Governor Abeng Remulla personally led the turnover of the check during the launch of the Arangkada Program held at the CarSigma Gymnasium in Barangay Mabuhay on Tuesday, May 12. The assistance covers 2,152 members of the Tricycle Operators and Drivers Association as well as jeepney drivers in the city. The governor formally handed over the check to Carmona City Mayor Dahlia Loyola, with Vice Governor Ram Revilla also present during the event. The provincial government said the cash aid is intended to recognize the “invaluable contribution” of transport



AID FOR CAVITE TRANSPORT SECTOR Cavite Gov. Abeng Remulla, together with Vice Gov. Ram Revilla, turned over a replica of a check worth P4,304,000 to Mayor Dahlia Loyola of Carmona City intended for 2,152 members of the Tricycle Operator and Drivers Association (TODA) and jeepney drivers of Carmona who were hit by the oil crisis. PHOTO BY DENNIS ABRINA

workers to the community and public transportation system. The Cavite Provincial Information Office said the program will also extend to other cities and municipalities in the coming days as part of a broader assistance rollout

across the province. In related developments, the local government of General Trias earlier provided P5,000 each to 3,459 TODA members in 33 barangays, while Rep. Jolo Revilla also distributed fuel subsidies to nearly 5,000 tricycle drivers

from Rosario, Noveleta, Kawit, and Cavite City.

The assistance initiatives come amid ongoing support measures for transport workers affected by rising fuel costs. Source: Dennis Abrina, The Manila Times

## Bacoor Distributes Social Pension to Seniors

S.T.R.I.K.E. Gymnasium, Bacoor City — May 25, 2026 — The City Government of Bacoor, led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, conducted the first batch of the Social Pension Program distribution for

indigent senior citizens at the S.T.R.I.K.E. Gymnasium.

The initiative, funded by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), was organized in partnership with the Office

of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) headed by Nenita Reyes, and the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWD) Bacoor.

A total of 1,277 indigent senior citizens received

their social pension during the activity. CSWD personnel assisted in the orderly distribution to ensure smooth processing and release of assistance. The program aims to help senior citizens cover their daily and essential needs.

Mayor Strike B. Revilla and OSCA emphasized the city government’s continued commitment to protecting and supporting elderly residents in Bacoor. Additional batches of distribution are set to follow for other qualified beneficiaries who have completed verification under the DSWD social pension program.



## Bacoor Cleans Fishermen’s Wharf

DULONG PULO, Barangay Sinbanali — May 26, 2026 — The City Government of Bacoor, led by Mayor Strike Revilla through the City Environment and Service Department (CESD) headed by Rolando Vocalan, conducted a bamboo collection and cleanup activity at the Fishermen’s Wharf on May 25, 2026.

CESD personnel were deployed to remove excess bamboo and debris along the wharf in Dulong Pulo, Barangay Sinbanali. The activity aimed to maintain safety for local fishermen and reduce potential hazards during high tides and storms.

According to the city government, the initiative is part of its continuing efforts to protect coastal areas, support fisherfolk livelihoods, and preserve natural resources. Regular maintenance of public spaces such as the wharf is also seen as essential in ensuring community safety.



## PH gov’t awards P19.25-M grants to student-led tourism start-ups

By Joyce Ann L. Rocamora



**TOURISM START-UPS.** The Department of Tourism on Tuesday (May 12, 2026) announced the winners of its flagship Tourism Start Up Challenge. The national winners received PHP5 million seed money to fund tourism projects aligned with the Philippine government’s National Tourism Development Plan. (PNA photo by Joyce Ann L. Rocamora)

The Department of Tourism (DOT) on Tuesday awarded PHP19.25 million worth of grants to tourism start-up projects by various schools nationwide under its flagship Tourism Start Up Challenge (TSC).

The TSC is a joint initiative by the DOT and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), aimed at allowing college students to pitch in programs and projects aligned with the government’s National Tourism Development Plan.

In a ceremony in Quezon City, the DOT named the following as national winners: Naga College Foundation Inc. for its proposed project Go Dare; Siquijor State College for its “SiquiScan,” a smart destination management system to advance sustainable tourism in Siquijor; and Ateneo de Davao University for its “Kuyog” that aims to help tourists book local tour guides via a mobile application. Each will receive a PHP5 million grant.

“As we empower the youth across the land, we are fostering the sustained growth and development of a future-ready industry that is innovative, sustainable, inclusive, resilient and globally competitive,” DOT Undersecretary Verna Buensuceso said.

“Their participation not only strengthens tourism development today, but also ensures the continued growth and resilience of the sector in the years ahead.”

On top of the three national winners, the DOT awarded PHP250,000 grant each for shortlisted proposals from other regions:

- Region 1 : PHINMA - University of Pangasinan
- Region 2: Saint Mary’s University
- Region 3: Aurora State College of Technology
- Region IV-A: Lyceum of the Philippines University-Cavite
- Region IV-B: Occidental Mindoro State College
- Region V: Naga College Foundation, Inc.
- Region VI: Central Philippine University
- Region VII: Cebu Normal University
- Region VIII: Eastern Samar State University-Guiuan Campus
- Region IX: Ateneo de Zamboanga University
- Region X: Bukidnon State University
- Region XI: Ateneo de Davao University
- Region XII: Santa Cruz Mission School Inc.
- CARAGA: Agusan Del Sur State University
- CAR: University of the Cordilleras
- NCR: UP Asian Institute of Tourism
- NIR: Siquijor State College

Last year, the DOT announced its open call for the TSC, encouraging school-formed groups consisting of four 3rd year to 4th year college students of any course and an adviser to submit their proposal to the CHED regional offices. (PNA)

## Noveleta Holds Free Operation Tuli for Youth

NOVELETA, Cavite — The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Governor, successfully conducted an Operation Tuli Program on May 14 at the Noveleta Medcare Center.

The medical outreach activity was held in partnership with local officials of San Rafael II in Noveleta, highlighting the continued efforts of the local government to support community health and youth welfare. A total of 37 young boys benefited from the free circumcision program.

The initiative aims to promote proper hygiene, help prevent possible health complications, and improve the overall well being of young beneficiaries in the community. Through programs like this, the provincial government continues to bring essential healthcare services closer to residents.

The successful conduct of the activity was made possible through the combined efforts of the Provincial Government of Cavite, local officials, and healthcare workers who ensured the safety and comfort of all beneficiaries throughout the program.