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Bridge to Cavite Construction to Start Soon

Provincial Agri Trade Fair cum Kadiwa ng Pangulo 2025

In a collective effort to further enrich and promote the agricultural industry in the province, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA), spearheaded a two-day Provincial Agri Trade Fair and Exhibits cum Kadiwa ng Pangulo, themed "Masiglang Negosyo at Maunlad na Kalakalan, Susi sa Pagkamit ng Masaganang



The long-awaited construction of the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge, a flagship infrastructure project that will directly connect Cavite to Bataan across Manila Bay, is expected to begin >> P2 before July, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) confirmed this week. Speaking to reporters during a briefing on Monday, Public Works

DOST, NAST seek to bring science closer to people

By Charmaine Odong

ALFONSO, Cavite (PIA) — The National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in Calabarzon, spearheaded the 2025 Regional Scientific Meetings (RSMs) for Luzon, with the aim of bringing science closer to the people. With the theme "Bioscience Innovations: Transforming Enterprise Ecosystems

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Launching of Farmers Field School project in Naic, Cavite



On May 22, 2025, the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Office IV A and Naic Municipal Agriculture Office, officially launched the Farmers Field School on Production of High Quality Inbred Rice Seeds and Farm Mechanization at Gracita Johnson's Residence, Malainen Bago, Naic, aiming to equip Cavite farmers with advanced agricultural methods

PGC employees parade in glamour at Santacruzan 2025 celebration

In a dazzling celebration of faith and Filipino heritage, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) staged the Santacruzan 2025 on May 26 at the New Capitol Building in Trece Martires City. Spearheaded by the Organization Workplace Committee, the event was part of the Monthly Theme celebration, aiming to foster unity, cultural appreciation, and spiritual reflection among PGC employees.

The iconic Filipino religious-cultural tradition came to life as various



Serbisyong Pangkalusugan para sa Kababaihan rolled out in Cavite

As part of the post Provincial Women's Month celebration, an activity dubbed as Serbisyong Pangkalusugan para sa Kababaihan was successfully conducted through the initiative of the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO) in partnership



23 jail facilities in Calabarzon certified drug-free

By Patricia Bermudez

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – Persons Deprived on Liberty (PDL) under the care of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) in Calabarzon undergo regular drug testing as part of the tightened security in local prison facilities.

Chief Supt. Hilbert Flor, regional director of BJMP, said they have confiscated illegal drugs and contrabands brought by visitors in their facilities. "We conduct random drug testing in facilities where we have

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BACOOR BAND TO MARCH IN NYC INDEPENDENCE PARADE

Bacoor City, May 25, 2025 – Pride and excitement filled the air as Banda El Gobernador, one of Bacoor City's premier marching bands, paid a heartfelt courtesy visit to Mayor Strike B. Revilla ahead of their historic international performance. The band is set to represent the Philippines at the 127th Philippine Independence Anniversary Commemoration in New York City, USA, on June 1, 2025.

The courtesy call, held at Bacoor Government Center, was organized by Mr. Edwin Guinto of the Bacoor City Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, alongside Atty. Edith Napalan of the City Finance Department. During the visit, the band, led by Maestro Jesse S. San Miguel, expressed deep gratitude for the unwavering support provided by the local government.

In a short message of thanks, Maestro San Miguel spoke on behalf of the band:

"We are honored and deeply grateful for the opportunity to represent not only Bacoor but the entire nation on the world stage. This would not have been possible without the consistent support of our city government, especially Mayor Strike Revilla."

Banda El Gobernador has earned the prestigious title

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for Women (PCW). The medical caravan were held on May 6 in Maragondon; May 7 in Naic; May 8 in Ternate; May 23 in Tagaytay City; and May 24 in the City of General Trias.

Thousands of women from various sectors across the province benefited from the free medical services, which included blood chemistry, electrocardiogram (ECG), chest X-ray, and eye check-up. These services were rendered by Health Bridge Medical Services, Inc.

The activity aimed to promote the importance of women's health and well-

with the Provincial Council being, providing accessible medical care and encouraging preventive health practices among women, especially those in far-flung areas.

> This initiative is a testament to the continued efforts of the Provincial Government of Cavite through the OPSWDO, and the PCW, to recognize and support the vital role of women in society by ensuring that their health needs are addressed.

> Through programs like these, women are empowered to take charge of their health and are reminded of their significance as pillars of strong families and communities .--- OPIO

of "Marching Band of the Philippines" for the upcoming event in New York, where they will take part in the grand parade along Madison Avenue, spanning 38th to 27th Streets. Their participation in this internationally recognized event is not just a musical showcase—it is a powerful cultural representation of Filipino artistry, discipline,

Mayor Strike B. Revilla personally congratulated the band and assured them of the city's full backing. He also confirmed his attendance at the New York event, further emphasizing the local government's dedication to nurturing Bacoor's cultural pride and promoting global exposure for its talents. "You are not just performers—you are ammarch in New York, know that all of Bacoor marches with you in spirit."

The city government's support includes logistical assistance and moral encouragement, ensuring the band travels with pride, preparedness, and purpose. The momentous event is expected to draw thousands of Filipino-Americans and supporters from across the U.S., making it an ideal platform for showcasing Bacoor's excellence in music and cultural tradition.

This milestone for Banda El Gobernador is also a milestone for Bacoor itself, a city that continues to champion local talent and heritage on the global stage.

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incidents of confiscation and seizure of illegal drugs and contrabands. Based on our reports, these tests turned out negative. This means that our personnel have already confiscated the contrabands frisking during inspection before entering our facilities,"

In its report to the Calabarzon Regional Inter Agency Coordinating Group (RICG), Flor said 23 BJMP facilities have been certified as drug free following regular inspections testing among PDLs.

Meanwhile,

facilities in the region have been endorsed to be certified as drug cleared and drug free facilities.

Flor explained that jail inspectors are strictly enforcing their frisking policy where visitors' personal items are searched for any contrabands before entering the facility.

"We have intercepted those contrabands brought by visitors during frisking and items search, that's why they are unable to enter inside our jail cells."

BJMP facilities are also imposing their own drug rehabilitation policies as part of their strategy in their crackdown on illegal drugs in jail facilities.

This includes General Mariano Alvarez Municipal Jail, Teresa District Jail Male Dorm, Teresa District Jail Female Dorm, and Silang Municipal Jail.

As the government agency that specializes in the efficient enforcement of anti-illegal drug laws, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) is also working closely with the BJMP in investigating the intercepted contrabands.

PDEA Regional Director Jacquelyn de Guzman said their collaboration instrumental in investigating cases of contrabands and illegal drugs that visitors attempt to bring into the jail facilities.

"We're coordinating with BJMP so that we can intercept the contrabands even before entering their facilities. They report it to us to further investigate these cases." BJMP Calabarzon will continue its deliberation for drug clearing of local jail facilities until the end of May. (PB/PIA4A)

Provinc ial Agri Trade Fair cu

Ani at Mataas na Kita", at the OPA Compound, Trece Martires City, on May 15-16,

The event kicked off with a mass officiated by Rev. Fr. Ross Layugan, celebrating the feast of the patron saint of farmers and agriculture, Saint Isidore the Labrador. The program proper commenced with the welcome message from Engr. Anna Pamela Nova-Officer-in-Charge of the OPA, for everyone who made time and effort to participate in the activity. underscored She significance of agriculture as it provides food security for the community.

Engr. Nova-Cruz was joined by representatives various partner Dr. agencies May Magno, Cavite Provincial Dr. Veterinarian; Nellie Ilas, PAFC Chairperson; Ms. Lilibeth Chavez, OIC-Director Provincial DTI-Cavite; Ms. Marivic Martinez, Director II of DOLE; Mr. Jaypee Patricio

of ATI; Ms. Marren Bautista of DILG-Cavite; Ms. Lorena Jimeno of APCO-Cavite; and Ms. Antonette Ariole, representative of Board Member Paolo Crisostomo, displaying their enthusiasm and cooperation in providing assistance and space to the farmers, fisherfolks, and agri-exhibitors across Cavite.

The event culminated with a message from Vice Governor Shernan Jaro, commending the farmers for continuously striving for the benefit of

Caviteños, "Binabati ang mga magsasaka na patuloy na lumalaban para itaguyod at ma[i]bigay ang masusustansya at murang pagkain para sa ating mga kababayan." The Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit booths lined up in the venue, showcasing wide-range of fresh goods and produce, boosting the opportunities marketing and productivity of the agricultural industry, and building strong connections among the stakeholders.---J. Reyes

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Secretary Manuel M. Bonoan it will slash travel time said the government is finalizing the bidding process for two land-based sections of the project. "We are in the process of finalizing the bids and maybe we can begin the construction of two contract packages in a few months, the land-based packages before July," he said.

This includes Cavite Land approach, a key component that will anchor the bridge on the Cavite side. The Cavite segment, known as Contract Package 2, covers 1.3 kilometers, while Contract Package 1, located in Bataan, covers 5 kilometers. These packages are expected to serve as preparatory works before the construction of the main span and marine viaducts.

The full project, spanning 32.15 kilometers across the mouth of Manila Bay, is one of the Philippines' infrastructure initiatives. Once completed,

between Bataan and Cavite from five hours to just 30–45 minutes, transforming not just travel convenience but also economic activity in the

For Cavite, the bridge is seen as a game-changer. The province is expected to see a significant rise in investment, tourism, and logistics activity due to its enhanced connectivity with Central Luzon. Local businesses and industries stand to benefit from easier access to new markets and supply chains.

"This is not just national project. For us here in Cavite, this means faster movement of goods, more jobs, and greater opportunities for local enterprises," said one provincial economic development officer.

The Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge is estimated to cost \$3.91 billion,

funded in part by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which approved a \$2.11-billion loan in 2023. The Philippine government will provide the remaining million for project.

According to ADB, the civil works are divided into six contract packages:

- Package 1: Bataan Land approach (5 km)
- Package 2: Cavite Land approach (1.3 km)
- Package 3: North and Central Marine Viaducts • Package 4: South
- Marine Viaducts Package Navigational Channel Cable
- Package 6: High-Level Approach Spans

Once the land-based packages are underway, the focus will shift to the marine and structural components, including the cable-stayed bridge over the navigation channel, which will be one of the most visually striking and technically challenging parts of the project.

Last year, the DPWH announced that the bridge is projected to be fully operational assuming there are significant delays. assured department public that all necessary preparations are being made to keep the timeline on track.

Environmental geotechnical assessments have already been conducted, and community consultations in affected areas are ongoing to ensure that local concerns are addressed, particularly regarding relocation and environmental impact.

As anticipation builds, residents and businesses in Cavite are closely watching developments, hopeful that this transformative project will soon become a reality. Originally reported by Ashley Erika O. Jose, BusinessWorld

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FREE BAPTISM BLESSES BACOOR CHILDRI



Bacoor City, May 27, 2025 - Nearly 200 children received the holy sacrament of baptism in a moving celebration of faith and community as the City Government of Bacoor, led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, held its annual Libreng Binyag (Free Baptism) program at the historic Iglesia Filipina Independente (IFI) Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel in Digman.

A total of 189 children were baptized in the sacred halls of the IFI Cathedral, a cherished religious site in Bacoor. The event, organized by the Office of the City Civil Registry (CCR) under the leadership of Ms. Ma. Theresa Cameros, was one of the city's most heartfelt community offerings to date. It showcased the LGU's ongoing efforts to make religious sacraments more accessible, especially to underprivileged families.

This year's ceremony was graced by prominent city leaders including Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Congresswoman Lani Mercado Revilla, Councilor Karen Sarino Evaristo, and Liga ng mga Barangay Vice President Randy Francisco, along with other Bacoor officials. They joined the families in celebration, witnessing the solemn rites and offering their blessings and support.

The baptism was officiated by Fr. Monching Tadepa, the cathedral's rector, and Fr. Ruben Averilla, kanan of the

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PGC participated representatives dressed glamorous gowns, embodying the grace and elegance of the "Reynas" they portrayed.

The event featured a grand parade of Reynas, each symbolizing virtues and the Office of the Provincial biblical characters, such as Reyna Elena, Reyna Delos Flores, Reyna Emperatriz, and Reyna De Las Virgenes, among others.

gracefully They walked through the aisles of the Provincial Capitol and offered flowers to the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a solemn act to faith-based and cultural

with symbolizing devotion and reverence. Another highlight of the event was the Bara Alta turnover ceremony, a cherished tradition signifying the passing of leadership and commitment.

Ms. Emily Rivera of Health Officer (OPHO), who served as Hermana Mayor 2025, formally handed over the responsibilities to Ms. Imelda Dimaranan of the Cavite Municipal Hospital (CMH), the designated Hermana Mayor 2026. The turnover signified the continuation of dedication

activities within workplace. The program was graced by inspiring messages from Mr. Ferdinand A. Belamide, OPGSO Head and WOC Chairperson, Atty. Rodolfo D. Uy III, Provincial Administrator, Board Member Chelsea Jilian G. Sarno, SK Federation President and the Reyna Elena 2025, and Ms. Michelle F. Alcid, Quality Management Representative and Pasada Hermana 2018. They commend the efforts of all participants and organizers. They emphasized the importance of keeping cultural and

the traditions alive within government institutions, as a way to not only uplift the spirit of public service but also to strengthen camaraderie and unity among employees.

The celebration concluded with a spirit of joy and reflection, as the PGC community came together to honor both cultural identity and shared values. Santacruzan 2025 was a beautiful reminder of how traditions can thrive even in professional spaces, inspiring devotion, pride, and a deeper connection to Filipino roots.--- OPIO

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and modern mechanisms. Punong Barangay Lito Catibayan of Malainen Bago warmly greeted attendees, stating that he was pleased to have learned that their barangay was chosen for such a meaningful project as this would strengthen the capabilities of the farmers.

Engr. Anna Pamela

Agriculturist, together with Ms. Pamela Cordero, Naic Agriculturist; Municipal Ms. Chilina Beato of RFO IV-A; and Mr. Ruben Perlas of APCO-Cavite, graced the event, expressing their support and commitment to empowering farmers with in-depth knowledge to foster a sustainable and resilient Nova-Cruz, OIC-Provincial farming sector amid the test was administered to sector.--- OPIO

challenges of the modern economy. Ms. Lilian Telmo then provided the thirty-six (36) participating farmers with a deeper understanding of the Farmers Field School by delivering an overview of the project, highlighting its scope and expected outcomes.

In addition, a

gauge the farmers' current understanding and align their expectations regarding rice production.

The FFS project is initiated not only to teach the ABCs and know-how of rice production, but also to provide on-hand experiences and practices for a longterm impact to the farming

DOST, NAST seek to bring

the two-day RSM held in Alfonso, Cavite, from May 20 to 21, underscored the roles of NAST and **DOST** in promoting bioscience innovations address community to foster resilience, needs, sustainable and drive economic development. In his video message, DOST Secretary Renato Solidum, Jr. emphasized that this year's theme aligns with the department's four strategic priorities: promoting human fostering well-being, wealth creation, reinforcing wealth protection, and institutionalizing sustainability.

"These are the guiding pillars of our programs and initiatives, ensuring that no

communities are left behind. Luzon, for one, has witnessed numerous challenges-land conversion, reforestation, water shortages, and increasing vulnerability to climate change impacts—yet it is home to communities that thrive despite adversities. This resilience provides a fertile ground for bioscience to flourish," Solidum stated.

The annual scientific serves as a meeting for knowledgeplatform sharing, collaboration, networking and among scientists, experts, researchers, policymakers, and community leaders. Discussions focused on bioscience innovations, particularly in communitybased livelihood, sustainable resource management, conservation, and education and workforce development.

NAST-Philippines President Jaime Montoya, emphasized that the meeting is an opportunity for various experts to address relevant and timely regional concerns, and to present science, technology, and innovationbased (STI) solutions and recommendations.

"This meeting is not just about generating knowledge, but about ensuring that this knowledge directly addresses real-world problems and holistically benefits all sectors. Let us use this opportunity to forge meaningful collaborations, inspire action, and develop science-informed, culturally attuned interventions that empower communities

sustainable development," Montoya said.

As an attached agency of the DOST, NAST-PHL is mandated to advise the Office of the President and the Cabinet on matters and policies concerning science and technology.

Through the RSM and the power of science, technology, and innovation, various programs, projects, and initiatives emerging from the grassroots level are being recognized nationally. These efforts aim to benefit more people, contribute to poverty alleviation, and harness the vast potential of bioscience innovations to create wealth and improve the lives of the Filipino people. (CO/PIA-4A)

church. They were assisted by lay readers Ms. Dindi Sanson and Ms. Jovie Castillo, who contributed to the sacred atmosphere of the event.

Further highlighting the city's unified leadership, the event was also supported by Cong. Bryan Revilla of the Agimat Partylist and Cavite Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, both of whom extended their gratitude to the families for entrusting the city with such a special occasion in their children's lives. The atmosphere was filled with joy, reverence, and a strong sense of community. As the children were welcomed into the Christian faith, parents and godparents expressed deep appreciation for the city's initiative. For many families, the event removed a financial barrier to an important religious milestone. After the religious ceremony, the celebration continued with a fellowship gathering where families, city officials, and church representatives shared in simple refreshments and stories, reinforcing the community spirit that Bacoor prides itself on. The Libreng Binyag program is more than just a religious service—it is a tradition that brings families together, strengthens spiritual values, and reaffirms the city's commitment to inclusive public service.

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IN THE MATTER OF CORRECTION OF ENTRIES IN THE MARRIAGE **CERTIFICATE**

YSZA ANGELICA FELIZARDO RUFLO,

Petitioner,

BSP 2025-12 For: Correction of Entries in The Marriage Certificate

-versus-

CIVIL REGISTRAR OF BACOOR CITY, CAVITE AND ALL PERSONS/ENTITIES WHO/WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,

Respondents.

NOTICE OF HEARING

There is a Petition filed by Petitioner Ysza Angelica Felizardo Ruflo, through counsel, Atty. Karen R. Del Rosario, for Correction of Entries in the Marriage Certificate of Ysza Angelica Felizardo Ruflo, on the grounds alleged therein.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT said Petition has been set for hearing on July 22, 2025 at 10:00 in the morning, in this Court, on which date and hour and place, any person interested is cited to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let this Notice be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Cities and Province of Cavite, at the expense of the petitioner.

Let copies of the Petition, this Notice, and Order dated April 22, 2025 be furnished the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the City Prosecutor, the Philippine Statistics Authority. and the Office of the City Civil Registrar of Bacoor City, Cavite, at the expense of the petitioner.

WITNESS, THE HON. CHARISMA I. NOLASCO, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 24th day of April 2025 at Bacoor City, Cavite

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PALAY SEED DISTRIBUTION **BOOSTS BACOOR FARMERS**

Bacoor City, May 27, 2025 – In a continued effort to uplift the local agriculture sector, the City Government of Bacoor, through the Office of the Agricultural Services, successfully distributed 50 sacks of high-quality palay (rice) seeds to registered farmers in preparation for the upcoming wet planting season.

The seed distribution is part of the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF) Seed Program of the Department of Agriculture-Philippine Rice Research Institute (DA-PhilRice). This initiative is designed to empower Filipino farmers by

improving crop yields and boosting agricultural productivity through the use of certified and high-yielding rice varieties. This round of distribution featured NSIC RC 216, a trusted variety known for its resilience and productivity. The beneficiaries—registered Bacoor farmers—were carefully selected to receive the free seeds just in time for the start of the rainy season, ensuring optimal planting conditions and better harvest potential.

The event reaffirmed Bacoor's commitment to supporting its small-scale farmers and aligning with national efforts to modernize and strengthen the country's rice industry. Through programs like this, the city hopes to help farmers increase their income while contributing to food security in the region.

The Office of the Agricultural Services emphasized that this is only part of a series of programs aimed at promoting sustainable farming practices and giving local farmers access to government resources and technical support. By bridging the gap between national agricultural agencies and grassroots farmers, Bacoor continues to take meaningful steps toward a more productive and inclusive agricultural future.



WOOD ESTATE UNVEILS RENOVATED COMMUNITY HUB



Molino 3, Bacoor City, May 24, 2025 – Residents of Wood Estate Village 2 celebrated a major milestone today with the blessing of the newly renovated pavilion, clubhouse, and TODA office, marking a significant upgrade to the community's shared facilities.

The much-anticipated improvements were made possible through the dedicated leadership of Barangay Molino 3 Chairman Jun Advincula, with strong support from Bacoor City Mayor Strike B. Revilla. The renovations reflect a commitment to uplifting local neighborhoods and enhancing public spaces that serve both social and civic functions.

Organized by Kap. Advincula and the Wood Estate Village 2 Council in coordination with Village President Lorenzo Sumulong and the Board of Directors, the event gathered a broad coalition of community leaders and city officials. The atmosphere was festive and proud, as officials joined residents to bless the upgraded structures and reaffirm their collective commitment to grassroots development.

Among the distinguished guests were Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Councilor-elect Horacio Brillantes, Board Member-elect Alde Pagulayan, 2nd District TODA Federation President Roderick Arciaga, SK Federation President Palm Angel Buncio, ABAKA President Edward Sabater, Barangay Secretary Kim Cortez, and Senior Citizens Association President Ms. Linda Lao.

The newly improved facilities—designed to better accommodate community gatherings, meetings, and TODA operations—signal a new chapter for Wood Estate Village 2. The pavilion and clubhouse now provide safer, more comfortable, and functional spaces for residents to gather, while the upgraded TODA office aims to support more efficient services for local tricycle operators.

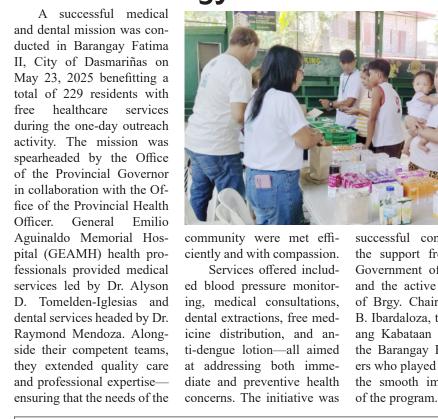
Mayor Strike B. Revilla praised the collaborative spirit of the barangay and community leaders, stating:

"This is what progress looks like when a community works together. These new facilities are not just buildings—they are spaces where families come together, where youth can grow, and where services are delivered more effectively. Congratulations to Wood Estate Village 2."

Kap. Jun Advincula echoed the mayor's sentiments and thanked both the barangay council and residents for their support and active participation throughout the project.

The ceremony concluded with a blessing ritual, followed by light refreshments and a fellowship gathering, reinforcing the bonds among neighbors and leaders. The event stands as a testament to what can be achieved when unity, leadership, and purpose align in service of the community.

Medical and Dental Mission Reaches Brgy. Fatima II





community were met efficiently and with compassion.

Services offered included blood pressure monitoring, medical consultations, dental extractions, free medicine distribution, and anside their competent teams, ti-dengue lotion—all aimed the Barangay Health Workthey extended quality care at addressing both imme- ers who played a vital role in diate and preventive health the smooth implementation

successful conducted with the support from the City Government of Dasmariñas and the active participation of Brgy. Chairperson Jamil B. Ibardaloza, the Sangguniang Kabataan officials, and

Orientation on Blood-Borne Diseases cum Tattoo Expo 2025

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, conducted the much-anticipated Orientation on Blood-Borne Diseases at the Cavite Collaboration Center for Public Health in Trece Martires City on May 23, 2025, bringing together aspiring tattoo artists from across the prov-

The activity commenced with Ms. Haydelisa Maderazao, Provincial HIV Coordinator, delivering the welcome remarks and expressing her excitement as the long-planned initiative finally came to life. A series of insightful talks from distinguished speakers followed. Ms. Adahlia Babiera discussed the provisions on Tonsorial and Beauty Establishments under PD 856, emphasizing sanitary and hygiene protocols. Dr. Armand Dotollo presented on other blood-borne diseases that could pose challenges to tattoo artists. Mr. Symson Maquera gave an informative lecture on HIV 101, outlining key aspects of the virus.

These discussions were impactful, as they provided participants with foundational knowledge and practical insights.

After the orientation, a Tattoo Expo was held featuring selected members of Mananato ng Luzon.