

MPTC Expressways Ready for Undas, Advises Motorists

Financial Aid for Rosario Fisherfolk Affected by Oil Spill

Cavite provincial government facilitated the last leg of distribution of the financial assistance to oil spill-affected fisher folk and families in the municipality of Rosario in the program held at SM City Rosario on October 26, 2024.

Vice Mayor Bamm Gonzales welcomed the team from the PGC and the other officials to their municipality on behalf of Mayor Voltaire Ricafrente. She expressed

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Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation reactivates its Safe Trip Mo, Sagot Ko (SMSK) motorists assistance program to ensure safe and convenient travel during Undas. With an expected combined surge in traffic volume across its expressways — NLEX, SCTEX, NLEX Connector, CALAX, and CCLEX — the MPTC Group is ready to assist motorists through its increased personnel deployment, 24/7 traffic condition monitoring and incident response, and enhanced

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AFP Chief Conducts Aerial Survey in Kristine-Hit CamSur

By Priam Nepomuceno

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr. on Monday conducted an aerial survey over the severely affected areas in the towns of Bula and Milaor and Naga City in Camarines Sur.

The mission helped in assessing the extensive damage caused by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name Trami), the military said in a statement Monday. Brawner also led the distribution of essential relief goods

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Cavite Governor Distributes Relief to Storm-Hit Families"



Governor Athena Tolentino, on Friday morning, visited the affected families of severe tropical storm Kristine in Barangay Sapang, Ternate to personally assist in the distribution of emergency food packs and assess their situation at the evacuation centers and temporary shelters in the aftermath of the calamity. As of initial situation

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DSWD Offers Psychosocial Aid to Kristine Victims' Families

By Zaldy De Layola

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on Sunday said its Calabarzon Field Office (FO-4A) has started providing psychosocial services and financial aid to families of those who perished during the onslaught of Severe Tropical Storm (STS) Kristine in the region.

DSWD - CALABARZON Regional Director Barry Chua said the region recorded 24 deaths

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Batangas province evacuation center (Photo courtesy of Batangas-PIO)

AKAP Program, Nagbigay Ayuda sa Kapos-Kita

Bacoor City, Oktubre 25, 2024 – Ang Office of Congresswoman Lani Mercado Revilla, sa pakikipagtulungan ng City Government of Bacoor at Team Revilla, ay nagsagawa ng pamamahagi ng tulong pinansyal sa ilalim ng AKAP (Ayuda sa Kapos Ang Kita) Program. Ang programa ay naglalayong tulungan

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Team Revilla, Bacoor LGU, DSWD Distribute Emergency Cash to Fire Victims

Bacoor City, October 25, 2024 – The Team Revilla, led by the Office of Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr., in partnership with the City Government of Bacoor under Mayor Strike B. Revilla, and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) headed by Secretary Rex Gatchalian, conducted the distribution of emergency cash transfer to the victims of the recent fire in Zapote 3, Bacoor. The event was graced by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Senator Bong Revilla Jr., Congwoman Lani Mercado Revilla, Cong. Bryan Revilla of Agimat Partylist, Ms.

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Marcos Considers Revisiting Bicol River Basin Project

Story by Dianne Sampang

After the onslaught of Severe Tropical Storm Kristine, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. said on Saturday that the Bicol River Basin Development Project needs to be revisited to know and resolve the flooding in the region.

Speaking in the situational briefing in Naga City, Marcos said that the floodwaters in the Bicol region are taking too long to subside, different from the situation in Batangas and Cavite when he visited these places on Friday. "In Batangas and Cavite,

the floodwater immediately subsided. Here, the floodwater did not subside. But that's the proverbial problem of the Bicol River Basin, that's why we need to think of what we are going to do in the long-term because you cannot expect any changes," Marcos said in a mix of Filipino and English.

Marcos then noted that he found out about the Bicol River Basin Development Program, a USAID [U.S Agency for International Development] project in the early 1970s.

"Despite some challenges, it seems that it was a big

help. However, it was not finished. In 1986, when the government changed, the project was gone," he added in Filipino

He then said: "We have to revisit it now. Iba na ang conditions ngayon (The conditions are different now)."

Marcos also said that the program used to cater to different measures such as flood control and farm-to-market roads. However, he emphasized that flood control must be the focus.

"We have to focus specifically on flood control... The floodwaters were too much. We have flood control

[projects] but they can't hold this amount of floodwaters," he added in a mix of Filipino and English.

Further, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Manuel Bonoan said that the Bicol River Basin flood control project was updated in July 2024.

"Under the Philippine-Korean project facilitation, yung Bicol River basin flood control project was already updated only this July 2024 including the feasibility study for the flood control program. By early next year, we'll be doing the digital en-



Marcos eyes revisiting Bicol River Basin Development Project

gineering design," Bonoan said.

He then added that it will be funded by the Korean Exim Bank where the civil works will be implemented in late 2025 or early 2026.

Bicol region was one of the regions badly hit by Kristine, leaving about 2,236,608

individuals or 473,920 families affected, according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

In a report by DPWH on Saturday, 25 road sections in six regions, of which 12 of them were in the region, remain closed to traffic.

Cavite Governor distributes << P1

report from the Emergency Operations Center, a total of 3,933 families or 13,981 individuals were affected by Kristine from different cities and municipalities in Cavite, mostly in coastal and flood-

prone areas. This number will likely increase as the reports from the local government units continue to come in following the restoration of communication channels.

The provincial

government is continuously monitoring and coordinating with LGUs for updates on the situation on the ground while sorting and starting the distribution of relief packages.

Governor Tolentino assured the residents that the provincial government is working tirelessly to ensure the safety and welfare of the people.

DSWD offers psychosocial << P1

and 23 missing at the height of the tropical cyclone across the region.

On Saturday, Chua said social workers from their regional office have already provided counseling and psychosocial aid to the families of seven fatalities in Talisay, Batangas.

"We are aware of the mental stress caused by the onslaught of STS Kristine, especially to families and individuals who lost their loved ones. Our social workers are ready to provide them with counseling and

psychosocial sessions to help them cope with their traumatic experiences. We also condole with the families and offer our prayers to them," Director Chua said.

Aside from the psychosocial services, the FO-4A also extended PHP200,000 in financial assistance to the families.

Of those who died, 18 were from Batangas province, three from Laguna and one each from Cavite, Rizal and Quezon.

Some of the casualties drowned, a number of them

were hit by falling trees or debris, while others were electrocuted.

The FO continues to coordinate with the families and with the concerned local government units for the provision of other appropriate services that they may need as they go through these difficult times

in their lives. In a related development, the FO-Bicol Region provided PHP10,000 each in financial assistance to the families of four landslide victims in Caramoran, Catanduanes.

The four died Oct. 23 when a landslide buried their home during a heavy rainfall. (PNA)

AFP Chief conducts << P1

to residents of Barangay Duran in the province's Balatan town. This initiative was part of the government's coordinated efforts to provide immediate support to those displaced and affected by the severe weather conditions.

"The visit underscores the AFP's commitment to

assisting the Filipino people in need. The AFP continues to monitor the situation closely and is committed to providing the necessary assistance to help these communities recover and rebuild in the wake of (Severe Tropical Storm) Kristine," the AFP said.

As this developed, Philippine National Police (PNP) chief Gen. Rommel Francisco Marbil on Monday ordered the distribution of financial assistance to its personnel affected by the storm. This covers police officers deployed to the Bicol Region, Eastern Visayas and

Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna Batangas, Rizal, Quezon), as well as civilian employees.

Data from the PNP showed that at least 1,000 police officers and non-uniformed personnel were affected by the weather disturbance in the three regions. (PNA)

Financial aid for Rosario << P1

her appreciation for the support provided to their constituents who were affected by the oil spill. Board Members Romel Enriquez

and Ram Revilla graced the event and reiterated their commitment to the welfare of the people especially from the first district. BM Revilla

also extended the gratitude to President Bongbong Marcos for the assistance being distributed to the beneficiaries. He remarked

that it exemplifies the unity of the national and local government to respond to the needs of the people in times of crisis.--OPIO

MPTC expressways ready << P1

traffic management measures to guide motorists.

To ensure smooth travel experience of motorists — emergency and medical incident response teams will be deployed strategically within the expressways. MPTC will also offer free towing service for Class 1 vehicles up to the nearest exit from 6 AM of October 31 to 6 AM of November 4.

Roadworks and lane closures in MPTC expressways will be suspended from October 30 to November 4 — except for emergency safety repairs.

Motorists are encouraged to plan their trips and may use the MPT DriveHub app which provides traffic updates, toll fee calculator, reloading facility for RFID accounts,

and emergency roadside assistance. Since high traffic volume is anticipated in its major expressways like NLEX, the public is advised of heavy northbound traffic on October 31 from 6 AM to 10 PM and November 1 from 5 AM to 2 PM. For Manila-bound travelers, expect high traffic volume on November 2, 3 PM to 10 PM, and November 3, 2 PM to November 4, 8 AM.

As part of the MVP Group's commitment to further provide comfort to motorists during the busy Undas period, Maynilad will provide bottles of drinking water to be distributed to travelers at the SMSK motorist camps, ensuring they stay hydrated throughout their journey.

Meanwhile, mWell

— Philippines' first fully integrated health and wellness mega app — will set up booths in rest and refuel areas along the expressways, offering health consultations to motorists in need of medical advice or assistance during their travel. Smart will also provide free internet access and charging stations in selected areas for motorists to stay connected and keep their devices powered up while on the road.

In addition to being physically and mentally prepared, ensuring your vehicle is in good condition, and observing road safety practices — a working RFID sticker will make your journey smoother.

With the busy holiday season ahead, MPTC encourages the motoring

public to have their old RFID stickers replaced at the nearest Easytrip station or Customer Service Centers to avoid inconvenience while on the road. "We encourage motorists to be expressway-ready by ensuring that they have sufficient load in their RFID accounts for a hassle-free journey. Let's drive responsibly so we can all arrive at our destinations safely, and spend more time with our loved ones," said MPTC President and CEO Rogelio L. Singson.

For regular updates and road safety tips, check out MPTC expressways' official Facebook accounts @NLEXexpressways, @OfficialCALAX, and @CCLEXexpressway; along with its 24/7 hotline at 1-35000.

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Bacoor PTA Federation Oath-Taking



Bacoor City, October 22, 2024 – The City Government of Bacoor, in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd), witnessed the oath taking and induction of officers of the Federation of School Parents Teachers Association of Bacoor City (SPTA) today at the Revilla Hall.

The event, which saw the participation of 550 officers from 48 schools, was officiated by Mayor Strike B. Revilla. Other dignitaries present included Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, Sangguniang Panglungsod Members, Team Revilla, Education Program Specialist II Mr. Arwin Ternida, IT Specialist of DepEd Mr. Julie Boy Valleroso, and SPTA President Roma Gail Buezon.

The oath-taking ceremony marked a significant milestone for the SPTA, symbolizing their commitment to supporting the education sector in Bacoor. The newly inducted officers are poised to play a crucial role in fostering stronger partnerships between parents, teachers, and the local government.

“This is a testament to the strong partnership between the City Government of Bacoor and DepEd, working together to provide quality education for our children,” Mayor Revilla stated during his message to the new officers. “We believe that empowered parents are essential for creating a conducive learning environment for our children.”

The event emphasized the shared responsibility in nurturing the future of Bacoor’s youth through collaboration and mutual support.



PBBM designates Branch Operations executive as SSS officer-in-charge

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. named Social Security System (SSS) Executive Vice President for the Branch Operations Sector Atty. Voltaire P. Agas as the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of SSS.

In a memorandum signed by Executive Secretary Lucas P. Bersamin dated October 17, Agas was designated as the OIC of the state-run pension fund to ensure the continuous and effective delivery of public service to its members, pensioners, and their beneficiaries.

Agas started his career at the SSS in 2012 as its Chief Legal Counsel, a position he held until 2022. Since March 2022, he has been overseeing all SSS

branch operation activities nationwide, including membership expansion programs, contribution collections, and benefit processing.

He is a seasoned public servant with more than three decades of government service in various capacities, such as in the Public Attorney’s Office (PAO), National Prosecution Service, both under the Department of Justice (DOJ), and as a trial judge in Quezon City. He is the first career official coming from the ranks of the SSS to be designated to serve as its OIC.

After obtaining his law degree from the San Beda University, Agas began his legal career as a PAO lawyer, which he held from 1989 to 1994. His exemplary service as a public attorney has earned him the Outstanding Public Servant Award, a recognition recently given to him by PAO in August 2024 during the 8th MCLE-Accredited National Convention of Public Attorneys.

In the private sector, after graduation from the University of the Philippines, he was engaged as a socio-economist in community development projects under the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank. As a lawyer, he had more than a decade of experience as a corporate legal manager and chief compliance and governance officer in the Ayala Life Insurance Group now known as the BPI AIA Life Assurance Corporation (BPI AIA).

He replaced Commissioner Robert Joseph M. De Claro who was earlier designated by the Social Security Commission (SSC), the policymaking body of the SSS, as the OIC to ensure the continuous day-to-day operations of the pension fund “until a replacement is designated or appointed by the President.” De Claro will remain a member of the SSC, wherein he represents the Employers’ Group.



SSS OIC Agas

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ang mga minimum earner sa Bacoor na makakuha ng medical assistance, burial assistance, food assistance, at cash assistance.

Naganap ang pamamahagi sa 2nd Floor ng Main Square Mall, at dinaluhan nina Cong. Lani Mercado Revilla, Senator

Ramon “Bong” Revilla Jr., Cong. Bryan Revilla ng Agimat Partylist, Ms. Samantha Panlilio – 2nd Nominee Agimat Partylist, Coun. Alde Pagulayan, at dating Kapitan Udoy Brillantes.

Ang AKAP Program ay isang patunay ng

dedikasyon ni Cong. Lani Mercado Revilla at ng City Government of Bacoor sa pagtulong sa mga mamamayang Bacooreño. “Ang programang ito ay para sa lahat ng mga nangangailangan,” sabi ni Cong. Lani Mercado Revilla. “Layunin natin na

maibsan ang mga hrap na nararanasan ng ating mga kababayan.”

Ang pamamahagi ng tulong ay isang patunay ng pangako ng Team Revilla at ng City Government of Bacoor na maglingkod at tumulong sa mga mamamayan ng Bacoor.

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Samantha Panlilio – 2nd Nominee Agimat Partylist, Coun. Karen Sarino Evaristo, Coun. Alde Pagulayan, Former Kap Udoy Brilantes, and Mr. Baryy R. Chua – DSWD Regional Director Region 4A.

A total of 1,465 families received the second tranche of financial assistance from the DSWD National, funded by President Bongbong

Marcos Jr. The distribution took place at the Bacoor Coliseum. This initiative is a testament to the continued efforts of the Team Revilla, City Government of Bacoor, and the DSWD to provide immediate and substantial support to the affected families, helping them rebuild their lives and recover from the devastating fire. Bacoor City, Oktubre 25, 2024 – Ang

Office of Congresswoman Lani Mercado Revilla, sa pakikipagtulungan ng City Government of Bacoor at Team Revilla, ay nagsagawa ng pamamahagi ng tulong pinansyal sa ilalim ng AKAP (Ayuda sa Kapos Ang Kita) Program. Ang programa ay naglalayong tulungan ang mga minimum earner sa Bacoor na makakuha ng medical assistance, burial assistance, food assistance, at cash assistance.

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It’s Hard For People To Get Sick

THE disease does not choose any person because the bacteria spontaneously attack the soil of the human body without realizing it.

Each of us needs to have proper body care. May you maintain regular exercise everyday without neglecting the exercise routine for good health.

The exact time of sleep is also important to maintain a good feeling of thinking of the brain and the whole body.

Nowadays, it is really difficult for people to get sick so double caution is needed and to control what is eaten and drunk to be placed inside the body’s stomach to avoid any kind of illness.

May every family and individual be 100% prepared when the unexpected burden of life is called any treacherous disease caused by the weakening of the body.

Discipline is what every person needs for good health as we enjoy God’s blessings and while living on earth in this world.

So it’s not easy for people to get sick because it’s a difficult situation to go through in health centers and hospitals because everything involves money for expenses. Be aware of the use of money, you must know how to budget for emergencies.

We are thankful to our Almighty God because there is somebody like nurses, doctors and physicians used as instruments of God to heal us and take care of all of us.

Discipline in the self is mostly the key to success for insight living. I believe to practice self-discipline is the usual process and learn to control no means for sickness, but pursue good health in the self always.



PUBLIC TALKS
by Joseph Elias Bontogon

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the personal property, a deposit/ investment account at the PNB Cavite-Kawit Binakayan Branch left by the late **ELPIDIO ORCULLO TUAZON** who died intestate leaving no will and testament, on October 29, 2017 in Imus, Cavite, had been the subject of an EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT by and among the HEIRS of said deceased as per Document No. 336, Page No. 19, Book No. V Series of 2024 of Notary Public Atty. Cristobal U. Rimando dated October 11, 2024.

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Cavite Named 'Most Business-Friendly LGU' at 50th Conference

The Province of Cavite shined on the national stage, winning the Most Business-Friendly Local Government Unit (LGU) award in the provincial category which was presented during the prestigious 50th Philippine Business Conference and Expo on October 23, 2024 at the The event, held at the grand Marriott Grand Ballroom, Pasay City brought together key players from the business sector, government leaders, and community advocates across the Philippines, marking a momentous milestone for Cavite and its people.

Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino, joined by Vice Governor Shernan Jaro and

Sixth District Board Member Kerby Salazar, accepted the award with pride and gratitude, recognizing Cavite's proactive efforts to make the province an ideal place for businesses of all sizes. The award not only celebrates Cavite's ongoing support for local and international enterprises but also underscores its dedication to building a resilient economy.

Under Cavite's forward-thinking leadership, the province has embarked on ambitious infrastructure projects to support its rapidly growing economy. New road networks and advancements in digital infrastructure are helping Cavite stay connected and accessible.

The conference, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, was organized by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI). With discussions, exhibits, and showcases of best practices from around the country, the event emphasized the importance of strong partnerships between businesses and local governments. Cavite's recognition as the Most Business-Friendly LGU was one of the conference highlights, underscoring the province's dedication to becoming a leading destination for business and innovation.

For Cavite, the recognition reflects not only the hard work of its leaders but also a



deep-rooted commitment to making the province a place where people and businesses can flourish. As Cavite builds on this achievement, it continues to set the bar for other LGUs, paving the way for a brighter, more sustainable economic future for all Filipinos.

Yume at Riverpark: A New Haven in Cavite

CAVITE, PHILIPPINES – Amidst the burgeoning landscape of Cavite Province, a new residential development is taking root, offering a harmonious blend of modern living and natural serenity. Yume at Riverpark, a project by renowned developer Suntrust Properties, Inc., presents a collection of thoughtfully designed homes nestled within a verdant riverpark setting.



Inspired by the Japanese concept of "yume," meaning dream, the development aspires to create a living environment that fosters tranquility and well-being. Future residents can choose from a variety of house models, each meticulously crafted to maximize space and natural light. Amenities such as a swimming pool, clubhouse, children's playground, and

jogging path further enhance the appeal of this self-contained community. Strategically located in General Trias, Cavite, Yume at Riverpark enjoys proximity to major road networks and transportation hubs, ensuring convenient access to Metro Manila and its surrounding areas. This accessibility, coupled with the promise of a peaceful and amenity-rich lifestyle, positions Yume at Riverpark as an attractive option for families and individuals

seeking respite from the urban bustle while remaining well-connected to its opportunities. Suntrust Properties, Inc., a widely recognized name in the Philippine real estate industry, brings its commitment to quality and customer satisfaction to Yume at Riverpark. With a track record of delivering exceptional residential developments, Suntrust is poised to make Yume at Riverpark a sought-after address in Cavite's evolving landscape.

Street Dancing and Free Concert at Rosario's Tinapang Salinas Fest

BY CARLA BAUTO DEÑA

CAVITE – The local government unit of Rosario marked the town's 18th Tinapang Salinas Festival on Oct. 18 and 19.

One of the highlights of the celebration was a street dance competition where 14 teams from elementary and secondary schools in the municipality showed off their dancing skills.

Mayor Calixto D. Enriquez Elementary School and Bagbag National High School won the top prizes in the competition's elementary and high school categories, respectively. Festival attendees were also treated to a free concert featuring TJ Monterde, Flow G, Skusta Clee, and other artists.

Present during the revelries were Cavite 1st District Rep. Jolo Revilla, Mayor Jose Voltaire V. Ricafrente, Vice Mayor Bamm Gonzales, and other local officials.

According to Rosario Public Information Officer Sid Samaniego, the Tinapang Salinas Festival is a yearly event that celebrates the town's main product – smoked fish.

Fishing is the primary livelihood of many residents of the coastal municipality hailed as the Tinapang Salinas Capital of the Philippines.



Tinapang Salinas Festival street dance competition held on Oct. 18 (Photo from the Municipality of Rosario, Cavite/MANILA BULLETIN)

MSMEs in 7 Provinces, 26 Towns Can Apply for Recovery Loan

By Anna Leah Gonzales

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on Monday said micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in seven provinces and 26 municipalities and cities affected by Severe Tropical Storm Kristine (international name Trami) may apply for recovery

loans. In an ANC interview, DTI Acting Secretary Ma. Cristina Roque said that as of Oct. 27, almost 400 MSMEs were already affected by Kristine.

"So, for now, we have the enterprise for rehabilitation fund, which is PHP2 billion, which we are now dispatching to all the MS-

MEs that were affected by the calamity. This fund, they can get it from the SB Corp. (Small Business Corporation), which is actually the bank that is under DTI," Roque said.

"There's actually seven provinces and 26 municipalities and cities that can avail of this loan. Those are

the ones that were affected by Kristine," said Roque.

Among these areas are Albay, Camarines Norte, Catanduanes, Cavite, Camarines Sur, Cotabato, Quezon, Eastern Samar, Calbayog in Samar, and Borongan City in Eastern Samar, among others.

Roque said the loan-

able amount ranges from PHP10,000 to a maximum of PHP300,000, with zero interest on the first year.

SB Corp. can be reached through their website sbcorp.gov.ph or through their e-mail address sbcorporation@sbcorp.gov.ph.

The loan may be availed of until the end of the year.

"We are closely monitoring this to make sure that everybody who needs the fund can get it," Roque said.

Roque said the DTI also intensified efforts in price monitoring and the prevention of profiteering to protect consumers in storm-affected areas. (PNA)