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Cavite College Students Receive Educational Assistance



The Provincial Government of Cavite continues its commitment to supporting students in their pursuit of higher education through the distribution of educational assistance to deserving beneficiaries across several municipalities. On March 25, 2025, a total of 698 college students from the Municipality of Magallanes received financial aid to help cover their academic expenses. The following

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8,402 jobs up for grabs in Cavite, Laguna

By Ruth Abbey Gita-Carlos

Around 8,402 job openings are still available in Cavite and Laguna provinces, Malacañang said on Wednesday.

In a Palace press briefing, Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Undersecretary and Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said jobseekers may apply for the vacant positions offered during the recent job fair held in Dasmariñas, Cavite and Biñan, Laguna. "May available pa pong jobs sa Dasmariñas 4,120 at sa

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Fire Safety Seminar and Drill Held at Strike Rescue Village



City of Bacoor-In a vital initiative aimed at enhancing fire safety awareness, the City Schools Division Office of Bacoor conducted a Fire Safety Awareness Seminar and Fire Drill yesterday, March 28 at the Strike Fire and Rescue Village. This event brought together personnel within the division to equip them with essential fire safety knowledge and preparedness strategies. Dr. Babylyn M. Pambid, CESO VI and Officer-in-Charge

DOTr: LRT-1 Fare Hike Essential for Upgrades, Cavite Extension

The Department of Transportation (DOTr) on Tuesday said the scheduled fare hike for the Light Rail Transit Line 1 (LRT-1) is necessary to implement necessary upgrades and the extension of the line to Cavite.

"While the DOTr respects the decision of those who want to file an appeal against the fare adjustment in LRT-1, which will take effect starting on Wednesday, April 2, it believes that the fare adjustment is long overdue and is necessary to ensure the operational viability of the rail line and sustain its necessary upgrades for the



 $A\ Light\ Rail\ Transit\ Line 1\ (LRT-1)\ train\ at\ the\ Redemptor ist\ station\ in\ Para\~naque\ City\ (PNA\ file\ photo)$

Bacoor Partners with McDonald's to Empower Senior Citizens

This morning, during the City Government of Bacoor's Flag Raising Ceremony, the Public Employment Service Office Bacoor (PESO), together with the tireless efforts of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, proudly announced a groundbreaking partnership with McDonald's (Golden Development Arches Corporation). This collaboration aims to provide meaningful employment opportunities for senior citizens in the Bacoor



DA Triples Monthly Rice Allocation for 'P29' Program Beneficiaries

The Department of Agriculture (DA) has tripled the monthly rice allocation for vulnerable sectors benefiting from the Marcos administration's "P29" program.

The new policy allows the sectors to purchase up to 30 kilos of rice each month, a three-fold increase from the previous limit, according to a news release Sunday

The vulnerable sectors, including senior citizens, persons with disabilities, solo parents and indigents, make up several million covered by the program. The rice sold under this initiative is sourced from the National Food Authority buffer stocks.

During the "Trabaho at Serbisyong Pangkalusugan sa Bagong Pilipinas" job and healthcare fair in

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PCG probes Cavite ship collision

By Raymond Carl Dela Cruz



Bacoor partners with << P1

community. This inspiring initiative underscores the commitment of Bacoor and McDonald's to foster inclusivity and empower senior citizens by allowing them to contribute actively to society. By creating jobs for seniors, the partnership seeks to honor

their wealth of experience dedication, ensuring they remain vital and valued members of the community. Mayor Revilla expressed his excitement about this milestone, emphasizing how this joint effort will enhance the lives of Bacoor's seniors while making the city a

model of inclusivity and vibrancy. The partnership reflects the shared vision of creating a community where everyone, regardless of age, can participate and thrive.

Let's celebrate this milestone spread the word! Together, we can empower our seniors and transform Bacoor into an even more inclusive and dynamic place

The Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) is investigating the collision between landing craft LCT Nicia and cargo ship MV Sangko Uno 66 in waters near Rosario, Cavite on Wednesday.

In an incident report, the PCG said LCT Nicia was traversing the said waters bound for Cebu while MV Sangko Uno 66 was on its way to the Pasay Reclamation Project from Zambales province when the incident occurred.

"No casualties were recorded and no oil spillage was observed in the vicinity waters of Rosario. However, the two vessels sustained minor damage," it said.

PCG Commandant, Adm. Ronnie Gil Gavan, ordered both vessels to go to Manila and cooperate with the PCG's Marine Casualty Investigation. Meanwhile, the PCG has also responded to a medical evacuation request of the Hong Kong-registered vessel MV Voy Trust in waters off Basilan Strait. "The National Maritime Center received the vessel's request for medical evacuation as it transited near Zamboanga City," it said. In response, PCG District Southwestern Mindanao deployed BRP Capones to attend to the injured crew member. The injured crew member was given first aid and later transferred to a vehicle to travel by land to Brent Hospital in Zamboanga City. The Chinese national has since been turned over to the ship's local agent, Albert Abanilla, for further assistance. (PNA)

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benefit of the commuting public," it said in a statement.

"This rate increase needed to not only ensure smooth and timely maintenance of LRT-1 but also the extension of the line all the way to Cavite under the present PPP (public-private-partnership) contract," it added.

The DOTr also pointed out that the rate increase, approved last January 30, 2025, is only the second rate increase since 2023.

The rate increase is also "much lower" than the

proposed PHP20 peso fare hike originally submitted by the Light Rail Management Corporation.

Starting April 2, the maximum fare for a single journey ticket in LRT-1 will increase from PHP45 to PHP55, while the minimum fare will rise from PHP15 to PHP20.

Meanwhile, maximum fare for a stored value card will go up from PHP43 to PHP52, while the minimum fare will increase from PHP15 to PHP16. (PNA)

Fire safety seminar and drill << P1

of the Office of the Schools Superintendent, Division opened the seminar with an uplifting message. "I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Bacoor for accommodating this crucial activity. Your support plays a significant role in fostering a safer environment for our students and staff," she stated.

The seminar began with a warm welcome from FSINP Precious V. Petalio, the Acting City Fire Marshal, who emphasized the importance of fire safety education in schools.

"Understanding fire safety is not just about following protocols; it's about ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone in our educational institutions," remarked. The day was filled with engaging presentations and practical demonstrations facilitated by an expert team of BFP Bacoor officers. Among those leading the sessions were FO3 Joseph B. Ponte, FO1 Noel A. Bilgera, FO1 Shane Bundac, FO1 Nissi Jay Tolang, and F/A Felices Pascua. They delivered comprehensive training on fire prevention, emergency response, and

the correct use of firefighting equipment.

Participants had the opportunity to learn handson skills and best practices for fire evacuation, with additional guidance provided by FO3 Marco Moralina, FO2 Domino Bejosano, FO1 Vincent Verseles, FO1 Jade Allones, and FO1 Jirald Dave Bael. The practical exercises culminated in a fire drill, allowing staff to apply what they learned in a simulated emergency situation.

incorporating such training into their professional development, school personnel

better equipped to handle emergencies, thereby contributing to a culture of safety within their institutions. This proactive approach reflects commitment of both the City Schools Division of Bacoor and BFP Bacoor to protect the lives of students and staff

As the day concluded, participants expressed appreciation for the valuable knowledge and gained during the seminar, reinforcing the notion that preparedness is key in ensuring a safe educational environment.

8,402 jobs up for grabs in

Biñan po ay 4,282 (There are still 4,120 jobs available in Dasmariñas and 4,282 in Biñan)," Castro said. Castro noted that only 63 applicants in Dasmariñas and 45 in Biñan were hired on the spot in the job fairs organized by the government.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led the "Trabaho at Serbisyong Pangkalusugan sa Bagong Pilipinas" job and health fair in the two provinces last week.

vowed to expand job fairs nationwide to create more employment opportunities, particularly for beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) and the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/ Displaced Workers (TUPAD) program.

During the job and health fair in Laguna, Marcos expressed elation over the high number of In February, Marcos on the spot, saying the event until March 31.

in the province was the "most successful" so far.

The Department of Labor and Employment is collaborating with various partner government agencies and the private sector in holding nationwide job fairs to sustain post-pandemic employment gains and drive economic transformation.

In Metro Manila, job fairs will be held in Quezon City, Makati, Pasay, Las

The country's employment rate reached 95.7 percent in January 2025, slightly improving from 95.5 percent in the same period last year, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority's latest data.

In terms of actual figures, around 48.49 million Filipinos were employed in January 2025, an increase from 45.90 million in January 2024 and 48.16 million in jobseekers who were hired Piñas, Manila and Valenzuela October 2024, respectively. (PNA)

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Cavite College Students receive << P1 day, March 26, 573 college ensuring that they have without financial burden.

students from Ternate were the necessary resources to granted the same support, continue their education

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late MARLON MAGLAYA SERRANO who died intestate and without any will on March 28, 2021 in Imus, Cavite consisting of one motor vehicle which is a Suzuki Entriga with Serial/Chassis No. MHYNC2288LJ110540, Motor/Engine No. K15BT093069, with color Radiant Pearl Red, and Plate No. NFW9868 which is also a collateral on a loan obligation with the Philippine Savings Bank (PSB) and upon payment of said debt obligation, do hereby adjudicate unto themselves EXTRA-JUDICIALLY the said property, by and among the SOLE HEIRS of said deceased as per Document No. 1211. Page No. 34. Book No. 111 Series of 2025 of Notary Public Atty. Mario R. Benitez dated March 18,

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF MARLON MAGLAYA SERRANO

Southern Tagalog Herald Cavite March 30, April 6 and 13, 2025

Meanwhile, on March 27, educational assistance was extended to 269 students from Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo and 834 qualified students from Maragondon, further demonstrating the provincial government's dedication to fostering educational growth and development.

This initiative underscores the provincial government's unwavering commitment to empowering Cavite's youth by alleviating financial constraints and promoting excellence. Local officials expressed their gratitude to

Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino and the entire provincial administration for prioritizing education and providing much-needed support to students in the province. Beneficiaries and their families also expressed appreciation for the assistance, noting that it will significantly aid them in covering tuition fees, school supplies, and other academic-related expenses. The program continues to be a beacon of hope for many students striving to academic achieve their educational dreams despite financial challenges.— OPIO

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DA triples monthly rice << P1

Dasmariñas, Cavite Friday, to the calls from our over PHP18 per PHP100 of the Rice-for-All (RFA) DA Secretary Francisco Tiu financially Laurel Jr. announced that the new policy would be implemented nationwide immediately. The P29 rice is available at Kadiwa ng

advantage of this new average Filipino consumer. policy, which responds This amount increases to

challenged fellow citizens for greater access to more affordable food, especially rice," he

Pangulo stores and centers. roughly PHP9 of every "We urge you to take PHP100 spent by the

for households with the lowest incomes, according to data from the Philippine Statistics Authority.

The DA launched the Rice accounts for P29 program in July last year to provide affordable rice options for vulnerable

> It further widened Filipinos' options with

program, which allows all consumers to buy unlimited amounts of rice at reduced

The current prices under the RFA are as follows: PHP43 per kilo with 5 percent broken grains, PHP35 per kilo with 25 percent broken grains and PHP33 per kilo for 100 the introduction last year percent broken grains. (PR)

> **REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION** OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT TRECE MARTIRES CITY

PHILIPPINE BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS, Mortgagee,

-versus-

VENER TAEZA TABILOG represented by his Attorney-in-fact and co-borrower, **VICENTE T. TABILOG,**

Mortgagor.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-067-25

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, PHILIPPINE BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS, with business address at PBCOM Tower, 6795 Ayala Avenue corner V.A. Rufino Street, Makati City, Metro Manila 1226 against the Mortgagor, VENER TAEZA TABILOG represented by his attorney-in-fact and coborrower, VICENTE T. TABILOG, with residence and postal address at Blk 27, Lot 1, PH 2 Guyabano St., Sto. Niño, Pasay City and Blk 27, Lot 1, PH 2 Guyabano St., Sto. Niño, Pasay City and Lot 45 Blk. 31 Phase 3 Gentri Heights, Manggahan, General Trias, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of 15 January 2025 amounts to ELEVEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE and 37/100 (PHP 11,117,725.37) inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on April 11, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2021057348

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 45 BLK. 31 OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN. PCS-04-011470, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOT 2843-A- 1-A, PSD-04-079043 AND LOTS 2839 AND 3189, S.F.M. ESTATE, (RS-042108-001891), LRC REC. NO.), SITUATED IN THE BRGY. OF MANGGAHAN, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS. PROVINCE OF CAVITE. BOUNDED ON THE N., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 46, BLK. 31 OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN; ON THE E., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 2636, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE; ON THE S., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 44, BLK. 31; AND ON THE W., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY RD. LOT 36A, BOTH OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN X X X CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQ. METERS. X X X

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on April 25, 2025 without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

ANDRES B. ESPINA

Trece Martires City, March 14, 2025

Sheriff IV

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION** OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT TRECE MARTIRES CITY

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF ROBINSONS **BANK CORPORATION),**

Petitioner-Mortgagee-Creditor,

-versus-

ALYZA M. VERSOZA A.K.A. ALYZA M. VERZOSA A.K.A. ALYZA MILITANTE VERZOSA AND LOUIE R. MILITANTE

Respondent/s-Mortgagor/s-Borrower/s-Debtor,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-033-25

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee-Creditor, BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF ROBINSONS BANK CORPORATION), with business address at BPI Buendia Center Bldg., 372 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Brgy Bel-Air, Makati City, against the Respondent/s-Mortgagor/s-Borrower/s-Debtor, ALYZA M. VERSOZA A.K.A. ALYZA M. VERZOSA A.K.A. ALYZA MILITANTE VERZOSA AND LOUIE R. MILITANTE with residence and postal address at 2421 Arellano Street, Brgy 779 Zone 85, Manila and Lot 3, Block 2, Micara Estates-Tanza Phase 3 Brgy. Sahud Ulan, Tanza, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of January 7, 2025 amounts to ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY SEVEN & 97/100 ONLY (P1,330,787.97) inclusive of interest and other charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on April 11, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2021042568

LOT NO: 3, **BLOCK NO:** 2, **PLAN NO:** PCS-04-030761 PORTION OF: BLOCK 15, PSD-04-235211 AND LOT 1965, STA. CRUZ DE MALABON ESTATE, DECREED NO. 10111, LRC RFC NO 6832

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF SAHUD ULAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

LINE **DIRECTION** ADJOINING LOT(S) LOT 4, BLOCK 2, PCS-04-030761 1-2 NW LOT 5, BLOCK 2, PCS-04-030761 2-3 ROAD LOT 1, PCS-04-030761 LOT 1, BLOCK 2, PCS-04-030761 AREA: FORTY FIVE (45) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS

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

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-versus-

SPS. AIN KIM JOSE ILIGAN AND HANNA **GRACE LAUD ILIGAN,**

Debtors-Mortgagors.

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-069-25

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Creditor-Mortgagee, CEBUANA LHUILLIER RURAL BANK, INC., with business address at PJL Building Gen. Evangelista St., corner Emilio Aguinaldo Highway, Barangay Zapote 1, Bacoor City, Cavite, against the Debtors-Mortgagors, SPS. AIN KIM JOSE ILIGAN AND HANNA GRACE LAUD ILIGAN, with residence and postal address at 21 Don Carlos St., Don Antonio Heights, Holy Spirit, Quezon City and to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of 15 January 2025 amounts to TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE AND 79/100 PESOS (Php2,193,289.79) inclusive of interest and other charges, attorney's fees and expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on April 11, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 077-2024004743

LOT NO: 25 BLOCK NO: 14 PLAN NO: PCS-04-032363 PORTION OF: 2206-B, PSD-042122-069803 & 3423, FLS-1839 LOCATION: BRGY. CABUCO CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON **BOUNDARIES:**

DIRECTION LINE ADJOINING LOT(S) LOT 24, BLOCK 14, PCS-04-032363 1-2 SW ROAD LOT 7 (8.00 M. WIDE), PCS-04-032363 2-3 3-4-5 NE ROAD LOT 8 (8.00 M. WIDE), PCS-04-032363 LOT 26, BLOCK 14, PCS-04-032363 AREA: SEVENTY ONE (71) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR

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Trece Martires City, March 14, 2025.

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG Sheriff IV

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Cavite Joins CALABARZON in Celebrating Regional Women's Month

The Province of Cavite participated in the Regional Women's Month Celebration held on March 20, 2025, at the Ynares Event Center, Antipolo City. This year's theme, "WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society," with the sub-theme "Babae sa Lahat ng Sektor, Aangat ang Bukas sa Bagong Pilipinas," underscored the collective commitment to advancing gender equality and women's empowerment.

The event gathered hundreds of Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS) representatives from various local government units across CALABARZON, united in their advocacy for gender inclusivity.

Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) Chairperson RD Carmel P. Matabang warmly welcomed the participants, emphasizing the need for a society where women can thrive. Hon. Nina Ricci A. Ynares, Governor of Rizal Province, highlighted the struggles and triumphs of women, while Dr. Nancy T. Pascual, President of the University of Rizal System, inspired attendees by affirming that every woman holds the power to shape a better future.

A keynote address by Dr. Amaryllis T. Torres, Professor Emeritus of UP-CSWCD, reinforced the call for sustained gender advocacy. The program also featured insightful discussions on gender equality and women's empowerment, including: "Advancing Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment" by Ms. Nharleen Santos-Millar, OIC Executive Director of the Philippine Commission on Women; and, "Empowering Women through Social Security and Solidarity Economy in Achieving ASEAN Sustainable Development Goals" by Dr. Benjamin R. Quiñones, Chairperson of the Asian Solidarity Economy Council.

A major highlight of the event was the launch of the CALABARZON Gender and Development Agenda 2024-2030, reinforcing the region's dedication to gender-responsive policies and programs.



During the turnover ceremony, the Province of Cavite officially accepted the hosting duties for the 2026 Regional Women's Month Celebration. Representing Cavite were Board Member Romel R. Enriquez, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Services, Family, Women, Children, and Elderly, and Ms. Precyl T. Ramos, OIC of the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer.

The celebration concluded with "Serbisyo Para Kay Juana," featuring market fairs, welfare services, and commercial booths aimed at supporting women's economic empowerment

With great enthusiasm, Cavite looks forward to leading the 2026 Regional Women's Month Celebration, further strengthening its commitment to advancing gender equality in the region.--- OPIO

42 beneficiaries in Cavite get wheelchairs from Red Cross

Story by Allen Limos

THE Philippine Red Cross (PRC), in collaboration with Rotary Club of Manila 101, Wheelchair Foundation and Chair the Love, distributed an additional 42 wheelchairs to beneficiaries in Cavite.

This initiative is part of the second phase of the "Mobility for Dignity" project, which took place on March



29. With a mission to bring hope and improve the productivity of individuals with mobility impairments, the Mobility for Dignity project launched in 2021 aims to empower mobility-impaired Filipinos by helping them gain employment opportunities, allowing children to continue their education and encouraging beneficiaries to lead normal, independent lives through the gift of mobility. "Hope begins with us. I would like to extend my gratitude to our partners for giving us the opportunity to distribute wheelchairs to beneficiaries in many parts of the country," said PRC Chairman and CEO Dick Gordon.

PRC Secretary-General and Rotary Club of Manila 101 member Gwen Pang echoed the sentiment, emphasizing the significance of each wheelchair donation. "Every wheelchair carries a story of hope. It is not just a chair, but a symbol of dignity, freedom and opportunity for our beneficiaries. As Chairman Gordon said, 'When we give mobility, we give freedom, independence and a renewed sense of purpose."

One of the beneficiaries, 8-year-old John Pagdanganan, was born with an orthopedic disability. Before receiving his new wheelchair, his mother, Michelle, carried him to school every day. With the donation, John now has the chance to be more independent and pursue his dream of becoming a banker. His mother also noted that the timing is perfect, as John, an honor student, will be attending his recognition day this April.

To date, 540 brand-new wheelchairs have been distributed to beneficiaries in various locations, including Baguio, Benguet, Caloocan, Cavite, Malabon, Manila, Pasay, Parañaque, Antipolo, Pateros, San Juan, Muntinlupa, Pasig, Mandaluyong, Valenzuela, La Union and Occidental Mindoro. Through ongoing partnerships and dedicated efforts, the PRC and its collaborators continue to transform lives, ensuring that mobility-impaired individuals receive the support they need to lead fulfilling lives.

Lacson's pro-LGU approach wins over Cavite mayor

BY ELLSON QUISMORIO

Administration senatorial candidate Panfilo "Ping" Lacson has gained the endorsement of his fellow Caviteño, Mayor Maricel Torres of General Mariano Alvarez.

Torres specifically favored Lacson's promise to champion the cause of local government units (LGUs) should the latter make a successful comeback in the Senate during the May 12 mid-term elections.

Torres lauded Lacson for fighting for LGUs and their share of the national budget for development programs through his Budget Reform Advocacy for Village Empowerment (BRAVE) initiative.

"Of course, we respect our senator whose BRAVE program gives special attention to the small towns," the lady mayor said in Filipino at the proclamation rally of Team 1GMA, on the first day of the campaign season for local officials on Friday,



Panfilo "Ping" Lacson (Facebook)

March 28. She hailed Lacson for recognizing the needs and priorities of small towns and cities like General Mariano Alvarez (GMA).

Because of this, she said she will support and campaign for the Alyansa para sa Bagong Pilipinas senatorial bet

"Our senator saw the needs of the smaller towns like GMA. So we will support and campaign for Senator Ping Lacson!" she said.

Lacson has advocated BRAVE, where LGUs get more autonomy and resources, as well as the accompanying accountability, in implementing key development projects, programs and activities.

He noted that billions of pesos in the yearly budget is not used, and could fund development and livelihood projects at the barangay, municipal, and provincial levels.