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Bacoor City Wins PHALGA Excellence Award Again

DOST-Cavite's 2nd Saliklakbay **Innovation Mapping**

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Cavite successfully carried out 2nd Saliklakbay Solutions Mapping and Immersion on May 16, 2025, targeting the municipalities Maragondon Magallanes. This initiative aims to uncover new grassroots innovations (GIs) that can empower local communities through science and technology.

Following the first event held earlier on May 7, ATTY. MARVIE KATE T. ENCARNADO, CPA

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For the second year in a row, the City Government of Bacoor, Cavite, has proudly received the prestigious 2025 PHALGA Excellence Award. This remarkable achievement highlights >> P2 Bacoor's unwavering commitment to the highest standards of professionalism and integrity in government accounting. Under the capable leadership

DLSU Professor: Democracy Depends on Voters, Not **Political Dynasties**

By Patricia Bermudez

Elected seats may be taken up by those who share the same surname, but the power to usher change remains in the people, according to a professor from the De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D).

Dr. Rommel Mazo of the DLSU-D's School of Governance, Public Service and Corporate Leadership emphasized that the people usher development in democracies through the political actors they vote

'Benteng Bigas Meron Na' program gains public support in Cavite

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By Patricia Bermudez



DASMARINAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The initial rollout of the 'Benteng Bigas Meron Na' initiative in Dasmariñas City, Cavite has received public support as members of the vulnerable sectors welcome the government's efforts to ensure rice accessibility and food

declaring May as Ease of Doing Business (EODB) the Provincial Month. Government of Cavite (PGC) proudly honored its top-performing offices and frontliners for their exceptional commitment to fast, transparent, and peoplefirst public service on May 19, 2025 at the Function Hall of the New Provincial

Martires City. Carrying the theme "From Red Tape to Red

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MPT South Wins Bronze Stevie Award for **Drayberks Road Safety Campaign**

South gained MPT recognition as a Bronze Stevie® Award winner Innovation in in the Communications/Public Relations category for its impactful Drayberks Road Safety Advocacy Campaign at the prestigious 12th annual Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards held in Seoul, South Korea. This esteemed accolade marks a significant milestone for MPT South, representing its inaugural Stevie® Award

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PBBM OKs creation of new hospitals, increased bed capacities

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has signed at least six laws establishing new hospitals in Laguna and Zamboanga del Sur provinces and increasing bed capacities in four cities in the country. The creation of the new hospitals and approval for increased bed capacities were contained in Republic Acts (RAs) 12203, 12204, 12205, 12206, 12207, and 12208 signed by Marcos on May 8.

RA 12203 raised the bed capacity of the Region 1 Medical Center in Dagupan City, Pangasinan to 1,500 beds from the current 600 beds. Marcos also increased the bed capacity of the Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center in the city of Marikina from 500 to 1,000 beds through RA 12204. Based on RA 12205,

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PBBM OKs creation of << P1

the bed capacity in Laguna healthcare services and Provincial Hospital - San Pedro District Hospital in San Pedro City, Laguna was also raised to 50 from the current 15 beds.

RA 12207, meanwhile, authorizes the increase in the bed capacity of the Amai Pakpak Medical Center in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur to 800 from 400 beds.

The existing professional

facilities in these hospitals are upgraded to conform and be commensurate to the increase in bed capacity.

Marcos also signed RA 12206, approving the establishment of a district hospital in Ramon Magsaysay town in Zamboanga del Sur province, which will be known as Zamboanga del Sur First District Hospital.

hand, allows the creation of a general hospital in the city of Calamba in Laguna, which will be known as Calamba City General Hospital.

The local governments of Zamboanga del Sur and Calamba City, Laguna are directed to provide the necessary funds for the establishment of the new hospitals. These new laws

RA 12208, on the other also instruct the Department of Health (DOH) to include in its subsidy program the support for the capital outlay requirements of the new hospitals.

The newly signed laws that were made public on Wednesday take effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation. (PNA)

MPT South wins bronze << P1

underscoring the company's growing influence and commitment to exemplary advocacy initiatives such as the Drayberks Road Safety Program.

The Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards stand as the premier business awards program honoring innovation across markets within Asia-Pacific region. Globally recognized, the Stevie Awards celebrate achievements through distinguished programs like The International Business Awards®, now in its 23rd

its inception Since in 2018, MPT South's Drayberks Road Safety Advocacy Program has pioneered efforts cultivate responsible driving behaviors and elevate road safety awareness among Filipino drivers of all classifications. Targeting a broad spectrum, including public utility drivers, transport groups, logistics companies, and various mobility stakeholders,

program proactive approach. Recognizing drivers central to road mobility and safety, Drayberks was thoughtfully designed as an ongoing, adaptive educational initiative. It transcends the limitations of a singular seminar, providing a continuous reinforcement of traffic discipline and awareness, effectively bridging the crucial gap between theoretical traffic regulations and practical application in realworld scenarios.

The Drayberks Road Safety Advocacy program was lauded by the Stevie® Award committee for its innovative approach to public engagement and its demonstrable positive impact on commuter safety throughout Metro Manila and Southern Luzon.

Ms. Elnora Rumawak, Officer-in-charge of MPT South, expressed her profound gratitude, stating, "The Bronze Stevie® Award for our Drayberks Road Safety Campaign is a deeply cherished honor for the entire MPT South team. Our vision straightforward: to empower drivers to become safer and more informed users. Through collaborative spirit, creative ingenuity, and unwavering dedication to our purpose, the Drayberks Campaign has evolved into a true advocacy. This recognition fuels our motivation to continue pushing the boundaries of innovation

and to consistently deliver excellence for our nation and its people. Together, we aspire to even greater achievements in the future."

"The 12th Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards received an impressive array of outstanding entries," Maggie Miller, President of the Stevie Awards. "This year's winners have clearly shown their dedication innovation, and commend their resilience and imaginative efforts."

OPHO and OPHRMO Triumph in PGC Volleyball Finals

The Provincial Government of Cavite's Sportsfest 2025 ignited the Provincial Gymnasium in Trece Martires City with electrifying volleyball matches, showcasing the athletic prowess and camaraderie of PGC employees. Commencing on February 25, 2025, the tournament culminated in thrilling victories and commendable performances across both men's and women's divisions. Demonstrating exceptional teamwork and strategic play, the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO) emerged as the champions in the men's division. Their journey to the top was marked by resilience and skill, setting a high standard for future competitions. The Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) secured the first runner-up position, followed closely by the Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (OSP) as second runner-up, and the Treasurer's Office clinching the third runner-up spot. In the women's division, the Office of the Provincial Human Resource Management Officer (OPHRMO) showcased unparalleled determination and coordination, earning them the championship title. The OSP team displayed commendable effort, finishing as first runner-up, while OPHO and OPG secured the second and third runner-up positions, respectively. Individual brilliance shone through as well, with Mr. Gabriel Hernandez of OPHO being named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) in the men's division for his pivotal role in leading his team to victory. In the women's division, Ms. Ditas Matira of OPHRMO earned the MVP accolade, a testament to her exceptional performance and leadership on the court. The PGC Sportsfest 2025 not only highlighted the athletic talents of its employees but also fostered a spirit of unity and sportsmanship, reinforcing the values that drive the Provincial Government of Cavite forward. ---R. Dones

DLSU professor: Democracy << P1

for. "The power to change doesn't reside solely in government officials political actors, but in the people. Sovereignty resides in them.

Whoever government, whether it's a dynasty or not, and the people remain the same in their thinking—not critically aware of what's happeningwe can't expect anything. It goes in two ways: change should happen both in the government and the people."

Mazo said political families continue dominate the elections due to the continuity of leadership where local governmentprograms projects continue.

On the other hand, fundamental democratic processes such as checks and balances and concentration of powers tend to be overlooked due to the prevalence of political dynasties. principle of checks and balances, the principle of equal opportunity for public service, and the principle of meritocracy can be undermined when we have a political dynasty, and when we say political dynasty, it's almost equivalent to a concentration of power."

Mazo emphasized importance political maturity among electorate, wherein candidates are placed elected based on their qualifications and not on their affiliations.

"It's always two things: those who are running and those who are voting. Now, if the people are politically aware, they won't vote for individuals running simply based on their affiliation with families or political dynasties. If they know who is qualified, despite their affiliations, they will vote for the qualified ones." The 2019 National and Local Elections placed a spotlight on political families where 80 percent of elected candidates were related to incumbent officials, and 67 percent of members of the Congress had family members who were already in government.

Political maturity, or the ability to take an informed approach when participating in political activities such as elections, also contributes to the survival of political dynasties.

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For the Center for Civic Education, a non-profit organization based in the United States, democracies like the Philippines place the ultimate authority in the people from which the government derives its right to government from their consent through elections. Government powers are limited by law and a written or unwritten constitution in which those in power obey.

"Political dynasties prevail because we allow them to prevail.

The choice is ours because the people are sovereign, and it's people who have the power to change the political landscape of the country."

Mazo further that public service requires competence, principles, and values among its workers-regardless if they are continuing a dynasty or challenging one. (PB/ PIA4A)

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DST Cavite's 2nd <<

2025, in Indang, the DOST-Cavite team, alongside their pentahelix partners, continued their grassroots engagement by conducting interviews with innovators. In Maragondon, notable innovators included Ms. Rowena A. Nuesca of members of the Taste,

Jaypee S. Igos representing the DTI Shared Service Facility for bamboo, and Mr. Jerson Angat, a traditional "sapatis" maker. Meanwhile, in Magallanes, the team engaged with

Entrepreneurship (TIKME) Food Producers Association. Featured innovators were Ms. Amilyn H. Hierco, known for her sweetened buko with "kayumanis," Ms. Marinell C. George, a "bignay" cider producer, and Ms. Delia

Habing Maragondon, Mr. Indulge, Know, Magallanes J. Balogna, creator of the native delicacy "tilbok." This continued effort underscores DOST-Cavite's commitment to bring relevant science and technology solutions closer to the grassroots, nurturing innovation that communities across Cavite.

Bacoor City win

of Hon. Strike B. Revilla, the a testament to the city's city's Accounting Office led by Atty. Marvie Kate T. Encarnado, CPA—played a crucial role in securing this

Their outstanding work culminated in Bacoor earning an unmodified Commission on Audit (COA) opinion on its 2023 financial statements,

transparency and exemplary financial management.

The award was formally presented on May 20, 2025, at the Iloilo Convention Center in Iloilo City, recognizing Bacoor's dedication to excellence in public service and governance.

This recognition not

affirms Bacoor's position as a model city in government accountability but also inspires continued efforts to maintain and surpass these high standards.

City officials and staff celebrated this milestone, acknowledging the teamwork and discipline that made it possible. The City Government Bacoor remains committed to upholding the ideals of PHALGAprofessionalism, integrity, transparency-as it continues to serve its community with excellence. Source: PHALGA Awards, May 20, 2025

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Lido Cocina's Soft Opening Showcases Bacoor's Support for Local Business



Bacoor City, May 20, 2025 - Lido Cocina, a new Chinese-style asado restaurant located in Barangay Mambog IV, recently held a highly successful soft opening that drew significant attention and support from local government officials and community members alike. The event was marked by the presence of key Bacoor City officials, including Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, Councilor Adriel Gawaran, Councilor-elect Udoy Brillantes, SK President Palm Angel Buncio, and Dra. Cristina Alberto. They joined Ms. Annie

Wong, the owner of Lido Cocina, in celebrating this important milestone in the city's growing culinary scene.

The strong turnout of city leaders at the event underscores Bacoor's deep commitment to fostering local entrepreneurship and nurturing homegrown businesses. Their active participation sent a clear message to the community about the vital role local establishments play in strengthening the city's economy and creating employment opportunities for residents. Lido Cocina's opening not only introduces a fresh

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security. Vilma Menezes was one of the first senior citizens who waited outside the covered court at Barangay Salitran III.

Her breakfast in hand, Vilma did not mind waiting for an hour outside of the covered court. In fact, she was the first to stand up when the caretaker opened the gates that divided her and the other residents from the big sacks of rice to be sold on Friday, May 16.

Vilma was one of the many residents who availed of the P20 Rice Program, purchasing 10 kilos of rice enough to feed her family of five when combined with the rice her bedridden husband also bought.

"I left my husband at home to buy rice. I am very thankful to the organizers. I hope that there will be more [P20 rice programs] where we can buy [affordable] rice."

Dubbed 'Benteng Bigas Meron Na', the P20 rice program is part of the Marcos Jr. administration's bid to make rice more affordable especially to the vulnerable sector, including senior citizens, Persons With Disability (PWD), and pregnant mothers.

Jennifer Ibayan, City Agriculturist, said they were prepared to cater to the senior citizens who needed more assistance.

"Barangay Salitran 3 is just a sample where a lot of residents wanted to avail the P20 rice. We are expecting to make stops at other

barangays in the coming weeks, if we have rice to

Raul Valles, barangay captain of Barangay Salitran III, said there are more than 2,500 residents who are part of the vulnerable sector in their community: of which 2,000 are senior citizens, more than 100 solo parents, and more than 400 PWDs.

Valles, microphone, announced that they will prioritize their residents and will cater other barangays once they are sure that his kabarangays have bought rice for their families.

"There are already more than 2,000 senior citizens in our barangay alone. I think we would not be able to cater to everyone if we will also cater to those from other

barangays," Valles admitted.

Barangay Salitran III has prepared for the expected influx of residents who will buy the P20 rice, barangay peacekeepers to keep the lines organized. Barangay Health Workers and emergency medical personnel were also on standby in case senior citizens needed their assistance.

lupong tagapamayapa, our medics, BHWs, and tanod are on standby outside to assist in managing the traffic flow around this place."

According to City Agriculturist Office, Barangay Salitran 3 was the first among the many barangays in the city to host the P20 Rice Program. (PB/

PGC honors top offices << P1

Carpet: Better Movement in a Bagong Pilipinas," this celebration is a testament to the dedication of individuals departments challenges into innovative solutions and bureaucratic into efficient

Governor Athena Bryana D. Tolentino personally led the recognition ceremony right after the PGC flagraising ceremony. In her the Governor her heartfelt congratulations to all the awardees, expressing her delight that many employees recognized been their outstanding performance and dedication. She also emphasized that the core of public service lies in a unified mission - that is to serve for the betterment of fellow Caviteños and the

recognized offices is the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian (OPV) with impressive 2,584

commendations, a reflection the provincial government. their unwavering dedication animal welfare and public health. The Provincial Information Communications Technology (PICTO) followed with 257 commendations, highlighting their crucial role in advancing digital governance and transparency.

The Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) ranked third with commendations, nod to their continued efforts in steering impactful governance. Completing the Top 5 are Kawit Kalayaan Hospital, which garnered 70 commendations, and two offices tied in fifth place— Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (OPPDC) and Doña Olivia Salamanca Memorial Hospital, each earned 15 commendations.

On the Leading the roster of hand, this year's most commended frontliners have demonstrated exemplary service and compassion, inspiring their peers across

At the top of the list is Dr. Kristine Roraldo from the OPV with a remarkable 1,145 commendations, followed by Dr. Gladys Credo with commendations, and Dr. Gerry Romen with 357 commendations, all of whom play critical roles in animal and public health services.

From PICTO, Frederick Sayoc and Ms. Maria Isidra Bergunder received and 87 commendations, respectively, for outstanding service ensuring seamless digital solutions, while Ms. Diwani Durano (30 commendations) and Ms. Maria Arianna Camille Dela Cruz (29 commendations) likewise recognized for their dedicated support.

From OPG, Ms. Tricia May Lorio, Ms. Rachel Mae Morancil and Ms. Mary Joy Alano earned 48, 47 and 27 commendations, respectively, for consistent delivery responsive public service.

Awardees

identified based on the Client Satisfaction Survey Report for the year 2024 derived through the Client Feedback Mechanism of the PGC which covers 38 offices. Under the mechanism, the Customer Satisfaction Survey Form serves as a survey tool to appraise the services received by clients while Customer Commendation Form evaluates the personnel who rendered the service providing commendation.

feedback The mechanism not only caters to commendation but also facilitates complaints, should there be any dissatisfaction emanating from the clients during their transaction in any office of the provincial government.

The recognition ceremony highlights the provincial government's ongoing mission institutionalize ease of doing business, improve frontline services, and build a Bagong Pilipinas that prioritizes the welfare of every Caviteño .---OPIO

culinary option with its unique Chinese-style asado dishes but also contributes to the vibrancy and economic health of Barangay Mambog IV and Bacoor as a whole.

Vice Mayor Mendiola and other officials emphasized that supporting local businesses like Lido Cocina is essential to the city's sustained growth and prosperity. By encouraging residents to patronize local establishments, the city government aims to build a thriving business environment where entrepreneurs can succeed and the community can benefit from diverse dining and service options. Ms. Annie Wong expressed gratitude for the warm reception and the support of city officials and customers alike, pledging to deliver excellent food and service as Lido Cocina establishes itself as a culinary destination in Bacoor. The Bacoor City government congratulates Ms. Wong and the entire Lido Cocina team on their successful soft opening and looks forward to seeing the restaurant flourish in the months and years to come. The city urges all Bacooreños to continue supporting Lido Cocina and other local businesses that drive the community's economic well-being. Source: Bacoor City Government, May 20, 2025

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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

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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Jubilee Door Opens Hope at Bacoor City Jail

Bacoor City Jail marked a meaningful moment with the opening of the Jubilee Door during the Jubilee 2025: Year of Hope celebration, held at the Male and Female Dormitories. The event was led by Most Rev. Oscar Jaime L. Florencio, DD, SThD, Bishop of the Military Ordinariate of the Philippines, who also officiated the Holy Eucharist. This special occasion symbolized renewed hope and new beginnings for 13 Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) given a second chance in life. ceremony

graced by key figures such as JSSupt Rev Fr. Juan B. Buban, Chief of the BJMP Chaplaincy Service Office, Hon. Lani Mercado-Revilla, 2nd District Representative of Cavite, and Hon. Pam Buncio, SK President of Bacoor City. The event was organized under the leadership of JCSupt Hilbert M. Flor. MPSA, Regional Director of the BJMP CALABAR-ZON, with strong support from Bacoor City Jail wardens JSupt Christopher R. Penilla, MM, EMDRCM, PhD, CESE (Male Dormitory), JCInsp Atty. Analiza G.

Foster (Female Dormitory), and Regional Chaplain JSupt Rev Fr. Angelo Benjamin C.

The Jubilee Door opening is part of a broader spiritual and rehabilitative program aimed at inspiring hope, transformation, and reintegration for inmates. This milestone reinforces Bacoor City Jail's commitment to compassion and rehabilitation, offering PDLs the opportunity to turn their lives around and contribute positively to society. Source: BJMP Regional Office CAL-ABARZON, May 2025



Tribute Honors Former Councilor Normita Del Rosario-Celestino

Bacoor City, 8, 2025 - The City Government of Bacoor held a heartfelt Luksang Parangal recenyly to commemorate the life and lasting legacy of former Councilor Normita Del Rosario-Celestino. The solemn event drew family members, relatives, friends, and community members who gathered to pay their respects and celebrate the impactful contributions of the late councilor. Mayor Strike B. Revilla led the ceremony, expressing deep appreciation for Councilor Del Rosario's unwavering commitment to public service and her enduring dedication to the welfare of Bacoor's residents. Alongside him were Councilor Karen Sarino Evaristo, SK President Palm Angel Buncio, Kuya Noly Galvez, Pastor Mike Bautista, Atty.



the Office for Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA), and Ms. Khei Sanchez, Head of the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office (LEDIPO). Each speaker shared heartfelt stories and personal memories, illustrating Councilor Del Rosario's kindness, leadership, and passion for community development.

ute but also as a reminder of the positive impact one dedicated public servant can have on a city. Attendees reflected on her numerous initiatives that improved the lives of Bacoor's citizens and pledged to continue her vision for a better community. The event was a touching celebration of a life devoted to service and a call to honor

Pastor Mike Bautista, Atty. The Luksang Parangal her legacy through ongoing Venus De Castro, Head of served not only as a trib-commitment to public good. **Proclamation of winning candidates** in Cavite successfully held



The Province of Cavite officially concluded its provincial canvassing and proclamation of winning candidates on May 13, 2025, at the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session Hall, Legislative Building in Trece Martires City. The Provincial Board of Canvassers (PBOC), led by

Bacoor City Partners with Korea for Smart City Future



Bacoor City, May 19, 2025 – In a significant move toward modernization, Bacoor City warmly welcomed a delegation from South Korea to kickstart a collaboration focused on transforming Bacoor into a smart city. This initiative, organized by the City Government under Mayor Strike B. Revilla and led by the Local Economic Development and Investment Promotion Office (LEDIPO) headed by Ms. Khei Javier Sanchez, marks a promising chapter in Bacoor's development.

The Korean delegation included experts from KIND (Nojun Park, Heain Lee), RMS (Yunho Lee, Youmi Jeon, Hyeonhwa Sim, Junwon Sung), Dohwa (Hyeri Ko, Dongeui Kim, Euiwon Jeon), and Yonsei University (Kabsung Kim, Sangyun Lee, Jaegyu Jung). Their visit centered around a Living Lab workshop held at the Kalasag Conference Hall, where key city departments — including CPDC, Zoning, City Engineering, BDRRMO, CESD, BTMD, Livelihood, HUDRD, MIS/E-Governance, and CICRD — convened to discuss plans and strategies for Bacoor's smart city transformation.

The exchange of expertise and ideas during the workshop highlighted Bacoor's commitment to innovation and sustainable urban development. The collaboration with Korea Overseas Infrastructure & Urban Development Corporation (KIND) will continue through various activities from May 19 to 22, 2025. As part of their visit, the Korean team also paid a courtesy call on Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola and conducted ocular inspections of several departments within the Bacoor Government Center.

This partnership represents a crucial step forward for Bacoor City's modernization efforts, bringing advanced technologies and urban solutions closer to the community, and positioning Bacoor as a model for smart city development in the region. Source: Bacoor City Government, May 19, 2025

Chairperson Atty, Mitzele Veron L. Morales-Castro, Provincial Election Supervisor IV, along with Provincial Prosecutor Vivian M. Rojo, and Dr. Rosemarie D. Torres, School Division Superintendent, presided over the final proceedings of the vote canvassing and the proclamation ceremony. The event marked the successful and peaceful culmination of the electoral process in the province. Candidates declared winners were formally announced after the completion of canvassing results, following the guidelines and procedures set by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC). Family members, supporters, and local government officials witnessed the proclamation, signifying the democratic exercise of the people's will in Cavite.

The PBOC extended its gratitude to all election personnel, volunteers, law enforcement agencies, and Caviteños for ensuring a smooth, orderly, and credible election process.

The Provincial Government of Cavite remains steadfast in its commitment to public service and good governance. With the forthcoming transition to the newly-elected officials, the legacy of responsible leadership and dedicated service will continue—ensuring that the progress achieved will be sustained and further advanced for the benefit of all Caviteños. — OPIO