

DOH, PhilHealth welcome new acting heads



The Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) welcomed their new acting heads as the government moves to strengthen health care delivery and expand access to affordable medical services.

Dr. Edwin M. Mercado has assumed the post of DOH Acting Secretary, while Dr. Beverly Lorraine C. Ho has been named PhilHealth Acting President and Chief Executive Officer.

Their appointments mark a new chapter for the country's health sector, with both agencies expected to build on ongoing

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PEZA strengthens digital infrastructure in Cavite Ecozone

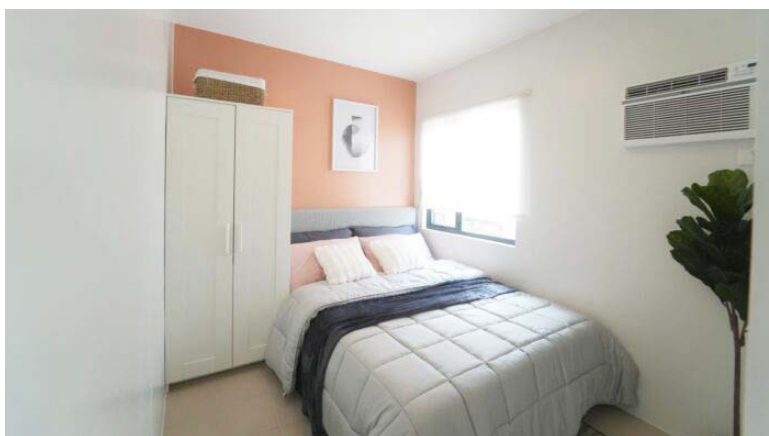
PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from PEZA-Cavite Economic Zone

ROSARIO, Cavite (PIA) — As one of the country's industrial hubs, the Cavite Economic Zone is enhancing its telecommunications and digital infrastructure to support the enterprises within it. Last July 30, the Philippine Economic Zone Authority-Cavite Economic Zone (PEZA-CEZ) signed a Memorandum of Agreement with InifiniVAN, Inc., for the enhancement of the telecommunications and digital infrastructure within the Cavite Economic Zone. According to PEZA-CEZ, the Agreement will allow the continued installation, operation, and maintenance of

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Avesta brings new chapter of 4PH housing to Cavite



The government's expanded Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino (4PH) program continues to gain ground as PH1 World Developers topped off the first tower of Avesta Residences in Imus, Cavite, marking a major construction milestone for the housing project.

The topping-off ceremony held last week signaled the completion of the structural

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OPPO Marks World Population Day 2026

The Office of the Provincial Population Officer (OPPO) led the celebration of World Population Day 2026 on July 23, 2026, at the Admin Function Hall of the New Provincial

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Cavite Career Caravan connects Ternate residents to jobs



TERNATE, Cavite — The Cavite Career Caravan (CCC) brought employment opportunities and essential government services closer to residents of Ternate, providing jobseekers access to local and

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DA backs investment in PH enoki mushroom facility in Cavite

By Stephanie Sevillano



The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Tuesday expressed its support for the country's first-ever modern enoki mushroom facility in Silang, Cavite. The department is advancing its "import substitution" policy by supporting the investment of the Filipino-owned and highly automated

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Meralco cuts August electricity rates by P0.0428/kWh

By Joann Villanueva



RATE REDUCTION. The Manila Electric Company (Meralco) on Monday (Aug. 10, 2026) announces a PHP0.0428 per kilowatt reduction in its power rate for the August 2026 billing period. Meralco officials said the reduction would have been higher if not for additional charges from their suppliers, such as for ancillary services, alternative gas use, and Feed-In Tariff Allowance (FIT All). (Grabbed from Meralco presentation)

Manila Electric Company (Meralco) customers will see a slight relief in their electricity bills this month as rates will drop by PHP0.0428 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) for the August 2026 billing cycle.

In a briefing Monday, Meralco spokesperson Joe Zaldarriaga said the August rate reduction would have reached around PHP0.5861/kWh if not for higher

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National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) ancillary services charges from the Reserve Market.

Other factors that reduced consumer savings include an Energy Regulation Commission-approved PHP0.1348/kWh hike in the green energy subsidy, and a PHP0.04/kWh rate increase

from Meralco power supplier First Gas/Prime CoreGen, which had to use more expensive alternative fuel due to the Malampaya gas shutdown.

Meralco Vice President and head of Utility Economics Lawrence Fernandez said First Gas/Prime CoreGen provided

around one-fifth of Meralco’s supply. “As a group, they’re the highest cost source of supply of Meralco and their charges to Meralco increased by around PHP0.8/kWh. But this was offset by charges, lower charges from the spot market of around PHP0.55,” Fernandez said in the same briefing.

Meanwhile, Zaldarriaga said their line personnel have been working 24/7 to repair power lines damaged by the bad weather for several days now, which affected around 198,000 customers mostly in Cavite, Rizal, Bulacan, and Metro Manila.

He said the number of customers experiencing power outages to date has dropped to around 38,000, expressing hope that electricity will be fully

restored once floodwaters subside. “We are not stopping. They are working, sometimes on double shifts.

At the end of the day, we just want to restore power as soon as possible,” he added. (PNA)

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overseas employers. A total of 61 jobseekers registered for the event, with three applicants hired on the spot.

The job fair featured 18 local employers and one overseas recruitment

agency, offering a combined 7,013 job vacancies across various industries. The wide range of opportunities allowed applicants to explore positions suited to their skills, qualifications,

and career goals. Aside from employment opportunities, the caravan also served as a one-stop shop for government services, assisting 210 clients through participating national government

agencies. The Cavite Career Caravan forms part of the Provincial Government of Cavite’s continuing efforts to expand employment opportunities, strengthen workforce development, and make essential public services more accessible to Caviteños. — OPIO

Avesta brings new chapter of 4PH

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framework of Tower 1, the first building in the multi-tower development.

Avesta Residences is PH1 World Developers’ first project under the government’s expanded 4PH program, which aims to address the country’s housing backlog through stronger cooperation between the public and private sectors.

“For both PH1 World Developers and Megawide Construction, the topping off after less than ten months from the start of construction conveys a clear message—we can deliver using our engineering expertise and precast technology,” Megawide Chairman and Chief Executive Edgar

Saavedra said.

“We have a long way to go, but it is always good to start on the right footing,” he added.

The milestone follows the Mega-Unit Draw for Tower 1 beneficiaries held at the New Imus City Hall in December 2025, reflecting the project’s progress from planning to actual construction.

PH1 World Developers President Gigi Alcantara said the company’s 4PH projects would not have moved forward without the support of its government partners and other stakeholders.

“We warmly welcome these types of private and public cooperation as we

push forward for more 4PH developments from PH1 and Megawide Construction,” Alcantara said.

Following Avesta Residences, PH1 World Developers has expanded its participation in the government’s housing program through additional projects in Dasmariñas and Bacoor in Cavite, as well

as Caloocan. The company said these developments will help increase the supply of affordable and accessible housing for Filipino families.

PH1 World Developers has a portfolio of vertical and horizontal housing projects, including Avesta Residences, Salinas-Bacoor, and the Dasmariñas project under the expanded 4PH program. Source: Manila Standard, “Avesta brings a new chapter of 4PH housing to Cavite,” August 9, 2026.

Medical Mission Serves 474 General Trias Residents



The Provincial Government of Cavite conducted a medical and dental mission on July 29, 2026, in Barangay San Francisco, General Trias City, providing essential healthcare services to 474 residents.

The outreach offered free medical consultations, dental services, fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, and electrocardiogram (ECG) examinations to promote disease prevention and improve community health. Patients also received free medicines and vitamins from the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) medical mission team.

The activity was made possible through the collaboration of healthcare professionals from GEAMH, AMIGA District Hospital, and Kawit Kalayaan Hospital, with support from the RHU Kawit dental team, Barangay Health Workers (BHWs), and barangay officials.

The medical mission reflects the Provincial Government’s continuing commitment to bringing accessible and quality healthcare services closer to Caviteños. Source: OPIO

PEZA strengthens digital infrastructure

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InifiniVAN’s fiber optic and telecommunications within the CEZ. It will also provide 100 Mbps of free internet services in a designated area. In a press release, PEZA assured the public that the agreement will follow their policies.

Lawyer Ross Vincent Sy, Administrator of PEZA-CEZ, during the MOA signing emphasized the importance of reliable digital connectivity in the

ecozone. Sy underscored that this will support business operations, attract investments, and strengthen the competitiveness of enterprises within the Cavite Economic Zone. Furthermore, Sy expressed his optimism that their partnership will contribute to a more connected, resilient, and investment-ready Cavite Economic Zone.

In a statement, PEZA reiterated its commitment

to improving infrastructure and advancing digital transformation within its economic zones.

“The MOA signing reflects PEZA-CEZ’s continuing commitment to forging strategic partnerships that improve infrastructure, enhance services for its stakeholders, and advance digital transformation within the Zone.” Industrial zones require a robust digital infrastructure such as fiber

networks, data connectivity, and data centers to ensure their economic viability and long-term sustainability. By strengthening its digital capabilities, these areas also attract high-tech locators and scale manufacturing capabilities.

As one of the economic and manufacturing hubs in the CALABARZON region, the Cavite CEZ is considered a prime location for businesses by offering a skilled labor force, modern infrastructure, and seamless integration to global supply chains.

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reforms and improve the delivery of health services to Filipino families.

The health agenda will continue to focus on promoting wellness, preventing disease,

strengthening primary care, and advancing zero-balance billing for facility-based care.

The DOH and PhilHealth also expressed their appreciation to Dr.

Jose “Brix” Pujalte for his dedicated service and contributions. They wished him strength and a full recovery as he focuses on his health and well-being.

With the two agencies

working together, the government aims to make health care more accessible, affordable and responsive, ensuring that Filipino families can receive the care they need without having to choose between getting treatment and meeting their daily financial needs.

OPPO Marks World Population Day

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Government Center in Trece Martires City.

Carrying the theme, “Realizing the Hopes and Aspirations of Young People for Their Futures,” the event highlighted the importance of investing in the well-being, rights, and opportunities

of young people as key contributors to sustainable development.

Provincial officials, partner agencies, youth organizations, educators, and other stakeholders participated in the celebration, which featured

inspirational messages, educational discussions, and activities that encouraged youth participation while promoting responsible population and development initiatives.

Through the activity, OPPO reaffirmed its

commitment to empowering the youth by advocating access to quality education, healthcare, livelihood opportunities, and informed decision-making. The celebration also underscored the shared responsibility of government and communities in creating an environment where young people can achieve their aspirations. Source: OPIO

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Bacoor Turns Over Two Elf Trucks to City Engineering Office

The City Government of Bacoor held the blessing and turnover of two Elf Trucks for the City Engineering Office, boosting the city's capability to deliver efficient public works and infrastructure services.

Organized by the Office of the General Services (GSO) headed by Mr. Agripino "Jeng" Pagdanganan Jr., the ceremony was led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola, and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod. Pastor Sam



Baldo officiated the blessing, while Engr. Robert San Jose formally received the vehicles on behalf of the City Engineering Office.

The new trucks, acquired under Mayor Revilla's directive, will improve the transport of personnel, equipment, and materials, supporting faster implementation of infrastructure and maintenance projects across the city. The additional service vehicles reflect the city's continued commitment to efficient operations and better public service for every Bacooreño.

ALS Graduates 25 PDLs in Cavite Jail



The Alternative Learning System (ALS) Graduation Ceremony was held on July 30, 2026, at the Cavite Provincial Jail in Trece Martires City, recognizing the academic achievements of 25 Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs).

The graduates included nine elementary completers and 16 junior high school completers, marking a significant milestone in their journey toward personal growth, rehabilitation, and successful reintegration into society.

The ceremony highlighted the role of education in equipping PDL learners with knowledge and life skills that can help them build a better future after their release. One of the program's highlights was the graduates' testimonials, in which they shared their experiences, challenges, and determination to pursue education despite the hardships of incarceration.

The event also recognized the support of the Cavite Provincial Jail administration, ALS implementers, educators, and partner agencies for making the educational program possible and ensuring continued access to learning opportunities for PDLs. The graduation reaffirmed the commitment of stakeholders to promote rehabilitation through education and provide individuals with a meaningful second chance to learn, grow, and contribute positively to society. Source: OPIO

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enoki mushroom facility under Basic Necessity Inc.

This is still in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to help boost investments in the agriculture sector, citing enoki mushroom as one of the country's export potential commodities during his fifth State of the Nation Address.

In a statement, DA Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. underscored the need for local expansion with the significant volume of domestic demand.

For the domestic market alone, the Philippines has an annual enoki mushroom import volume of more than 6,000 metric tons.

"We have a large domestic market that is still supplied by imports. Once local demand is met, we see opportunities to export to markets such as Singapore and the Middle East," he said.

In 2025, the Philippines imported 6,536 metric tons of fresh mushrooms, while import dependence

for formal commercial mushrooms stood at 95 percent.

For her part, Agriculture Undersecretary for High-Value Crops Cheryl Marie Caballero said import substitution through support in local enoki mushroom production can boost wider economic opportunities and job generation.

About 50 workers are expected to be employed while creating additional livelihood opportunities for farmers supplying agricultural biomass and other raw materials.

"This is not just about producing mushrooms. It is about building a local industry that creates jobs, supports farmers supplying agricultural biomass, and transforms materials that previously had little economic value into productive inputs," she said.

About 5 tons of agrowastes from corn cobs and rice hulls are used per week as mushroom substrates. Besides this, the

company's investment also led to the affordability of the local enoki mushroom, which is now sold at PHP29.75 at retail, much lower than the previous PHP80 per 200-gram level.

To date, the Silang facility integrates controlled-environment cultivation, processing, packing, cold storage and refrigerated distribution.

Its production is distributed to supermarkets, restaurants, hotels, institutional buyers and online grocery platforms, which improves freshness, food safety and product traceability.

Enoki mushroom, which has an emerging local popularity alongside its demand in Korean, Japanese, Chinese and hotpot cuisine, is considered to be a low-calorie, nutrient-dense food that seeks to help address malnutrition and under nutrition.

The University of the Philippines Los Baños, meanwhile, has highlighted

10 purple yams which stood out of the 188 greater yams (*Dioscorea alata*) accessions from farms and gene banks nationwide.

The institution has worked on the research as part of the country's efforts to boost the ube industry amid its emerging global presence.

Among the cited ones are Villasis 2 and Kinampay for their significant yield and flavor, respectively. Villasis 2 is considered as the yield champion, which can produce over 60 tons per hectare, while Kinampay remains as the gold standard for flavor. Other varieties excelled in aroma, color, or anthocyanins, the natural compounds behind ube's vivid hue and antioxidant punch.

These genetic mappings are considered beneficial for future varietal identification and certification.

For its part, the DA has earlier stated its intensifying efforts to support local ube farmers and advance appropriate Geographical Indication (GI) to boost global export opportunities for the industry. (PNA)

PGC Medical Mission Serves 597 GMA Residents



The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), conducted a medical and dental mission in Barangay Memije, GMA, benefiting 597 residents.

The outreach provided 425 medical consultations, 49 dental services, 100 fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, and 23 electrocardiogram (ECG) examinations, promoting disease prevention, early detection, and improved community health.

The activity was supported by Fifth District Board Members Ivey Jayne Reyes and Aidel Paul Belamide, Punong Barangay Laudimer R. Dela Cruz, Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), and volunteer caregivers.

The medical mission reflects the Provincial Government's continuing commitment to making quality healthcare services more accessible to communities across Cavite. Source: OPIO

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**IN RE: PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP
OVER THE PROPERTY OF MINOR
LAMARCUS ANDREI CARRIEDO VITAN
AND APPROVAL OF PARENTAL
GUARDIAN'S BOND UNDER ARTICLE 225
OF THE FAMILY CODE AND FOR
AUTHORITY TO SELL THE MINOR'S
UNDIVIDED SHARE IN REAL
PROPERTY,**

CASE NO. SP-C-GMA-2026-01

JOANNA MARIE CARRIEDO VITAN,
Petitioner.
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NOTICE OF HEARING

There is a petition filed by petitioner thru counsel for guardianship over the property of minor Lamarcus Andrei Carriedo Vitan and approval of parental guardian's bond under Article 225 of the Family Code and for authority to sell the minor's undivided share in real property on the grounds alleged therein.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT said petition has been set for hearing on **September 2, 2026 at 1:30 in the afternoon** before this Court, on which date, 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; and be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Carmona, Cavite.

Let a copy of this Notice and that of the petition be furnished the Office of the Solicitor General, Makati City; Local Civil Registrar of Carmona City, Cavite and the Philippine Statistics Authority, Quezon City.

WITNESS THE HONORABLE **NIVEN R. CANLAPAN**, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 13th day of July at Carmona, Cavite, Philippines.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES,
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(DPWH),
Plaintiff,

Civil Case No. 7522-24
For: Expropriation

- versus –

JUANA MATRO, FELIX DEL ROSARIO,
REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CAVITE CITY,
MUNICIPAL ASSESSOR OF KAWIT,
CAVITE, AND REVENUE DISTRICT
OFFICER OF REVENUE DISTRICT OFFICE
NO. 54-B OF THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL
REVENUE,
Defendants.

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SUMMONS
(By Publication)

TO: JUANA MATRO and FELIX DEL ROSARIO

GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2024, plaintiff, thru counsel, filed a Complaint which reads as follows:

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COMPLAINT

Plaintiff **REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**, represented by the **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH)**, through the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG), respectfully states:

THE PARTIES

1. Plaintiff is a sovereign political entity with capacity to sue and is vested with power and authority to condemn private property for public use upon payment of just compensation. Plaintiff is represented herein by the DPWH, the construction arm of the government and the agency mandated to undertake the planning of infrastructure, such as national roads and bridges, flood control, water resources projects, and other public works, as well as the design, construction, and maintenance thereof.

2. Plaintiff may be served with court processes through its statutory counsel,the OSG, at 134 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City. Pursuant to the 2019Revised Rules on Civil Procedure, Plaintiff likewise manifests its consent to be served through the OSG's official e-mail address: efile@osg.gov.ph. For this purpose, only pleadings, motions, notices, orders, judgments, and other court submissions transmitted to the official e-mail address until 5:00 p.m. of any working day will be considered officially served on said day, and any e-mail received beyond said time will be considered served only on the next working day.

3. Private defendants **Juana Matro** and **Felix del Rosario** are the purported owners of the subject land, crops and trees and are residing at Brgy. Toclong,Kawit, Cavite where they may be served with summons and other court processes.

4. Public defendant **Register of Deeds of Cavite City**, the officer charged with the duty, inter alia, of registering instruments dealing with or affecting real property, is impleaded herein as a nominal party. He/she holds office at Brgy 62-A, J.Ibanez St., Canacao Bay Samonte Park, Cavite City, where he/she may be served with summons and other court processes.

5. Public defendant **Municipal Assessor of Kawit**, Cavite, the officer charged with the duty of, among others, maintaining a system for real property identification and accounting for taxation purposes, is likewise impleaded as a nominal party. He/she holds office at the Municipal Hall of Kawit, Centennial Road, Batong Dalig, Kawit, Cavite, where he/she may be served with summons and other judicial processes.

6. Public defendant **Revenue District Officer of Revenue**

District Office (RDO) No. 54-B of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), the officer charged with the duty to identify the appropriate zonal valuation of the affected properties as well as the timely collection of appropriate taxes due to the intended conveyance of the property, is likewise impleaded herein as a nominal party. He/she holds office at Ground Floor, Lokal Mall Centennial Road, Magdalo Potol, Kawit, Cavite,where he/she may be served with summons and other court processes.

ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE CAUSE/S OF THE ACTION

7. To provide an efficient, fast, and safe road network and to spur national economic development, particularly in the provinces of Cavite and Laguna,Plaintiff is implementing the construction of the **CAVITE-LAGUNA EXPRESSWAY PROJECT (CALAX PROJECT)** from Kawit, Cavite to Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

8. Pursuant to its rights under Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10752, the DPWH is implementing the construction of the CALAX Project which runs through the provinces of Cavite and Laguna to provide faster and more comfortable travel to the motoring public.

8.1 The CALAX Project will serve as a necessary link between the Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) and South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) connecting the traffic-congested areas of Municipality of Kawit, Imus City, Dasmarinas City,and Municipality of Silang in Cavite to Santa Rosa and Binan Cities in Laguna.

8.2 The implementation of the CALAX Project will pave the way for further socio-economic development, particularly the improvement and streamlining of travel, transportation, and delivery of goods; alleviation of traffic congestion in the Provinces of Cavite and Laguna; and introduction of employment opportunities.

9. The construction of the CALAX Project necessitates the immediate acquisition of properties within the Provinces of Cavite and Laguna.

10. In this regard, an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) has been secured from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for the CALAX Project.

11. The property sought to be expropriated consists of a parcel of land under the name of Juana Matro et al. stated in the Tax Declaration No.11-0012011745which referred to the subject land (subject land). It is particularly described as follows:

OWNER	TAX DEC. NO.	TOTAL LAND AREA	AFFECTED AREA	ZONAL VALUE PER SQM.	TOTAL ZONAL VALUE OF THE AFFECTED AREA
Juana Matro and Felix Del Rosario	11-0012-11745	30,212 sqm	3,156 sqm	Php11,000.00/sq.m	Php34,716,000.00

12. The subject land is identified as Lot No. 3864 and its location is indicated by the shaded portion of the parcellary plan.

13. The subject land contains several crops and trees tilled by Juana Matro,Felix Del Rosario who is also from Brgy. Toclong, Kawit, Cavite:

TCT NO.	PRODUC-TIVITY CLASSIFICA-TION / IMPROVE-MENTS	AREA AFFECTED (sqm) / NUMBER (per pc.)	REMARKS	UNIT COST OF IM-PROVE-MEN TS as per PAC, PAO and PSA	SUB-TOTAL (PHP)	TOTAL REPLACE-MENT COST (PHP)
O - 20140 0264	BANANA (NON-BEARING)	20.00		165.00	3,300.00	142,980.77
	CARABAO MANGO (50 YEARS)	1.00		38,000.00	38,000.00	
	CARABAO MANGO (40 YEARS)	1.00		31,750.42	31,750.42	
	CARABAO MANGO (25 YEARS)	1.00		23,000.00	23,000.00	
	CARABAO MANGO (5 YEARS)	1.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	
	INDIAN MANGO (15 YEARS)	2.00		12,572.14	25,142.28	5,500.00
	INDIAN MANGO (20 YEARS)	1.00		15,786.07	15,786.07	
	DUHAT (EARLY BEARING)	1.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	
	CALAMANSI (EARLY BEARING)	1.00		500.00	500.00	
	TAMA-RIND(EARLY BEARING)	2.00		1,000.00	2,000.00	
	GUAVA (EARLY BEARING)	1.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	

TOTAL P 148,480.77

14. Plaintiff seeks to expropriate 3,156 sq.m. of the subject land as it will be needed for the implementation of the CALAX Project.

15. The subject land has neither been devoted to nor expropriated for any public use and is indispensable in implementing the CALAX Project. It was selected by Plaintiff in a manner compatible with the greatest public good and with the least injury to private property.

16. Plaintiff, through Letters received on 02 June 2020 and 06 February 2020, offered to purchase the plants and trees and the subject lot for an amount based on their appraised value. However, as of date, private defendant failed to produce the relevant supporting documents that would warrant a negotiated sale.

17. Being a flagship and high-priority infrastructure project of the National Government, the issuance of a writ of possession to facilitate Plaintiff's immediate entry into the subject land to promptly begin the implementation of the CALAX Project is of utmost urgency.

18. The prompt implementation of the CALAX Project is significant and urgent as it will alleviate metro-traffic congestion, and,

in effect, boost the economy by improving trade and delivery of goods between the Provinces of Cavite and Laguna.

19. Thus, the National Government has allocated funds for the acquisition of the right-of-way of properties to facilitate the implementation of the CALAX Project.

ALLEGATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A WRIT OF POSSESSION

20. For the issuance of a writ of possession, Plaintiff shall deposit a sum equivalent to the amount specified in Section 6 of R.A. No. 10752 and Section 7(a)of its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), for the benefit of the person or entity entitled thereto as may be adjudged by the Honorable Court in the proceeding.

21. Section 6 of R.A. No. 10752 provides:

SECTION 6. Guidelines for Expropriation Proceedings. -Whenever it is necessary to acquire real property for the right-of-way site or location infrastructure for any national government infrastructure through expropriation, the appropriate implementing agency, through the Office of the Solicitor General, the Office of the Government Corporate Counsel, or their deputized government or private legal counsel, shall immediately initiate the expropriation proceedings before the proper court under the following guidelines:

(a) Upon thefiling of the complaint or at any time thereafter,and after due notice to the defendant, the implementing agency shall immediately deposit to the court in favor of the owner the amount equivalent to the sum of:

(1) **One hundred percent (100%) of the value of the land based on the current relevant zonal valuation of the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) issued not more than three (3) years prior to the filing of the expropriation complaint subject to subparagraph (c) of this section;**

(2) The replacement cost at current market value of the improvements and structures as determined by:

(i) The implementing agency;
(ii) A government financial institution with adequate experience in property appraisal; and
(iii) An independent property appraiser accredited by the BSP.

(3) The current market value of crops and trees located within the property as determined by a government financial institution or an independent property appraiser to be selected as indicated in subparagraph (a) of Section 5 hereof.

Upon compliance with the guidelines shall abovementioned, the court shall immediately issue to the implementing agency an order to take possession of the property and start the implementation of the project.

If, within seven (7) working days after the deposit to the court of the amount equivalent to the sum under subparagraphs (a)(1) to (a)(3) of this section,the court has not issued to the implementing agency a writ of possession for the affected property, the counsel of the implementing agency shall immediately seek from the court the issuance of the writ of possession. The court shall issue the writ of possession ex parte; no hearing shall be required.

The court shall release the amount to the owner upon presentation of sufficient proofs of ownership. [...]

22. Relatedly, Office of the Court Administrator Circular No. 113-2019 clarified the mandatory issuance of the writ of possession upon deposit of the check, viz .:

2.Ministerial and immediate issuance of the writ of possession within seven (7) working days upon the deposit to the court of the amount equivalent to the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the value of the land based on the current relevant zonal valuation of the BIR issued not more than three (3) years prior to the filing of the expropriation complaint[.]

23.In addition, Section 2, Rule 67 of the Rules of Courtstates:

Sec. 2. Entry of Plaintiff upon depositing value with authorized government depository.

[...]

After such deposit is made the court shall order the sheriff or other proper officer to forthwith place the Plaintiff in possession of the property involved and promptly submit a report thereof to the court with service of copies to the parties."

23. Apropos, pursuant to the foregoing guidelines, the DPWH will deposit to the Office of the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court in Imus City, the amount of Thirty-Four MillionSeven Hundred Sixteen Thousand Pesos (P34,716,000.00) as evidenced by Landbank Check No. 842826, whichn is equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of the value of the subject land based on the current relevant Zonal valuation of the BIR. The said treasury check will be issued in the name of the Office of the Clerk of Court of the Regional Trial Court, Imus City, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

24. Pursuant to the same guidelines, Plaintiff also intends to deposit with the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court in Imus City the amount of One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Pesos and Seventyy Seven Centavos (P148,480.77) in the form of a treasury check to be duly issued by the Landbank of the Philippines which amount is equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of the value of the appraised value of the crops and trees. Said check will be issued in the name of the Office

of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court in Imus City, pursuant to OCA Circular No. 113-2019.

25. Verily, the Government's right to take immediate possession of the subject land, upon compliance with the above-quoted requirements, has long been settled in Robern Development Corporation v. Quitain, thus:

With the revision of the Rules, the trial court's issuance of the Writ of Possession becomes ministerial, once the provisional compensation mentioned in the 1997Rule is deposited. Thus, in the instant case, the trial court did not commit grave abuse of discretion when it granted the NPC's Motion for Issuance of the Writ,despite the absence of hearing on the amount of the provisional deposited.

26. In SMI Development Corporation v. Republic of the Philippines, the Supreme Court Reiterated the rule that the issuance of a writ of possession becomes ministerial once compliance with the requirements is made, thus:

Under the foregoing Section, **the Republic is entitled to a writ of possession, once the provisional compensation mentioned therein is deposited.** We refer again to Reborn for authority:

"With the revision of the Rules, the trial court's issuance of the Writ of Possession becomes ministerial once the provisional compensation mentioned in the 1997 Rules is deposited."

27. Further in the case of National Power Corporation v. Hon. E.T. Jocson, et al.,the Supreme Court held:

P.D. No. 42, however, effectively removes the discretion of the court in determining the provisional value. What is to be deposited is an amount equivalent to the assessed value for taxation purposes. No hearing is required for that purpose. All that is needed is notice to the owner of the property sought to be condemned.
[...]
In any event, petitioner deposited the provisional value fixed by the court. As a matter of right, it was entitled to be placed in possession of the property involved in the complaints at once, pursuant to both Section 2 of Rule 67 and P.D. No. 42. Respondent Court had the corresponding duty to forthwith place petitioner in such possession.

28. Furthermore, it is imperative for the protection of the Government's interest vis-à-vis its real rights over the subject land that the corresponding writ of possession be entered in the Primary Entry Book of the Registry of Deeds of Cavite and, thereafter, annotated in the space provided in its Registration Book,pursuant to Section 69 of Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 1529, otherwise known as the Property Registration Decree, which states:

Section 69. Attachments. - An attachment, or a copy of any writ, order or process issued by a court of record, intended to create or preserve any lien, status, right, or attachment upon registered land, shall be filled and registered in the Registry of Deeds for the province or city in which the land lies, and, in addition to the particulars required in such papers for registration, shall contain a reference to the number of the certificate of title to be affected and the registered owner or owners thereof, and also if the attachment, order, process or lien is not claimed on all the land in any certificate of title a description sufficiently accurate for identification of the land or interest intended to be affected. A restraining order,injunction or mandamus issued by the court shall be entered and registered on the certificate of title affected, free of charge.

29. Finally, to ensure that the subject land is free from any statutory lien, it is necessary that whoever will be adjudged as

entitled to the amounts deposited by Plaintiff be required to present proof of payment of the corresponding realty and other taxes before the Honorable court orders its release.

SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTARY EXHIBITS

30. In compliance with Section 6, Rule 7 of the Amended Rules of Civil Procedure, Plaintiff hereby attaches the following documents:

EXHIBIT	DOCUMENT
A	Environmental Compliance Certificate No. ECC-CO-1707-0012
B	Tax Declaration No.11-0012-11745
C	RDO Certification dated September 15,2022
D	Parcellary Plan
E	Subdivision Plan
F	Letter offer for the affected area of the subject lot
G	Letter offer for the affected area of the trees and crops
H	Special Allotment Release Order No. BMB-A-18-0009874 dated 25April 2018
I	OCA Circular No. 113-2019 dated 16 July 2019
J	Copy of Landbank South Harbor Check No. 842826 dated 04 June 2024
K	Judicial Affidavit of Engineer IV Cyrus Cesar A. Pasicolan

SUMMARY OF WITNESS' TESTIMONY

31. Further, attached is the Judicial Affidavit of Engineer IV Cyrus Cesar A.Pasicolan. Engineer Pasicolan will testify with respect to the overall project implementation and acquisition of the subject lot, as well as for the purpose of identifying relevant documents related to the planning, site identification, and status of the CALAX Project, among others.

32. Plaintiff reserves the right to present additional and/ or substitute documentary and testimonial evidence, as may be necessary, during the course of the proceedings.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed that:

- Plaintiff be **AUTHORIZED**, by proper order or writ, to take immediate possession, control, and disposition of the subject land and crops and trees, be allowed to implement the CALAX Project thereon upon deposit with the Office of the Clerk of Court, Regional Trial Court of Imus City, of the sums equivalent to the amount specified in Section 7(a) of the IRR of R.A. No. 10752, and in such case,the Office of the Clerk of Court be **ORDERED** to safekeep and release the same to whoever will be adjudged as entitled to the same, subject to clearance from the Plaintiff upon the satisfaction of its proof of ownership;
- The Register of Deeds of Cavite City be likewise **DIRECTED** to enter the Writ of Possession in the Primary Entry Book and annotate the same in its Registration Book, pursuant to Section 69 of P.D. No. 1529;
- After due notice and hearing, an Order of Expropriation be **ISSUED** declaring that Plaintiff has a lawful right to expropriate the subject land free from all liens and encumbrances whatsoever, for the public use and purpose described above, upon payment of just compensation;
- Upon the issuance of the aforementioned Order of Expropriation, an Order be **ISSUED** appointing three (3) competent and disinterested persons as commissioners to ascertain the just compensation to be paid for the subject land and report the same to the Honorable Court;
- A Judgment of Expropriation be **RENDERED**, condemning the subject land free from all liens and encumbrances whatsoever, for the public use and purpose herein set forth;
- The BIR RDO No 54-B be **DIRECTED** to issue the necessary

documents to the Register of Deeds of Cavite City for the registration and transfer of the affected area of the subject land;

7. The Municipal Assessor of Kawit be **DIRECTED** to cancel **Tax Declaration No.11-0012-11745** issued over the subject land;

8. The Register of Deeds of Cavite City be **DIRECTED** issue new Certificate of Title covering the affected portion of the subject land in the name of Plaintiff.

9. Private defendant be **ORDERED** to return to Plaintiff whatever amount it may have received in excess of the just compensation finally determined by the Honorable Court.

Such further or other forms of relief as may be deemed just andequitable under the premises are likewise prayed for.

Makati City for Imus City, Cavite, 20 August 2024.

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WHEREAS, on June 22, 2026, plaintiff through the Office of the Solicitor General filed a Motion for Leave of Court to Serve Summons by Publications which this Court granted in its Order dated July 15,2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, you are hereby required to file before this Court, within thirty (30) days from the last date of publication of this Summons, your Answer to the Complaint.

WITNESS the HONORABLE AMABEL B. ROBLES-BUENALUZ, Presiding Judge of this Court, this July 20, 2026 at Imus City, Cavite.

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Bacoor Youth Complete 3-Day LEGO Mindstorms Robotics Workshop



Seven young students completed the three-day LEGO® Mindstorms Programming Workshop at the Bacoor Clubhouse, where they learned the basics of robotics and coding through hands-on activities. Using SCRATCH programming, participants built, programmed, and tested their LEGO® Mindstorms robots, developing STEM skills, teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving while completing interactive challenges.

The City Government of Bacoor thanked Mayor Strike B. Revilla for supporting programs that empower the youth through technology and innovation. The Bacoor Clubhouse, an after-school learning facility, offers free access to computers and the internet, musical instruments, LEGO® Mindstorms programming, and Virtual Reality. Free membership is open to youth ages 10 to 17. The facility is located in Brgy. Sinbanali, beside Bacoor Elementary School and Alima Health Center.

PGC Medical Mission Serves 490 Naic Residents



The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) conducted a medical and dental mission in Barangay Sabang, Naic, on July 31, 2026, bringing essential healthcare services to 490 residents. The outreach provided 329 medical consultations, 53 dental services, 75 fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, and 33 electrocardiogram (ECG) examinations, helping promote disease prevention, early detection, and improved community health.

The activity was carried out by the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) medical team and the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG), in collaboration with Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) and barangay officials, whose support ensured the successful delivery of services.

The medical mission reflects the Provincial Government's continuing commitment to making quality healthcare more accessible and improving the health and well-being of Caviteños. Source: OPIO

Alfonso LGU to provide rice aid to all households

By Patricia Bermudez

ALFONSO, Cavite (PIA) – Reeling from the effects of tropical cyclones Luis, Maymay and the southwest monsoon (Habagat), the Municipal Government of Alfonso is providing residents with a much-needed rice assistance.

Last August 11, Mayor Randy Salamat announced the local government’s plan to provide all households with rice assistance for their residents.

To recall, the entire province of Cavite was placed under a State of Calamity due to the widespread impacts of the succession of weather disturbances. Salamat assured that all residents, regardless of their financial status, will receive aid from the local government.

“Ngayon pong nasa ilalim tayo ng State of Calamity, maglalaan po ang Pamahalaang Bayan ng Alfonso ng bigas para sa lahat. Wala po “sana all” dahil para sa lahat po ito ng households, ano man po ang estado ng buhay at trabaho.”

Although the municipal government will ensure that every household will receive rice relief, Salamat reminded the public that they will only set aside a portion of their fund, adding preparations for any emergency that may arise in the coming months.

“Hindi po natin lalahatin ang pondong nakalaan sa buong taon para sa kalamidad na dala ng Bagyong Luis, Maymay, at ng Habagat. Hindi po natin masasabi kung kailan



lilitaw ang insidente kaya’t mahalaga po na manatiling may nakalaan pa rin in case of other emergencies.”

The Sangguniang Panlalawigan has earlier approved a declaration placing the Province of

Cavite under a state of calamity following the onslaught of Habagat and tropical cyclones Luis and Maymay. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from Mayor Randy Salamat)

PGC Builds Resettlement Community Leaders

On August 5, 2026, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Provincial Housing Development and Management Office (PHDMO), conducted Day 2 of the “Lead and Inspire: Capability Building for the Leaders of the Provincial Government Resettlement Project” at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

Resource speaker Ms. Sheryll Loyola, Development



Management Officer IV of the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO), discussed leadership, community management, and the roles and responsibilities of homeowners’ association (HOA) officers and block leaders. She emphasized effective leadership, communication, accountability, teamwork, and sound decision-making in addressing community concerns.

Provincial Administrator Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia expressed his support for the program and appreciation to the participants for their active participation and commitment to strengthening their leadership skills.

Representing PHDMO Department Head Ms. Karen Camanag-Tupas, Ms. Jerela Bielle A. Austria, Housing and Homesite Regulation Officer I, thanked the participants for their cooperation, effort, and time. She emphasized that their active involvement helps strengthen community leadership and build better-managed and more responsive resettlement communities.

The session concluded with an interactive question-and-answer portion, where participants shared experiences, raised concerns, and exchanged practical insights on addressing leadership challenges in their communities. —OPIO

Cavite Medical Mission Serves 1,004 in Dasmariñas

On August 7, 2026, a total of 1,004 patients benefited from the Provincial Government of Cavite’s Medical and Dental Mission held in Barangay Fatima I, Dasmariñas City. The activity provided medical consultations, dental services, FBS testing, ECG procedures, and prescribed medicines, which were distributed to patients as needed. The mission was made possible through the joint efforts of the GEAMH, CarSiGMA, and OPG medical mission teams, with the assistance of Barangay Health Workers (BHWs). Dasmariñas City councilors were also present to show their support for the initiative, which aimed to bring essential healthcare services closer to the community and promote the health and well-being of residents. —OPIO



CHIZ PROPOSES 5-YEAR TERM FOR BARANGAY, SK LEADERS

Sen. Francis “Chiz” Escudero has filed Senate Bill No. 2387 to extend barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) terms from four to five years, a move that would also reset their election to November 2028. Escudero’s bill amends Republic Act No. 12232, which currently provides a four year term, and allows incumbent officials to remain in office until 2028 to complete a full term under the proposal, because of the previous two-year extension of their tenure. In his explanatory note, the Bicolano senator said giving village and youth leaders longer cycle in office would allow them to implement programs more effectively with fewer disruptions, cognizant of the central role of barangay governance in frontline service delivery. “Barangay governance plays a crucial role in the effective delivery of public service, peace and order, and community development,” Escudero wrote. A longer cycle, he said, would “ensure stability, continuity, and more efficient implementation of local development plans,” noting that many barangay projects span multiple years and are hampered by frequent electoral turnover. The bill also reiterates existing term limit rules: barangay officials may serve up to three consecutive terms, while SK officials may serve only one. Those already on their third consecutive term will be ineligible to run again in the November 2028 elections. Escudero said aligning barangay terms with medium term planning frameworks would strengthen local institutions and reduce administrative resets caused by short electoral cycles. The shift, he added, is intended to support more coherent development strategies at the community level.

BIR moves tax deadlines to Aug. 17 in ‘habagat’-hit areas

By Anna Leah Gonzales



The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has extended the tax deadline to Aug. 17, for areas heavily hit by the southwest monsoon or “habagat”.

Under Revenue Memorandum Circular (RMC) No. 89-2026 issued Monday, the extension covers all statutory tax deadlines originally due between Aug. 10 and 16. The relief applies to taxpayers registered under specific Revenue District Offices (RDOs) experiencing torrential rains.

The circular covers 58 BIR offices and units, including 53 regular RDOs and five Large Taxpayer Audit and Excise Divisions.

These are located in Metro Manila, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mountain Province, Bataan, Bulacan, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Cavite, Batangas, Rizal, and Mindoro.

The extension applies to specified tax filings, payments, remittances, registration, and required document submissions through e-Filing, e-Payment, eFPS and manual channels.

“We recognize the difficulties brought about by the prevailing weather conditions. We are giving our affected taxpayers additional time so they can prioritize their safety this week and comply with their tax obligations without having to worry about penalties,” BIR Commissioner Charlito Mendoza said.

The BIR also issued Bank Bulletin No. 2026-09 covering the acceptance by Authorized Agent Banks (AABs) of applicable tax returns and payments from taxpayers under the affected RDOs until Aug. 17, without the corresponding penalties.

It issued RMC No. 89-2026 following Malacanang’s directive to allow work-from-home arrangements in government offices on Aug. 10.

Issued on Aug. 9 under recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, Memorandum Circular No. 123 covers government personnel in Metro Manila and 15 provinces hit by the southwest monsoon. (PNA)