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SC junks suit for disclosure of automated election system details

PBBM: Expanded petrochem complex to generate P215-B in 2025

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Friday lauded the expansion of the petrochemicals manufacturing complex of JG Summit Olefins Corp. (JGSOC) in Batangas City, saying it would generate about PHP215 billion and 6,200 jobs in 2025.

In his speech during the inauguration of the JGSOC's expanded manufacturing complex, Marcos said the facility is more than just about cutting-edge technology but is also proof of Filipino skills,

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The Supreme Court (SC) has turned down a petition filed against the Commission on Elections (Comelec) to bare all the details of the automated election system (AES), including a plea for the poll body to authorize physical visits to its information technology hubs. >> P2

In its 22-page decision written by Associate Justice Ricardo B. Rosario and posted online on Thursday, the high court en banc said "the law does

BSP's Monetary Board OKs \$3.32-B foreign borrowings in Q4 2023

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said Monday the Monetary Board has approved USD3.32 billion worth of medium- to long-term (MLT) foreign borrowings in the fourth quarter of 2023.

The public sector's foreign borrowings from October to December 2023 jumped by 65.8 percent from the USD2 billion level in the same period in 2022. This lifted the total MLT foreign borrowings last year to USD14.49 billion, which consisted of 24 MLT borrowings —two

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SMC eyes 20% discount for seniors, PWDs on use of expressways



South Luzon Expressway (Photo courtesy of SMC SLEX Inc.)

Senior citizens and persons with disabilities (PWDs) will soon receive a 20-percent discount on the use of expressways and skyways in Metro Manila, southern Luzon, and northern Luzon, an official of the San Miguel Corp. (SMC) said on Tuesday. SMC's infrastructure group head

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Medical, mental mission in San Manuel II

In an effort to deliver vital healthcare services to the community, the provincial government of Cavite, led by the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, organized a medical and dental mission in Brgy. San Manuel II, City of Dasmariñas on January 23, 2024.

The medical and dental team from Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital and CarSiGMA District Hospital, worked tirelessly to address a variety of healthcare needs of more than 700 individuals.

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Healthoutreach program in Amadeo

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the collaboration of the Office of the Provincial Governor and Office of the Provincial Health Officer, organized a medical and dental mission in Brgy. Buho, Amadeo, Cavite, on January 19, 2024, benefiting 233 attendees. GEAMH medical and dental professionals

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Urban dev't project to transform Pasig River into a commercial hotspot

The Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) is eyeing to boost commercial activities along the stretch of historic Pasig River and its surrounding areas under the Pasig Urban Development Program. DHSUD Undersecretary Avelino Tolentino III on Monday said the public can enjoy the benefits of an improved riverbank. "Naniniwala po tayo na kapag po ang ating kababayan, magagamit itong riverbanks bilang isang mode of transportation, bilang

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BSP's monetary board << P1

bond issuances worth USD4 billion; 12 project loans worth USD5.67 billion; and 10 program loans worth USD4.82 billion.

The external borrowings that were made last year aims to fund the national government's programs in infrastructure, agriculture, education, economic recovery and development, environment protection

and climate resilience, and coronavirus disease 2019 (Covid-19) response.

A big chunk of the foreign borrowings in 2023 will finance the public sector's infrastructure projects, including transportation projects, amounting to USD4.07 billion.

The government borrowed USD4 billion from foreign sources for its general

financing requirements, USD3.07 billion for economic recovery and development, environmental protection and climate resilience projects and programs, and USD2.27 billion for Covid-19 pandemic response projects and programs.

Projects for agriculture and education sectors also respectively got USD880 million and USD210 million

from foreign borrowings.

"Under Section 20, Article VII of the 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, prior approval of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, through its MB, is required for all foreign loans to be contracted or guaranteed by the Republic of the Philippines," the central bank said.

"The BSP promotes the

judicious use of the resources and ensures that external debt requirements are at manageable levels, to support external debt sustainability," it added.

Meanwhile, Finance Secretary Ralph Recto was sworn in on Monday as the government sector representative to the Monetary Board (MB), the BSP's highest policy-making body.

The oath-taking ceremony was administered by BSP Governor and MB

Chair Eli Remolona Jr. at the BSP head office in Manila. The other MB members Bruce Tolentino, Anita Linda Aquino, Romeo Bernardo, Rosalia De Leon and Recto's predecessor, Benjamin Diokno.

Before his appointment to the DOF on Jan. 15, Recto was a senator for three terms (2001 to 2007 and 2010 to 2022) and held key positions that included Senate President Pro Tempore and Minority Leader.

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business confidence, and manufacturing resurgence.

"It is an upstream industry that feeds many enterprises and supplies many other manufacturing concerns. It is among the lynchpins of our industrialization, a vital link in moving up the value chain, and guarantees the supply of a critical production ingredient," he said.

"It is directly and indirectly employing 6,200 individuals. You are a major contributor to an industry that is forecasted to enrich our economy by PHP215 billion next year."

Marcos assured that his economic team would continue to create a climate that propels economic growth, boosts incentives, promotes ease of doing business, and

funds high-impact infrastructure projects.

"The bottom line of their assigned mission is this: To reduce red tape that chokes industry and innovation and replace it with a red carpet that ushers in capital, foreign and domestic, and provides the path towards progress," he said.

"This is the government's mandatory equity to provide participation in national growth. It is my firm belief that the government should not be a yoke on the back of business like taxing them heavily and tightly regulating their growth making the ease of doing business a sticking point for possible investors." He expressed confidence that the manufacturing complex would open more jobs to

Filipinos, entice more investors to explore opportunities in the country, and boost the Philippine economy and competitiveness.

The President toured the 160-hectare facility, accompanied by JG Summit Holdings, Inc. (JGSHI) chairperson James Go, JGSHI president and chief executive officer (CEO) Lance Gokongwei, and JGSOC president and CEO Arnel Santos.

The JGSOC complex, which initially started with polyethylene and polypropylene polymers manufacturing in 1998, has been expanded over the years.

The JGSOC operates the only facility in the Philippines that processes naphtha into ethylene and propylene, key ingredients for the pro-

duction of common plastics.

This benefits local plastic businesses by providing a steady supply of these materials, as well as by reducing costs, enabling increased production, and enhancing competitiveness.

The plant also produces other chemicals used in paints, plastics, rubber, and other products.

In 2023, JGSOC commenced commercial operations of the final leg of its USD1.3-billion expansion project, which boosted the overall site capacity to more than one million metric tons of petrochemical products annually.

JGSOC markets its petrochemical products to more than 30 countries worldwide. (PNA)

SC junks suit for disclosure << P1

not mandate the Comelec to allow physical access to its hubs, servers and data centers," adding, among other things, that the "constitutional policy of full disclosure of transactions involving public interest and the right to information are circumscribed by reasonable conditions and limitations as

may be provided by law."

The petition was filed by the National Press Club of the Philippines, Automated Election System Watch (AES Watch) and Guardians Brotherhood Inc., asking the court to compel the poll body to disclose critical information and allow access and

inspection of ballot printing, destruction of defective ballots, configuration of data memory cards to be used in the Comelec Laguna warehouse, the preparation and deployment of vote counting machines (VCMs) and the Comelec's National Technical Support Center, including data centers, provincial and regional hubs as well as the transmission diagram and data communications details.

"At most, the Comelec may be compelled to provide information regarding its technical hubs and data centers, as it had already done so, but it cannot be compelled to allow what the law clearly prohibits.

Unlike access to the premises of the printer for purposes of guarding the same or witnessing the printing and distribution of the ballots and returns, there is no legal right to allow physical access to the technical hubs or data centers of the automated election system," the SC said.

The SC added that the poll body does not have a ministerial duty to allow access to its technical hubs, servers and data centers.

The court likewise said that the law does not mandate the Comelec to allow physical access to its hubs, servers, and data centers, adding that the constitutional right to information does not extend to physical access to said facilities and the right is subject to reasonable conditions and limitations.

However, the court said in terms of access to and examination of the transmission diagram or data/communications network architecture of the VCMs, Comelec has failed to discharge its burden of showing that such information is not a matter of public concern or that it is exempted by law from constitutional guarantee.

"In fact, such documents are matters of public concern and interest which should be made available, especially considering that unauthorized transmission and communications to and from network nodes plotted in the diagram or architecture may call into question the integrity of the elections," the court said.

"We hold therefore, that were it not for the mootness of the issue, the Comelec may be compelled via a writ of mandamus to disclose the complete transmission diagram and data/communications network architecture of the VCMs," it added.

Nevertheless, the court said the request for Comelec to publicly disclose all details of the transmission router and all devices and equipment that will be used is "too broad and vague."

"Certainly, we cannot compel the Comelec to reveal all details, some of which may contain confidential information, which, if divulged, could pose serious security risks," the SC said. (PNA)

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In the matter of CORRECTION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LIVE BIRTH OF ANGELA MAY OPPUS COLUMNNA Under Rule 108 of the Rules of Court.

ANGELA MAY OPPUS COLUMNNA and LUZVIMINDA CAGAYAN OPPUS, Petitioners,

-versus-

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE, Respondent.

X-----X

CASE NO. TMSP-012-23

ORDER

In today's Initial Hearing, Petitioners' Angela May Oppus Columnna and Luzviminda Cagayan Oppus, represented by Atty. Carlo Edison F. Alba, who is pitching in for Atty. Reilyn T. Macababab, both appeared in Court. Public Prosecutor Mary Catherine Hilario likewise appeared in Court.

Atty. Alba moved for a resetting considering that Atty. Macababab who is handling the case will be the one to present compliance with jurisdictional requirements. Without objection on the part of the prosecution, reset the Initial Hearing of this case to **February 28, 2024 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning.**

Let a copy of this Order be published for three (3) consecutive weeks, at the expense of the petitioner, in a newspaper of general circulation and copies be furnished to the Philippine Statistics Authority, Office of the Civil Registrar of Trece Martires City, Office of the Solicitor General, petitioners and their counsel.

Send a copy of this Order to the Regional Trial Court-Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC), Trece Martires City, Cavite for raffle of the publication.

SO ORDERED.

GIVEN IN OPEN COURT on November 29, 2023 in Trece Martires City, Cavite, Philippines.

GAYSOL C. LUNA
Presiding Judge

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isang lugar kung sa'n sila pwedeng mamasyal, sa'n sila pwedeng magkaroon po ng commercial activities, makipagkita sa mga kanilang mga kaibigan at mahal sa buhay, nakikita natin na dadami ang makikinabang sa Ilog Pasig (The public can use the riverbanks as a mode of transportation, as a place where they can go for a walk, where they can have commercial activities, meet their friends and loved ones. We can see that more and more people will benefit from the Pasig River)," Tolentino said in a Bagong Pilipinas press briefing aired over People's Television

Network. He added that the establishment of more commercial and recreational projects for public use aligns with the agency's call for rehabilitating the river for enhanced recreation, tourism and sustainable human settlement. The commercialization of the riverbanks will also encourage the private sector to collaborate with the government in maintaining the river, he added.

"Dadami po ang ating stakeholders at magkakaroon ng level of awareness ang ating mga kababayan na siya na pong tutulong sa

ating pamahalaan upang masiguradong laging malinis at laging buhay ang Ilog Pasig (Our stakeholders will increase and our countrymen will have a level of awareness in helping the government ensure that the Pasig River is always clean and lively),"

Tolentino said. Climate resilience, he said, is among the benefits of the urbanization of Pasig River, citing that the private sector who will invest and partner with the government in building mix-use buildings and recreational spaces are expected to help in

mitigating risks associated with weather events. The project aims to cover the 25-kilometer stretch of Pasig River, including the river bodies connecting Manila Bay to Laguna de Bay. President Ferdinand

R. Marcos Jr. led the ceremonial opening of the "Pasig Bigyang Buhay Muli: Pasig River Urban Development Showcase Area" on Jan. 17 as part of the administration's efforts to bring back its old glory.

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rendered their services with the aim of fulfilling the health needs of the constituents of Amadeo.

The event provided medical check-ups for 182 individuals, covering a range of health issues, and dental extraction treatments were availed by 51 beneficiaries. Participants received prescription medicines, multivitamins, and

mosquito-repellent lotion. The mission's success was attributed to the combined efforts of Brgy. Chairman Pedro M. Cesicar, SK Chairman Andrew B. Gastardo, and dedicated barangay health workers, demonstrating the benefits of community involvement in local government initiatives in advancing public well-being.---OPIO

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Barangay officials and community volunteers assisted and supported the health mission, making it a

success and ensuring positive outcomes for the local residents.---OPIO

SMC eyes 20% discount << P1

Rafael Yabut, who previously served as public works undersecretary, made the commitment during the House investigation into the implementation gaps regarding the laws on discounts and benefits for the elderly, PWDs, and solo parents.

Yabut said they would coordinate with the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) and other concerned agencies on how to grant discounts on its tollways.

SMC operates the Metro Manila and Ninoy Aquino International Airport skyway system, South Luzon Expressway, Southern Tagalog Arterial Road, and Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway.

The other toll roads in Luzon are operated by Metro Pacific Corp. These are North Luzon Expressway, Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway, Cavite-Laguna Expressway, Cavite Expressway, and NLEX-SLEX Connector.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Joey Salceda, who is presiding over the inquiry, suggested that instead of deducting 20 percent from the cost of an expressway or skyway radio frequency identification (RFID) card or its top-up load, an equivalent amount would be added to the card price or additional load.

"In other words, it

would be an add-on. If you buy PHP5,000, you get PHP6,000, or PHP1,000 more, which is equivalent to 20 percent. There is no loss on the part of the expressway/skyway operator," he said. Salceda said the vehicle on which the RFID sticker would be attached should be registered under the name of the senior citizen or PWD. Yabut agreed to Salceda's proposal. During the hearing, a technical working group (TWG) was created to recommend remedial legislation to improve the Magna Carta for Disabled Persons (Republic Act 7277) and Expanded Senior Citizens Act (RA 9994). House Committee on Senior Citizens chair Rep. Rodolfo Ordanes was selected to head the TWG.

Marikina City Rep. Stella Luz Quimbo made several proposals on the subject, including applying domestic subsidies on third-party booking sites, centralizing PWD registrations, and updating Bureau of Internal Revenue forms for easier monitoring of tax deductions.

Ordanes also noted that he filed House Bill No. 9704, mandating the integration of senior citizen ID applications and other services in the eGov PH Super App, to promote senior citizens' inclusion. (PNA)

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CITY OF IMUS, CAVITE**

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

CHERRY LOU G. SAMONTE,
Represented by her Attorney-in-fact,
EL CHRISTOPHER A. PADPAD
Mortgagors.
X-----X

**EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT
3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118**

FC Case No. 18801-23

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)**, mortgagee, with principal place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against **CHERRY LOU G. SAMONTE, represented by her Attorney-in-fact, EL CHRISTOPHER A. PADPAD**, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at Lot 14 Block 44 Hacienda La Joya Subdivision, Tanzang Luma, Imus, Cavite and/or Lot 16 Block 46 Hacienda La Joya, Tanzang Luma, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 9, 2023 amounts to ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY TWO PESOS and 06/100 (Php 1,734,142.06), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **February 6, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2017002439

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 16 OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-023450, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 1 TO 20, BLK. 46, PCS-04-017172, L.R.C. REC. NO. 8843) SITUATED IN BRGY. OF TANZANG LUMA, MUNICIPALITY OF IMUS, PROV. OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 15; ON THE N., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 24; ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 17; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-5 BY LOT 11; AND ON ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 12, ALL OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN. X x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF SEVENTY ONE (71) SQUARE METERS. X x x"

All sealed bid 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, it shall be held on February 13, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning without further notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, December 23, 2023.

KATREENA MARIE L. POBLETE
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:
ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court IV

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The Petron Mega Plaza Building,
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ATTY. MAYBELLE JOY E. BERNALES
ANCHOR COLLECTION SERVICES INC.
Bldg. #2 Malakas cor. Mapagmahal St.
Brgy. Pinyahan, Quezon City

**CHERRY LOU G. SAMONTE and
EL CHRISTOPHER A. PADPAD**
Lot 14 Block 44 Hacienda La Joya Subdivision, Tanzang Luma, Imus, Cavite
Lot 16 Block 46 Hacienda La Joya, Tanzang Luma, Imus, Cavite

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SHERYL R. MUÑOZ,
Mortgagor.
X-----X

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REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER
ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118**

FC Case No. 18820-23

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)**, mortgagee, with principal place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against **SHERYL R. MUÑOZ**, mortgagor, with residential and postal address at Llanera Hardware, 5C Hen D. Llanera Street, Bangkal, Makati City, and/or Lot 4 Block 39 The Legian Imus 2-C Subdivision, Carsadang Bago, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 6, 2023 amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO PESOS & 79/100 (Php854,882.79), Philippine Currency, including interest and penalties, but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **February 6, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus Hall of Justice, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2018032814

"XXX
Lot No: 4 Block No: 39 Plan No: PCS-04-028753
Portion of: LOT 1, BLK. 12, PCS-04-027047, LOT 1304-B-2, PSD-04-112598, LOTS 1297-B-1 TO 1297-B-5, PSD-04-034140 & LOT 1, BLK. 34, PCS-04-026819
Location: CALSADANG BAGO, IMUS, CAVITE,
ISLAND OF LUZON
xxx
Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	ROAD LOT 7
2-3	SE	LOT 5, BLOCK 39, PCS-04-028753
3-4	SW	LOT 34 (EXCLUDED)
4-1	NW	LOT 3, BLOCK 39, PCS-04-028753

xxx
Area: FORTY THREE (43) SQUARE METERS
XXX"

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

City of Imus, Cavite, Philippines, December 15, 2023

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IN RE: PETITION FOR
NATURALIZATION OF
BRAHAMA NAND

BRAHAMA NAND,
Petitioner,

NATURALIZATION CASE
NO. SPEC PRO
TMNAT-001-22

PETITION FOR
NATURALIZATION

COMES NOW, the
Petitioner, by and through
the undersigned counsel and
unto this Honorable Court
respectfully avers, that:

1. Petitioner whose
complete name is BRAHAMA
NAND, was born on August 15,
1963 in Aujla Jalandhar Punjab,
India, to parents Faquir Chand
and Puro;

2. At the time of petitioner's
birth, India's registration
system for birth is yet to be
established and their passport
serves the purpose of the same
in determining personal data
relevant to their birth. A copy
of petitioner's first Passport is
herewith marked as Annex "A";

3. Petitioner is a citizen
of India, a country whose
laws grant to Filipinos the
right to become naturalized
citizens thereof. Petitioner
is registered as a resident
alien and possesses an Alien
Certificate of Registration No.
14101BN1210013208 issued
on February 22, 2021 by the
Bureau of Immigration. Copy
of said Alien Certificate of
Registration is herewith marked
as Annex "B";

4. Petitioner arrived in
the Philippines on February
12, 1984 at the Manila
International Airport from India
VIA Air France. Petitioner has
continuously and permanently
resided in the Philippines
since his arrival. At present he
resides at Hermeno Compound
Bucal, Tanza, Cavite for at least
one (1) year prior to the filing
of this Petition. A copy of the
Certificate of Residency issued
by Brgy. Bucal, Tanza, Cavite is
herewith marked as Annex-"C";

5. Petitioner is a former
business man engage in
buying and selling of garment
products. He stopped working
in the business when pandemic
strikes and now being
supported by children who are
now all professionals;

6. Petitioner speaks and
writes English and Filipino;

7. Petitioner is married
on March 6, 1992 to Patricia
Areola, a Filipino Citizen, 59
years old, born on March 14,
1963 at Vigan, Ilocos Sur. Copy
of Marriage Contract between
petitioner and Patricia Areola-
Nand. Copy of their Marriage
Contract is herewith marked as
Annex "D";

8. Patricia Areola resided
in the Philippines since birth.

Consequently, by virtue
of petitioner's marriage to a
Patricia Areola, petitioner is
entitled to the benefit of Section
3 of the Revised Naturalization
Law (Commonwealth Act No.
473) reducing to five (5) years
the requirement under Section
2 of ten (10) years of continuous
residence, nevertheless,
without which, Petitioner did
not leave the country ever since
he arrived in the Philippines in
1984 and hence, the ten (10)
years requirement had been
already complied;

9. petitioner and his
wife begot three (3) children,
namely:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Birth Date, Place of Birth. Rows include Angelica Arreola Nand (16-Jan-87, Vigan City) and Balbant Partrap Singh A. Nand (18-May-90, Vigan City).

Shauntie 12-Jul-92 Imus City
Arreola Nand
all are raised in the Philippines
since birth. Copies of their birth
certificates, are herewith marked
as Annexes "E", "E-1", and "E-2",
respectively;

a. Petitioner's children had
their preliminary and secondary
grade at St. Augustine School
in Tanza. Certified True copies
of the Certificate of completion
for their primary and secondary
grades are herewith marked as
Annexes "F", "F-1", "F-2", "G" "G-
1", "G-2";

b. All of them took and
finished their degree in college
in the Philippines as well. Both
Angelica and Balbant Partrap
had their degree in Bachelor
of Science in Political Science
in De La Salle University n the
year 2008 and 2010 respectively.
While Shauntie finished his
degree in Bachelor of Science in
Biology at Adamson University.
Certified True Copies of their
Diploma are herewith marked as
Annexes "H", "H-1", and "H-2";

c. These private schools
are recognized by the Philippine
Government, which is not
limited to any race or nationality,
and where Philippine History,
Government and civics are
taught or prescribed as part of
the school curriculum, hence,
petitioner is also exempt
from requirement to make a
declaration of intention before
filing this petition;

10. Petitioner and his wife
were able to acquire two real
properties in the Philippines.
Transfer Certificate of Title No.
T-765767 and TCT NO. 057-
2017039258. Copy of said
Transfer of Certificates and
official receipt of tax payment for
the same are herewith marked
as Annex "I, Annex "J" and Annex
"K";

11. Petitioner is exempt
from the requirements of Section
6 of the Revised Naturalization
Law (Commonwealth Act No.
473) regarding the filing with the
office of the Solicitor-General
a declaration under oath of his
bona fide intention to become
citizen of the Philippines, as
he has been residing in the
Philippines for more than 30
years prior to the filing of this
Petition, and given primary
and secondary education to all
his children in a private school
recognized by the Government
and not limited to any race or
nationality.

12. Petitioner possesses
all the qualifications under
Section 2, and none of the
disqualifications under Section
4 of the Revised Naturalization
Law;

a. Petitioner believes in
the principles underlying the
Philippines Constitution; is of
good moral character and has
conducted himself in a proper
and irreproachable manner
during the entire period of his
residence in the Philippines in
his relations with the constituted
government as well as with the
community in which he lives;
has mingled socially with the
Filipinos, and has evinced a
genuine desire to learn and
embrace the customs, traditions,
and ideas of the Filipinos;

b. Petitioner is not opposed
to organized government or
affiliated with any association or
group of persons who uphold
and teach doctrines opposing
all organized government;
he does not defend or teach
the necessity or propriety of
violence, personal assault, or
assassination for the success
and predominance of their ideas;
Petitioner is not a polygamist
or a believer in polygamy or
in the practice of polygamy,
Petitioner has never been
convicted of any crime involving
moral turpitude, Petitioner is
not suffering from mental
alienation or incurable
contagious disease; and
Petitioner is not a citizen
or subject of a nation at war
in the Philippines, or a country
whose laws do not grant
Filipinos the right to become
naturalized citizens or subjects
thereof. Copy of the Barangay

Clearance, Police Clearance,
NBI Clearance, Court Clearance
(MTC Tanza, Cavite) and,
Prosecutor's Clearance (Cavite
Provincial Prosecutor) are
herewith marked as Annexes
"L", "L-1", "L-2", "L-3", and "L-4",
respectively;

13. It is Petitioner's
intention in good faith to become
a citizen of the Philippines and to
renounce absolutely and forever
any allegiance and fidelity to
India. Petitioner likewise desire
to reside continuously in the
Philippines from the date of the
filing of this Petition up to the
time of his admission to Philippine
citizenship and even thereafter;

14. Petitioner is not
dependent on the Philippine
government as all his children
are now professionals who can
support his financial needs.

15. This Petition is
supported by the Judicial

Table with 3 columns: Annex, Document, Purpose. Lists various documents like Annex A (Passport), Annex B (Alien Certificate), Annex C (Residency), Annex D (Marriage Contract), Annex E (Birth Certificate), Annex F (Certificate of completion), Annex G (Certificate of completion), Annex H (Diploma of Bachelor's Degree), Annex I (Transfer Certificate), Annex J (Transfer Certificate), Annex K (Official Receipt).

Affidavits of two credible
persons, namely, Remedios
S. Bleza and Patricia Areola
Nannnd, both Filipino Citizens,
and residents of Sta. Cruz St.,
Brgy. Bucal, Tanza, Cavite and
Hermeno Compound Bucal,
Tanza, Cavite, respectively,
who personally know the
Petitioner to be a resident of
the Philippines for more than
the years required to avail the
privilege to be naturalized citizen
of the Philippines, to be a person
of good repute and morally
irreproachable, and who, in
their opinion, that Petitioner has
all the qualifications necessary
to become a citizen of the
Philippines and is not in any way
disqualified under the provisions
of the Revised Naturalization
Law.

16. To prove his case,
petitioner will identify the
following documents; viz;

Table with 3 columns: Annex, Clearance, Status. Lists Annex L (Barangay Clearance), Annex L-1 (Petitioner's Police Clearance), Annex L-2 (Petitioner's NBI Clearance), Annex L-3 (Petitioner's Court Clearance), Annex L-4 (Prosecutor's Clearance).

17. Petitioner will also testify
via his Judicial Affidavit marked
Annex "M" and such will form
part of his direct testimony. His
testimony will be corroborated
by his wife, Patricia Nand in her
Judicial Affidavit marked Annex
"N", as well Remedios Bleza
in her Judicial Affidavit marked
Annex "O";

18. Petitioner, having
complied with all the
requirements, and possessing
none of the disqualifications for
an applicant for naturalization,
most humbly moves that this
petition be considered and
approved by the Honorable
Court.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, premises
considered, it is most respectfully
prayed that the Honorable Court,
after due hearing and notice to all
concern, grant herein petitioner
to be naturalized Filipino citizen.
Other reliefs and remedies
as may be deemed just and
equitable under the premises are
likewise prayed for.

Respectfully submitted.
General Trias City for Trece
Martires City, Cavite. June 29,
2022.

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VERIFICATION WITH
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I, BRAHAMA NAND, of
legal age, and with office and
postal address at Hermeno
Compound Bucal, Tanza, Cavite,
after having been duly sworn to
in accordance with law do hereby
depose and state that:

1. I am the petitioner in the
herein captioned case, I have
caused the preparation of the
foregoing Petition, I have read
the contents thereof, and the
same is true and correct based
on my personal knowledge and
documents in my possession;

2. This pleading is filed
without any intention to harass
anyone, caused unnecessary
delay, or needlessly increase
the cost of litigation, and the
factual allegation therein
have evidentiary support or, if
specifically, so identified, will
likewise have evidentiary support
after a reasonable opportunity for
discovery. And,

3. I certify that I have not
commenced any similar case
in any court, and that to the
best of my knowledge, no other
case is pending in the Supreme
Court or Court of Appeals or any
other courts; and should I learn
that the same or similar case is
pending, I shall report within five
(5) calendar days there from of
such fact.

BRAHAMA NAND
Affiant

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PHILIPPINES)
General Trias, Cavite.....)S.S.

SUBSCRIBED AND
SWORN TO BEFORE ME
on this June 29, 2022 at the
place above-written. Affiant are
personally known to me and to
me personally known to be the
same persons who executed the
foregoing acts and deed.

To prove that the
petitioner has no
criminal records nor
has he been a public
nuisance

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IN RE: PETITION FOR
NATURALIZATION OF
BRAHAMA NAND,
Petitioner,
SPECIAL PROCEEDING NO.
TMNAT-001-22

ORDER

Before this Court is
the verified Petition for
Naturalization of petitioner
BRAHAMA NAND filed on July
22, 2022.

The Officer-in-Charge/
Acting Branch Clerk of Court of
this Court is hereby directed to
publish the instant Petition, at
the expense of the petitioner,
together with this Order, once a
week for three (3) consecutive
weeks, in the Official Gazette,
and in a newspaper of general
circulation in the Province
of Cavite, and posted at the
Bulletin Board of RTC, Branch
130, Trece Martires City,
Cavite, the Municipality of
Tanza, the Public Market of the
Municipality of Tanza and the
Barangay Hall of Barangay
Bucal, Tanza, Cavite. The
Officer-in-Charge/Acting
Branch Clerk of Court of this
Court is likewise directed to
forward copies of the instant
petition, and of this Order, to
the Office of the President,
Office of the Solicitor General,
Department of Justice, Bureau
of Immigration, Philippine
National Police at Camp Crame,
Tanza Police Station, Office of
the Provincial Prosecutor and
the Office of the Clerk of Court
of Trece Martires City.

NOTICE is hereby given
that the hearing on the instant
Petition for Naturalization of
BRAHAMA NAND, born in
Aujla Jalandhar Punjab, India,
on August 15, 1963, arrived in
the Philippines on February 12,
1984 at the Manila International
Airport, presently residing at
Hermeno Compound Bucal,
Tanza, Cavite, and whose
witnesses he proposes to
introduce in support of his
Petition, aside from himself, are

Remedios S. Bleza residing at Sta. Cruz St., Brgy. Bucal, Tanza, Cavite, and Patricia Arreola-Nand residing at Hermeno Compound Bucal, Tanza, Cavite, will be held before this Court on March 14, 2024 and April 11, 2024 both at 8:30 o'clock in the morning, at which date, hour, and place any and all interested persons are required to appear and show cause why the Petition should not be granted.

SO ORDERED.
 Trece Martires City, Cavite, October 1, 2023.
GAYSOL C. LUNA
 Presiding Judge

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DOH improves healthcare, brings services closer to people



The Department of Health (DOH) continues to improve its mandate of bringing quality healthcare services to all Filipinos nationwide.

For the year 2023, the agency was busy on the establishment of healthcare facilities, especially in the provinces, that would provide state-of-the-art medical services.

It has been productive in bringing laboratory services to poor people in far-flung areas with the help of other government agencies.

On March 24, the Catheterization Laboratory (CathLab) at the Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital in San Fernando City, Pampanga province opened to Central Luzon residents who need interventional cardiac and non-cardiac procedures under interventional radiology.

It was completed in 120 days through the Health Facilities Enhancement Program and in coordination with provincial and local government units.

Its funding was taken out of the PHP1-billion budget given to the hospital in 2013 for the provision of equipment and buildings.

Apart from cardiac procedures, the CathLab currently serves patients in the region who have different medical needs.

Meantime, the DOH launched the construction of the Clark Multi Specialty Medical Center on July 17 in collaboration with the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation, the Clark Development Corporation, Pampanga local government units, and in partnership with the private sector like the Bloomberry Cultural Foundation, Inc.

Specialized departments, including heart, kidney, cancer, and pediatrics, are expected to open in the soon-to-rise medical center.

To ensure the facilities in the Eastern Visayas, DOH Secretary Ted Herbosa visited Biliran Provincial Hospital (BPH), DOH-Treatment and Rehabilitation Center-Dulag, Eastern Visayas Medical Center, and the Gov. Benjamin T. Romualdez General Hospital and Schistosomiasis Center on Oct. 26 to 27.

Herbosa checked on the construction of new facilities in some of these hospitals and their best practices, innovations,

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and operational challenges.

He also gave them instructions on how to improve strategies in maintaining the quality of service delivery.

For the benefit of the marginalized population, the DOH launched the "Libreng Laboratoryo, Konsulta, at Gamot Para sa Lahat" (Lab for All) caravan in Santa Cruz town, Laguna province on June 27.

The caravan, a project of First Lady Liza Araneta-Marcos, aims to provide free consultation, free x-ray, laboratory services and medicines to the provinces.

Previous "Lab for All" caravans were held every Tuesday in cities in the provinces of Batangas, Tarlac, and Pampanga, and in Baguio City.

The DOH also pushed for the creation of a council that will serve as a governing body which will oversee the implementation of the Universal Health Care (UHC) law, the estimated total of the national cost for the UHC, and the implementation of UHC at the local government level.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has approved the plan last October.

Herbosa said the DOH will chair the council with the Department of the Interior and Local Government as its co-chair.

"The council will police or monitor how LGUs or local health systems would be spending funds, income from Phil-Health, and how the other systems can be improved," he said.

The member agencies of the council include the Department of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Budget and Management, Department of Finance, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, Philippine Regulation Commission, National Economic and Development Authority, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Commission on Higher Education and Department of Education.

Since 2021, Herbosa reported that 71 LGUs have committed to integrate their local health systems. These were labeled as UHC Integration Sites which consist of 59 provinces and 12 highly-urbanized cities.

He added that the DOH has already engaged five UHC Integration Sites to become primary care provider network sandbox or trials or pilots and these are Baguio, Bataan, Quezon, Guimaras and South Cotabato as for 2023.

Herbosa told the Philippine News Agency on Monday that health officials are drafting the plan to modernize the DOH — a measure that would address inequity in the provision of primary healthcare services among Filipinos.

"Magtatayo tayo ng ambulatory primary care centers na kumpleto ang laboratoryo, kumpleto ang mga gamot, kumpleto ang mga imaging para 'yung mga tao hindi na magsiksikan sa mga malalaking ospital (We will build ambulatory primary care centers complete with laboratories, medicines, and imaging so that people need not flock to big hospitals)," he said. The creation of a national ambulatory and urgent care centers nationwide will ensure that the poor receives the same healthcare services much like individuals who go to modern hospitals, he added.

For 2024, the DOH also aims to increase the immunization coverage of children under five years old to 95 percent; lower stunting or under nutrition rate among young children from the current 27 percent to 14 percent; reduce maternal mortality deaths and teenage pregnancy; lower cases of tuberculosis and human immunodeficiency virus; and decrease cases of non-communicable diseases like hypertension, cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and cancer.

"Also, road safety, dumarami ang namamatay (the number of deaths is increasing) due to accidents involving motorcycles because more people are learning to drive them," Herbosa said. (PNA)

Empowering Stories: Highlights from the 2023 SineMaya Community Film Festival in Philippine Microfinance

The Sinemaya 2023: Community Film Festival recently concluded its second edition at SM City San Pablo in Laguna on December 10, 2023, marking a significant milestone in the Philippine microfinance industry.

In this edition, the festival showcased eight inspiring documentary films created by communities of various microfinance institutions in the Philippines. The films were screened in various SM Cinemas, including SM City Manila, SM City Iloilo, and SM City Cagayan de Oro on November 26, 2023.

The competing entries were: Letra by CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO) MSU 2 Center from Marawi City, Lanao del Sur; Isang libong hakbang para sa pangarap by CARD Bank Arawan 16 Center from Tiaong, Quezon; Dahon ng Pag-asa by CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc. Poblacion 13 Center from Cavinti, Laguna; Pangandoy by CARD SME Bank Salvacion 3P Center from Panabo City, Davao del Norte; Balo by ASA Philippines Purple Center from Alaminos, Laguna; Pagbangon ng Api by SEDP- Simbag sa Pag-asenso K25BG Center from Sorsogon; Bunga ng Pag-sisikap by People's Alternative Livelihood Microfinance Foundation of Sorsogon, Inc. Padac Center from Sorsogon; and Kami ay babae, hindi babae lang by Negros Women For Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. Center 117 from Guimaras.

SineMaya, organized by CARD MRI Publishing House, aims to share not only the stories of CARD MRI communities but also the broader impact of the microfinance industry on Filipino families and nation-building. Established in 2017, CARD Publishing aligns with the goal of creating inspiring narratives to support microfinance institutions' mission of poverty eradication. The festival aims to tap into the creativity and artistry of microfinance clients and their families in filmmaking, providing training in scriptwriting and video editing to enhance production quality.

The theme for this year's film fest, "Pagbangon at Pag-asa: Kasangga ang MFI sa pagharap sa bagong simula", inspired participants to produce documentaries based on their real-life experiences.

In selecting the winners, the eight documentary films were deliberated by five judges composed of MiMAP Executive Director Mr. Jun Jay Perez, APPEND President and CEO Dr. Virginia 'Jeng' Juan, Light Tv Radio Executive Director Ms. Annie Bico Cristobal, Film Director and Storyteller Mr. Martin Cabrera, and CDC- UPLB Asst. Professor Mr. John Marvin Embate.

Pangandoy emerged as the Best Film and bagged the Best Director award. Expressing gratitude, the documentary film's director Mie Baring highlighted the festival's role in showcasing the talents and skills of microfinance clients beyond their entrepreneurial endeavors. "We are grateful that clients like us were given the chance to showcase our talents and skills aside from being microentrepreneurs," said Baring.

The documentary film Balo secured the 2nd Best Film and earned awards for Best Screenplay, Best Editing, Best



Mie Baring (5th from left), Leodeliza Noynay (4th from left) and their Unit Manager, Bernadeth Nonol (3rd from left) from CARD SME Bank Salvacion 3P center in Davao del Norte, bagged the Best Film Award for their film "Pangandoy" during the Sinemaya Film Fest Araw ng Parangal. The award was presented by CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip (middlemost), together with CARD SME Bank President Cynthia Baldeo (2nd from left), CARD MRI Managing Director Aristeo Dequito (2nd from right) alongside other MFI's Heads and representatives.

Cinematography and the Founder's Excellence Award. Meanwhile, Dahon ng Pag Asa bagged the 3rd Best Film.

Recognizing the holistic approach of microfinance institutions in community development, several films received Community Development Awards in categories such as Resiliency, Education, Women Empowerment, and Financial Inclusion. Below is the full list of winners:

Community Development Award for Resiliency: Ang Pagbangon ng Api

Community Development Award for Education: Isang libong hakbang para sa pangarap

Community Development Award for Women Empowerment: Bunga ng Pag-sisikap

Community Development Award for Financial Inclusion: Letra

The People's Choice Award, determined by votes from the viewers on November 26, 2023, was awarded to "Letra". The film also bagged the Founder's Excellence Award. More-

over, Rynzel Joy Gamarcha of Kami ay Babae, Hindi Babae Lang won the Young Creator Award and the Managing Director's Choice Award. The winners received trophies and certificates, products from Mga Likha ni Inay and CARD Astro Laboratories, international trips, and cash prizes.

The 2024 edition of the SineMaya Community Film Fest has been broadened, announced Ms. Marilyn M. Manila, President of CARD MRI Publishing House. This year, not only Philippine microfinance institutions but also those in the Southeast Asian Region can partake in the festival.

The SineMaya organizing team aims to spotlight the global impact of microfinance in combating poverty in the country through the production of drama films in 2024.

For more information about the SineMaya 2024, please visit MFInewsire's official Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MFInewsire?mibextid=ZbWKwL>, and CARD MRI Publishing House at <https://www.facebook.com/Publishing-HouseInc?mibextid=ZbWKwL>.

Contract for Cavite bulk water supply project soon up for bidding

Preparations are underway to bid out the contract for the Cavite-wide Bulk Water Supply Project this year as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources



(DENR) turned over the water rights to the Cavite local government. In a text message to The STAR, DENR Undersecretary and Water Resources Management Office (WRMO) head Carlos Primo David said the water rights for the massive water project was assigned to the provincial government of Cavite in early December.

He said plans for the project should be drafted while competitive bidding should take place within the first quarter.

"The next step is to draw up a plan on how the water will be distributed to the three million plus residents equitably and efficiently. Cavite will bid out this province-wide project to a single developer. All this within the first quarter of 2024, hopefully," David said.

The DENR official said the Cavite-wide Bulk Water Supply Project is one of the biggest water projects in a decade.

This is also the second provincial-wide water supply program of the country next to the Bulacan Bulk Water Project, which was completed by Luzon Clean Water Development Corp., a joint venture of San Miguel Corp. and K-Water Resources Corp., in 2019.

The Cavite-wide Bulk Water Supply Project is among the major public-private partnership (PPP) projects worth P2 trillion the provincial government hopes to deliver over the next 10 years, Gov. Jonvic Remulla said earlier.

DENR Secretary Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga said the local government's role is critical in pursuing massive projects like this especially in ensuring water supply and security.

"It's really important that, although you're looking at private sector funding possibly, local governments need to take the lead here in terms of their own assessment of their needs and risks of climate change to their particular locality," the environment chief said.

Last March, President Marcos signed an executive order creating the WRMO to address the looming "water crisis" threatening the country.

An office under the DENR, the WRMO is mandated to formulate and ensure the implementation of an integrated water management plan.

The President had said its plans should include the construction of water impounding facilities to reduce flood damage and make effective use of water resources.

BOC hits P901-B collection target for 2023



ATTY. VINCENT PHILIP MARONILLA
Assistant Commissioner/Spokesperson, BOC

The Bureau of Customs (BOC) on Monday reported that it has surpassed its PHP901 billion collection target for 2023.

BOC spokesperson Assistant Commissioner Vincent Philip Maronilla, in a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon briefing, said they have also recorded a collection surplus of more than PHP10 billion.

“Na-achieve po namin ito by – iyong ginawa po naming streamlining ng mga process namin and of course, ini-improve po namin iyong revenue efficiency namin, we tried to locate iyong mga loopholes namin (We have achieved this through streamlining our processes and of course, by improving our revenue collection efficiency. We tried to locate our loopholes) and we tried to plug it, through some scientific methods na amin pong pinagtulung-tulungan, (that we have collectively worked for), together with some private sector representatives like the Ateneo School of Government and iyong mga stakeholders po namin (our stakeholders),” he added.

Maronilla also said major ports contributed to achieving and eventually surpassing last year’s target collection.

“Fifty percent of the collection of the Bureau of Customs, ano na kaagad ho iyon ‘no, that’s the Manila International Container Port which 30 percent po ng volume namin and about 30 percent of our target comes from. Dadagdag po diyan iyong Batangas Port, nasa mga bentesingko porsiyento po ng aming collection ay nanggagaling diyan. And, of course, the Port of Manila, which is mga around 18 to 20 percent nanggagaling naman po (Fifty percent of the collection of the Bureau of Customs automatically comes from the Manila International Container Port. This is where 30 percent of the volume and 30 percent of the target collection come from. In addition, we have the Batangas Port, where we get 25 percent of our collection. And of course, the Port of Manila, where around 18 to 20 percent of our collection comes from),” he said.

Other major ports that contributed to the high collection of the BOC include the Ports of Cebu, Davao and Cagayan de Oro, Subic, Clark, Ninoy Aquino International Airport, Legaspi, Tacloban, Iloilo and San Fernando, according to Maronilla. Meanwhile, he said the BOC is confident of hitting its PHP1 trillion target collection for 2024.

“If we continue on our track to improve further ‘yung revenue efficiency namin at pag-improve ng aming (our revenue efficiency and the improvement of our) processes, mas maeenganyo na mag-negosyo ung mga negosyante at dumadagdag din ang mga investors natin na who are contributing dun sa rating (we can lure more entrepreneurs and investors who are contributing to our) imports and duties, by that, we are projecting to collect PHP1 trillion and I think, we can even surpass it,” he added. Maronilla, meanwhile, said the digitalization of the bureau’s processes is now at 99 percent.

“May entities na di pa nila kayang mag-interlink sa system ng BOC. Tinutugunan po namin ‘yan para makumpleto ‘yung inter-linkage natin dyan. Ang goal po natin sa 2024, ngayong na-digitize na ‘yung processes, is to integrate these processes para po isang cohesive na proseso ang gagawin ni-

tong mga improvements na ito. (Some entities still cannot interlink their system with the BOC. We are working on that so that we can complete the inter-linkage process. For 2024, now that we have digitized the processes, our goal is to integrate these processes so that we can only have one cohesive process

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ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118**

FC Case No. 18774-23

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund)**, mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against **TERESA HAIDE RADORES BELGICA**, mortgagor, with residence and postal address Blk. 7 Lot 28, Pontiac St. Mercado Vill., Laguna, Laguna and/or Lot 33 Block 13 Ph. 2, Summer Pointe Country Homes, Pasong Buaya II, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 27, 2023 amounts to SIX HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY NINE PESOS and 42/100 (P 663,229.42) Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney’s fees, sheriff’s fees and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **February 13, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2017008070

“A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 33 BLOCK 13 OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-025512, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 5622-B, PSD-04-183873; LOT 5616, IMUS ESTATE AND LOT 5617, RS-04-003359 L.R.C. RECORD No. ___), SITUATED IN PASONG BUAYA II, IMUS, CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 5618, IMUS ESTATE (LOS PINOS SUBD.); ON THE SW ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 32 BLOCK 13, ON THE NW ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 8 (6.50 M. ROW), ON THE NE ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 34 BLOCK 13 ALL OF THE CONS. SUBD. PLAN. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY (50) SQUARE METERS. x x x”

All sealed bid 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, it shall be held on February 20, 2024 without prior notice.

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, December 7, 2023.

ISRAEL S. MEDINA
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:
ARMIE A. FRANCISCO
Clerk of Court VI

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
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TERESA HAIDE RADORES BELGICA
Blk. 7 Lot 28, Pontiac St. Mercado Vill.,
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**NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE
CORPORATION (NHMFC),**
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

TEOFILO MACAWILE,
Respondent/Mortgagor.
x-----x

**File No. FC-DC-1255-23
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT 4118**

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION (NHMFC)**, a government owned and controlled corporation created under P.D. No. 1267, with postal address at 104 Amorsolo St., Legaspi Village, Makati City against respondent/mortgagor, **TEOFILO MACAWILE** with postal addresses at Lot 49 Blk. 12, San Marino Central, Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and 119 Bo. Sto. Niño, Pasay City and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of November 30, 2023 amounts to EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND FORTY SIX PESOS & 99/100 (Php869,046.99), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **February 22, 2024 at 10:00 o’clock in the morning** or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-429369

It is hereby certified that certain land situated in the Municipality of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 49, Blk. 12 of the subd. plan, Psd-042106-061813, being a portion of Lot 3, Pcs-042106-007023, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. of Salawag, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, Is. of Luzon. Bounded on the NW., along line 1-2 by Lot 51, Blk. 12, on the NE., along line 2-3 by Alley 7; on the SE., along line 3-4 by Lot 47, on the SW., along line 4-1 by Lot 30, both of Blk. 12, along line all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked “1” on plan being N.44 deg. 46’W, 615.00 m. from Mon. No. 164, Imus Estate, thence N.59 deg. 45’E., 10.00 m. to pt. 2; thence S.30 deg. 15’E., 5.00 m. to pt. 3; thence S. 59 deg. 45’N., 10.00 m. to pt. 4; thence N.30 deg. 15’W., 5.00 m. to the pt. of beginning, containing an area of FIFTY (50) sq. meters. All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by PS cyl. conc. mons. 15x60 cm., bearings true, date of orig. survey, July 27, 1905-June 11, 1908 & that of the subd. survey, Jan. 8-Feb 5, 1993 & was approved March 23, 1993.

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

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on March 7, 2024 at the same time and place without further notice.

16 January 2024, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.
Sheriff IV

APPROVED:
ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy furnished:
**NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE
CORPORATION (NHMFC)**
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119 Bo. Sto. Niño, Pasay City.

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AFP inks MOU for 2024 ROTC Games

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) joined the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for the 2024 Philippine Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Games (PRG) during a ceremony at the General Headquarters in Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City on Monday.

Representatives from the Department of National Defense (DND), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) also affixed their signatures on the MOA as partners of the tournament which carries the theme "Husay ng ROTC, Husay ng Kabataang Pilipino".

"The Philippine ROTC Games are more than just a sporting event. They offer our youth a platform to demonstrate their talents, gain con-

nections, and embrace teamwork. These games provide valuable life lessons that will shape them into future leaders," AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr. said in a statement.

The Philippine ROTC Games, a brainchild of Senator Francis Tolentino, aims to promote the ROTC program as well as to instill discipline, leadership, and camaraderie among participants from ROTC units who will be competing in various sports events.

Last year's inaugural staging featured arnis, athletics, basketball, boxing, e-sports, kickboxing and volleyball.

The qualifying legs were held in Iloilo City, Zamboanga City and Cavite, with the gold, silver and bronze medalists advancing to the National Finals held in different venues in Metro Manila.



COMMITMENT. Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr. (from left to right), Commission on Higher Education chairperson Prospero De Vera III, Philippine Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Games honorary chairperson Senator Francis Tolentino, Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr., Philippine Sports Commission executive director Paulo Francisco Tataad and Department of the Interior and Local Government Assistant Secretary for Communication & External Affairs Rolando Puno sign the Memorandum of Agreement to jointly organize this year's ROTC Games during a ceremony at the AFP General Headquarters on Jan. 22, 2024. The tournament aims to promote and strengthen the ROTC program throughout the country. (AFP-PAO photo)

The three branches of the AFP, namely Army, Air Force and Navy, have its own separate competition participated by their respective cadets so that there are three golds, silver and bronzes at stake in each event. There is also the Miss ROTC pageant which highlights the softer side of the Games and promotes women empowerment. (PNA)

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Bridging Gaps in Healthcare: PGC's Medical Mission in GMA Serves 562 Locals



The Office of the Provincial Governor's medical mission team in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer facilitated another health outreach event in Brgy. San Gabriel, Gen. Mariano Alvarez on January 17, 2024, highlighting the significance of collective action in addressing healthcare disparities.

The health mission aimed to provide accessible and free healthcare services to residents who face barriers to regular medical care. The CarSiGMA District Hospital and Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital medical team joined forces, to render services ranging from general check-ups to specialized treatments to a total of 562 residents.

The services provided during the mission were entirely free of charge as well as the prescription medicines and vitamins, which reflects the essence of public service and the tireless efforts of the provincial government in ensuring that no one is left behind when it comes to quality healthcare.

Fifth District Board Member Aidel Paul Belamide supported the event, signifying his dedication to the community's well-being and stressed the significance of teamwork between public officials and local healthcare initiatives.---OPIO