



# Special eco zone focusing on education and research to rise in Cavite

SSS extends until September 30 the compliance deadline for pensioners to shift to PESONet banks

The Social Security System (SSS) has extended to September 30, 2021 its deadline for pensioners to shift their disbursement accounts to participating banks or e-wallets under the Philippine Electronic Fund Transfer System and Operations Network (PESONet) or Remittance Transfer Companies/Cash Payout Outlets (RTCs/CPOs).

SSS President and CEO Aurora C. Ignacio said that as

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A special economic zone known as "ALTAHUB" will soon be installed in Cavite to promote education, research and economic growth. In a statement on Tuesday, the University of Perpetual Help-DALTA System management said it signed a memoran-

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## Smart, MPTC enable Easytrip RFID reloading via text message

Motorists can now top up their Easytrip RFID account by simply sending a text message.

According to Smart Communications, it has partnered with Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) to introduce a "simpler and easier

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## DPWH Sec. Villar: CALAX Silang section to be completed in 2022



DPWH Sec. Mark Villar inspects CALAX Subsection 4. (from L-R) DPWH Director for PPP Service Alex Bote, BBB Chair Mae Lamentillo, DPWH Undersecretary for Planning and PPP Maria Catalina Cabral, DPWH Secretary Mark Villar, MPCALA Holdings Inc. Vice President for Tollways Development and Engineering Art Monge and DPWH OIC Chief, PPP Service, Engr. David Galang. (Photo & caption: MPTSouth)

SILANG, Cavite, May 11, 2021 --Department of Public Works and Highways, Hon. Secretary Mark A. Villar along with executives from MPCALA Holdings Inc. (MCHI) inspects the progress of CALAX Subsection 5, which is slated to be opened to motorists this third quarter of 2021.

CALAX Subsection 5 is a 7.2km, 2x2 lane expressway that will link Sta. Rosa-Tagaytay Road to Silang, Cavite. Once operational, this section of CALAX is expected to serve 5000 vehicles daily, helping decongest traffic along Governor's Drive,

Aguinaldo Highway, and Sta. Rosa-Tagaytay Road.

Seen during the drive-through inspection are toll structures of the upcoming Silang East interchange, and other miscellaneous works being conducted to ensure road quality and safety of motorists in the expressway.

"I am very pleased that despite the mobility challenges brought about by the pandemic, construction for CALAX Subsection 5 remains on track and would soon be made available to motorists in the third quarter of 2021.

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## PH expects securing 20 million COVID-19 vaccine doses next month

The government is eyeing to secure 20 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines by the end of June with the expected arrival of more than nine million coronavirus vaccine doses next month, the country's vaccine czar said on Mon-



Presidential Adviser on Peace Process and National Task Force against Coronavirus Disease-2019 (NTF COVID-19) chief implementer Carlito Galvez Jr. during the Inter-Agency Task Force on the Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) core members meeting at the Arcadia Active Lifestyle Center in Matina, Davao City on May 10, 2021. TOTO LOZANO/ PRESIDENTIAL PHOTO

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## LGU GenTri approves financial assistance to repatriated documented OFWs

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite May 10 (PIA) -- The City Government of General Trias recently approved City Ordinance No. 20-46, an ordinance granting financial assistance to repatriated documented Gentriseño Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who lost their jobs due to the CoViD-19 pandemic.

Documented OFWs who are bonafide residents of the City of General Trias with valid passport, work visa, and contract of employment duly processed with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) or the Philippine Overseas Labor Office (POLO) can avail of the program.

Interested applicants are required to present the following: copy of passport or travel document; copy of valid ID/Documents showing proof of residency in the City of General Trias; copy of flight ticket

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## Proposed local ordinance to protect public, dogs' welfare



TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite May 10 (PIA) --Cavite 4th District Rep. Pidi Barzaga proposed the drafting of a city ordinance in Dasmariñas that will address the perennial problem on stray dogs biting residents, not only to protect the public but the dogs' welfare as well.

According to Rep. Barzaga, the city government allocates almost a million pesos of the LGU's funds on a monthly basis for the purchase of rabies vaccine.

He also cited that 50% of the victims were children or

members of the household of dog owners.

As part of the initiative, the city government will undertake the construction of a big impounding center to house stray dogs captured with the support of a centralized dog catching system.

The proposed ordinance will affirm that all stray dogs will be caught and brought to the center. Dog owners will redeem their dogs within 10 days with corresponding fine. Dogs that will not be redeemed within said period

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# Imus, Cavite launches outbound call center assistance for cash aid woes

IMUS CITY, Cavite – The city government here launched an outbound call center assistance on Tuesday (May 11) to help residents who are having issues with financial assistance.

In a Facebook post, Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi said residents will have to fill out a form and text it to the designated number. Upon receiving the information, a representative from the Ayuda at Lingap contact center will reply to the sender to assist him/her with the issue.

The contact center can help residents who are having trouble accessing the city's cash aid portal, beneficiaries who want to register an additional family member, information corrections, and other problems related to cash aid.

In April, the city government launched an inbound help desk to expedite the distribution of financial aid.

## Cavite town church elevated to diocesan shrine

The Diocese of Imus has urged devotees of Nuestra Señora de Candelaria in Silang, Cavite, which was recently declared as Diocesan Shrine to continue promoting their devotion.

Bishop Reynaldo Evangelista also encouraged the people, especially parents, to let their children feel the devotion.

"Promote the devotion and all of you who are from Silang to pass the devotion to your children," he said during his homily during the Mass for the church's declaration as a Diocesan Shrine on May 4.

Evangelista said the declaration of a church as a shrine is approved by the Canon Law of the Catholic

Church. Under Canon 1230 of the Canon Law, "the term shrine means a church or another sacred place which with the approval of local ordinariate is by reason of special devotion frequented by the faithful as pilgrims."

Evangelista said he is a witness to how devotees flock to the church.

"In my almost eight years as a bishop of our diocese. I saw and I'm a witness how many devotees visit this church and you, the residence of Silang, will be the ones who will prove about the fervent devotion to the Blessed Virgin Nuestra Señora de Candelaria," he added.

Phillip Lacson Medina of Silang Parish Council for Culture and Heritage, said the promotion of Nuestra Señora de Candelaria to a Diocesan -- the first in Upland Cavite, "is a testament of the ever-growing devotion to Our Lady of Candelaria whose Marian devotion history can be traced back as early as 1640."

"A timely event, as the nation celebrates 500 years of Christianity, this declaration acknowledges Silang Church's role in the mission of evangelization since most of the upland churches were born from the Mother Church of Silang," he said in a statement.

After going through the process of deliberation by the Council of Presbyters, the solemn declaration was held last week, amidst the strict health protocol of the pandemic.

"Now a Diocesan Shrine, Nuestra Señora de Can-



Photo from Mayor Emmanuel Maliksi's Facebook page / MANILA BULLETIN

delaria is no longer just a parish, but a shrine of Mary open to all pilgrims, a challenge by the Bishop to all Silanguenos to make the devotion ever stronger than before," Medina said.

In April, the townsfolk led by its local faithful leaders submitted its application for the promotion of Silang Church from parish to Diocesan Shrine. (PNA)



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of April 2021, about 104,955 pensioners are not yet compliant with this requirement. Of this number, 91,476 are receiving their pensions through non-PESONet participating banks, while the remaining 13,479 get their monthly retirement income through checks.

The six-month extension from the previously announced deadline of March 31, 2021 came after the approval of the Social Security Commission Resolution No. 141-s.2021 dated March 24, 2021.

The SSS started the shift to using PESONet participating banks, e-wallets, and RTCs/CPOs as disbursement channels in October 2020 to provide a faster and

more secure manner of releasing monthly pensions and eliminate disbursement through checks. Ignacio said the extended deadline aims to give SSS pensioners more time to comply with this requirement while community quarantine protocols are still being implemented. This will also give accredited rural banks enough time to complete their applications to be included in PESONet.

Pensioners who have yet to comply with the new requirement will continue to receive their monthly pension following the old disbursement procedures and schedule.

Pensioners whose disbursement accounts are already with PESONet partici-

pating banks, e-wallets, or M Lhuillier (as accredited RTC/CPO of the Development Bank of the Philippines) will receive their monthly pensions based on the revised schedule provided under SSS Circular No. 2020-024.

The said circular provides for two batches of pension releases every month. The first batch is scheduled every first day of the pension month covering pensioners whose date of contingency is from the first to the 15th day of the month, while the second batch will be released on the 16th day of the pension month for those whose date of contingency is from the 16th to the last day of the month. If the credit date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or

holiday, the pension will be credited on the last working day before it.

SSS pensioners who are confined in an institution such as penitentiary or correctional and those whose pensions are handled through the Special Pension System and Special Voucher are exempted from shifting to the new disbursement method.

To change their disbursements accounts, pensioners may view the complete instructions on the SSS Facebook page at <https://bit.ly/2HHaVi2>. The list of PESONet participating banks can be accessed through the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas website at <https://bit.ly/3fax-kAw>.

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dum of agreement with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) last May 5 for the plans in building the University of Perpetual Help-DALTA System campus into a special economic zone in Bacoor. As a special economic zone, the campus will address the gap between needs of industry and prod-

ucts of the educational system. It will also conduct research "which can uplift the lives of the majority in the community." PEZA Director General Charito Plaza said this is the first time that a private higher education institution has been accredited as a "Knowledge Innovation, Science and Technology Spe-

cial Economic Zone (KIST-SEZ)." "We are happy to have the pioneer and the first private HEI, the University of Perpetual Help- DALTA System Molino campus, as a partner of PEZA. We assure you of our support because this will redound to economic development and create peace and prosperity," Plaza

said. For her part, Cavite Mayor Lani Mercado-Revilla, who was present in the ceremonial MOA signing, said the installation of the campus as a special economic zone is "in line with the strategy of accelerating the development of human capital."—Consuelo Marquez/LDE, GMA News

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## Tugade pushes for 'libreng sakay' program in Cavite; assures no fare hike, fast-tracking of LRT-1 Cavite Ext. project

Department of Transportation (DOTr) Secretary Arthur P. Tugade brought good news to Caviteños on the significant transport initiatives in the province during the inauguration of the new District Office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in Imus City today, 12 May 2021.

In his message, Secretary Tugade assured that he will push for the implementation of the DOTr Free Ride Service Program for Health Workers, Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APORs), and other essential workers in Cavite. The "Libreng Sakay" program of the DOTr provides free transportation to essential workers, frontliners and APORs.

"Magkakaroon ho ng libreng sakay para sa mga frontliners, APORs at essential workers at ipagtutulakan ko 'yan dito sa Cavite," Sec. Tugade stressed.

Secretary Tugade also announced that despite the pandemic, the DOTr is continuing to complete vital infrastructure projects in Cavite, including the much-anticipated LRT-1 Cavite Extension Project.

"Ipagtutulakan ko na matapos ang mga istraktura at istasyon ng partial operability section ng LRT-1 Cavite Extension bago matapos ang termino ng Pangulo," Secretary Tugade said.

Secretary Tugade also assured that there will be no fare hikes under his term as he appealed to drivers of public utility vehicles to help fellow Filipinos during the pandemic by not pushing for fare hikes. "Pakiusap ko lang mamang tsuper, mamang driver, bus operator wala ho akong patakaran na mag-aallow na i-in-

crease n'yo 'yung pamasaha because during my term, no increases in fare rates. 'Wag nyong gawin 'yan," Secretary Tugade said.

Meanwhile, local government officials lauded Secretary Tugade for his strong commitment to Caviteños as they reminded the personnel of the Imus LTO office to serve the public well.

"Ito po ay proyekto na kung saan nga po ay walang ginastos ang gobyerno, ang pakiusap lang ho ay mapagsilbihan nang maayos ang ating mga kababayan. Sana po ay hindi sila maghintay nang matagal at ibigay po natin ang tamang serbisyo," said Cavite 3rd District Representative Alex Advincula, whose efforts made the realization of the LTO Imus DO possible.

"Kami pong mga taga-Imus ay very thankful sa inyo Secretary, sa efforts ng Advincula family, sa efforts ng LTO. This will be a long way to public service," Cavite Governor Juanito Victor Remulla said.

The new Imus LTO Office, which was funded and constructed by the family of Congressman Advincula is a two-storey facility complete with parking spaces and impounding areas.

According to LTO R4A Regional Director Noreen San Luis-Lutey, the LTO Imus District Office started its operation on 2 August 2018 at the old building vacated by LTO Bacoor in Palico in Imus, Cavite. It was later transferred to the new location due to the increasing demand and growing number of clients in the area. "Today we have realized our collective aspiration. We have inaugurated LTO Imus, which is the most beautiful and ultra modern not only in CALABARZON but in the entire country,"

the LTO RD said. The DOTr continues to upgrade and build new LTO offices nationwide to provide better service to the public. Since Secretary Tugade assumed office in 2016, the DOTr added 132 LTO Extension Offices, District Offices, Licensing Centers, and Driver's Licence Renewal Offices, including the new office in Imus, Cavite.

For his part, LTO Chief Asec. Edgar Galvante said that the construction of the new office is proof of the good relation between the LTO and the local government of Cavite.

"Sana po ang magandang gusali natin ay tumbasan ninyo ng maganda at maayos na serbisyo," Galvante added.

In his message to the personnel of the new LTO office, Secretary Tugade also underscored the importance of upholding values, cultures and ways of doing things in the performance of their duties.

"Hindi ho ba dapat lang na yung processing time ay iklian yan nang sa ganon ang oras ay hindi naaaksaya sa pag aantay, ang oras ay nagagawa sa tamang paglilingkod at tamang pamaraan. Kaya nga sabi ng Pangulo, i-reduce niyo ang processing time, kung anong nagagawa ng 1 month gawin ninyong 15 days, 'yung nagagawa ng 15 days gawin ninyong 1 week, 'yung nagagawa ng 1 week gawin ninyong 3 araw, 'yung nagagawa ng 3 araw gawin niyo sa isang araw nang sa ganon sasabihin ng ating mga kababayan na kombinyente ang mag-transact with LTO," Secretary Tugade said. He also warned the LTO personnel to stay clear of corruption and not engage with fixers.

Dapat walang korapsyon. Walang fixer sa labas. At p^at@ng in@, walang fixer sa loob. Dapat walang bahid ng kurapsyon at alinlangan ang mga tao kung tayo ay nagseserbisyo. Dapat ang persepsyon sa mga taong nagtatrabaho dito malinis ang lahat," Secretary Tugade stressed.

Secretary Tugade ended his message with a reminder for everyone to strictly observe basic health and safety protocols amid the pandemic. He also urged LTO personnel to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

"Tayo ho ay pandemya ngayon, wag nating kakalimutan yung mga basic health protocols, face shield, face mask, washing of hands, social distancing. At kung hahangarin ho natin ang isang magandang new normal, kung gugustuhin natin na magkaroon ng kaaya-aya at magadang kinabukasan na kung saan lahat nag-eeenjoy, kailangan ang vaccination. Sama-sama tayo sa bakuna para sa ganon mapadali ang pagpuksa sa kalabang COVID-19," Secretary Tugade said. (DOTr)

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or boarding pass as proof of return to the Philippines or arrival stamps/sticker attached to the passport; proof of overseas employment contract, Overseas Employment Compensation registration, OWWA or POEA registration, residence IDs, working visa/re-entry visa, or work permit to stay in the receiving country; and proof of loss of employment due to CoViD-19 or proof that the host country are included in the list of those heavily affected by the CoViD-19 pandemic.

Applications including requirements must be submitted using the links provided in the City Government of General Trias Facebook page until May 14, 2021. It is also

advised that applications will undergo evaluation and approval.

Meanwhile, applicants who had submitted their application including requirements to the Public Employment Services Office (PESO) need not apply online.

Approved applications will be advised regarding the schedule and manner of payout. The financial assistance to documented OFWs is the city government's initiative under the leadership of Mayor Antonio 'Ony' Ferrer to somehow help alleviate the effect of the loss of their livelihood caused by the ongoing pandemic. (Ruel Francisco with reports from the City Government of General Trias FB page)

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will be placed for adoption, while those that will not be adopted will be "euthanized" as provided by Republic Act 8485 or The Animal Welfare Act of the Philippines.

Moreover, all residents who want to breed dogs will be required to obtain a dog breeder's permit from the city government. Puppies also need to have a cage with corresponding space.

A public hearing will be held for the drafting of said ordinance with concerned stakeholders present to so-

licit their views on the proposed ordinance.

According to the FB Page of Rep. Barzaga, the ordinance will not only address the safety of the public but also prevent the proliferation of stray dogs, resolve related sanitation problems and significantly reduce LGU expenses every month on anti-rabies vaccine with the savings allotted for other health projects. (Ruel Francisco with reports from Congressman Pidi Barzaga's FB page)

## PH expects securing 20 million << P1

day. In his report to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. said for the month of June, they expect shipment of 1.1 million Pfizer vaccine doses; 4.5 million from Sinovac; 250,000 from Moderna; 1.3 million from AstraZeneca; and two million from Russia's Sputnik V.

Vaccine supplies acquired for June alone will be enough to inoculate most, if not all, of the country's priority sectors in the government's ongoing mass vaccination program particularly medical frontliners, senior citizens and individuals with comorbidities.

Galvez, who is also the chief implementer of the National Task Force Against COVID-19, said vaccine supplies are being delivered to the Philippines "not in trickles but in volumes," noting its positive impact

in government's plans to expand and fast-track the inoculation of the country's adult population.

Galvez said the Philippines is implementing "Focus and Expand - Center of Gravity" vaccination strategy which has nine focus areas including Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite, Pampanga, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Metro Cebu, and Metro Davao, while other regions in the country are grouped under "expansion areas".

The center of gravity refers to the Philippines' economic centers which are vulnerable areas at the same time, Galvez explained. To reach the goal, focus areas will receive a steady number of vaccine supplies to maintain steady rollout and prevent delays.

"So pagka na-address po natin, na-strengthen natin ang ating vulnerabilities at

the same time we strengthen our economic strength, iyon po ang center of gravity po natin," he said.

"The main purpose of this supply and demand vaccine rollout is that to finish the vaccination at the earliest possible time and maximize the resources that we have without any wastage," he added.

The Philippines' stringent efforts to vaccinate target sectors put the country in second place among Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member countries in terms of daily rate of administered doses. The country ranked 15th in Asia.

Citing data from the World Health Organization (WHO), Galvez said vaccinating at least 25 million of the country's most vulnerable population will help the Philippines reach initial herd

containment; while inoculating 58 million to 70 million will help reach herd immunity.

Once COVID-19 vaccines for children are made available, Galvez said the Philippines can target vaccinating the entire 110 million population, halting the highly contagious respiratory disease.

At present, the Philippines administers around 65,879 daily average vaccine doses with a total of 2,409,235 doses administered to medical frontliners, senior citizens, persons with comorbidities, and economic frontliners.

The Department of Health (DOH) has recorded 6,846 new coronavirus infections on May 10, bringing the country's total number of cases to 1,108,826 with 1,030, 367 recoveries and 18,562 deaths. (PND)

## DPWH Sec Villar: CALAX Silang << P1

It is a vital portion of CALAX that would help accelerate economic progress of Region IV-A, as it links the two provinces of Cavite and Laguna," stated DPWH Secretary Villar. MPCALA President and General Manager, Robert V. Bontia further shared that as of date, CALAX Subsection 5 is already 94% completed. Like DPWH, they look forward on the segment helping spur growth to the community and the Region.

Simultaneously, MPCALA and DPWH have started and have reached 18.3% construction progress of the next 2.8km CALAX Subsection 4 which will link Aguinaldo Highway to the upcoming Silang East interchange and this segment is set to be completed by 2022. "DPWH continues to exert full effort in the acquisition of right-of-way for all the remaining segments to be able to deliver the project by the end

of 2022," added DPWH Secretary Villar. The currently operational segments of CALAX run from Mamplasan to Sta. Rosa, Laguna and serves around 10,000 vehicles daily. Upon completion, CALAX will span 45-kilometers with eight (8) interchanges at the following locations: Kawit, Governor's Drive, Open Canal, Silang (Aguinaldo) Highway, Silang East, Santa Rosa-Tagaytay, Laguna Boulevard, and Laguna Tech-

nopark. It shall serve about 45,000 vehicles while cutting travel time between Cavite and Laguna from 2 hours to under an hour. MPTC holds the concession rights for the CALAX, Cavite, C-5 Link Expressway, North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), NLEX Connector Road and Harbor Link, Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), Subic Freeport Expressway (SFEX) and Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.

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way of reloading the Easytrip RFID using the country's first toll top-up via mobile load service." Smart and TNT subscribers can now reload their Easytrip RFID accounts anytime and anywhere by texting EASY[DE-NOM]<SPACE>[12-DIGIT

RFID ACCOUNT NUMBER] to 3279.

The denominations come in PHP100, PHP300, PHP500, or PHP1,000, which will be deducted from their prepaid airtime balance if they are a Smart Prepaid or TNT subscriber, or shall be

charged to their monthly bill if they are a Smart Postpaid customer.

Subscribers shall receive a text message for every successful transaction, and the amount will be immediately credited to their Easytrip RFID accounts. The Easy-

trip RFID can be used at the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), and C-5 South Link Expressway. - RC, GMA News



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## Metro Pacific's 7.2-km CALAX section targeted for opening in June

MPCALA Holdings Inc., a Metro Pacific tollway company, and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) are targeting to open in June a 7.2-kilometer (km) section of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) project.

"Ang target opening ng Silang section ay June (We target to open the Silang section) in June, last week of June," DPWH Secretary Mark A. Villar said at a virtual briefing on Tuesday.

The 7.2-kilometer CALAX section connects Sta. Rosa-Tagaytay Road and Silang, Cavite.

"Pag natapos ito... ang travel time from SLEX to Aguinaldo or Silang na dating isang oras, magiging 30 minutes na lang (Once com-

pleted, the travel time from South Luzon Expressway to Aguinaldo or Silang will be reduced to 30 minutes from an hour)," he added.

"Once operational, this section of CALAX is expected to serve 5,000 vehicles daily, helping decongest traffic along Governor's Drive, Aguinaldo Highway, and Sta. Rosa-Tagaytay Road," MPCALA Holdings said in an e-mailed statement.

Mr. Villar said this portion of CALAX is expected to help accelerate economic progress in Region IV-A.

The first segments of CALAX that are currently operational run from Mampalasan to Santa Rosa in Laguna.

The operational segments are servicing about

10,000 vehicles daily. The CALAX project has eight subsections: Kawit to Open Canal (subsection 1), Open Canal to Governor's Drive (subsection 2), Governor's Drive to Silang (subsection 3), Silang to Silang East (subsection 4), Silang East to Santa Rosa (subsection 5), and Santa Rosa to Mampalasan (subsections 6, 7 and 8).

Once fully operational, the P35.43-billion project is expected to cut travel time between the Manila-Cavite Expressway and South Luzon Expressway to 45 minutes from the current 2.5 hours.

MPCALA Holdings is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corp., the tollways unit of Metro Pacific Investments Corp., which is one of three key Philippine units of Hong Kong-based First Pacific Co. Ltd., the others being Philex Mining Corp. and PLDT, Inc.

Hastings Holdings, Inc., a unit of PLDT Beneficial Trust Fund subsidiary MediaQuest Holdings, Inc., has a majority stake in BusinessWorld through the Philippine Star Group, which it controls. — Arjay L. Balinbin



## 1M DOSE NG ASTRAZENECA, INILAN SA NCR PLUS

Nasa kalahati ng 2 milyong dose ng AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines na dumating nitong Sabado, Mayo 8 ang inilaan sa Metro Manila, Rizal, Cavite, Laguna, at Bulacan.

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Nasa kalahati ng 2 milyong dose ng AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines na dumating nitong Sabado, Mayo 8 ang inilaan sa Metro Manila, Rizal, Cavite, Laguna, at Bulacan.

Ang mga bakuna ay para sa mga healthcare workers, senior citizens, at adults with comorbidities sa NCR Plus.

"We are distributing them across the country but we have focused on NCR Plus because this is where the epicenter of the disease is," pahayag ni Health Undersecretary Maria Rosario Vergeire. Ayon sa Department of Health, 501,600 doses ang mapupunta sa Metro Manila; 261,000 sa Central Luzon; at 254,400 sa Calabarzon.

Naglaan din ang DOH ng tig-132,000 doses sa Central Visayas at Davao, habang 127,000 naman sa Western Visayas. Source: Inquirer, Photo: AFP

## New LTO Cavite office to provide 'much-improved' service

Motorists in Cavite are expected to enjoy "swift, enhanced, convenient and much-improved" public service through the newly inaugurated district office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in the city of Imus.

In a Facebook post on Wednesday, the LTO said the two-storey office building, with an area of 1,135 square meters, has centralized air-conditioning system, accessible emergency exits, uses the Land Transportation Management System (LTMS) for licensing transactions, and features an all-glass façade, is "a first in Calabarzon (Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal, Quezon)".

"The new district office will cater to all LTO-mandated requirements such as application and renewal of driver's license, MV (motor vehicle) registration, and other miscellaneous transactions," the LTO said.

The new office, it said, will also allow the LTO Cavite District to serve more clients through its enhanced operational capacity.

It said these improve-



LTO CAVITE. The facade of the newly-inaugurated district office of the Land Transportation Office (LTO) in Imus, Cavite. The LTO on Wednesday (May 12, 2021) said the new office will provide a "much-improved" service to a greater number of clients. (Photo courtesy of LTO)

ments manifest the LTO's move towards modernization, ease of doing business, and transparency.

The building was officially inaugurated and blessed on Wednesday with Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade and LTO

Chief Assistant Secretary Edgar Galvante. The LTO Imus district office began operations in 2018 and has served clients for two and a half years before the increasing demand necessitated the construction of a new office building. (PNA)

## 6 hectares of land damaged in Cavite grass fire



Six hectares of land were affected after firefighters struggled to extinguish a grass fire in Barangay Toclong, Kawit, Cavite on Monday night.

In a State of the Nation report on Tuesday, the grassland fire went on for six hours as the flames easily spread due to the hot weather.

Firemen had to connect their firehose as firetrucks could not move past a barrier near the blaze.

No casualties were reported in the incident.—Consuelo Marquez/LDF, GMA News