

## Imus City Council OKs measures to boost public services

By Ruel Francisco



CITY OF IMUS, Cavite (PIA) — In a move to strengthen public service delivery and enhance the quality of life of Imuseños, the Imus City Council approved a total of 12 resolutions during its second regular session on January 12, 2026, advancing key initiatives in governance, education,

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## City of Bacoor Recognizes Outstanding Residents and Sports



BACOR — The City Government of Bacoor, led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, began the week with a meaningful Flag Raising Ceremony on January 19, 2026, held at the STRIKE Gymnasium and hosted by the Sports Development Unit.

The event opened with a prayer and the Entrance of Colors by BJMP Bacoor

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## Grass Fire Affects Parts of Aguinaldo Highway in Silang



SILANG, Cavite – A grass fire broke out early Thursday along portions of Emilio Aguinaldo Highway in Silang, affecting roadside areas in Barangay Lucsuhin and Barangay Lalalan 1st.

Firefighters and emergency responders immediately rushed to the scene after thick smoke was seen coming from dry grass and vegetation near the highway. According to initial information

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# SM City General Trias Rising Soon



GENERAL TRIAS, Cavite — Construction of SM City General Trias is steadily moving forward, marking another major commercial development in the province. Once completed, the mall will become the eighth SM mall in Cavite, with target completion set between 2026 and 2027.

The 11 hectare project is located in Riverpark North and officially broke ground on June 14, 2024. The ceremony was led by SM Supermalls President

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## CvSU develops e-governance system for barangays

By Patricia Bermudez

SILANG, Cavite (PIA) — Students at the Cavite State University (CvSU) in Silang have developed a digital platform to modernize barangay services and enhance the efficiency of grassroots governance.

Developed as a thesis by Dave Espiritu, Neejay Lazaro, Arianne Jose, Kenneth Naquila, Luvrickx Kelley Lanzona, Ruel Panti, and Ruel Vincent dela Peña of the CvSU Silang's College of Information Technology, the One Bayani, One System was designed to digitize barangay records

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## DepEd turns over 4-story classroom building in Cavite

By Stephanie Sevillano

The Department of Education (DepEd) on Tuesday turned over a four-story, 16-classroom school building at the Santiago Elementary School in General Trias, Cavite in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to address classroom shortage.

In a statement, Education Secretary Sonny Angara said the turnover shows the government's resolve in easing the current

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NEW SCHOOL BUILDING. Education Secretary Sonny Angara (in light green shirt) leads the blessing and turnover of the four-story, 16-classroom building at the Santiago Elementary School in General Trias, Cavite on Tuesday (Jan. 20, 2026). The new classroom building is equipped with smart televisions, armchairs, and safety features, including fire alarms and emergency lights. (Photo courtesy of DepEd)

Cavite to Stay  
Philippines' Most  
Populous Province  
by 2030

Cavite is set to remain the country's most populous province, with an estimated 5.3 million residents by 2030, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported. Bulacan is projected to follow with 4.17 million people, while Rizal

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health, and infrastructure development.

Among the major actions was the approval of the 2026 annual budgets of Barangays Maharlika and Medicion 2-E, which will serve as the framework for the implementation of their respective programs, projects, and basic services for the year.

The council also authorized City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula to enter into partnership agreements with Emilio Aguinaldo College-Cavite, International Electronics and Technical Institute-Imus, and Josiah

Christian Values School. These agreements aim to support on-the-job training and work immersion opportunities for students, strengthening collaboration between educational institutions and the local government.

In support of digital transformation and healthcare services, the city government was likewise authorized to coordinate with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) for the rollout of an ICT capacity development program. Coordination

with the Department of Health-CALABARZON was also approved for the implementation of the Specialist for the People (EPSB) Program at the Imus Hospital.

Several resolutions addressed infrastructure development and financial management concerns.

These included authorizing the mayor to sign a deed of donation for a parcel of land in Barangay Alapan 1-C, process building permit applications, enroll all Land Bank of the Philippines accounts of the city in the electronic banking system, and

facilitate the refund of cash advances from Meralco-Bacoor.

In an effort to improve accessibility, the council declared the road connecting the New City of Imus Government Center to Avesta Residences in Barangay Malagasang 1-G a public road, ensuring better access and mobility for residents in the area.

According to the city government, the approved measures reflect its continued efforts to enhance public services, strengthen institutional partnerships, and promote sustainable development across Imus City. (RBF/with reports from Imus CIO)

## Bacoor Partners with HOAs for Efficient Garbage Collection



BACOOR CITY — The City Government of Bacoor, led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, strengthened its partnership with Homeowners Associations (HOAs) to improve city-wide garbage collection during a meeting held at Revilla Hall on January 17, 2026.

The session, organized by the City Environment Service Department (CESD) under Mr. Rolando Vocalan, focused on Bacoor City Ordinance No. 469-2025, which regulates waste collection services across all barangays. The goal was to clarify the ordinance's provisions and foster closer collaboration between the local government and HOAs.

Key attendees included Mr. Lodgene Asuncion, head of E-Gov/MIS, a representative from the City Social Welfare and Development (CSWD), and Pres. Guia Javier Oller of BHOACI. HOA representatives actively shared suggestions to enhance garbage collection, while the city presented other programs that HOAs could participate in for the benefit of their communities.

Mayor Revilla emphasized that through teamwork between the LGU and HOAs, Bacoor will become cleaner, safer, and more sustainable for all Bacooreños.

## Cavite to stay Philippines' most populous

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is expected to overtake Laguna as the third most populous province, reaching 3.88 million. Laguna is forecasted to have 3.72 million residents by the same year.

These figures mark a significant increase from 2020, when Cavite had 4.36 million, Bulacan 3.72 million, and Laguna 3.39 million.

Among highly urbanized cities, Quezon City will remain the largest at nearly 2.92 million, slightly down from 2.96 million in 2020.

Davao City is projected to grow to 2.04 million, followed by Manila at 1.9 million, Caloocan at 1.71 million, Taguig at 1.52 million, and Zamboanga

surpassing 1 million residents. The PSA based these projections on the 2020 census and methodologies approved in 2024, with support from the Inter-Agency Working Group on Population Projections and the United Nations Population Fund Philippines.

Nationally, the Philippines' mid-year population is expected to reach 123.96 million by 2035, up from 109.2 million in 2020, reflecting an average annual growth of 0.85 percent. CALABARZON will remain the most populous region with 19.07 million people, followed by the National Capital Region at 14.49 million.

Gender trends indicate

that males will slightly outnumber females in most provinces, while the NCR may see a small female majority by 2035.

Meanwhile, population growth will vary across regions, with Bangsamoro projected to grow fastest and the NCR slowing down.

## DepEd turns over 2-storey classroom

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pressure on both time and space in public schools.

"Proven naman po yan, kapag siksikan ang mga silid, hindi makapagturo nang maigi ang teachers. Ayaw na po natin ng (That's proven, when rooms are overcrowded, educators cannot teach efficiently.

We do not want) shifting as much as possible," he said.

The four-story building boosts the school's capacity, which currently caters to more than 2,400 primary learners.

It comes with smart televisions, armchairs, and safety features, including

fire alarms and emergency lights. The accelerated school building construction was made possible through the partnership between the DepEd and the city government, which utilized its Special Education Fund.

In less than three years, more than 100 classrooms

have been constructed or are under construction across the schools division of General Trias City.

Angara previously said that similar flexible measures are in place to speed up classroom construction and delivery nationwide, with the help of the expanded public-private partnerships, as well as the Adopt-A-School Program. (PNA)

## CvSU develops e-governance system

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management systems, improving services and governance.

Cereneo Santiago, thesis adviser and Project Leader of the OneSys Extension Project, emphasized that OneSys was built to modernize barangay recordkeeping to ensure that local services are more responsive to community needs.

"Yung real-time access sa mga data, mas

mabilis 'yung pag-issue ng certificates, at mas organized 'yung blotter and permit tracking. Mayroon rin itong built-it analytics para sa planning, and reporting."

By integrating resident profiling, certificate issuance, and blotter management into a real-time database, the One Bayani, One System can help barangays transition to digitized and data-

driven governance. "Yung records ay standardized at nao-audit, at nakapag-generate agad ang mga barangay ng reports na nasesent nila sa DILG [Department of the Interior and Local Government]."

Slated for adoption across all barangays in Silang, the three-year project began in 2025 with a goal of streamlining government services.

According to Santiago,

the local government and barangay leaders have shown strong support for the project.

"[By] 2028 ay dapat ginagamit na ng lahat ng barangay. Actually ngayong 2026 ay maa-achieve na namin yun. Yung ibang barangay kasi ay nagrequest na. In 2026, start na namin yung cluster 2 with 16 barangays."

Once fully implemented in Silang, the One Bayani, One System for possible adoption in the entire Cavite Province. (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

## SM City General Trias rising soon

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Steven Tan and General Trias Mayor Luis Ferrer IV, signaling the start of a large scale development expected to serve both residents and nearby communities.

Designed to have nearly 68 thousand square meters of gross floor area, the mall will house a wide range of shopping, dining, and entertainment options. Plans also include a transport terminal and more than one thousand

parking spaces, with provisions already in place for future expansion.

Full construction activities began in early 2025. Recent updates show that structural works are progressing as scheduled. The entire development is expected to take three to four years from the groundbreaking phase.

SM City General Trias forms part of the larger Riverpark township, a 600

hectare master planned community developed through a partnership between Federal Land and SM Prime Holdings. The township combines residential areas, business zones, and open green spaces aimed at balanced urban growth. The site is strategically located near the Cavite Laguna Expressway Open Canal Interchange and planned road networks, providing convenient

access for motorists and commuters. It is also close to established communities such as Lancaster New City. Local officials and developers believe the project will generate employment opportunities and contribute to the continued economic growth of General Trias, which is fast emerging as a key industrial and residential area in Cavite. The mall is also expected to become a central hub within the SM District of Riverpark North once fully operational. Source cavite.news

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# Lancaster New City expands commercial zone in Cavite

KAWIT, Cavite — Lancaster New City is moving forward with the development of a new commercial district in Zone 2, aimed at supporting the growing needs of residents and nearby communities.

According to information from cavite.news, the upcoming mixed use area will feature a supermarket, various retail shops, a school and a terminal that will serve the planned Cavite Bus Rapid Transit system. The site is strategically located along the Daang Hari Extension, a key road linking Arnaldo Highway and Gov. Ferrer Drive, and is situated near the General Trias Retarding Basin.



The new commercial hub is expected to strengthen connectivity between Riverpark North and Riverpark South, further enhancing access to essential services and transport options in the area.

Lancaster New City spans more than 2,000 hectares covering parts of Kawit, Imus, General Trias and Tanza. It is recognized as Cavite's first masterplanned community and is considered one of the largest township developments in the Philippines. Source cavite.news

## Grass fire affects

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from the Bureau of Fire Protection and the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, no injuries were reported.

The fire spread quickly due to dry conditions, causing brief traffic slowdowns and concern among motorists and nearby residents. Authorities moved fast to secure the area and prevent the flames from reaching nearby homes and establishments.

Personnel from the BFP, MDRRMO, Silang Traffic Management Office and the Philippine National Police worked together to control the situation. Fire trucks and response equipment were deployed to contain the fire and limit further damage.

A member of the BFP said the coordinated response helped stop the fire from escalating. Teams

remained on site to monitor the area and ensure that no remaining hotspots could reignite.

The local government advised the public to stay alert, avoid the affected section of the highway when possible and follow official advisories. Residents were also reminded to help prevent fires by clearing dry grass and properly disposing of combustible materials.

Silang has wide grassland and agricultural areas that are prone to fires during the dry season. Officials said the incident serves as a reminder of the importance of fire prevention and community cooperation.

Based on reports from the Bureau of Fire Protection and the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office.

## City of Bacoor recognizes

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personnel. The Bacoor Unity Band proudly led the singing of the Philippine National Anthem, followed by solemn recitations of the Panunumpa sa Watawat ng Pilipinas, Panunumpa ng Lingkod Bayan, Panata sa Bagong Pilipinas, and the city's Quality Policy Statement. The Bacoor Hope Children's Chorus added a special touch with performances of the Bagong Pilipinas Hymn, Cavite Hymn, and Bacoor Hymn.

SK Federation President Palm Angel Buncio delivered the opening remarks, and the ceremony recognized outstanding Bacooreños through Latin Honors and Special Awards. The city was also acknowledged as

one of the 2025 Gawad para sa Kaagapay sa Kalusugan at Kapaligiran awardees for its Desludging Availment program in Cavite.

An audio-visual presentation highlighted the achievements of the Sports Development Unit under Mr. Sidney Solis, followed by a lively intermission number from the unit's staff. Birthday greetings for City Councilor Karen Sarino Evaristo were also shared.

Mayor Revilla closed the ceremony with a heartfelt message, reaffirming Bacoor's strong commitment to sports development and continued celebration of its residents' accomplishments.

### ERRATUM

In the Notice of Extra-Judicial Sale, Foreclosure Case No. F-858-23 filed by Home Development Mutual Fund against Elizabeth Bencito published in Southern Tagalog Herald Cavite on December 31, 2023 and January 7 & 14, 2024, correction should be made as follows: "A parcel of land...on the NW along line 4-1 by Lot 3 both of Blk. 11..." and not what was published. Please be guided accordingly.

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**IN RE: PETITION FOR THE  
ISSUANCE OF A NEW OWNER'S  
DUPLICATE COPY OF TRANSFER  
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-  
1083409 OF THE REGISTRY OF  
DEEDS FOR THE PROVINCE OF  
CAVITE**

**LRC CASE NO. 8843-2025-344**

**MASAITO DEVELOPMENT CORP.,**  
Represented by **LORAIN ANN L.  
CASTRO**  
Petitioner,  
X-----X

**ORDER**

This is a petition for the issuance of a new owner's duplicate copy of Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-1083409 of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite filed by petitioner through its representative, Loraine Ann L. Castro.

Petitioner alleges that it is the registered owner of a parcel of land situated in Barangay Molino, Bacoor City, Cavite covered by TCT No. T-1083409. Petitioner further alleges that the owner's duplicate copy of said title was lost sometime in January 2025 while it was in the course of arranging its records on file. Consequently, petitioner through its Land Acquisition Junior Supervisor executed an affidavit of loss. It prays that judgment be rendered directing the Register of Deeds to issue a new owner's duplicate copy in its name.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the same is hereby set for **initial hearing** on **May 4, 2026** at 9:00 in the morning at which date, place and hour, any interested person may appear and show cause why said petition should not be granted.

Petitioner is directed to cause the PUBLICATION of the copy of this Order at its expense once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite. Likewise, petitioner is directed to FURNISH with copies of the petition with annexes the Office of the Registry of Deeds, Bacoor City, the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite and the Land Registration Authority within fifteen (15) days from receipt of this Order and thereafter to submit compliance to this Court.

Let copies of this Order be POSTED in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Bacoor where the property is situated at least thirty (30) days prior to the aforesaid date of hearing, more particularly at the bulletin boards of the following:

1. Regional Trial Court, City of Bacoor, Cavite
2. Registry of Deeds, Bacoor City, Cavite
3. Main Entrance, City Hall of Bacoor City, Cavite

**SO ORDERED.**

GIVEN IN CHAMBERS, this 5th day of January 2026 in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

**ROMANO M. DIAZ**  
Presiding Judge

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**IN RE: PETITION FOR  
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OF TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF  
TITLE NO. T-833581 OF THE  
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**FELICISIMA A. CELONES,**  
Petitioner,

-versus- **CASE NO. LRC-C-GMA-2025-66**

**THE REGISTER OF DEEDS OF  
CAVITE and OTHER PERSONS WHO  
MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,**  
Respondents.  
X-----X

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

There is a petition filed by petitioner through counsel for replacement/issuance of lost owner's duplicate copy on Transfer Certificate of Title Nos. T-833581 on the grounds alleged therein.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that said petition has been set for hearing on **March 11, 2026 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon**, before this Court, on which date, time, and place, any person interested is cited to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

Further, let a copy of this Notice and that of the Petition be furnished the Registry of Deeds, Trece Martires City, Cavite, Land Registration Authority and the Office of the Solicitor General and the same be posted by the sheriff of this Court in three (3) conspicuous places in the Municipality of Carmona, Cavite, where the property is located.

Witness my hand under the seal of this Court this 2nd day of December 2025 at Carmona, Cavite, Philippines.

**CATHERINE A. PERAN**  
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## Tagaytay Flyover Now Off-Limits to Trucks and Buses

TAGAYTAY, Cavite — To improve safety and traffic flow, Tagaytay authorities have prohibited trucks, buses, tricycles, bicycles, and e-bikes from using the Tagaytay Flyover. The city's Office of Public Safety said the restriction aims to prevent accidents on the flyover, where vehicles travel at higher speeds and steady traffic is essential. Officials also noted that the flyover is designed for lighter, faster-moving vehicles, and heavy or slow vehicles could create congestion or pose hazards. Traffic personnel from TOPS and other



enforcement units are stationed at the flyover to ensure compliance. Drivers who ignore the rules may face fines and penalties under city regulations. Motorists are encouraged to follow posted signs and take alternative routes. Authorities remind the public that practicing road discipline and patience helps keep everyone safe.

## Cavite gov't holds medical, dental mission in Trece Martires

By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) reinforced its commitment to accessible healthcare as it kicked off the year with a medical and dental mission held on January 8 in Barangay Cabezas.

The outreach activity

benefited a total of 582 residents, with 379 individuals receiving medical consultations and 49 availing of dental services. As part of the comprehensive healthcare assistance, diagnostic services were also provided, including 100 fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, 32

electrocardiogram (ECG) procedures, and 22 X-ray examinations.

Patients were likewise given free prescribed medicines to support their treatment and recovery.

The mission was made possible through the collaborative efforts of healthcare professionals

from the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) and the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) medical mission team, who delivered essential medical and dental care to the community.

Several local officials were present to show their support, including 7th District Board Member Aldrin Anacan, Councilor Joyce Anne Mojica, Councilor Anne Jomille Humarang, and barangay officials of Cabezas.

The provincial government reaffirmed its commitment to bringing responsive and inclusive healthcare services closer to Caviteños, ensuring that essential medical support remains available to communities throughout the year. (With reports from OPIO)



## Bacoor Traffic Personnel Now Equipped with Body Cameras

BACOOR CITY — In a move to strengthen transparency and road safety, the City Government of Bacoor, under Mayor Strike B. Revilla, has equipped all Bacoor Traffic Management Department (BTMD) personnel with body cameras. The distribution took place on January 17 at Villar Hall, led by BTMD head Leslie Dianne Morales. Mayor Strike announced that starting Monday, all traffic enforcers will be required to wear body cameras while on duty to ensure fair and accountable interactions with motorists. "Let's do what is right. What's important is that we help each other to make our roads safe," Mayor Strike said.

The mayor also recognized BTMD personnel Kurt Ehmil Ortiz for returning a lost wallet to a senior citizen, praising his honesty and integrity as an example of dedicated public service. This initiative reflects Bacoor's commitment to "Serbisyong tapat, kalsadang ligtas" for all residents.



## Bacoor Residents Question City Spending Amid Dark Streets



BACOOR, Cavite — Residents of Bacoor have raised concerns over the city government's spending priorities after major roads were reported to remain poorly lit, even as holiday decorations featuring officials' names adorned the city.

A local resident criticized the apparent mismatch, saying, "It's not decorations that will save lives, but proper and well-lit roads, especially on major thoroughfares." Officials reportedly cited budget limits and rising electricity costs as reasons for the lack of street lighting, but funds for festive displays were still spent.

Bacoor, home to more than 700,000 people, has long faced complaints about inadequate lighting in both residential and commercial areas. Poorly lit streets have been linked to traffic accidents and safety concerns for pedestrians, prompting calls for clearer prioritization of public funds.

The ongoing debate highlights the challenge of balancing city beautification with essential public safety needs.

## Riverpark Emerges as Cavite's Next Big Community

By Amy R. Remo



CAVITE — The province of Cavite continues to shine as a practical and desirable address, offering modern living, strong connectivity, and promising investment opportunities.

Its appeal is evident in faster access to Metro Manila and nearby provinces, more affordable housing, expansive green spaces, and self-contained communities with retail, schools, and services nearby. Cavite's economy reflects this growth, expanding 5.4 percent in 2024 and ranking as the country's second-largest provincial economy by share of the national GDP.

Amid this momentum, Riverpark in General Trias City stands out as a "Next Gen City of the South." Developed by GT Capital Holdings and Federal Land Inc., this 600-hectare township integrates residential villages, commercial centers, a central business district, parks, bike trails, and institutional zones.

The first residential project, 18-hectare Yume at Riverpark by Federal Land NRE Global Inc., blends Filipino and Japanese craftsmanship with lifestyle-focused amenities. Riverpark is already attracting major locators, including a UNIQLO logistics facility, the upcoming SM City General Trias, and a new 15-hectare campus for Ateneo de Manila University.

Strategically located just an hour from Metro Manila via key expressways, Riverpark combines open, livable spaces with accessibility, making it a compelling choice for homebuyers and investors alike.

