

SSS resumes campaign vs erring employers in Southern Luzon

The Social Security System (SSS) Luzon South 1 Division started this year's Run After Contribution Evaders (RACE) Campaign with its 13 branch offices simultaneously issuing written notices to delinquent employers in the region.

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SSS Vice President for Luzon South 1 Division Edwin S. Igharas said that 132 erring employers in Cavite, Laguna and Quezon received violation notices wherein 87 of them failed to remit P15.48 million



Social Security System (SSS) Vice President for Luzon South 1 Division Engr. Edwin Igharas explains to the warehouse's employer representative on how to register their business with the SSS during the Run After Contribution Evaders (RACE) Campaign in Cabuyao City. Joining Igharas are SSS Accounts Officer Caroline Masa (center) and SSS Calamba Acting Branch Head Sherry Lou Portas (left).

Brgy. Sunny Brooke II Residents Receive Free Health Services from PGC

Over 230 residents of Brgy. SunnyBrooke II, City of General Trias, received free medical and dental services during the Provincial Government of Cavite's (PGC) health mission.

Led by the Office of the Provincial Governor and Office of the Provincial Health Officer through the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) medical and dental team and supported by hardworking Barangay

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Cavite gov't brings free medical services to communities



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By Ruel Francisco

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Around 300 individuals benefited from free medical and dental services during the recent medical mission organized by the Cavite provincial government in Brgy. Navarro, City of General Trias.

According to the Cavite Provincial Information Office, 196 individuals received free medical consultations, while 107 people took advantage of dental check-ups and tooth extractions.

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2nd Tranche of Calabarzon Wage Hike Now in Effect

By Ruel Francisco



TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Private workers across Calabarzon are now set to fully benefit from the wage hike approved by the regional wage board last year, as the second tranche of the increase takes effect. With the latest adjustment, workers in the non-agri-

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St. Jude-Cavite dethrones Top Flight-Canada for NBTC Division 2 title

The new king of the NBTC Division 2 comes from Cavite. Nexel Aguilo and St. Jude College Dasmariñas (SJCDC) grounded now-dethroned Top Flight Hoops-Canada for a convincing 93-88 victory in the 2025 Smart-NBTC National Finals presented by SM Supermalls Division 2 title game, Sunday at the SM Mall of Asia Arena. With the Fil-Canadians leading by two at halftime, the Thaddeans fired a 19-point third quarter to take a one-point advantage heading into the final frame.

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Bacoor City, PCU Partner for Imus River Census and Survey



Bacoor City, April 8, 2025 – The City Government of Bacoor and Philippine Christian University (PCU) met today to discuss a collaborative effort to conduct a comprehensive census and community survey along the Imus River. The meeting, held at the SBR Conference Room, was facilitated by Mr. RJ Revilla, who brought to-

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Mayor Strike Welcomes DHSUD 4A OIC Director for Courtesy Call



Bacoor City, April 4, 2025 – Mayor Strike B. Revilla received a courtesy call from OIC Director Jean Paul Ilao of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Regional Office 4A today at the Strike Conference Room. The visit was organized by the City Government of Bacoor's Housing Urban Development & Resettlement Department (HUDRD), led by Atty. Aimee Torrefrancia-Neri.

The courtesy call aimed to strengthen communication between the City Government and DHSUD, specifically to address issues faced by Homeowners Associations (HOAs) in Bacoor. The meeting was attended by representatives from the DHSUD Public Housing & Settlement Division, including Mr. Aldrin Emmanuel D. Royo and Ms. Bernadette Queenie Mendoza, as well as HUDRD staff. Mayor Strike B. Revilla expressed his hope that Director Ilao's presence would facilitate immediate action and solutions for HOA concerns. The meeting focused on establishing a collaborative framework between the City Government and DHSUD to effectively address these issues. This visit underscores the City Government's commitment to working with national agencies to improve the lives of residents and ensure the smooth functioning of housing communities within Bacoor City.

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There, Aguilo rose to the occasion and matched the bright lights with 10 points and only one missed attempt. It was his shot with under two minutes remaining that mounted SJCDC's largest lead at 88-80.

"Maraming salamat sa NBTC sa patuloy na pagbigay ng tsansa para sa mga kabataang makapaglaro rito," said head coach Willson Ang. "Dahil dun, nani-

wala pa rin kami na kahit papaano, sa dulo, may puntahan kami."

Aguilo, the Division 2 Most Outstanding Player, wound up with 23 points, five steals, and four assists despite zero attempts from deep and just one trip to the line. Running mate Stanley Gicoso then scored 14 points, while also penetrating the passing lanes with six steals.

The two were rightfully recognized as members of the Division 2 Mythical Team for their tournament-long brilliance. Also joining them were Top Flight's Chad Gammad and Joey Panghulan and DPR Aviation College-Bulacan's John Lord Cruz.

Arvin Ruba posted a 10-point, 10-rebound double-double as well for the newly-crowned Division

2 kings of the grassroots program also sponsored by MNL Kingpin, Molten, Pocari Sweat, Burlington, Swish, and Buffalo's Wings N' Things.

That proved to be enough for the Thaddeans to endure another 30-point barrage by Fil-Canadian top gun Gammad, who rained down six three-pointers on top of five rebounds.

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gether representatives from both institutions.

Leading the Bacoor City delegation were Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Atty. Kim Nycia Lofrancio, Head of the City Legal Service Office, and Mr. Rollie Vocalan, Head of the City Economic and Social Development Office (CESD). PCU was represented by Dr. Arturo Tagle, Dean of the College of Criminology, BGen. Ramon Santos, Director of PCU NSTP, Ms. Gelene Anquilo, Coordinator of PCU Dasmariñas, and other PCU officials from both the Dasmariñas and Manila campuses.

The census and community survey aim to gather valuable data for research and record-keeping purposes. The project will also

foster environmental and cultural awareness among residents, with a particular focus on the importance of protecting the mangroves of Bacoor. Both parties expressed their commitment to working together to ensure the success of the project.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is being drafted to formalize the collaboration between PCU and the City Government of Bacoor. This partnership is a significant step towards promoting environmental sustainability, community engagement, and knowledge sharing in Bacoor City. The City Government is confident that the collaboration with PCU will yield positive results for the benefit of the entire community.

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culture sector in component cities and first-class municipalities will receive an additional P20, raising their daily minimum wage from P520 to P540.

Meanwhile, non-agriculture workers in fourth, fifth, and sixth-class municipalities will receive a P30

increase, elevating their daily minimum wage from P420 to P450.

The Wage Board added that workers in the agriculture sector in first-class municipalities will receive an increase of P35, adjusting their daily minimum wage from P465 to P500.

"These adjustments follow the initial tranche implemented on September 30, 2024, and are part of the government's ongoing efforts to ensure fair compensation for workers in the region," the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board Calabarzon (RTWPB IV-A) said

in a statement. The RTWPB IV-A advised employers to comply with the new wage rates to avoid penalties, while workers are encouraged to stay informed about their updated compensation entitlements. (RBF, FSC, PIA4A)

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The event was made possible through the efforts of medical professionals from the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, along with the support of the Cavite Dental Chapter, ensuring quality services for the community.

In addition to consultations, the medical team dis-

tributed free prescribed medications and multivitamins to the residents.

The Cavite PIO added that the collaborative effort underscores the provincial government's commitment to providing accessible healthcare services and promoting a healthier community. Meanwhile, in observance of World Tuberculosis Day, Barangay Tua in Magallanes

served as the latest venue for the Department of Health's (DOH) PuroKalusugan services. This community-based initiative aims to deliver essential healthcare directly to underserved areas, ensuring that everyone has access to quality medical care.

A total of 137 residents benefited from various services offered by the PuroKalusugan initiative, such as

chest X-ray screenings, HIV testing and counseling, and prenatal check-ups.

The initiative also focused on rabies prevention, providing anti-rabies vaccinations for pets and offering an educational Rabies Awareness Lecture to inform pet owners about responsible care and disease prevention. (RBF/R. Tanael)

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Health Workers (BHWs), the outreach program included consultations, dental extractions, free medicines and

mosquito repellent lotion. Likewise, free massage was also provided.

The mission was warm-

ly welcomed by the community, providing much-needed care closer to home. PGC remains committed to

making quality healthcare more accessible for every Caviteño.--- R. Dones

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worth of SSS contributions with corresponding penalties while 45 employers got a stern warning for not registering their businesses with the SSS. "Employees rely on their SSS benefits for financial security in times of need. Employers' failure to register their businesses and remit their workers' contributions not only violates the law but it also deprives their

employees with the benefits they rightfully deserve," Igharas said. He underscored that the RACE Campaign shows SSS' commitment to enforce the law so they can protect the rights of workers in the region. "Employers must understand that timely and accurate contribution remittance is more than a legal obligation but a moral responsibility." He explained

that SSS is giving these delinquent employers 15 days to coordinate with their respective branch offices and settle their contribution delinquencies to avoid any legal consequences, noting that business owners can take advantage of existing condonation programs and flexible payment terms.

"We are sending a clear message that SSS will take

necessary actions to uphold the welfare of Filipino workers. We urge all employers to comply voluntarily and work with us in building a more secure future for their employees," he added.

He concluded that failure to comply may result in imprisonment of six years and one day to 12 years and or a fine ranging from P5,000 to P20,000.

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3 Bacoor Prosecutors Take Oath Before Mayor Revilla

Bacoor City, April 8, 2025 – Three Bacoor City Prosecutors were sworn into their new positions today in a ceremony officiated by Mayor Strike B. Revilla at the Mayor’s Office. The ceremony marked the promotions of Atty. Michael Philip B. Silvala to Prosecutor III (Deputy Prosecutor), Atty. Timoteo P. Pineda Jr. to Prosecutor II (Assistant City Prosecutor), and Atty. John Edward M. Tumang to Prosecutor I (Associate City Prosecutor).

The newly promoted prosecutors, along with their families, were present for the oath-taking ceremony. Mayor Strike expressed his confidence in the abilities of the prosecutors and encouraged them to continue their dedicated service to the city.

The City Government of Bacoor is committed to strengthening the legal system and ensuring justice for all its residents. The promotion of these talented prosecutors is a testament to the city’s dedication to providing efficient and effective legal services.



Legarda joins annual Earth Month commemoration this April

Senator Loren Legarda reaffirmed her commitment to ecological protection and climate action by pushing to safeguard the planet from the threat of climate change as she joined the annual Earth Month commemoration this April.

A long-time champion for ecological conservation and climate resilience, Legarda emphasized the urgent need to address the exacerbating impacts of climate change, which include rising temperatures, extreme precipitation, stronger winds, and sea level rise.

“This April, as we commemorate Earth Month and International Mother Earth Day, we are reminded of our collective responsibility to care for and protect our planet,” said Legarda.

“Every small action matters, and every choice we make today affects the future of our children and the generations to come,” she added.

Aligned with this year’s International Mother Earth Day

2025 theme, “Our Power, Our Planet,” Legarda highlighted the importance of unified action and the shift to renewable energy as key steps toward achieving a more sustainable world and reaching clean electricity by 2030.

Legarda is known for the landmark laws she authored for climate action and environmental protection, including the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act (RA 9003), Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 (RA 10121), and Climate Change Act of 2009 (RA 9729), which continue to guide the country’s response to climate and ecological challenges.

Meanwhile, she also urged the public to adopt sustainable practices, especially amid the intense summer heat being experienced in many parts of the country.

“This summer, we’re experiencing extreme heat with dangerously high heat indices, making us yearn for cooler, fresher air. Let’s help our planet breathe by choosing sus-

tainable options — unplugging unused appliances and, when possible, shifting to solar-powered devices to save energy,” she said.

Legarda continues to champion stronger ecological and climate legislation, engaging communities to take collective action and embrace sustainability in their homes and daily lives.

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **CIRILO TAPAT** who died intestate in Maragondon, Cavite on November 15, 1996 consisting of one parcel of land under **TAX DECLARATION NO. AA-13-0005-01189 containing an area of 14,693 square meters** situated in Maragondon, Cavite has been the subject of an EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT by and among the HEIRS of said deceased as per Document No. 67, Page No. 14, Book No. XII Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Jose R. Bawalan dated November 6, 2020.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION BY SOLE HEIR

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **Spouses Fabian C. Bergunio and Florinda V. Riel** who both died in Maragondon, Cavite on April 25, 1985 and March 12, 1987 respectively, consisting of one parcel of land under **TAX DECLARATION NO. AA-13-0005-01179 containing an area of 84,068 square meters** situated in Maragondon, Cavite, has been ADJUDICATED unto herself by the SOLE CHILD / LEGAL HEIR by said deceased spouses as per Document No. 185, Page No. 37, Book No. III Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Jose R. Bawalan dated February 6, 2020.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **SEVERINO M. MALIMBAN and MARTINA E. MALIMBAN** who both died intestate in España, Manila on April 21, 2001 and August 29, 2015 respectively, consisting of 2 parcels of land with **TAX DECLARATION NOS. AA-13-0020-00301 (120,145 square meters) and AA-13-0020-0400 (20,000 square meters)** both situated in Maragondon, Cavite, had been ADJUDICATED in equal sharing by and among the HEIRS of said deceased as per Document No. 259, Page No. 52, Book No. III Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Jose R. Bawalan dated March 8, 2021.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF MAXIMA RIEGO

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **MAXIMA RIEGO** who died on March 15, 1950 at Maragondon, Cavite, consisting of one parcel of land under **TAX DECLARATION NO. AA-13-0005-01191 containing an area of 56,638 square meters** situated in Maragondon, Cavite, had been EXTRA-JUDICIALLY SETTLED by and among the HEIRS of said deceased as per Document No. 261, Page No. 43, Book No. III Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty. Gabriel B. Octava dated May 7, 2022.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **BENITO MANALO** who died intestate on January 17, 1990 in Maragondon, Cavite consisting of one parcel of land under **TAX DECLARATION NO. AA-13-0014-00005 containing an area of 132,258 square meters** more or less, had been ADJUDICATED IN EQUAL SHARING by and among the HEIRS of said deceased as per Document No. 459, Page No. 92, Book No. XVIII Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty. Jose R. Bawalan dated August 9, 2025.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **MATEO ANIN and FERNANDA ANIN** who both died intestate on October 25, 1990 in Maragondon, Cavite and on June 2, 2001 in Dasma respectively, consisting of 2 parcels of land under **TAX DECLARATION NOS. AA-13-0005-01246 (98,371.51 square meters) and AA-13-0005-01190 (18,128.79 square meters)** both situated in Maragondon, Cavite, had been the subject of an EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT by and among the HEIRS of said deceased as per Document No. 63, Page No. 14, Book No. XII Series of 2020 of Notary Public Atty. Jose R. Bawalan dated October 6, 2020.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **FELIPE GATDULA** who died intestate on January 27, 1979 in Quezon City Medical Center, consisting of 8 parcels of land all situated in Maragondon, Cavite under **TAX DECLARATION NOS. AA-13-0005-01165 (3,798.71 sq. m.), AA-13-0005-01166 (865.23 sq. m.), AA-13-0005-01167 (218.57 sq. m.), AA-13-0005-01168 (530.25 sq. m.), AA-13-0005-01169 (108,092.99 sq. m.), AA-13-0005-01163 (46.16 sq. m.), AA-13-0005-01164 (687.34 sq. m.), and AA-13-0005-01161 (58.97 sq. m.)** had been the subject of an EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT by and among the HEIRS of said deceased as per Document No. 379, Page No. 76, Book No. III Series of 2022 of Notary Public Atty. Gabriel B. Octava dated May 24, 2025.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **EDUVIGES ANIT, AGUSTIN D. RIEL and ROSALINA A. RIEL** (single) who all died intestate in Maragondon, Cavite on November 24, 1989, January 19, 1973 and on July 25, 2018 respectively, consisting of one parcel of land under **TAX DECLARATION NO. AA-13-0005-01214 containing an area of 13,111.99 square meters** situated in Maragondon, Cavite had been the subject of an EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT by and among the HEIRS as per Document no. 293, Page No. 59, Book No. 1 Series of 2023 of Notary Public Atty. Jose R. Bawalan dated February 1, 2023.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **LEONCIO ANICO** who died intestate, consisting of one parcel of land in Maragondon, Cavite under **TAX DECLARATION NO. AA-13-0005-01202 containing an area of 23,305 square meters** had been the subject of an EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT by and amongthe HEIRS of said deceased as per Document No. 71, Page No. 15, Book No. XIII Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Gabriel B. Octava dated June 25, 2021.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **POTENCIANA MANALO** who died intestate in Manila on April 15, 1966 and **MODESTO LOYOLA**, consisting of one parcel of land in Maragondon, Cavite under **TAX DECLARATION NO. AA-13-0014-00013 containing an area of 54,203.97 square meters** more or less had been ADJUDICATED in EQUAL SHARING by and among the HEIRS of said deceased as per Document No. 47, Page No. 92, Book No. XVIII Series of 2022 of Notary Puvlic Atty. Jose R. Bawalan dated August 9, 2022.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the estate left by the late **PEDRO A. ANICO and LAUREANA A. ANICO** who both died intestate in Maragondon, Cavite on November 9, 2004 and August 3, 2007 respectively, consisting of one parcel of land under **TAX DECLARATION NO. AA-13-0005-01140 containing an area of 45,153.20 square meters** situated in Maragondon, Cavite had been the subject of an EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT by and among the HEIRS as per Document No. 305, Page No. 61, Book No. XI Series of 2021 of Notary Public Atty. Gabriel B. Octava dated June 18, 2021.

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Notice is hereby given that the heirs of the late **EULALIO OANDASAN ARELLANO**, who died on February 21, 2019, and **ANGELINA DEGUZMAN ARELLANO**, who died on December 21, 2024, have executed an Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate on April 4, 2025, in San Diego, California. The heirs—**RAPHAEL DEGUZMAN ARELLANO, ALVIN DEGUZMAN ARELLANO, ELMER DEGUZMAN ARELLANO**, and **LILAH ARELLANO LEON GUERRERO**—being of legal age and the sole heirs, have adjudicated among themselves the following:

1. **Bank accounts** with the Land Bank of the Philippines under Vigan, Ilocos Sur Branch (**Account No. 0406802205**) and Bacoor, Cavite Branch (**Account No. 00001421116748**) and

2. A **real property** located in Bacoor, Cavite, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-20122007847**, registered in the names of Eulalio Oandasán Arellano and Angelina De Guzman Arellano.

Said document was notarized in **San Diego County, State of California**, under a **California Jurat Certificate** dated April 4, 2025, in accordance with Rule 74, Section 1 of the Revised Rules of Court of the Philippines.

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LPU Cavite Honors Media Luminares at Laurus Nobilis Awards 2025

Story by Seymour Barros Sanchez

Lyceans once again honored media professionals during the 3rd Laurus Nobilis Media Excellence Awards held at Lyceum of the Philippines University – Cavite in celebration of the media's role in inspiring future generations and shaping public discourse.

Film Development Council of the Philippines Chairman and CEO Jose Javier "Direk Joey" Reyes led the Laurus Nobilis 2025 awardees for his contribution to Philippine media and cinema.

Direk Joey lauded the event in a video sent to the organizers, "Most especially at a time when there is an overflow of information when there are various vessels and vehicles of distorted truth, people dedicated to the honesty and truthfulness of media is of utmost imperative." "To all the students of media right now, yours is the responsibility to correct the errors that have been creat-

ed by generations that came before you," Direk Joey imparted in his video message.

Among the honorees who graced the event last March 28 to personally receive their trophies include Elijah Canlas of "Uninvited" and Candy

Pangilinan of "Road Trip" for Film Acting; Pia Arcangel and Jeff Canoy for TV News Presentation; DJ ChaCha of True FM and Johnson Manabat of Radyo 630 for Radio News Anchoring; and DJ Robin Sienna of Love Radio for Radio Disk Jockeying (Female). FDCP Technical Consultant for Academic Linkages Seymour Sanchez received the Icon of Media Excellence Award, the highest honor of the Laurus Nobilis Awards, on behalf of Direk Joey.

Other Laurus Nobilis 2025 awardees are *Kara David *of "I-Witness" and Kim Atienza of "Dapat Alam Mo!" *for Public Affairs Hosting; Amy Perez, "It's Showtime," and Paolo Ballesteros, "Drag Race



The Laurus Nobilis Media Excellence Awards 2025 stage at LPU Cavite celebrates outstanding achievements in Philippine media and communication.

Philippines," Entertainment Show Hosting; BINI and TJ Monterde, Musical Performance; Maja Salvador and Andres Muhlach, Brand Endorsement; Ash-

ley Ortega, "Pulang Araw," and Rabin Angeles, "Mutya ng Section E," TV Acting; Lenie Aycardo and Hajie Alejandro, Online Content Creation; and Papa Jackson

of Energy FM, Radio Disk Jockeying (Male). "As we celebrate excellence in various fields of media, may this event remind us of the profound impact that sto-

ries, music, films, and digital content have in shaping perspectives and nurturing a more informed, engaged, and empowered youth," Arroyo-Vasquez shared.

Bacoor and Mandaluyong City Forge Sisterhood Agreement to Strengthen Collaboration



Mandaluyong City, April 11, 2025 - The City Governments of Bacoor and Mandaluyong officially formalized their sisterhood agreement yesterday in a ceremony held at the Mandaluyong City Hall. The signing of the agreement marks a significant step in strengthening intercity collaboration, promoting shared development initiatives, and enhancing disaster response capabilities.

Representing Bacoor City were Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista Mendiola, Sangguniang Panglungsod Members, Department Head, and the Liga ng Barangay of Bacoor. Mandaluyong City was Mayor Benjamin "Ben" Abalos Sr., Vice Mayor Carmelita "Menchie" Abalos, along with Ms. Maria Teresa Miranda, Sanggunian Secretary, Sangguniang Panglungsod Members, and Barangay Officials.

The Sisterhood Agreement signifies a commitment to fostering closer ties between the two cities, promoting cultural exchange, sharing best practices, and collaborating on projects that benefit both communities. The agreement is expected to enhance cooperation in various areas, including economic development, social services, education, tourism, and disaster preparedness.

This partnership represents a significant milestone for both cities, demonstrating their shared vision for progress and their commitment to working together to create a brighter future for their residents, particularly in times of crisis.

Alyansa bets eye job generation, wage hike push amid rising costs

By Wilnard Bacionia

Alyansa Para sa Bagong Pilipinas (ABP) senatorial candidates on Friday reaffirmed support for the proposed across-the-board minimum wage hike, which is gaining momentum in Congress.

In a press conference during the administration slate's campaign sortie at the Ynares Center in Antipolo City, ACT-CIS Party-list Rep. Erwin Tulfo noted that both houses of Congress have already filed wage hike proposals in response to public clamor over the rising cost of living.

He said a proposal for a PHP200 increase has been approved in the House of Representatives while a PHP100 hike has been approved in the Senate.

"Pero kailangan doon sa bicam (Bicameral Conference Committee) iko-combine 'yon. Ano ba talaga 'yong PHP200 o PHP100? (But it needs to be combined in the bicam. What exactly will be approved, the PHP200 or the PHP100?)," he added. The proposed wage increases come amid



mounting pressure from labor groups for immediate relief, especially in vote-rich provinces like Rizal, where many workers are part of the manufacturing, retail, and informal sectors. On job generation and livelihood programs, especially for youth and informal workers, former Senate president Vicente Sotto III called for increased funding directly allocated to provinces. "Kailangan siguro magkaroon 'yong sinasabi namin nila (former) Senator (Panfilo) Lacson before na additional funding directly for livelihood and agriculture sa iba't ibang probinsya... every province, at hindi basta't probinsya... let say na malapit sa administrasyon (Maybe we need to have

what Senator Lacson and I were talking about before, additional funding directly for livelihood and agriculture in the provinces... every province and not just any province... let's say those that are close to the administration)," Sotto said.

Former Interior Secretary Benjamin Abalos Jr., on the other hand, addressed the issue of resettlement and job access for informal settlers.

Citing his experience, Abalos said when he transferred informal settlers to Cavite, one requirement for the new place is that it should be one jeepney ride away from people's workplace.

"We could build an area by building a community," he said. (PNA)