

DSWD gives P1.42M livelihood aid to Cavite groups

By Patricia Bermudez



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NAIC, Cavite (PIA) — With a goal to help ensure food security in the region, three Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) Associations in Cavite Province received seed capital funding amounting to P1.42 million from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to help kickstart their businesses.

Last August 19, each of the 70 members from San Miguel Dreamers SLP Association, Pag-unlad SLP Association, and SMMED SLP Association received P20,000 as capital for their individual enterprises.

Dennis Silva, SLP Cavite Provincial Coordinator, said that these groups were organized

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Amadeo LGU assures all families receive 10-kilo rice benefits

By Patricia Bermudez



AMADEO, Cavite (PIA) — Indigent residents of Amadeo, Cavite have received their 10-kilo rice benefits under the ongoing Local Government Support Fund – Financial Assistance to Local Government Units. Mayor Jose “Jojo”

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Cavite promotes child protection in schools



CAVITE—The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC), strengthened its advocacy for children’s rights through a school-based information campaign on laws protecting children held

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Group seeks accountability for vessel that damaged Cavite mussel farms

Story by Cristina Eloisa Baclig



An activist fisherfolk group is calling on authorities to identify and hold accountable a dredging vessel that damaged more than 10 mussel-farming structures, or tahungan, in Cavite City.

In a statement on Monday, August 24, the Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamamalakaya ng Pilipinas (Pamalakaya) said the vessel’s owner should compensate the fisherfolk and tahungan operators affected by the incident. The group said the owner should be held responsible for

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Bacoor honors 320 skills training graduates



BACOR CITY, Cavite — A total of 320 residents of Bacoor were honored during a graduation ceremony on August 24 at Revilla Center after completing various community based and technical skills training programs aimed at helping them secure employment or start their own livelihoods.

The activity was organized by the City Government of Bacoor under the leadership of Mayor Strike B. Revilla through the City Livelihood and Development Department,

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PhilHealth, partners align efforts to advance UHC

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), together with the Department of Health (DOH) and global development partners, has outlined a 16 month reform agenda aimed at improving access, equity and efficiency in the delivery of

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Bacoor launches measles-rubella vaccination drive

BACOR CITY, Cavite — The City Government of Bacoor has launched the Ligas Tigdas Measles-Rubella Supplementary Immunization Activity (MR SIA) to strengthen protection against measles and rubella and help keep children safe from preventable diseases.

The campaign was formally launched on August 24 at the 5th Floor of the Legislative and Disaster Resilient Building under the leadership of Mayor Strike

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DOH puts CALABARZON hospitals on alert for typhoon Saudel

By Patricia Bermudez



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — Anticipating the uptick of influenza-like illnesses and waterborne diseases, the Department of Health (DOH) is mobilizing its public hospitals and other health facilities as typhoon Saudel is expected to enter the Philippines.

John Gumabao of DOH Center for Health and Development in CALABARZON, during the pre-disaster risk assessment meeting of the CALABARZON Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) last August 24, noted that all the public hospitals and health facilities are still in code white. As part of its protocol, hospital staff, medical teams, and operations centers are placed on 24/7 standby to ensure rapid response.

Since August 8, all hospitals and government health facilities in the region were placed under white alert following widespread typhoons and flooding. It has also activated a leptospirosis case tracker to determine logistics support especially in flood-prone communities.

As of reporting time, the DOH CALABARZON said they are still finalizing the number of leptospirosis cases that have been reported during the onslaught of tropical cyclones Luis, Maymay, and Neneng.

The DOH has also launched a massive information, education, and communication campaign especially in preventing leptospirosis.

To recall, the enhanced effects of the Southwest Monsoon (Habagat) and tropical cyclones Luis, Maymay, and Neneng brought heavy rainfall in most parts of the CALABARZON region. The continuous rains brought flooding in 171 barangays, 141 of which have noted that floods have already subsided, according to authorities. (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

Bacoor advances AI smart traffic project

BACOR CITY, Cavite — The City Government of Bacoor met with Korean delegates on August 24 to advance the development of an AI based Smart Traffic Management Integrated Platform aimed at improving traffic flow, road safety and transportation efficiency in the city.

The meeting was held at the Strike Conference Room through the Bacoor Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (BDRRMO), led by Richard Quion.

Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Bacoor Traffic Management Department (BTMD) Head Leslie Dianne Morales, Assistant Head Atty. Adel Udarbe, and members of the Korean delegation attended the meeting.

The initiative is part of the 2026 K-City Network Overseas Demonstration Project, in partnership with South Korea's Ministry of



Land, Infrastructure and Transport and the Korea Agency for Infrastructure Technology Advancement (KAIA).

The meeting also served as preparation for the project's Midterm Review scheduled in September.

The proposed platform

will use artificial intelligence to monitor traffic conditions, predict traffic flow and automatically adjust traffic signals based on real-time data. The system is expected to help reduce congestion, improve travel times and enhance safety for motorists and pedestrians.

The city government said the partnership with South Korean institutions will help bring advanced smart city technology to Bacoor and support the development of a more efficient, safe and future ready transportation system for Bacooreños.

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headed by Carmelita Gawaran. The ceremony was attended by Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola, Councilors Noly Galvez, Horacio Brillantes and Rey Fabian, BM Alde Pagulayan, SK Federation President Palm Angel Buncio, Doc Bob De Castro, SK Jonel Sabater of Molino 3, and TESDA Specialist II and CBT Focal Mary Katherine L. Casauran, along with city livelihood trainers and

staff. Of the 320 graduates, 270 completed Community Based Training programs, which brought practical and livelihood oriented skills closer to local communities. These included bread and pastry, beadworks, beauty therapy, body massage, cake decoration, candle making, floral arrangement, food trade, hair care servicing, perfume making and soap making.

Another 50 graduates

completed TESDA scholarship programs, including Cookery NC II and Dressmaking NC II, equipping participants with industry recognized skills that can improve their employment opportunities.

The city government said the training programs are part of its continuing efforts to promote inclusive growth, self reliance and sustainable livelihoods among Bacoor residents.

The graduates are now equipped with skills that can serve as a starting point for employment, entrepreneurship and home based businesses, helping them generate income while strengthening their families and communities.

Revilla and the City Government of Bacoor congratulated the graduates and reaffirmed their commitment to providing more accessible skills training and livelihood opportunities for residents in partnership with TESDA.

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as part of the Zero Hunger Program. In partnership with the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), these SLP associations will aid in the region's food

production and ultimately push for food security.

Meanwhile, Raymond Valenzuela, President of the San Miguel Dreamers SLP Association, vowed that they will work together to grow the funding they received

“Pagsusumikapan po naming palaguin at gamitin nang maayos ang pondong ipinagkaloob sa amin. Nawa’y maging simula ito ng pagbabago at pag-unlad ng aming buhay.”

Silva added that the

three SLP associations plan to use their seed capital fund to open agrobusinesses such as hog raising, vegetable farming, and fish trading and processing to provide their members with a stable source of income. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from DSWD IV-A)

PhilHealth, partners align efforts to

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Universal Health Care (UHC) nationwide.

More than 100 representatives from development organizations, financial institutions, academe, foundations, civil society groups, government oversight agencies and other stakeholders joined PhilHealth officers and technical staff at the 2026 PhilHealth Partners' Forum held at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Headquarters.

The forum was co sponsored by the ADB through its Build Universal

Health Coverage (BUHC) Project and led by DOH Acting Secretary Dr. Edwin M. Mercado, PhilHealth Acting President and CEO Dr. Beverly Lorraine C. Ho, and ADB Country Director Andrew Jeffries.

The gathering provided an avenue for partners to align resources, technical expertise and support with the health sector's Shared Agenda and PhilHealth's multi year Technical Assistance Agenda under its RISE30 Mission. The event also recognized the progress made by PhilHealth and its

partners over the past 18 months in advancing UHC reforms.

Primary Care Champion and Department of Finance Secretary Frederick D. Go expressed support for the agencies' shared agenda, while ADB Director of the Human and Social Development Sector Office and former PhilHealth President and CEO Dr. Eduardo Banzon commended PhilHealth's progress over the past year. PhilHealth recognized Go and Banzon for their continued support of the Build UHC Program

and their contributions to strengthening the reach and impact of UHC initiatives nationwide.

Moving forward, PhilHealth and the DOH will continue expanding their network of partners, with primary care as a key foundation of UHC. The Technical Assistance Agenda will focus on long term planning and sustained collaboration to support ongoing health reforms.

PhilHealth also called on stakeholders to maintain active engagement and contribute resources and expertise to ensure the successful implementation of reforms and improve health care access for Filipinos.

Siklab Alfonso joins inaugural pickleball tour

ALFONSO, Cavite — Team Siklab Alfonso will make its debut in the inaugural Maharlika Pilipinas Pickleball Tour (MPPT), competing in the first leg scheduled on October 3 to 4 in Angeles, Pampanga.

The Cavite-based team will field men’s and women’s squads in the five-leg competition, which features 12 teams from across the country.

The men’s team is led by Kim Saraza, with Red Directo, Al Quiza, and local player Matthew Lao completing the lineup. The women’s squad includes Medelene Saraza, Novi Melendez, Perpetual’s lawn and soft tennis skipper Cindy Nuguit, and Alfonso native Dania Lee Abjuela. The teams were formally presented during a contract-signing ceremony on August 24 at Villa Mercii in Barangay Esperanza, Alfonso. Alfonso Mayor and team



owner Randy Salamat, along with team manager Keng Gaspar, led the event. “Salamat po sa tiwala na ibinigay ninyo sa team, umasa po kayo na ibibigay namin lahat para dalhin ang Bayan ng Alfonso with Pride sa larangan ng pickleball,” Gaspar said. Sazara said the team

is undergoing intensive training and team-building activities to develop chemistry and prepare for the competition. Siklab Alfonso will compete against teams representing Pampanga, Abra, Batangas, Bangued, Muntinlupa, Bacoor City, Camarines Norte, Rizal, Parañaque, Tacloban, and General Santos City. Each team is required to field three players in the doubles and mixed doubles events. The five-leg MPPT, founded by boxing icon Manny Pacquiao, will run from October to December. Source: Tempo / Mark Rey Montejo

DTI reminds Cavite retailers of price freeze

By Patricia Bermudez



TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — With the Province of Cavite under a state of calamity following the onslaught of the southwest monsoon and tropical cyclones Luis and Maymay, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) is reminding all consumers and retailers that basic necessities are placed under price control.

Pursuant to Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution No. 5059-2026 which placed the entire province under a state of calamity, the price of basic commodities in local retailers are automatically frozen or placed under price control.

This includes basic food products such as canned sardines, milk, coffee, bread, instant noodles, and drinking water.

Household items, including iodized salt, detergent and laundry soap, and candles also remain in their previous prices. In its price bulletin, DTI Cavite clarified that the price freeze applies to all basic commodities being sold in supermarkets and groceries in the entire province.

Following Section 6 of Republic Act 7581, more commonly known as the Price Act, the prices of basic necessities in an area under a State of Calamity are automatically frozen at their prevailing prices until otherwise declared by the President. This includes localities declared a disaster area and under an emergency.

According to the DTI, the price freeze will continue for 60 days since the declaration of the State of Calamity.

To recall, Governor Francis Gabriel Remulla announced the declaration of a State of Calamity in the entire province due to the enhanced effects of the southwest monsoon and the recent tropical cyclones last August 11. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from DTI Cavite)

Cavite promotes child protection

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in selected schools across the province from August 3 to 5, 2026.

The campaign was attended by Grade 10 students from Imus National High School, Trece Martires City National High School, and Carmona National High School. Discussions focused on key concerns affecting children and adolescents, including school safety, responsible use of media and the internet, anti-bullying, mental health, and child abuse prevention.

Resource speakers included PMSG Angelie Cruza of the Women and

Children Protection Desk (WCPD) of Imus City Police Station; PMSG Aileen Peal Gonzalez of the Cavite Provincial Police Office (Cavite CPPO); PMSG Ma. Cristina Pere of the WCPD of Trece Martires City Police Station; PCPC Focal Person Jessie Rose Cruto; and PCAT-VAWC Focal Person Danica Shaira Pontimar.

The speakers provided students with practical information on recognizing unsafe situations, protecting themselves from abuse and exploitation, and seeking assistance from trusted adults and appropriate authorities.

The sessions also highlighted responsible online behavior, including protecting personal information and being aware of risks associated with social media and online interactions. Students were encouraged to understand the impact of bullying and to actively participate in preventing and reporting incidents.

Mental health was likewise emphasized, with students encouraged to recognize emotional and psychological concerns and seek support when needed.

The campaign reinforced

the “No to Child Abuse” message, reminding students that every child has the right to protection from physical, emotional, and other forms of abuse. Participants were encouraged to speak up and report incidents to trusted adults, school authorities, law enforcement agencies, and other service providers.

The PCPC emphasized that child protection is a shared responsibility among children, parents, schools, government agencies, law enforcement authorities, and communities. Raising awareness among young people remains an important step toward preventing abuse, violence, bullying, and other threats to their safety and well-being. (OPIO)

Amadeo LGU assures all families receive

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Domingo, Jr. said the “Bawat Bayan Makikinabang” initiative was able to reach 26 barangays, where each family received 10 kilos of rice. Domingo assured an

equitable delivery of the rice benefits where every household will receive the 10-kilo rice packs.

“Wala po tayong pinipili. Malaki man o maliit

ang bahay, simple man o malawak ang tahanan ay makakatanggap, bilang pagpapakita ng patas at pantay na serbisyo sa bawat Amadean.” Funded through

the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF), the program aims to strengthen food security for families in need and help ease the impact of rising living costs. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from Mayor Jojo Domingo, Provincial Government of Cavite)

Bacoor launches measles-rubella

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B. Revilla through the Office of the City Health Service (OCHS). The launch was attended by Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena B. Mendiola, Councilor Noly Galvez, SK Federation President Palm Angel Buncio, OCHS Head Dr. Ivy Marie Yrastorza, Dr. Ma. Cristina Alberto of the Philippine Pediatric Society, Undersecretary Eric Tayag, representatives from

the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC), and the Cavite Cluster Head.

Civil society leaders, homeowners’ association presidents, parent-teacher association officers and urban poor association presidents also joined the event, underscoring the importance of community participation in the vaccination campaign.

The city aims to vaccinate 56,000 young Bacoreños through the supplementary immunization activity, which is being implemented in coordination with health agencies and local community partners.

Health officials emphasized the importance of vaccination in preventing measles, a highly contagious disease that can lead to

serious complications, particularly among children.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to bring their eligible children to the nearest vaccination site and have them vaccinated as part of the city’s efforts to strengthen community protection.

“Every vaccine is a shield against measles. Every child deserves protection,” the city government said, urging families and communities to work together toward a safer and healthier Bacoor.

Group seeks accountability

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the damage, arguing that the vessel was not properly secured amid strong waves brought by the southwest monsoon, or habagat.

Pamalakaya-Cavite President Richard Catenza said the damage could affect the income of fisherfolk who depend on mussel farms for their livelihood.

“Tiyak na may mga mangingisdang umaasa sa tahungan ang apektado ang kita dahil sa pagkasira ng kanilang kabuhayan,” Catenza said.

(The income of some fisherfolk who rely on mussel farms will certainly be affected because their livelihoods have been damaged.)

He called for compensation from the vessel owner.

“Dapat panagutin, sa pamamagitan ng bayad-pinsala, ang may-ari ng barko na sumadsad at bumangga sa mga tahungan sa Cavite City,” he said.

(The owner of the vessel that ran aground and crashed into the mussel farms in Cavite City should

be held accountable through compensation.) Catenza also said the vessel owner had a responsibility to ensure that ships were properly anchored, particularly during the Habagat season.

“May pananagutan din ang may-ari nito dahil sa kapabayaan na tiyaking naka-angklang mabuti ang mga barko lalo ngayong panahon ng habagat,” he said.

(The owner is also liable for failing to ensure that the vessels were properly anchored, especially during the habagat season.)

The group urged the local government to coordinate directly with the affected fisherfolk and tahungan operators to determine the extent of the damage.

The incident comes as dredging activities in Cavite remain a concern among local fisherfolk groups. Pamalakaya has previously raised concerns over dredging operations in the province, saying these affect fishing communities and their livelihoods.

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(DPWH),
Plaintiff,

Civil Case No. 7522-24
For: Expropriation

- versus –

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

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SUMMONS
(By Publication)

TO: JUANA MATRO and FELIX DEL ROSARIO

GREETINGS:

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

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COMPLAINT

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

THE PARTIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALLEGATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE CAUSE/S OF THE ACTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOTAL P 148,480.77

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALLEGATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF
A WRIT OF POSSESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[...]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUMMARY OF DOCUMENTARY EXHIBITS

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

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

SUMMARY OF WITNESS' TESTIMONY

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

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

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully prayed that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CHED OKs Medicine programs in 4 universities

By Stephanie Sevallano

Four more higher education institutions (HEIs) in the Philippines can soon offer the Doctor of Medicine program, according to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

This is in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to expand the country's medical education and increase the number of doctors and healthcare professionals nationwide.

In a statement late Tuesday, CHED Chairperson Shirley Agrupis stressed that quality education must still be ensured amid the granting of permits and compliance certificates.

"Expanding opportunities to study medicine must go hand in hand with maintaining quality, so that future doctors are equipped with the training and competencies needed to respond to the country's healthcare needs," she said.



MEDICINE PROGRAMS. Hospital on Wheels volunteer doctors conduct surgeries during a medical mission at Mandaluyong City College on Sept. 17, 2023. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on Tuesday (Aug. 25, 2026) said four more higher education institutions (HEIs) in the Philippines can soon offer the Doctor of Medicine program. (File photo courtesy of August Vergara)

In particular, the CHED granted government permits to Tarlac State University (TSU) and North Eastern Mindanao State University (NEMSU).

This allows the said HEIs to operate the first and second year levels of their Doctor of Medicine

programs. Besides TSU and NEMSU, the CHED also released Certificates of Program Compliance to Cavite State University (CvSU) and Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Muntinlupa (PLMun) for their Doctor of Medicine programs. These approvals were issued

following careful evaluation visits for compliance validation, in adherence to CHED's minimum requirements for the Doctor of Medicine program under CHED Memorandum Order No. 18, series of 2016. (PNA)

Cavite Employees Month celebration kicks off



CAVITE — The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) officially opened its Provincial Employees Month celebration with a series of activities recognizing the contributions of provincial employees, promoting their well-being, and strengthening camaraderie in public service.

The opening celebration featured the PGC Employees General Assembly, which brought employees together to reaffirm their shared commitment to public service and celebrate key milestones of the provincial government.

A major highlight was the launch of the new PGC branding, which represents the provincial government's efforts to strengthen its identity and promote a unified image across its offices, programs, and services. The new branding also reflects its vision of a progressive, service-oriented, and people-centered government.

The ceremonial awarding of the ISO 9001:2015 Certification also took place during the event, marking another milestone in the PGC's pursuit of quality, efficiency, and excellence in government service. The certification underscores its commitment to maintaining effective systems and processes that ensure consistent and responsive public

services. The celebration also placed emphasis on employee health and wellness. A stress management seminar provided employees with practical strategies for managing workplace pressures and maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

Employees also participated in a Zumba session promoting physical fitness, relaxation, and camaraderie. Personnel Care activities, meanwhile, offered free wellness services such as haircuts, massages, and manicure and pedicure services.

Games and recreational activities further encouraged teamwork and interaction among employees from different offices and departments.

The kick-off was attended by Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla, Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, and members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, who joined provincial employees in recognizing their vital role in advancing the province's programs and services.

The PGC continues to recognize its employees as key partners in promoting Cavite's development and delivering responsive services to the Caviteño community. (OPIO)

CHIZ: NATIONWIDE AD BAN ON ONLINE GAMBLING COVERS ALL MEDIA PLATFORMS

Senator Francis "Chiz" Escudero is pushing for a nationwide ban on gambling advertisements across all media platforms to curb addiction and protect vulnerable Filipinos. In his "Chiz Wiz! Usapang May Laman" podcast aired on Sunday, Escudero discussed his proposed measure, Senate Bill No. 2347, which seeks to set firm, legally enforceable limits on how gambling platforms promote themselves. "Iyan 'yung logic ng ating proposed legislation, huwag padaliin ... Paano ba pahirapan 'to para hindi basta-basta makapaglaro," he stressed, noting that online gaming has become pervasive and easily accessible to adults and minors alike. According to Escudero, there is a need to institutionalize the ban on gambling related advertising through legislation, to include the Ad Standards Council's voluntary guidelines requiring members to remove gambling imagery and paraphernalia across all media platforms because they are not legally enforceable. This has prompted him to file SB 2347 to prohibit all forms of gambling sponsorships and advertisement across television, radio, print, online platforms, and social media, which he called the "first step in a broader effort to reduce gambling related harm." "Ang kailangan ng batas ay itong sa advertisement dahil kailangan mong i-regulate dito 'yung mga private companies," he said. The Bicolano senator said the country is moving toward a regulatory path similar to the tobacco industry, which began with the passage of Republic Act 9211 that banned, among others, cigarette advertising and later expanded to include graphic health warnings. He noted that while many countries have long banned tobacco promotions, only a few impose strict prohibitions on gambling ads. Spain limits broadcast hours and bans welcome bonuses, Italy's Dignity Decree prohibits gambling advertising across all media and sports sponsorships, New Zealand bans affiliate marketing for online gambling, while China prohibits advertising for any internet or real money gambling. According to Escudero, these examples show that full advertising bans remain rare globally, underscoring the significance of the Philippines' move toward stronger industry regulation and consumer protection. Content creator and anti-gambling advocate Carlo Ople expressed support for the passage of SB 2347, saying online gambling apps are intentionally engineered to be addictive. "It was designed specifically to get you addicted ... painless, effortless, and addictive," he told the senator during the podcast. Meanwhile, recovering compulsive gambler Darren Telan committed to advocate for the legislation as he admitted that gambling advertisements are direct triggers for individuals trying to recover. "Kapag kami nakakita ng ads, babalik or trigger sa amin 'yun," he said. Escudero said his proposed measure lays the groundwork for a more comprehensive regulatory framework for gambling in the Philippines. The bill prohibits gambling advertisements and promotions, bans the use of celebrity endorsers and influencers, disallows bonus incentives that encourage betting, and bars the placement of gambling content across online, electronic, and physical media.

553 PGC employees get free medical services



CAVITE — A total of 553 employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) availed of free medical consultations and medicines during the kick-off of the PGC Employees' Month celebration on August 13, 2026.

The employees underwent medical assessment and consultation as part of the provincial government's health and wellness activities for its workforce. Free prescribed medicines were also provided to beneficiaries to help address their immediate health needs.

The medical mission underscored the PGC's commitment to promoting the health and well-being of its employees and encouraging them to prioritize their health while celebrating their contributions to public service. Through the initiative, the provincial government continues to promote a healthier, supportive, and employee-centered workplace. (OPIO)