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**SCAMMERS.** Agents of the Philippine National Police Anti-Cybercrime Group arrest 19 alleged scammers in an operation in Imus, Cavite on Aug. 23, 2024. The suspects were allegedly involved in a voice phishing scam in Cavite. (Photo courtesy PNP ACG)- story p.2

**PROMOTING STARTUPS.** Cristina Ibañez, manager of Strategic and Collaborative Alliance for Leveraging Ecosystem in the National Capital Region (rightmost), and Romelen Tresvalles, regional director of the Department of Science and Technology-NCR (third from left), on Tuesday (Aug. 27, 2024) announce the launching of platforms to accelerate the growth of technology-based startups and business enterprises in Metro Manila. SCALE NCR aims to improve Metro Manila's standing in the global startup ecosystem ranking, currently placed at 81st to 90th. (Photo by Pot Chavez)- story p.11



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## PBBM EXTENDS OVER P360-M AID TO OIL SPILL-HIT RESIDENTS IN CAVITE

**MANILA**— Despite the inclement weather, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Wednesday personally handed over a total of PhP363,050,000 in financial assistance and standby funds to over 33,000 fisherfolk and their families affected by the Bataan oil spill in Cavite. Of this amount, PhP161,510,000 in financial assistance from the Office of the President was extended to Cavite Gov. Jonvic Remulla. From this sum, PhP5,000 will be distributed to each affected fisherfolk and their families in the province. President Marcos stated that the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) also provided PhP18 million worth of post-harvest equipment, training, and financial assistance to the affected fisherfolk. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) provided PhP69.47 million in various forms of assistance, including PhP3 million in standby funds and PhP102.78 million worth of non-food items. President Marcos noted that the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has extended a total of PhP8.29 million in financial assistance to affected residents in Tanza and Naic, Cavite. The DOLE is also offering livelihood programs to affected residents through its Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) Program. The Department of Health (DOH) is conducting consultations, including rapid health risk assessments and water testing, to ensure residents are safe from any harmful effects of the oil spill. "Sa araw na ito, [ipinaaabot] ko ang aking taos-pusong pasasalamat at suporta sa mga mangingisda na naririto, kasama ang inyong mga pamilya na kaagapay ninyo sa araw-araw," President Marcos

said in his speech. "Asahan po ninyo na ang pamahalaan ay gumagawa ng mga hakbang upang [maibsan] ang pinsalang naidulot ng mga insidenteng kagaya nito. Hangad namin na ang Presidential Assistance na aming handog sa bawat apektadong mangingisda ay makakatulong sa inyong pagbangon at magbibigay ng panibagong pag-asa," he added. President Marcos also mentioned that the government is investigating the oil spill incident. He assured the residents of the government's continued assistance during these challenging times. Motorized Tanker (MTKR) Terranova sank in the waters off Limay, Bataan, on July 25, while MTKR Jason Bradley sank in the waters off Mariveles, Bataan, on July 27. The MTKR Mirola 1, on the other hand, ran aground on the coast of Mariveles on July 31. (PCO)

## DOJ initiatives reduce jail, court congestion in Calabarzon

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna** — The Department of Justice (DOJ) has made significant strides in alleviating jail and court congestion in Calabarzon, the acting head of the National Prosecution Service-Region 4-A said Tuesday. From July 2022 to March 2024, a total of 11,940 persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) were released following a comprehensive review of their records. Additionally, the introduction of a new Case Build-Up (CBU) rule has resulted in the dismissal of 7,114 weak cases, reducing court docket congestion, according to Regional Prosecutor Josef Albert Comilang. Additionally, Comilang said 3,474 PDL were granted parole, 1,684 were recommended for executive clemency, and

## PNP anti-cybercrime agents nab 19 scammers, vloggers in Cavite

**MANILA** — The Philippine National Police Anti-Cybercrime Group (PNP-ACG) has warned the public against fraudulent phone calls from those pretending to be bank representatives. This, after the PNP anti-cybercrime agents arrested 19 suspects, including two vloggers, who allegedly engaged in 'vishing' (voice phishing) scams targeting bank depositors, in an operation in Imus, Cavite last Aug. 23. In a statement on Thursday, PNP-ACG director Brig. Gen. Ronnie Francis Cariaga said the operation stemmed from a confirmed intelligence report of online scamming activities in another vishing and scamming hub in Cavite. "From simple vishing to spear phishing, the suspects use information obtained from credit card applications and ledgers or spreadsheets, likely taken from third-party service providers of the banks, such as business process outsourcing (BPO) companies," Cariaga said.

92 were granted executive clemency. In a presentation at the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas forum at Hotel Amihan in San Jose, San Pablo City, Comilang detailed DOJ's efforts to address jail and court congestion, as well as human rights issues within the region's criminal justice system. "The DOJ has issued new guidelines to assess pending cases and recommend dismissal when there is insufficient evidence for conviction. This shift means that the rule on probable cause is no longer applied," he said. From the second quarter of 2023 to the first quarter of 2024, the CBU initiative resulted in 3,516 convictions, 179 dismissals, and 62 acquittals out of 3,757 total court dispositions, he

## Bacoor Assembly Act recognizes sacrifices for PH independence

**MANILA** — Senator Loren Legarda has underscored the importance of honoring Aug. 1 to recognize the sacrifices made for Philippine independence and inspire Filipinos to cherish and defend the nation. In a news release, Legarda said the passage of Senate Bill No. 2690 or the Bacoor Assembly Act of 1898 Act which declares Aug. 1 of every year as a special working holiday, to be known as the Araw ng Paglalathala at Pagtatanyag ng Kasarinlan ng Pilipinas, "extends far beyond a simple historical date." The measure aims to commemorate the Bacoor Assembly on Aug. 1, 1898, where President Emilio Aguinaldo, along with 200 municipal leaders, signed the Acta de Independencia drafted by Apolinario Mabini, affirming the country's independence and democratic ideals. "This event represented a broad-based affirmation of our independence and democratic ideals as articulated by Apolinario Mabini. By commemorating this date, we honor the sacrifices of those who fought for independence

## High-value target yields P1.3-M shabu in Cavite buy-bust

**MANILA** — Agents of the Philippine National Police-Drug Enforcement Group (PDEG) have seized some PHP1.36 million worth of shabu from an alleged high-value target (HVT) during a sting operation in Cavite province. In a statement Wednesday, PDEG chief Brig. Gen. Eleazar Matta said the suspect, alias 'Tomboy', 31, was nabbed during a sting operation in Barangay H-2, Dasmariñas City at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Seized from the suspect were 200 grams of shabu and other non-drug pieces of evidence. Matta said the suspect was brought to the Dasmariñas City Police Station for documentation. The suspect will be charged with violation of Republic Act 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002. The pieces of drug evidence were turned over to the Regional Forensic Unit 4A

and celebrate the enduring legacy of freedom and solidarity," Legarda said in her manifestation after senators unanimously approved the bill on Tuesday. Under the approved bill, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts is mandated to promote the historical significance of Aug. 1 and the events surrounding the Bacoor Assembly of 1898. Meanwhile, the Department of Education shall develop and implement lesson plans that highlight the importance of this day, ensuring that students are educated about its relevance and importance. "Ang pagpaparangal sa Agosto Uno ay pagpaparangal sa kahalagahan ng ating kasaysayan. Ang Agosto Uno ay magsisilbing inspirasyon sa lahat ng Pilipino na patuloy ipaglaban at tunay na mahalalin ang ating bansa (Honoring Aug. 1 also honors the importance of our history. Aug. 1 serves as an inspiration to all Filipinos to continue fighting for and to truly love our country)," Legarda said. (PNA)

for laboratory examination. QCPD touts anti-drug gains. Meanwhile, operatives of the Quezon City Police District (QCPD) confiscated illegal drugs valued at more than PHP66.5 million from January to Aug. 25. QCPD director Brig. Gen. Redrico Maranan said these illegal drugs were seized in 1,352 police operations carried out by the different police stations and units, resulting in the seizure of 9,554.49 grams of shabu and 12,846.00 grams of marijuana. "The substantial number of arrests and the significant amount of illegal drugs seized are a testament to our unwavering commitment to eradicating the drug menace in our community. This success reflects the diligence and determination of our officers in their relentless fight against illegal drugs," Maranan said in a separate statement. (PNA)

reported. In response to humanitarian concerns and to further alleviate prison overcrowding, the DOJ recommended lowering bail amounts to a maximum of PHP10,000 for indigent defendants. "These measures reflect the DOJ's commitment to improving the criminal justice system in Calabarzon by addressing both systemic issues and individual rights," he said. (PNA)

## 16 ANYOS NA ESTUDYANTE, SINAKSAK NG KAPWA ESTUDYANTE SA INUMAN

**ISANG** 16-anyos na estudyante ang sinaksak kapwa nito estudyante na nagkapikunan dahil sa kanilang kuwentuhan habang nag-iinuman sa Tanza, Cavite. Isinugod sa ospital ang biktima na si alyas Reniel, ng Barangay Capipisa, Tanza, dahil sa tama ng saksak sa likod. Hawak ng mga awtoridad ang supsek na si Carl, 18, isa ring estudyante, ng ng Blk. 9 Lot 22 Saint Agustin Village Barangay Daang Amaya, Tanza. Sa ulat, ng-iinuman ang biktima at suspek kasama ang ilang kaibigan sa Brgy Calibuyo, Tanza, subalit

pagsapit ng alas-12:10 ng hatinggabi na dahil sa dami ng nainum ay nagsangasanga ang kanilang mga kuwentuhan hanggang sa hindi na nagkainitindihan ang dalawa na umabot sa mainitang pagtatalo. Napikon ang suspek at naglabas ng patalim at sinaksak sa likod ang biktima. Mabilis na isinugod sa ospital ang biktima kung saan kasalukuyang ginagamot habang ang suspek ay naaresto sa isinagawang follow up operation ng mga barangay tanod sa lugar. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Motorsiklo ng Indian national, tinangay

**TINANGAY** ng riding in tandem ang motorsiklo ng Indian national na naniningil ng pautang sa Gen Trias City, Cavite. Iniarawan ang mga suspek na magkaangas sa itim na Honda Click na walang plaka. Sa reklamo ng biktima na si Sandeep Sogi, ng Block 6 Lot 1 Lutos 3 Camella Homes, Brgy. San Antonio 1, Noveleta, sa General Trias Component City Police Station, minamaneho niya ang blue na motorsiklo na Honda

Click 125 na may plakang 743USV sa Bypass Road sakop ng Brgy Tejeero, Gen Trias City, para manigil ng kanyang mga pautang. Hinarang siya ng riding in tandem at tinangay ang kanyang motorsiklo. Wala namang kinuhang cash sa biktima na sumakay patungo sa himpilan ng pulisya upang i-report ang insidente. Nagsagawa ng backtracking para sa pagkakakilanlan at pagkakaaresto sa mga suspek. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Motornapper 'naperder' dahil sa social media

**DAHIL** sa tulong ng soial media ay naaaresto ang lalaking tumangay ng motorsiklo ng isang ginang matapos ipangalandakan ang mukha nito sa Facebook sa Dasmariñas City, Cavite. Kasong paglabag sa RA 10883 (New Anti Carnapping Act of 2016 ang kinaharap ng suspek na si alyas Larry, 42, binata, ng 105 Javalera Proper, Brgy. Javalera, General Trias City, dahil sa reklamo ni Stephanie, may-asawa, negosyante, ng Valle Verde Subd., Brgy Langkaan 2, Dasmariñas City. Sa ulat, naiwan ng biktima sa mesa ang susi ng

motorsiklo na nakaparada sa harapan ng kanyang restaurant sa Block 15 Lot 6 Pistacho St., Phase 2 Valle Verde Subd., Brgy Langkaan 2, Dasmariñas City. Binalikan niya ang susi pero wala na sa lamesa maging ang kanyang motorsiklo bandang alas-2:00 Huwebes ng hapon. Agad na pinanood ang Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) footage at nakuhanan ang mukha ng suspek at kung paano nito tinangay. Agad nag-post ang biktima sa kanyang social media account ng litrato ng lalaking tumangay ng motorsiklo at agad na may

## Akyat bahay, sumalakay

**HINIHINALANG** miyembro ng akyat bahay gang ang tumangay ng halos P200K halaga ng gadget at cash sa loob ng isang bahay sa Tagaytay City. Sa ulat, bandang alas-2:50 ng madaling araw ay pumasok ang suspek sa isang bahay sa Richmore Sudb, Brgy Maitim 1 West, Tagaytay City sa pamamagitan ng pagsira sa bakal na gate nito. Pagkapasok ay tuluy-tuloy sa 2nd floor ng nasabing bahay at tinangay ang isang Macbook Laptop na nagkakahalaga ng P80,000.00; Apple watch na nagkakahalaga ng

P16,000.00; Prada wallet na presyong P50,000.00; Canon Camera na presyong P40,000.00 at cash na P1,000.00. o kabuuan na P187,000.00. Matapos nakuha ang mga gamit, tumakas ang suspek sa hindi nabatid na direksyon. Hindi naman nabanggit sa ulat kung may tao sa nasabing bahay. Nagsagawa ng backtracking ang pulisya sa Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) para sa pagkakakilanlan at pagkakaaresto sa suspek. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Binata, tumalon mula sa 4th floor ng mall

**HINIHINALANG** dahil sa dinaranas na depresyon ng binata kaya nagpakamatay sa pamamagitan ng pagtalon mula sa ikaapat na palapag ng kilalang mall sa Bacoor City, Cavite. Isinugod pa sa Binakayan Hospital ang biktima na si Dexter Serila, 28, ng Camella Homes, Brgy. Salinas 2, Bacoor City, subalit namatay habang ginagamot. Sa ulat, bandang alas-7:30 ng gabi ay nagtungo ang biktima sa SM City Bacoor na matatagpuan sa Brgy Habay 2.

Una muna itong nag-ikot sa loob hanggang sa nakarating sa ikaapat na palapag at walang sabi-sabing tumalon at bumagsak sa mismong ground floor ng mall. Mabilis namang isinugod sa ospital ang biktima subalit namatay bandang alas-7:56 ng gabi. Ayon sa kapatid ng biktima, dumaranas umano ng pagkabalisa at depresyon ang binata na hinihinalang ito ang dahilan ng pagpapakamatay. **GENE ADSUARA**

## 3 mag-aama, tigbak sa kidlat?

**PATAY** ang tatlong mag-aama na umano'y tinamaan ng kidlat habang nangngisda sa laot sakop ng karagatan ng Rosario, Cavite. Kinilala ng Municipal Disaster Reduction Risk and Management Office (MDRRMO) ang mga biktima na sina Fran-ed Despi, 30, ; Francisco Despi Sr, 62, at Francisco Despi Jr, 28, mga residente ng Brgy. Muzon 2, Rosario. Sa salaysay ng ina at asawa ng mga biktima, bandang alas-4:00 ng hapon ay pumalaot ang

tatlo upang mangisda. Ayon naman sa isang mangingisda, pauwi na ito atg napansin ang isang bangkang nakataob bandang 1:00 ng madaling araw. Nilapitan ang bangka at nakita ang nakalutang na katawan ng mag-aama. Pamilyar sa kanya ang naturang bangka dahil kapit-bahay lamang niya ang mga biktima. Humingi ng tulong sa Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) kung saan inakaay ang lumubog na bangka kasama ang mga biktima hanggang sa nakarating sa dalampasigan ng Brgy Muzon 2 Rosario. Hinihinalang tinamaan ng kidlat ang tatlo makaraan ang naganap na sunud-sunod na pagkulog at pagkidlat bandang alas-8:00 ng gabi, gayunman, patuloy ang imbestigasyon sa insidente. **GENE ADSUARA**

# Editorial

## Masalimuot na batas

**HINDI** mahagilap dahil sa kapangyarihan o impluwensiyang tinataglay. Kinakailangang mah-anap at makuha upang madala sa mga kinau-ukulang hukuman. Babasahan ng mga kaso at bibigyan ng pagkatakataon para sa pag-sagot at pagtatanggol. Nagkakaroon ng ab-erya dahil ang panang-ga o ang pinagtatalunan ay ang tungkol sa batas. Masalimuot na batas na pinagdedebatehan ng mga henyo o matatalino. Dapat sa mga ganitong senaryo ay mayroong ta-tayo na tutuldok sa gusot.

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## PBBM OKs add'l funds for massive coconut planting, fertilization

**MANILA** – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. approved the additional funding for the massive coconut replanting and fertilization program of the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) for 2025. Marcos gave his approval during a meeting in Malacañang Tuesday. According to the Presidential Communications Office (PCO), the additional funds would be used to implement the Philippine Coconut Industry Development Plan (PCIDP) 2024-2034. “Inaprubahan ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ang dagdag na budget para sa malawakang coconut replanting program at fertilization program sa taong 2025, sa ilalim ng Philippine Coconut Industry Development Plan (PCIDP) 2024-2034 (President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. approved the additional budget for the massive coconut planting/

replanting program and fertilization program for 2025, under the Philippine Coconut Industry Development Plan 2024-2034),” the PCO said in a Facebook post Tuesday afternoon. “Ang PCIDP 2024-2034 ay tugon sa direktiba ni PBBM sa Philippine Coconut Authority noong October 2023 na gumawa ng detalyadong plano para sa pagpapaulad ng coconut industry ng bansa (The PCIDP 2024-2034 is in response to PBBM's directive to the Philippine Coconut Authority in October 2023 to make a detailed plan for the development of the country's coconut industry).” Marcos has expressed his intention to make the Philippines the world's No. 1 coconut exporter, seeing it as a “great opportunity” for the country's continued economic growth. The PCA is looking to plant 100 million coconut trees by 2028. **(PNA)**

## Marcos to media: Lead fight vs. fake news, uphold ethical standards

**MANILA** – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Tuesday urged journalists to remain at the forefront of the fight against “fake news” and continue adhering to the most ethical and professional standards of journalism. “I ask that you continue to adhere to the utmost ethical and professional standards of journalism — free from sensationalism, bias, and personal motives,” Marcos said during the oath-taking of newly-elected officers of various media groups at the Malacañan Palace. “Help us see and address the weaknesses of our system, [and] continue to uphold our nation's best interests so that our country can continue to flourish,” he added. Marcos also acknowledged the critical role of the media in the grand-task of nation building, especially in helping the public make informed decisions. “So, as you fulfill your

mandate, I urge you to remain at the forefront of our efforts in helping our people distinguish truth from misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation,” he said. The President said that with the rise of social media, it has “become harder and harder” for ordinary citizens to “discern what is fake news, what is real news, what is propaganda, what is pure objective information”. “The mass, the volume of information is so much because of our technological advances. It is so much that we must play a part in trying to help ordinary readers, citizens to discern what is news, what is propaganda, and what is just outright fakery,” he said. Marcos led the oath-taking of the newly elected officers of the National Press Club of the Philippines (NPC), Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP), Malacañang Press

## DOTr defers new tollway guidelines until Oct. 1

**MANILA** – The Department of Transportation (DOTr) deferred the implementation of new tollway guidelines until Oct. 1 to allow toll operators to fine-tune their expressway operations. DOTr Secretary Jaime Bautista announced the postponement of the policy from Aug. 31 to Oct. 1. “We hope the concerned agencies and tollway operators would use the 30-day deferment to fine-tune expressway operations and further intensify the public information campaign to enable tollway users to comply with the new guidelines,” he said. The revised guidelines, contained in Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) no. 2024-01 signed on Aug. 1 by Bautista, Land Transportation Office (LTO) chief, Assistant Secretary Vigor Mendoza II, and Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) Executive Director Alvin Carullo. The memorandum circular, once implemented, would impose penalties for lack of installed electronic toll collection (ETC) devices or insufficient load balance of the radio frequency identification device (RFID), as well as strengthen the deputization by LTO of tollway enforcers. It would update the responsibilities of the LTO, TRB, DOTr, tollway concessionaires, and users. “These revised guidelines should significantly improve traffic along expressways through cashless or contactless toll plazas,” Bautista said. In an interview over Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon, TRB spokesperson Julius Corpuz said the Corps (MPC), Malacañang Cameraman Association (MCA), and Presidential Photojournalists Association (PPA). Before ending his speech, the Chief Executive assured the journalists of the government's unwavering commitment to make the Philippines a safe haven for media practitioners. **(PNA)**

new guidelines seek to have smooth and fast transactions at all toll plazas, particularly in ETC lanes. It would prohibit those without RFID or lacking in load balance from using an RFID lane or else be penalized. Corpuz estimated that around 90 percent of motorists passing through expressways have RFIDs while 10 percent do not. In 2021, the TRB designated only one exit lane for cash transactions at toll plazas in compliance with a previous order for the DOTr. **(PNA)**

## PBBM's trust, performance ratings improve; VP Sara declines

**MANILA** – Public trust and approval in the performance of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. improved in the second quarter of 2024, while Vice President Sara Z. Duterte suffered a drop in the survey released by the OCTA Research Group on Tuesday. OCTA's “Tugon ng Masa” survey conducted from June 30 to July 5 showed that Marcos' trust rating rose to 71 percent from 69 percent, posted in the first quarter of 2024. Duterte's trust rating lowered by 3 percentage points to 65 percent from 68 percent recorded in the first quarter of 2024. “This is the first time President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos Jr. has registered a higher trust and performance rating than Vice President Sara Duterte-Carpio based on TNM surveys in the last three years,” OCTA said. “It must be noted that the VP Duterte trust and performance ratings continue to trend downward for the second straight quarter in 2024,” the pollster added. Marcos' trust score increased by 8 percentage points due to an increase of 8 percentage points in Mindanao (56 percent from 48 percent), Duterte's bailiwick, OCTA noted. Marcos earned the highest trust rating in Balance Luzon (80 percent), followed by Metro Manila

## Marcos vows to ‘do more,’ as trust, performance scores improve

**MANILA** – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Tuesday pledged to double his efforts in improving the Filipinos' lives, as he welcomed the increase in his trust and performance ratings in the latest survey by the OCTA Research Group. In a chance interview on the sidelines of an event at Malacañan Palace in Manila, Marcos expressed gratitude that more Filipinos were starting to appreciate his work. “It is more like, ‘yun nakikita na (people are beginning to see) [what we're doing]. We're really doing our best

to alleviate the hardships na dinadaan ng mga tao (that people are facing),” Marcos said. “So, it's good to have that kind of result or statistic behind you. And again, every time this happens as far as I'm concerned, it seems to be people are beginning to understand what we are trying to do, they're beginning to feel the effects of it,” he added. According to OCTA's “Tugon ng Masa” survey conducted from June 30 to July 5, Marcos' trust and performance ratings improved in the second quarter of 2024. The survey showed that Marcos' trust rating increased to 71 percent from 69 percent recorded in the first quarter of 2024. Marcos' performance score also rose by 3 percentage points to 68 percent from 65 percent. Marcos said the survey results inspire him to work harder for the betterment of the country. “So, we must continue to do more and even try to do even better so that's always an inspiration,” he said. **(PNA)**

highest trust score from adult Filipinos belonging to Class E, despite a decline by 4 percentage points from 68 percent to 64 percent. This was followed by Classes D (65 percent) and ABC (64 percent). Duterte suffered declines in her performance ratings among all regions, with the highest in Metro Manila at 6 percentage points (50 percent from 56 percent) and Visayas at 4 percentage points (60 percent from 64 percent). Her performance score remained high in Mindanao (92 percent) but reported lowest in Balance Luzon (48 percent). Duterte's performance rating also decreased by 6 percentage points in Class E (65 percent from 71 percent) and 3 percentage points in Class D (60 percent to 57 percent). She posted the lowest performance rating from adult Filipinos belonging to Class ABC, which was at 56 percent. **(PNA)**

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FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-814-24

-versus-

Julie Ann V. Emagen, signing as Attorney-in-fact of MARIBEL V. EMAGEN, Debtors/Mortgagors.

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VILMA BUENAVENTURA SANTOS, Debtor/Mortgagor. MARK JEFFREY SANTOS BASILIO, Co-Debtor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at 11th Floor BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Paseo de Roxas Makati City, against the Debtors/Mortgagors, VILMA BUENAVENTURA SANTOS and MARK JEFFREY SANTOS BASILIO (Co-Debtor), with residence and postal address at (1) #1151 Laguna Ext. Zone 21, Barangay 227, Tondo South, 1012, Manila and (2) Block 4, Lot 48, Westwood Phase 1, Brgy. Pasong Camachile, General Trias, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 15, 2024 amounts to THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FOUR AND 88/100 (P3,427,304.88), including interest, penalties, expenses and other charges of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on September 20, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2021017128

LOT NO: 48 BLOCK NO: 4 PLAN NO: PCS-04-029302 PORTION OF: THE CONS/SUBD OF LOTS 1928, 1929, 1932 & 1933, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE & LOTS 1939-B & 1939-C, (LRC) PSD-29632, DECREED, NO. 4270; LRC REC. NO. 5964

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PASONG CAMACHILE, MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

Table with columns: LINE, DIRECTION, ADJOINING LOT(S). Rows: 1-2 NW LOT 49, BLOCK 4, PCS-04-029302; 2-3 NE LOT 50, BLOCK 4, PCS-04-029302; 3-4 SE ROAD LOT 1, PCS-04-029302; 4-1 SW LOT 46, BLOCK 4, PCS-04-029302

AREA: FIFTY SQUARE METERS (50), MORE OR LESS

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on October 4, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, August 16, 2024.

RICARDO A. TOLEDO Sheriff IV

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Publication: HANEP August 26, Sept. 2 & 9, 2024

FFCCII Proposes Greater Manila Bay Area as the Next Economic Powerhouse

Manila, Philippines – The Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCII) has unveiled a visionary proposal to transform the Greater Manila Bay area into a leading economic hub, drawing inspiration from the success of China's Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. This ambitious plan was presented at the Manila Forum for Philippine-China Relations: Exploring the Opportunities with Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, held at Conrad Manila in Pasay City, Metro Manila. The proposal envisions a dynamic development strategy that will link Bataan, Cavite, Greater Manila, and Bulacan through a network of innovative infrastructure projects. This strategic approach aims to harness the economic potential of these interconnected regions, positioning the Greater Manila Bay area as a prime destination for investment and technological advancement. The forum, organized by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the Philippines, FFCCII, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce Hong Kong, and the Association for Philippines-China Understanding (APCU), with support from the Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Entrepreneurs Alliance, highlighted the transformative potential of this initiative. The event underscored the forum's significance in fostering bilateral economic relations. Dr. Cecilio K. Pedro of FFCCII emphasized the proposal's potential to act as a catalyst for economic

growth. By drawing on the success of the Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area—a region renowned for its \$1.98 trillion GDP—the Greater Manila Bay area is set to attract significant foreign investments and advanced technologies. This development aligns with the Philippine government's efforts to enhance the Luzon economic corridor, supported by international partners such as the United States and Japan. A compelling audio-visual presentation at the forum illustrated how deepening economic ties with the Guangdong-Hong-Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area could invigorate the Philippine economy. The presentation highlighted the benefits of increased foreign investments and technological collaboration, showcasing the dynamic growth and innovation of the Greater Bay Area. Beyond its economic implications, the forum also served as a platform to strengthen cultural and diplomatic ties between China and the Philippines. The discussions emphasized the shared values and mutual benefits that underpin this collaboration, reinforcing the importance of trust and cooperation in advancing bilateral relations. As the Philippines navigates its post-pandemic recovery, FFCCII's proposal for the Greater Manila Bay area represents a forward-looking strategy with the potential to elevate the nation's economic stature and enhance international connections. This vision promises not only to drive sustainable growth but also to contribute to a more interconnected and prosperous region. (Nelson Santos)

11th Floor BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Paseo de Roxas Makati City

VILMA BUENAVENTURA SANTOS and MARK JEFFREY SANTOS BASILIO (Co-Debtor),

(1) #1151 Laguna Ext. Zone 21, Barangay 227, Tondo South, 1012, Manila and (2) Block 4, Lot 48, Westwood Phase 1, Brgy. Pasong Camachile, General Trias, Cavite

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

**RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION**,  
(in its capacity as successor-in-interest of RCBC  
Savings Bank, Inc.) represented by  
Atty. Leonardo A. Yepes Jr.,  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

**FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-778-24**

**JANETTE SANTOS MANGLAPUS AND KRISTINE  
SANTOS VENTURA** as represented by AIF Janette  
Santos Manglapus,  
Mortgagor/s.

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Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135,  
as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **RIZAL  
COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION**, (in its capacity  
as successor-in-interest of RCBC Savings Bank, Inc.)  
represented by Atty. Leonardo A. Yepes Jr., with business  
address at 28th Floor AT Yuchengco Centre, 25th & 26th Sts.,  
Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, against the Mortgagor/s,  
**JANETTE SANTOS MANGLAPUS AND KRISTINE  
SANTOS VENTURA** as represented by AIF Janette Santos  
Manglapus, with residence and postal address at (1) 421  
Llamado Street Sta. Cruz Cavite City, Cavite, Philippines,  
(2) Blk 207 Lot 3 Grand Broadmore Antel Grand Village  
Barangay Bacao General Trias City, Cavite, Philippines to  
satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **16 May 2024**  
amounts to **TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY  
FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND  
65/100 ONLY (PHP 2,275,536.65)**, exclusive of interest,  
penalties and other charges of foreclosure, the undersigned  
Sheriff will set at public auction on **September 20, 2024** at  
10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main  
entrance of the Government Center Building located at the  
Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the  
highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the  
following described property with all the improvements  
thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2021060281**

**LOT NO: 3, BLOCK NO: 207, PLAN NO: PCS-04-031263**  
**PORTION OF: CONSOLIDATION AND SUBDIVISION**  
OF LOTS 1616 & 1617 BOTH OF FRS-04-005763, 1619,  
FRS-04-005819, 1936, FRS-04-005817, LOT 8, BLK. 170,  
PCS-04-030511, 1634, 1635, ALL OF SAN FRANCISCO  
DE MALABON ESTATE LRC

**RECORD NO: 5964**

**LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BACAO II, CITY OF GENERAL  
TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON**

**BOUNDARIES:**

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	LOT 28, BLOCK 207, PCS-04-031263
2-3	NW	LOT 2, BLOCK 207, PCS-04-031263
3-4	NE	ROAD LOT 12, (8.00 M. WIDE), PCS-04-031263
4-1	SE	LOT 4, BLOCK 207, PCS-04-031263

**AREA: EIGHTY THREE (83) SQUARE METERS, MORE  
OR LESS**

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on  
the said date and time, it shall be held on **October 4, 2024**  
without further notice.

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investigate for themselves the title to the said property and  
encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, August 16, 2024.

**JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG**  
Sheriff IV

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TRECE MARTIRES CITY

**CHINA BANK SAVINGS INC.**,  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

**FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-734-24**

**ISAGANI D. CALIBUGAR AND MARIA D. DE DIOS**,  
Mortgagors/Borrowers.

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Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as  
amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **CHINA BANK  
SAVINGS INC.**, with business address at CBS Building,  
No. 314 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the  
Mortgagor/s, **ISAGANI D. CALIBUGAR AND MARIA D.  
DE DIOS**, with residence and postal address at Block 59,  
Lot 37, Acacia St., cor. Ipil-Ipil St., Bel Aldea Subd., Brgy.  
De Fuego, General Trias, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage  
indebtedness which as of **April 30, 2024** amounts to **ONE  
MILLION THREE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED EIGHTY PESOS & 68/100 (P1,310,980.68)**,  
inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges charges of  
foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction  
on **September 20, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning  
until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government  
Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound,  
Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in  
Philippine Currency the following described property with all  
the improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2016059434**

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 37, BLK. 59 OF THE CONS.-  
SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-011869, BEING A PORTION OF  
THE CONS. OF LOTS 2680-G-3 TO 8, ALL OF (LRC) PSD-  
222174, LOT 2680-J-2, (LRC) PSD-101732, LOTS 2680-H,  
I & K, ALL OF PSD-33619, L.R.C. REC. NO.), SITUATED  
IN THE BRGY. OF DE FUEGO, MUN. OF GEN. TRIAS,  
PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED  
ON THE NE., & SE., ALONG LINES 1-2-3 BY ROAD LOT 53,  
(8.00 M. WIDE); ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD  
LOT 58 (10.00 M. WIDE); ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 4-5  
BY LOT 24; ALONG LINE 5-6 BY LOT 23, BOTH OF BLK.  
58; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 6-7 BY LOT 36, BLK. 59;  
ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 7-1 BY ROAD LOT 53, (8.00  
M. WIDE), ALL OF THE CONS.- SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING  
AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN X X X **CONTAINING AN  
AREA OF ONE HUNDRED SQ. METERS AND FOURTEEN  
SQ. DECIMETERS (100.14). X X X**

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above-stated time and date.

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Global City, Taguig City

**JANETTE SANTOS MANGLAPUS AND KRISTINE SANTOS**

**VENTURA** as represented by AIF Janette Santos Manglapus  
(1) 421 Llamado Street Sta. Cruz Cavite City, Cavite, Philippines  
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Bacao General Trias City, Cavite, Philippines

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**Smart Basco LOQALINK Launched  
to Boost Batanes Agriculture**

On August 19, 2024, the Project Leader, DISC-  
Department of Science and TBI & Director, BIRDC,  
Technology (DOST) RO2 DOST Region 02 Director  
thru the PSTO Batanes, Virginia G. Bilgera and  
in partnership with Isabela other representatives  
State University, Batanes from DOST, the provincial  
State College, and the government, and Batanes  
Local Government Unit State College.

of Basco, launched "This project is a testament  
the SMART BASCO to our commitment  
LOQALINK project at the to empowering rural  
Basco Lighthouse. This communities through  
groundbreaking initiative science and technology,"  
aims to transform Batanes said DOST Secretary  
particularly the municipality Renato U. Solidum, Jr.  
of Basco into a smart and "By providing farmers with  
sustainable community the necessary tools and  
by providing data-driven information, we hope to  
solutions to boost the enhance their livelihoods  
agriculture sector. and contribute to the

The Digital Business overall development of  
Locator (DBL) for Batanes", he added.  
Agriculture Supply and A pledge of commitment  
Demand Information was signed by all  
System (LOQALINK) is partners to solidify their  
a key component of the collaboration in achieving  
project. It will leverage the project's goals.  
technology to identify LOQALINK will undergo  
potential business several phases,  
opportunities, optimize including goal setting,  
agricultural production, data analysis, action  
improve market access for planning, data mapping,  
local farmers. pilot implementation,  
and communication. The

The launch event project is expected to result  
was attended by key in integrated information  
government officials, systems, increased support  
including DOST Secretary programs, enhanced  
Renato U. Solidum Jr., government capabilities,  
PCIEERD Director Ernesto and improved access to  
Paringit, Basco Mayor government services.  
German A. Caccam, Dr.  
Betchie E. Aguinaldo,

Trece Martires City, August 16, 2024.

**JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG**  
Sheriff IV

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CBS Building, No. 314 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Makati City

**BUENAVENTURA DANTING PAGTAKHAN  
CONSTANTINO MANGROBANG AND ASSOCIATES**  
Counsel for the Petitioner  
12th Floor, CBS Building, 314 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue,  
Makati City

**ISAGANI D. CALIBUGAR AND MARIA D. DE DIOS**  
Block 59, Lot 37, Acacia St., cor. Ipil-Ipil St., Bel Aldea Subd.,  
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## BI highlights key accomplishments, digitalization

**QUEZON CITY (PIA)** — In today's 14th episode of Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas, the Bureau of Immigration (BI) will highlight several key accomplishments and ongoing initiatives under the leadership of the Department of Justice. Among the BI's achievements is the implementation of the eTravel System, which has streamlined travel processes by consolidating all necessary documentation into a single digital platform. This has significantly improved the efficiency of immigration procedures. Additionally, the BI expanded its Online Application Payment System through the E-Services Portal, making it easier for users to handle transactions online. The Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) was another major highlight, allowing for the pre-screening of passengers before they arrive in the country, thereby enhancing border security. Furthermore, the introduction of new border stamps reflects the agency's commitment to modernizing its operations and preventing unauthorized entries. The BI will also provide updates on ongoing projects, including the nearing completion of the new BI Main and Annex Smart Building, which is expected to enhance service delivery with cutting-edge technology. Efforts to further develop IT systems and infrastructure will be mentioned as crucial to supporting the agency's digital transformation. The expansion of E-gates at international ports was also mentioned, which aims to improve the travel experience by reducing processing times. The BI will also discuss its Rationalization Program, designed to optimize the agency's organizational structure, and the expanded Program for Alien Typing System (EXPATS), which enhances the management of foreign nationals' records.

Today's Kapihan will be led by the Department of Justice and will be represented by its five major agencies: the National Prosecution Service, the Bureau of Immigration, Parole and Probation Administration, Public Attorney's Office and Land Registration Administration. The Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas is a weekly forum conducted simultaneously nationwide, designed to inform and engage the public on government initiatives and programs. This program serves as an opportunity for key government agencies to communicate their ongoing efforts and future plans to the public, reinforcing their dedication to serve the nation. **(PIA-NCR / AVS)**

## DENR trains youth in snake identification, basic mountaineering survival skills

**M'LANG, Cotabato Province (PIA)** — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) recently capacitated the members of the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) of Barangay Poblacion A in the municipality of M'lang with basic skills in snake identification and mountaineering survival. The DENR-Community Environment and Natural Resources Office in the municipality of Matalam led the activity, which was a part of the Linggo ng Kabataan 2024 celebration. The initiative aims to raise awareness and educate the youth on environmental and natural resource issues, ensuring that the younger generation actively participates in the protection and preservation of their respective communities. Forester Rosie R. Camiguing, Chief of the Wildlife and Conservation Unit, provided an in-depth overview of Republic Act 9147, commonly referred to as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act. Elaborating on specific provisions, Camiguing outlined fines and penalties for individuals who knowingly and willfully engage in the unlawful exploitation of wildlife resources and their habitats. During the training, DENR provided participants with

## BARMM housing ministry turns over 100 new homes to Lanao Sur town

**MARAWI CITY (PIA)** — The Bangsamoro Government's Ministry of Human Settlements and Development (MHSD) has completed the construction of 100 new homes in Barangay Pindolunan, Saguiaran. These were officially turned over to the local government on August 18. "Building permanent housing units for its citizens is among the Bangsamoro Government's priorities because many were displaced from their communities due to past conflicts and calamities," said MHSD Minister Hamid Aminuddin Barra. Barra commended the Saguiaran municipal government for efficiently implementing the housing project and expressed

confidence that it would benefit deserving families. Saguiaran Mayor Jalalodin Angin thanked the Bangsamoro Government for granting them this project. He noted that when they first visited, the area was still unpassable and undeveloped, but now it has transformed into a new community. "All of the things we see right now in our communities are from the BARMM Government. Just a month ago, the Marawi Rehabilitation Program (MRP) also conducted a groundbreaking ceremony here in Barangay Cadayanon to start the construction of additional 50-unit resettlement housing," the mayor said. Members of Parliament Said Sheik and Marjanie Macasalong, representatives from MP Abdullah Macapaar's office, and Barangay Pindolunan officials also attended the turnover ceremony. On the same day, MHSD led a groundbreaking ceremony in Barangay Lilod Tubok, Tamparan, to begin the construction of 50 houses funded under the 2024 General Appropriations Act of Bangsamoro. This year, MHSD signed memoranda of agreement with various

## BSP opens new branch in Cotabato City

**COTABATO CITY (PIA)** — In a bid to promote and maintain a strong financial system in the Bangsamoro region, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) has recently inaugurated its new building located in Cotabato City. The opening of the new BSP Cotabato branch office is part of the bank's strong efforts to support a strong economy and promote a high quality of life for all Filipinos, especially Bangsamoro residents. During the inauguration ceremony, BSP deputy governor Bernadette Romulo-Puyat emphasized that the new BSP facility in the city serves as a beacon of modernity and sustainability. "As Cotabato City and

BARMM work to improve the quality of life for their residence, the BSP remains your committed partner," she said. She also emphasized how the new building's energy- and water-efficient systems support the BSP's goal for sustainable central banking. The BSP regional branches perform cash operations, such as withdrawal, deposit, currency exchange and retirement, gold-buying operations in select areas, branch accounting, economic and financial learning and advocacy, and regional economic surveillance. "Let this new BSP Cotabato building represent our commitment to this lasting partnership," Romulo-Puyat stressed. Meanwhile, Bangsamoro Chief Minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim pointed out the important role of the BSP Cotabato in strengthening financial infrastructure, facilitating financial education and digitalization, and strengthening regional interagency engagement. "This decision to expand the BSP Cotabato is a clear indication of your commitment to serving the region and supporting our economic growth," Ebrahim said. **(LTB – PIA Cotabato City)**

local government units in the province and held groundbreaking ceremonies in several Lanao del Sur municipalities to start housing projects. In addition to Tamparan, housing resettlement units are under construction in Lumbayanague, Madamba, Masiu, Maguing, and Buadipuso-Buntong. According to Barra, groundbreaking ceremonies will also be held in Pualas and Butig in the coming weeks. **(BIO/PIA-10 Lanao del Sur)**

## Legarda files bill to regularize barangay officials

**PASAY CITY** — Senator Loren Legarda said it was high time to provide full-time benefits to barangay officials, lamenting that mere honoraria might not be adequate for them. Legarda, who filed Senate Bill No. 2786, or the Regularization of Barangay Officials Act, remarked that the lack of financial stability of barangay officials might cause them financial stress, which may lead to ineffective delivery of government services. "We want our barangay officials to receive the same full benefits that other government workers enjoy, giving them the peace of mind they deserve — especially after serving their communities," said Legarda. "The most basic unit of

local government must also be incentivized for their efforts for their public service, as they usually are the most tangible persons of the State many residents see," she added. Under the proposed measure, the barangay captain, sangguniang barangay members, sangguniang kabataan (SK) chairperson, barangay secretary, and the barangay treasurer will now be considered as regular government employees. Moreover, they will be entitled to fixed salaries, allowances, Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), PhilHealth, and Pag-IBIG coverage, on top of other fringe benefits, which, under Civil Service law, rules and regulations,

a regular government employee may be entitled to. Under Section 4 of the bill, the salary of the barangay captain will be equivalent to a city/municipal councilor; sangguniang barangay members with 80% of the captain's salary; and 75% for the SK chairperson, barangay secretary, and treasurer. "With the passage of this bill, we recognize that barangay officials deserve recognition for their significant role in community development and peacekeeping," remarked the four-term senator. "Their dedication to public service deserves fair and regular compensation," she furthered. **(OSLL)**

## Discover the Art of Bonsai at SM City Dasmariñas!

Step into a world of miniature marvels at the PBSI Southern Bonsai Show happening this weekend at SM City Dasmariñas! Whether you're a seasoned bonsai enthusiast or just curious about these living works of art, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Bonsai is more than just a tiny tree—it's an ancient art form that combines horticulture and aesthetics to create miniature landscapes in pots. Don't miss the chance to see some of the finest bonsai trees in the region, meticulously cared for by expert hands.

Swing by the event from August 29 to September 1, 2024 at SM City Dasmariñas and immerse yourself in the tranquility and beauty of bonsai. You might even get inspired to start your own bonsai journey!



Discover the food lover's ultimate destination at SM Supermalls, where a showcase of the best regional cuisine awaits!

## Calling All Foodies: SM Supermalls celebrates the best of the regions this September



This September, SM Supermalls transforms into a vibrant food haven with a series of exciting events designed to bring the finest regional flavors to you. From irresistible dining deals to festive decorations and lively entertainment, the SM malls are set to provide exceptional food and fun.

Experience **EATS & TREATS**, where SM Foodcourt and mall tenants unveil exclusive dining deals and promotions that highlight the best regional flavors. Whether you're craving local specialties or trending international dishes, enjoy a range of discounts and special offers both in-store and online, making every meal a celebration.



Step into the **FOODIE BESTIVAL VILLAGE**, an enchanting transformation of SM malls into a festive, gram-worthy wonderland. Adorned with colorful banderitas, twinkling lights, and dazzling lanterns, this vibrant setting invites you to hang with your besties in a truly festive atmosphere.



For an extra dose of excitement, select SM malls will also feature **BESTIVAL CHEF**, highlighting the region's finest homegrown specialty dishes prepared by mall tenant chefs to showcase this unique culinary experience. Additionally, don't miss **BIG BITES**, where oversized foodie displays create perfect photo opportunities, adding a fun and memorable twist to your visit.



Enhance your dining experience with **BEATS & BITES**, a specially curated playlist that complements the festive food exploration at the SM malls. Enjoy a dynamic mix of tunes that elevate the vibrant atmosphere, making every visit an enjoyable sensory experience.

## Grand celebrations await this Grannies Day with SM Supermalls

Grannies can definitely still party, and SM Supermalls is making sure Grannies Day is something you and your beloved grandparents will enjoy. Bring your Lolos and Lolas, Inays and Itays, Mamas and Papas to celebrate Grannies Day with SM!

From September 1 to 8, 2024, SM Supermalls around the country will be hosting a variety of fun activities and events for our dear grandparents, and their apos, too! Looking for something special, local, or handmade to surprise your Grannies with? Visit **GRANNY'S BAZAAR** at your fave SM malls and support Grannie MSMEs by patronizing their heirloom recipes and produce!

Do you have a groovy Grannie that loves to sing and dance to classic weekend for a chance to win special hits? They'll surely have a blast prizes and be featured across SM at SM's **GROOVY GRANNIES** Supermalls' platforms. Don't forget to event! Dancing Grannies can take a **GRANNY SNAPSHOT** at the showcase their best moves at dedicated photo booth! the **G! GRANNY!** ballroom and And of course, we can't forget to thank disco weekend, while Grannies God for the gift of our grandparents! who can belt and croon will enjoy A special **GRAND THANKSGIVING** singing to their favorite songs with Mass will be held for Grannies as they **GRANNY'S VIBE**. Bonus points celebrate Grannies Day at their nearest because apo can duet with them SM mall.

Finally, make your Grannies Day experience at SM last forever by posting the bigger the family, the bigger photos, videos and more on your social your chance of winning **GRANNY'S** media accounts and use the hashtag **APO!** Grannies who show up with **HappyGranniesDayAtSM!** the most grandchildren can win as Celebrate our Grannies and make much as P20,000 SM shopping each moment with them count at SM money, perfect for the Grannies Supermalls! For more information and to who show their love by giving gifts stay updated, visit [www.smsupermalls.com](http://www.smsupermalls.com) or follow SM Supermalls on Walk, walk, fashion, Grannie! Facebook.



Spend a month of fun at SM Supermalls, and celebrate the best of regional flavors from September 1 to 30, 2024! Are the cravings coming in? For more information and to stay updated, visit [www.smsupermalls.com](http://www.smsupermalls.com) or follow SM Supermalls on Facebook.





PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION RECEIVED PSC CHAIRMAN FROM SEN FRANCIS TOLENTINO

**TUMANGGAP** ng plaque of Appreciation si Philippine Sports Commission Chairman Richard Bachman mula kay Senator Francis Tolentino sa ginanap na closing ceremony ng 2024 Philippine ROTC Games Championships sa International Convention Building, Cavite State University. **(REY NILLAMA)**

## Philippine Navy kampeon sa 2024 ROTC Games

Nakadiskubre ng dalawang shooter, isang boxer at kickboxer para sa pambansang koponan habang tuluyang iniuwi ng Philippine Navy ang pangkalahatang kampeonato sa natapos ng 2024 Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Games National Championships sa Cavite State University (CAVSU). Nakapagtala ang Navy ng 44 ginto, 19 pilak, 26 tanso para sa kabuuang 89 medalya upang tanghalin na pangkalahatang kampeon para sa best-of-the-best finals.

Nakamit naman ng Philippine Army ang may 42 ginto, 54 pilak at 77 tanso para sa kabuuang 173 medalya. Ang Air Force ay may 18 ginto, 27 pilak at 39 tanso para sa 84 medalya.

Inihayag naman nina Senador Francis Tolentino, na siyang may brainchild sa ROTC Games, kasama si Annie Ruiz, na PSC Technical head pati na representante ng Department of National Defense, ang pagkakadiskubre sa dalawang kadeteng atleta sa Target Shooting, isa sa boxing, at isa sa kickboxing. Ang dalawang shooter ay agad naman na idineklara ng mga namamahalang opisyal ng National Shooting Association of the Philippines na kanilang idadagdag bilang mga miyembro ng developmental pool at isasama sa pagsasanay at paghahanda para sa mga internasyonal na kompetisyon.

Tinukoy ni Senador Tolentino ang magkapatid na shooter na mula sa De La Salle University na sina Danielle Benjamin Cruz, na umiskor ng pinakamataas na 276 puntos, habang kasunod nito si Dexter Blinda Cruz na may 260 puntos para ibigay ang ginto at pilak na medalya sa Navy.

Pangatlo si Christian Baylon ng TUP (260 puntos) sa tanso. Ang gintong medalya ni Cruz ang



PHILIPPINE ROTC GAMES CLOSING CEREMONY MESSAGE - SENATOR FRANCIS TOLENTINO

**IPINAKITA** ni Senator Francis Tolentino ang isang coffee table sa nakaraang 2023 Philippine ROTC Reserve Officers Training Corps sa ginanap na closing ceremony ng ng 2024 Philippine ROTC Games sa International Convention Building, Cavite State University kung saan ay patuloy na lumalaganap at palawak ng palawak ang ibig makilala

nagtulak naman sa Navy para maangkin ang pangkalahatang titulo sa pangalawang taon lamang ng torneo para sa mga kadeteng atleta.

Sinandigan din ng Navy ang panalo ni Benie Tabaco-an ng University of Antique sa pagwawagi nito kay Army cadet Raffy Chagsan ng University of Baguio sa light welterweight division ng sport na boxing upang maungusan sa mahigpit na labanan ang nag-uwi ng pinakamaraming gintong medalya nakaraang taon na Army. Tinanghal naman ang De La Salle University bilang pinakamahasay na High Educational Institution (HEIs) matapos na magwagi ng 25 ginto at 1 pilak kasunod ang Rizal Technological University-Boni Campus na may 16 ginto, 17 pilak at 11 tanso habang pangatlo ang University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos na may 6 ginto, 6 pilak at 4 tanso.



ROTC GAMES PRESS CONFERENCE PSC TECHNICAL HEAD ANNIE RUIZ

**NAGBAHAGI** naman ng karagdagang mahalagang kaalaman hinggil sa katapos na Philippine ROTC Games si PSC Technical head Annie Ruiz na ginanap sa Cavite State University campus kung saan ay naging parte ng naturang okasyon ang campus school higit sa naging kaganapan ng naturang palaro. **(REY NILLAMA)**

## National Squash Championships ngayong 12-15 ng September

Magaganap na sa Setyembre 12-15 ang inaabangan na Philippine Squash Academy na isasagawa ng National Squash Center sa loob ng Rizal Memorial Sports Complex.

Ang torneo ay nagtatampok ng mga piling lalaki at babae, Division 1 at Division 2 na mga kaganapan, ito ay bukas sa lahat at nagsisilbing seleksyon para sa pambansang koponan. Base sa national rankings noong nakaraang taon, No. 1 si Reymark Begornia sa men's division kasunod sina David Pelino, Christopher Buraga, Jonathan Reyes, Aero Dalida, Meljohn Arebado, at Carl Carillo.

Sa kababaihan naman ay nangunguna si Jemyca Aribado para sa women's division kasunod sina Aysah Dalida, Lizette Reyes, at Aerra Relano.

Nakatakda rin ang Philippine Satellite 1 (Oct. 22-25) at ang Philippine Challenger Classic (Oct. 28-31) na bukas din sa mga dayuhang manlalaro. Bilang host, ang Pilipinas ay maaaring magbigay ng mga wild card sa mga lokal na manlalaro, na nagpapahintulot sa kanila na makakuha ng mga puntos at mapabuti ang kanilang mga ranggo upang makipagkumpitensya sa ibang bansa.

## Gawad pagkilala ng KWF Selyo ng Kahusayan sa Serbisyo Publiko, para sa Iba't ibang Ahensiya at Lokal na Yunit ng Pamahalaan

Gagawaran ng Selyo ng Kahusayan sa Serbisyo Publiko 2024 ang iba't ibang ahensiya at lokal na yunit ng pamahalaan na sumunod sa implementasyon ng Kautusang Tagapagpaganap Blg. 335 at nagmamalas ng kahusayan sa paggamit ng Filipino bilang wika ng serbisyo publiko.

Makatatanggap ng Antas 1 ang: Lupon sa Rebyu at Klasipikasyon ng Pelikula at Telebisyon (MTRCB), Ahensiyang Pang-impormasyon ng Pilipinas (PIA); Barangay Hagdang Bato Itaas, Lungsod Mandaluyong; Kagawaran ng Edukasyon-SDO Catanduanes; Barangay Ususan, Lungsod Taguig; Kagawaran ng Edukasyon-SDO Sorsogon; Pamahalaang Lungsod Valenzuela, Pamahalaang Bayan ng Pateros; at Pamahalaang Bayan ng Piliila, Rizal.

Makatatanggap ng ANTAS 2 ang: Pamahalaang Lungsod Parañaque; Kagawaran ng Paggawa at Empleo-Kawanihan ng mga Manggagawang may Tanging Pangangailangan (DOLE-BWSC); Kagawaran ng Agham at Teknolohiya-Sanggunian ng Pilipinas para sa Pananaliksik at Pagpapaunlad ng Industriya, Enerhiya, at Bagong Teknolohiya (DOST-PCIEERD); Pamahalaang Lungsod Pasig, Brgy. Lower Bicutan, Lungsod Taguig at Kagawaran ng Agrikultura (DA-Dibisyon ng Impormasyong Pang-agrikultura at Pampangisdaan).

Makatatanggap ng ANTAS 3 ang Kagawaran ng Edukasyon-SDO Camarines Sur, Kagawaran ng Edukasyon-SDO Lungsod Naga, Sentrong Medikal Amang Rodriguez (ARMCC), Pamahalaang Lungsod Sto. Tomas, Batangas, Pamahalaang Lalawigan ng Bulacan, Kagawaran ng Edukasyon-SDO Legazpi, Pamahalaang Bayan ng Marilao, Kagawaran ng Edukasyon-SDO Camarines Norte, Kagawaran ng Edukasyon-Lungsod Ligao, Kagawaran ng Edukasyon-SDO Albay, Kagawaran ng Interyor at Pamahalaang Lokal (DILG).

Makatatanggap naman ng Antas 4 ang Kagawaran ng Edukasyon-SDO Iriga, Kagawaran ng Kapaligiran at Likas na Yaman (DENR), Pang-alaalang Sentrong Medikal Quirino (QMMC), Pamahalaang Lungsod Pasay, Pamahalaang Lungsod Sta. Rosa, Laguna, Pangasiwaan sa Pagpapaunlad ng Kalakhang Maynila (MMDA) at Sentrong Medikal ng Rizal (RMC). Makatatanggap naman ng KWF

Dangal ng Serbisyo Publiko 2024 ang Kagawaran ng Edukasyon, Rehiyon V-Bicol habang Finalist naman ang Barangay Del Rosario, Lungsod Iriga at Barangay Bagumbayan, Lungsod Taguig.

Ang KWF Selyo ng Kahusayan sa Serbisyo Publiko ay pagpapaigting ng kampanya hinggil sa implementasyon ng Kautusang Tagapagpaganap Blg. 335 na nag-aatas sa lahat ng kagawaran/kawanihan/tanggapan/ahensiya/instrumentaliti ng pamahalaan na magsagawa ng mga hakbang na kailangan para sa layuning magamit ang Filipino sa opisyal na transaksyon, komunikasyon, at korespondensiya. Timpalak at parangal ito para sa mga ahensiya at lokal na yunit ng pamahalaan na sumunod sa implementasyon ng Kautusang Tagapagpaganap Blg. 335 at nagmamalas ng kahusayan sa paggamit ng Filipino bilang wika ng serbisyo publiko



SEASON 49TH PBA GOVERNORS CUP GINEBRA VS SAN MIGUEL BEERMEN  
**TAPALI PINALPAL** ni Ginebra center Japeth Aguilar ang aktong pag jump shot basket ni Jordan Adams ng San Miguel Beermen sa kasagsagan ng kanilang mahigpit na tagisan sa Season 49th PBA Governors Cup sa Araneta Coliseum kung saan naipalano ng Gin Kings kontra Beermen. **(REY NILLAMA)**



## NATIONAL TRYOUT NG PRBA SA OKTUBRE



PRBA PHILIPPINE ROLL BALL ASSOCIATION INC PRESIDENT TONY ORTEGA

**POSITIBONG** pinahayag ni Philippine Roll Ball Association, Inc. (PRBA) President Tony Ortega sa lingguhang Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports TOPS Usapang Sports ang magaganap na tryout para sa Roll Ball ngayong Oktubre sa Fishermall Malabon at Quezon City, Kasama sina coach Jayson Seneres at PRBA Director Clyde Arcosa. **(REY NILLAMA)**

Isang bagong sport na tinatawag na roll ball, isang kumbinasyon ng skating at basketball – ang umuusbong ngayon sa Asya at ilang bahagi ng mundo at sa kasalukuyan, ang Pilipinas ang tungking bansa sa Southeast Asia na kinikilala ng International Roll Ball Federation (IBRF) nakabase sa India.

Sinabi ng pangulo ng Philippine Roll Ball Association, Inc. (PRBA) na si Tony Ortega na ang roll ball sa pamamagitan ng pagkilala at awtorisasyon ng IBRF ay nagtatag sa ngayon ng pagiging lehitimo nito sa bansa at sa lalong madaling panahon ay maging bahagi ng Philippine Olympic Committee (POC).

“Ang International Roll Ball Federation ay nagbibigay sa amin ng pagkilala at awtorisasyon na ipalaganap ang palakasan hindi lamang sa Pilipinas kundi sa Timog-silangang Asya din.

Naisumite na namin ang handbook ng laro at mga teknikal na panuntunan sa Opisina ni Commissioner Wawit Torres. We also in partnership with the Local Government Unit (LGUs) para mas madali yung mga activities na ginagawa namin sa mga barangay aside from the community ng roller skaters,” said Ortega during the Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports, Inc. (TOPS) 'Usapang Sports' na itinataguyod ng Behrouz Persian Cuisine, Pocari Sweat at Philippine Sports Commission.

“Sa ngayon, mayroong higit sa isang libong skating club at komunidad sa buong bansa. Una, kailangan natin ng mga skater para kumbinsihin silang pumasok sa roll ball. May mga 500 na kaming players na regular na naglalaro sa Amoranto stadium sa Quezon City,” added Ortega who was joined in the session with interim coach Jayson Seneres

and PRBA Director Clyde Arcosa.

Sinabi ni Ortega na ang kanyang grupo ay nagsagawa na ng mga clinic, seminar at iba pang campaign activities sa Gen. Santos, Davao, Malabon, Cavite at Batangas para ipakilala ang laro.

Binubuo ng maximum na 15 na manlalaro sa bawat koponan ang kailangan sa roll ball na may anim na manlalaro sa magkabilang panig kasama ang goalie.

Gamit ang junior-size na basketball, ang mga manlalaro ay may 3 segundo kapag huminto sa pag-dribble para ipasa ang bola sa teammate para maiwasan ang violation. “Parang football at basketball kailangan mong maka-goal para sa iskor. Bale 40 minutes and playtime, 20 minutes isang quarter,” ani Ortega.

“Maganda ang reception sa mga activities namin. This is just the beginning and crucial steps para mapatag namin ang PRBA at maisubmit namin sa POC for membership. Then, ayusin din namin na magkaroon ng asosasyon sa Southeast Asia.

Sa ngayon, Indonesia, Malaysia at Singapore meron na ring community ng roll ball,” dagdag ni Ortega. Sinabi ni Seneres, isang resident skating coach sa Fishermall Malabon at Quezon City na ang puso ng mga Pinoy sa basketball ay sinamahan ng natural na talento sa skating ay isang kalamangan.

“Yung roll ball kasi kailangan strength and stamina, yung pagkamahilig natin sa basketball advantage yan,” said Seneres.

Ang mini-tryout para sa Philippine Team ay ginagawa na sa ilang probinsiya at pangunahing lungsod na sinusundan ng National tryouts na itinakda sa Oktubre 12, 19 at 26 sa Fishermall Malabon at Quezon City.

## DOJ seeks funding to address prosecutor shortage in MIMAROPA

**ODIONGAN, Romblon (PIA)**—The Department of Justice (DOJ) is currently in discussions with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to secure funding for the additional prosecutor positions required in the MIMAROPA region. MIMAROPA's OIC Regional Prosecutor Alen Ross Rodriguez said this is based on the Prosecution Service Act of 2010 guidelines and a joint memorandum circular issued by the DBM and DOJ last year. He mentioned during the Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro that there are currently 61 prosecutors in the region, but 57 more are needed to handle the workload adequately. Despite the limited number

of prosecutors, Rodriguez highlighted that their disposition rate reached an impressive 99.39 percent in the first semester of the current year, with 6,480 out of 6,520 complaints resolved on time. This high performance suggests that, even with the shortage, the existing prosecutors are working efficiently. Rodriguez pointed out that the lack of funding is not the only issue; there are also very few attorneys applying for these prosecutor positions. He expressed gratitude to the prosecutors who manage to attend hearings across different locations despite their limited numbers, often taking on multiple cases to ensure that justice is served and every court hearing is attended. **(PJF/PIA MIMAROPA-Romblon)**

## Budget deficit declines in July

**MANILA** – The national government's budget deficit went down by 39.67 percent in July as revenue growth surpassed the increase in spending, the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) said. Data released on Wednesday showed that the budget deficit during the month declined to PHP28.8 billion from PHP47.8 billion in July last year. The government incurs a budget deficit when spending exceeds its revenues. For the first seven months of the year, the national government's budget deficit, however, reached PHP642.8 billion, higher by 7.21 percent compared to the same period in 2023. Revenue performance reached PHP457.4 billion in July, up 11.09 percent from PHP411.7 billion in July last year. The BTr said tax collections, which comprised 88.07 percent of the total, grew by 15.46 percent year on year while non-tax revenues, accounting for 11.93 percent, contracted by 13.2 percent. Collections for January to July, meanwhile, reached PHP2.6 trillion, surpassing

the PHP2.3 trillion raised in the same period last year. Of the 2024 collections, 85.85 percent, or PHP2.2 trillion, came from taxes, which grew by 10.99 percent. On the other hand, the non-tax component contributed PHP368.8 billion, higher by 44.47 percent from last year. Expenditures The national government's expenditures, meanwhile, rose by 5.8 percent in July. "July disbursements reached PHP486.2 billion and were 5.8 percent or PHP26.7 billion higher than what was spent in 2023 partly due to the higher National Tax Allotment (NTA) share of LGUs," the BTr said. Primary expenditures (net of interest payments) increased by 2.73 percent to PHP406.8 billion, while interest payments, likewise, rose by 24.9 percent to PHP79.4 billion. "This was due to the higher cost of financing and depreciation of the peso observed throughout the year," the BTr said. For January to July, spending amounted to PHP3.2 trillion, up by 13.17 percent from last year's PHP2.8 trillion. **(PNA)**

## BOI OKs P1.2-B automated biscuit manufacturing project

**MANILA** – The Board of Investments (BOI) has approved a PHP1.2-billion investment project of listed firm Monde Nissin Corp. for its automated manufacturing and processing of its butter coconut biscuits. Data provided by the BOI Tuesday showed that this project was approved by the BOI Board last July 25 but has yet to be registered with the investment promotion agency. "The Board already approved the project but the firm is yet to submit pre-registration requirements, e.g., acceptance of the terms and conditions of their registration. They have not been issued the actual certificate of registration so they are not yet registered," BOI Executive Director Evariste Cagatan said. The BOI said the manufacturing facility will be located in Brgy. Ilang, Bunawan, Davao City to cater to the Visayas and Mindanao markets.

Monde Nissin's Davao factory is an addition to its existing butter coconut biscuits manufacturing plant in Sta. Rosa, Laguna for the Luzon market. The Davao City project is expected to employ 111 regular personnel. "Except for the manual preparation of raw materials, the whole butter coconut biscuits production and packaging of finished goods is fully mechanized using up-to-date and market appropriate technologies," the BOI said. It added that for the packaging and movement of finished goods, the listed company will employ advanced automation technology, which will require highly skilled workers. This project supports the Department of Trade and Industry's (DTI) push for Industry 4.0, or the use of digitization in the manufacturing sector. **(PNA)**

## Budget chief: Gov't to work harder to improve credit rating

**MANILA** – The Marcos administration would double its efforts to reach its fiscal goal of achieving an "A" credit rating, Budget Secretary Amenah Pangandaman said on Saturday. Pangandaman welcomed global credit watcher Moody's affirmation of the Philippines' "Baa2" investment-grade credit rating. "This is a positive development but this makes us only more determined to get an 'A' grade," Pangandaman said in a statement. "I am confident that as long as we stay on track with our Agenda for Prosperity, with our whole-of-government approach, we will achieve an "A" rating with Moody's under this administration." Pangandaman expressed confidence that the country will soon get an "A" rating after 10 years of being at "Baa2." Moody's on Thursday kept its "Baa2" rating for the Philippines since 2014, citing the country's economic reforms, fiscal consolidation efforts, and robust macroeconomic fundamentals as key factors. According to Moody's report, the passage of reforms over the past several years to liberalize the Philippine economy will support medium-

term growth potential by supporting a business-friendly environment and attracting foreign investments. A "Baa2" rating means the Philippines has moderate credit risk while an "A" rating means obligations are subject to low credit risk. Moody's is among the leading global credit rating agencies, publishing investor-oriented credit research, industry studies, and risk analysis. Apart from Moody's "Baa2," the Philippines holds two "A-" ratings from Japan's Rating and Investment Information, Inc. and Japan Credit Rating Agency, "BBB" from Fitch Ratings, and "BBB+" from Standard & Poor's Global Ratings. Senator Sherwin Gatchalian welcomed Moody's Investors Service's affirmation of the country's credit rating amid expectations of stronger growth and better fiscal position. "This bodes well with our legislative agenda of improving investor confidence and attracting foreign investments critical for the country to underpin sustained economic growth," Gatchalian said in a statement. Gatchalian is the main author of the proposed

## DOF proposes P33.7-B budget for 2025

**MANILA** – The Department of Finance (DOF) is seeking a PHP33.75 billion budget for 2025 which will be used for efficient tax administration and public service, Finance Secretary Ralph Recto said. "[O]ur proposed budget every year is always a faithful reflection of our strategic priorities under the Bagong Pilipinas brand of governance," Recto said in his presentation at the Senate budget hearing on Tuesday. "The items discussed today are part and parcel of a larger effort to improve tax administration efficiency, deliver more responsive public service delivery, and provide economic prosperity for the Filipino people," he said. The DOF's proposed budget for 2025 is 20.8 percent higher than the 2024 General Appropriations Act (GAA) level. The agency's New General Appropriations constitute the largest portion amounting to PHP29 billion to support the DOF's core operations and priority programs. Recto said this is in line with the DOF's key priorities to ramp-up digitalization to enhance revenue administration by the Bureau of Customs (BIR), customs enhancement by the Bureau of Customs (BOC), better financial asset Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises to Maximize Opportunities for Reinvigorating the Economy (CREATE MORE) which is expected to generate more foreign direct investments in support of economic growth. He said increasing foreign direct investments would lead to job generation, support domestic consumption, and further improve the country's fiscal position. With the expected enactment of CREATE MORE and other measures supportive of economic development, Gatchalian expressed optimism that the country would secure an investment rating upgrade moving forward. CREATE MORE is a priority measure of the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. Gatchalian said now the country's economy has completed recovered from Covid-19 pandemic, "we expect our economy to grow, and we may even have an investment rating upgrade." **(Leonel Abasola/PNA)**

and debt management by the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr), and improved local finance administration by the Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF). The proposed budget also includes a PHP1 billion-allocation under the Special Purpose Funds for the replenishment of the People's Survival Fund (PSF) which will support climate adaptation projects of local communities. In terms of allocation, 41.4 percent of the proposed budget is allocated to Personnel Services, 37.9 percent to Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses, and 20.6 percent to Capital Outlays. "This is in line with our commitment to prioritize workforce development and infrastructure improvements like digitalization. In fact, we are making significant digital transformation investments across agencies," Recto said. The BIR, the BOC, and the Insurance Commission (IC) lead the charge in digitalization with a combined amount of PHP4.20 billion, while other agencies are allotted around PHP600 million. "These investments are aimed at significantly enhancing taxpayer experience, streamlining trade processes, and improving fiscal transparency," Recto said. The BIR will receive the largest share of the budget, amounting to PHP17.68 billion or 54.4 percent of the total DOF proposed budget while the BOC's proposed budget amounts to PHP5.66 billion. The BTr, on the other hand, has a budget allocation of PHP6.46 billion. The other DOF offices have the following proposed budgets: IC (PHP1 billion); DOF - Office of the Secretary (PHP491.25 million); Bureau of Local Government Finance (PHP433.66 million); National Tax Research Center (PHP144.11 million); Privatization and Management Office (PHP111.06 million); and Central Board of Assessment Appeals (PHP18.05 million). "We will ensure that every peso is being stretched to deliver the biggest bang per buck for the Filipino people. Much like our triumphant Olympians, we will always go for the gold," Recto said. **(PNA)**

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT TRECE MARTIRES CITY

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

-versus-

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-666-24

APRIL JOY F. DIAZ,

Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagor/s, APRIL JOY F. DIAZ, with residence and postal addresses at LOT 8 BLOCK 7 PHASE 2 BEIRIT ST., GOLDEN CITY, ANABU II-F, IMUS, CAVITE and LOT 44 BLOCK 15 PHASE 1 KAIA HOMES, PASONG KAWAYAN II, GEN. TRIAS, CAVITE to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of April 15, 2024 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHTY FIVE PESOS & 07/100 (P 445,085.07), inclusive of interest and other charges of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on September 20, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2021032131

LOT NO: 44 BLOCK NO: 15 PLAN NO: PCS-04-029795 PORTION OF: CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 3300, 3371 & 3372, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE (ALL COVERED BY RS-04-005070) LRC RECORD NO. 5964

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PASONG KAWAYAN II, MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

BOUNDARIES:

Table with columns: LINE, DIRECTION, ADJOINING LOT(S). Rows 1-2 to 5-1.

AREA: THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on October 4, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, August 16, 2024.

JOSELITO L. ARANDA Sheriff IV

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Home Development Mutual Fund (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund)

The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

ATTY. MELANIO A. BADENAS JR. Attorney-in-Fact, GCCS & Associates Corp.

Rm 209 Megastate Bldg., No. 737 G. Araneta Ave., Tatalon, Quezon City

APRIL JOY F. DIAZ

LOT 8 BLOCK 7 PHASE 2 BEIRIT ST., GOLDEN CITY,

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT TRECE MARTIRES CITY

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

-versus-

Foreclosure Case No. F-873-24

RONALD BOLECHE is herein represented by his/her/their Attorney-in-Fact MARIBETH GEMPARO BOLECHE, Mortgagor/s.

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TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2018057706

LOT NO: 20 BLOCK NO: 7 PLAN NO: PCS-04-029569 PORTION OF: CONS. OF LOT 2248, STA. CRUZ DE MALABON ESTATE & LOT 1530-B, PSD-042120-075221; LRC REC. NO. 6832

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF SAHUD-ULAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

Table with columns: LINE, DIRECTION, ADJOINING LOT(S). Rows 1-2 to 4-1.

AREA: THIRTY FIVE SQUARE METERS (35), MORE OR LESS

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2018057707

LOT NO: 21 BLOCK NO: 7 PLAN NO: PCS-04-029569 PORTION OF: CONS. OF LOT 2248, STA. CRUZ DE MALABON ESTATE & LOT 1530-B, PSD-042120-075221; LRC REC. NO. 6832

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF SAHUD-ULAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

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ANABU II-F, IMUS, CAVITE and LOT 44 BLOCK 15 PHASE 1 KAIA HOMES, PASONG KAWAYAN II, GEN. TRIAS, CAVITE

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Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair: Strengthening Public Service through Partnership and Accessibility

On August 24-25, 2024, the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair was held at Aboitiz Pitch, LIMA Park, Lipa City, Batangas, marking a significant event aimed at enhancing public service accessibility while fostering partnerships among government agencies. The Philippine Statistics Authority - Regional Statistical Services Officer 4A joined the event and played a vital role in making essential civil registration and national identification system services more accessible to the public. Understanding the need to reach the underserved areas, the PSA established a comprehensive Help Desk to address a wide range of civil registration concerns. PSA also offered PhilSys Step 2 Registration, an important part of the national identification system rollout. Additionally, PSA RSSO 4A provided a same-day processing and issuance of civil registry document requests. In total, 385 applications for civil

registry documents such as birth, marriage, and death certificates were released, a clear demonstration of the PSA's commitment to its broader effort to emphasize the importance of civil registration and vital statistics. Moreover, the PSA RSSO 4A took proactive steps to educate the public by distributing a variety of information, education and communication materials which covered essential topics like the significance of civil registration and national identification system, helping to raise awareness and understanding among attendees. The PSA's active participation to the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair alongside other government entities not only provided immediate benefits to the public but also set a strong example of how coordinated government efforts can effectively meet the needs of the Filipino people.

4-1 SE LOT 22, BLOCK 7, PCS-04-029569

AREA: THIRTY FIVE SQUARE METERS (35), MORE OR LESS

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

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Trece Martires City, August 16, 2024.

JOSELITO L. ARANDA Sheriff IV

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Home Development Mutual Fund (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund)

The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

ATTY. JULIUS VOLTAIRE ROMMEL CUBELO Attorney-in-Fact, 24K ACCOUNTS CONSULTANT, INC. UNIT 7 & 8 2F CM BLDG., PASEO DE COMMERCCIO, VILLA REMEDIOS SUBD., BRGY. HALANG, CALAMBA CITY, LAGUNA

RONALD BOLECHE is herein represented by his/her/their Attorney-in-Fact MARIBETH GEMPARO BOLECHE BLK. 37 LOT 29 HERCULES ST., CELERINA HOMES, NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY and LOT 20 AND 21 BLK. 7 DECA HOMES TANZA, SAHUD ULAN, TANZA, CAVITE, 4108

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

**BDO UNIBANK, INC.,**  
Mortgagee,

**FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-722-24**

-versus-

**DHARLYN M. LUALHATI,**  
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with business address at 11th Floor BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Paseo de Roxas Makati City, against the Debtors/Mortgagors, **DHARLYN M. LUALHATI**, with residence and postal address at (1) Unit 10, 10th Flr., Q Cluster 3, Coronado Street, Suntrust Treetop Villas, Hulo, Mandaluyong City: and (2) Lot 12, Blk. 8, Brgy. Pasong Camachile II, Gen. Trias, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **May 31, 2024** amounts to **TWO MILLION EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN AND 81/100 (Php 2,086,317.81)**, including interest, penalties, expenses and other charges of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on **September 20, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2020004333**

**LOT NO: 12, BLOCK NO: 8, PLAN NO: PCS-04-030704 PORTION OF: BLOCK 26, PCS-04-029303; LOT 1941 (FRS-04-005432) & LOT 2230, (FRS-04-005414) ALL OF SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE, DECREED NO. 4270, LRC REC. NO. 5964**

**LOCATION: BARANGAY OF PASONG CAMACHILE II, CITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON**

**BOUNDARIES:**

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	LOT 14, BLOCK 8, PCS-04-030704
2-3	NE	ROAD LOT 11, PCS-04-030704
3-4	SE	LOT 10, BLOCK 8, PCS-04-030704
4-1	SW	LOT 13, BLOCK 8, PCS-04-030704

**AREA: FIFTY (50) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS**

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **October 4, 2024** without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, August 16, 2024.

**JOSELITO L. ARANDA**  
Sheriff IV

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**BDO UNIBANK, INC.,**  
**RISK MANAGEMENT GROUP-REMEDIAL**  
**MANAGEMENT UNIT**

11th Floor BDO Towers Valero, 8741 Paseo de Roxas Makati City

**DHARLYN M. LUALHATI**

(1) Unit 10, 10th Flr., Q Cluster 3, Coronado Street, Suntrust Treetop Villas, Hulo, Mandaluyong City: and  
(2) Lot 12, Blk. 8, Brgy. Pasong Camachile II, Gen. Trias, Cavite

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OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT  
TRECE MARTIRES CITY

**PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK,**  
Mortgagee,

-versus-

**FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-829-24**

**RHEA JAN S. PALER,**  
Borrower/Mortgagor.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK** with business address at PSBank Center, 777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City, against the Mortgagor/s, **RHEA JAN S. PALER**, with residence and postal address at 2105 SAINT ANTHONY STREET, ADMINISTRATION SITE, BARANGAY 186, TALA, CALOOCAN CITY and BLOCK 20 LOT 3 ANTEL GRAND VILLAGE - GRAND OAKRIDGE BACAO 2 GENERAL TRIAS CAVITE to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **June 6, 2024** amounts to **ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND 52/100 PESOS (P127,315.52)**, inclusive of interest and actual expenses of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on **September 20, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2018016341**

**LOT NO: 3 BLOCK NO: 20 PLAN NO: PCS-04-030391 PORTION OF: THE CONS/SUBD. OF LOTS 1555, SAN FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE (FRS-04-005499), LOT 3, BLK. 20, PCS-04-030099, LOT 86, BLK. 8, LOT 1, BLK. 13, LOT 40, BLK.13, LOT 44, BLK. 13, LOT 66, BLK. 42 AND LOT 67, BLK. 42, ALL OF PCS-04-029031 ; LRC RECORD NO. 5964**

**LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BACAO II, MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON**

**BOUNDARIES:**

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	LOT 4, BLOCK 20, PCS-04-030391
2-3	SE	ROAD LOT 37-B (8.00 M. WIDE), PCS-04-030391
3-4	SE	LOT 21, BLOCK 20, PCS-04-030099
4-5	SW	LOT 2, BLOCK 20, PCS-04-030099
5-6	NW	LOT 18, BLOCK 20, PCS-04-030099
6-1	NW	LOT 17, BLOCK 20, PCS-04-030099

**AREA: EIGHTY FIVE (85) SQUARE METERS.**

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

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

Trece Martires City, August 16, 2024.

**JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG**  
Sheriff IV

**PBBM gets commemorative coins for 75 yrs of PH central banking**

**MANILA** – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. was presented with the 7,500-Piso Gold and 750-Piso Silver commemorative coins by Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Governor Eli Remolona Jr. at Malacañang in Manila on Tuesday in celebration of the 75th anniversary of central banking in the Philippines. In a statement, the BSP said the obverse side of both the gold and silver non-circulation legal tender coins features the Intendencia, also known as the Aduana Building, in Intramuros, Manila. The building served as the first headquarters of the Central Bank of the Philippines. On the reverse side, the coins show markings of the year “1949,” the 75th-anniversary logo in color, the inscription “CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF CENTRAL BANKING IN THE PHILIPPINES,” the BSP Seal, and the year “2024.” The BSP minted the diamond anniversary coins with a mirror-like finish, utilizing the latest digital printing technology. The BSP said it will announce, through its social media channels, when the commemorative coins will be available for purchase. They will be sold via the BSP Store at <https://bspstore.bsp.gov.ph/>. (PNA)

**BIR: More medicines now VAT exempt**

**MANILA** – The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) said 15 more medicines for cancer, high cholesterol, hypertension, and mental illness are now exempted from value-added tax (VAT). In a statement on Wednesday, the BIR said Commissioner Romeo Lumagui Jr. issued Revenue Memorandum Circular No. 93-2024 last Aug. 27, exempting from VAT certain medicines for cancer, high cholesterol, hypertension, and mental illness. “The BIR is now a service-oriented agency, this includes the regular update of medicines that will fall under VAT-Exempt products. The BIR supports the government’s thrust in helping the public have access to more affordable healthcare and medicine,” Lumagui said. The bureau said the circular was made in response to the updated list of VAT-Exempt Products from the Food and Drug Administration, under Republic Act (RA) 10963 and RA 11534. In January this year, the BIR exempted from VAT 21 medicines for diabetes, cancer, and hypertension. In March, it also exempted 20 medicines for cancer, hypertension, and mental illness. (PNA)

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**PHILIPPINE SAVINGS BANK**  
777 Paseo de Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City

**RHEA JAN S. PALER**  
2105 SAINT ANTHONY STREET, ADMINISTRATION SITE, BARANGAY 186, TALA, CALOOCAN CITY and  
BLOCK 20 LOT 3 ANTEL GRAND VILLAGE-GRAND OAKRIDGE BACAO 2 GENERAL TRIAS CAVITE

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT TRECE MARTIRES CITY

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

-versus- FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-700-24

BELINDA N. GALLAMOS married to VICTOR M. GALLAMOS, Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagor/s, BELINDA N. GALLAMOS married to VICTOR M. GALLAMOS with residence and postal address at CIUDAD ADELINA SUBD., PHASE 1, BLK 38 LOT 53, TRECE MARTIRES CITY CAVITE and LOT 53 BLK 38 CIUDAD ADELINA BUENAVISTA, GEN. TRIAS, CAVITE to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of APRIL 15, 2024 amounts to FOUR HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY FOUR PESOS & 81/100 (P 448,494.81), inclusive of interest and other charges of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on September 20, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-59364-

A parcel of land (Lot 53, Blk. 38, of the subd. plan, Psd-042108-063910, being a portion of lot 5-A, Psd-042108-062989, LRC. Rec. No. ), situated in the Bo. of Buenavista, Mun. of Gen. Trias, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the SW, along lines 1-2-3 by Rd. lot 35; on the NW, along line 3-4 by lot 52; on the NE, along line 4-5 by lot 11, & on the SE, along line 5-1 by lot 54, all of blk. 38, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan. X X X containing an area of NINETY (90) SQ. METERS. X X X

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on October 4, 2024 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, August 16, 2024.

ANDRES B. ESPINA Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished: Home Development Mutual Fund (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund) The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

ATTY. CAESAR S. EUROPA Attorney-In-Fact, 24K ACCOUNTS CONSULTANT, INC. 3F Fass Inteli College Bldg., No. 11, Pittsburgh St., Brgy. Silangan, Cubao, Quezon City

BELINDA N. GALLAMOS married to VICTOR M. GALLAMOS CIUDAD ADELINA SUBD., PHASE 1, BLK 38 LOT 53, TRECE MARTIRES CITY CAVITE and LOT 53 BLK 38 CIUDAD ADELINA BUENAVISTA, GEN. TRIAS, CAVITE

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT TRECE MARTIRES CITY

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

-versus- FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-770-24

ZENAIDA S. DULLAS is herein represented by his husband RICHARD R. DULLAS as Attorney-In-Fact, Mortgagor/s.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), with business address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against the Mortgagor/s, ZENAIDA S. DULLAS is herein represented by his husband RICHARD R. DULLAS as Attorney-In-Fact, with residence and postal addresses at CAVITE STRIKE WING, CAVITE CITY and LOT 16 BLK 14 FIDGIE SUBDIVISION SAN AGUSTIN, TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of April 15, 2024 amounts to ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY SIX PESOS & 79/100 (P102,196.79), inclusive of interest and other charges of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on September 20, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-336568 (T-55699)

A parcel of Land (Lot 16, Blk. 14, of the subd. plan, Psd-04-045051, being a portion of lot 2178-New S.C.M. Estate, LRC Rec. No. ), situated in the Bo. of San Agustin, City of Trece Martires. Bounded on the N, along line 1-2 by Lot 2177-1, Psd-10066, (Lot 4211, S.C.M. Estate), on the E., along line 2-3 by Lot 17, Blk 14, on the S., along line 3-4 by Rd. Lot 8 (6.50 m. wide), on the W., along line 4-1 by Lot 45, Blk. 14, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan, x x x containing an area of ONE HUNDRED (100) SQ. METERS. x x x

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

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

Trece Martires City, August 16, 2024.

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG Sheriff IV

Copy Furnished: HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund) The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

ATTY. JULIUS VOLTAIRE ROMMEL C. CUBELO Attorney-In-Fact, 24K ACCOUNTS CONSULTANT, INC. 3F Fass Inteli College Bldg., No. 11, Pittsburgh St., Brgy. Silangan, Cubao, Quezon City

ZENAIDA S. DULLAS is herein represented by his husband RICHARD R. DULLAS as Attorney-In-Fact CAVITE STRIKE WING, CAVITE CITY and Lot 16 BLK 14 FIDGIE SUBDIVISION SAN AGUSTIN, TRECE MARTIRES CITY, CAVITE

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PMCJ: First Gen's appeal to subsidize fossil gas/LNG imports proves that it is costly, deadly

Quezon City, Philippines

The Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ) denounced the First Gen Corp. (FGP)'s undue pressure on the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) for cost recovery on imported fossil gas/LNG including the landed costs to the consumers will make the end users bear the brunt of energy rate hikes. Landed cost of imported fossil gas/LNG covers payment of costs during testing, commissioning and other commercial operations of fossil gas/LNG facilities.

The notice of resolution released by ERC last August 13, 2024, confirmed First Gas Power Corporation (FGPC) is allowed to collect the pass-through cost of LNG that covers the loading, transportation, unloading, storage, regasification, and the actual transportation to the fossil gas receiving facilities for power generation. The consumers are already being burdened on the said costs as the energy price hike continues, following the ERC approval, seeing additional 32 to 33 centavos per kWh in Meralco rates starting from the October customer billing period.

In a manner of pressuring ERC, Lopez-owned FGP called on the ERC to issue guidelines for the recovery of its LNG investments. PMCJ called out ERC not to allow FGP to collect cost recovery on importing LNG. However, granting cost recovery for landed cost of LNG is still unacceptable since it is allowing the market distortion caused by the artificial competitiveness of expensive LNG imports.

"It is convenient for energy companies to import gas because of cost recovery and the provision of pass-through that continues to burden consumers. This policy will not allow the competitiveness development of the indigenous energy industry. Government must overhaul this policy as this will be burdensome to the economy in the long run," PMCJ National Coordinator Ian Rivera said. Artificially making fossil gas competitive through subsidies paid by consumers would be a barrier to renewable energy. This simply means that a stop to Fossil Gas expansion is a step forward to 100% Renewables. FGP, together with other companies, asserts that the use of LNG as an "alternative fuel" is included in the circumstances where it is

permitted to be used given the depleting supply from Malampaya is insufficient for the supply of power needed by MERALCO. PMCJ, together with other environment-concerned organizations and individuals, have been proving it wrong.

"The 'transition fuel' narrative around LNG is not only misleading but also harmful. Instead of expanding indigenous and imported LNG, the government must focus on renewable energy since its energy efficiency is increasing compared to that of LNG and coal," Ian Rivera argued.

"Pass-through cost recovery provision for importing fossil gas proves that LNG importation is too expensive for energy companies to bear, and that these schemes instead pass the costs of importation to consumers through more expensive energy prices. This in turn creates an uncompetitive energy market where fossil gas is artificially competitive vis-à-vis indigenous sources of energy," Rivera explained.

Subnational and local governments are taking the lead in shifting to renewables. "Local governments are increasingly learning about the benefits of renewable energy, such as the stable and cheaper energy, energy independence from volatile fossil fuel markets, and potential for investments, jobs, and development. The local government of Albay, for example, declared their intention to reach 100% renewable energy before 2030. LNG investments are contrary to supporting and expanding this trend," PMCJ Senior Energy Officer Larry Pascua said.

The Philippines has historically had the second highest cost of electricity in Asia due to its reliance on imported fossil fuels, especially given that the Philippine Energy Plan intends to increase dependency on LNG. "The government must end the policy of cost recovery in favor of the fossil gas/LNG giants as this will distort the market," Rivera stressed.

PMCJ asserts that the government must subscribe to their mandate of ensuring the people's needs first and not the private corporations. If the ERC allows such, it is a clear suicide attempt on developing countries like the Philippines as this will set a precedent case of allowing public subsidy which should have been used first for poverty alleviation and social services.

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

-versus- Foreclosure No. 2024-138  
 For: Extra Judicial Foreclosure  
 of Real Estate Mortgage

EVELYN C. TEODOSIO married to FRED M.  
 TEODOSIO,  
 Mortgagees.

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#### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund), at The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg., No. 358 Sen Gil Puyat, Makati City and against the mortgagees EVELYN C. TEODOSIO married to FRED M. TEODOSIO at B-2 L-26, Holy Farm Village, Bagumbayan, Taguig Metro Manila and Lot 61, Blk. 6, Citihomes, Ph. 4, Brgy. Molino, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of July 2, 2024, amounts to **ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY FOUR PESOS & 78/100 (P1,168,844.78)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fee incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on **September 17, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, to the highest bidder for CASH and In Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

#### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T-674962

"A Parcel of Land (Lot 61 Blk. 6 of the cons./subd. plan, Pcs-042103-009231, being a portion of the cons. of lot 6480, Fls-152-D, lots 6481 & 6482, Imus Estate, lot 6468-B, Psd-04-021443 & Blk. 15, Pcs-042103-008565, L.R.C. Rec. No. 8843), situated in the Brgy. of Molino, Mun. of Bacoor, Province of Cavite. X x x, Containing an area of **THIRTY EIGHT SQ. M. & FIFTY SQ. DEC. (38.50)**."

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

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **September 24, 2024**, without further notice."

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

City of Bacoor, August 7, 2024.

MELY C. HERMOSURA-VISTA  
 Clerk of Court VI

By: ARTHUR T. SAN MIGUEL  
 Sheriff IV

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 HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND  
 (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund)  
 The Petron Mega Plaza Bldg. No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave.,  
 Makati City

ATTY. JEFFREY A. RAMIENTAS  
 2546 A. Bonifacio St., Bangkal Makati City

EVELYN C. TEODOSIO married to FRED M. TEODOSIO,  
 B-2 L-26, Holy Farm Village, Bagumbayan, Taguig Metro  
 Manila  
 Lot 61, Blk. 6, Citihomes, Ph. 4, Brgy. Molino, Bacoor, Cavite

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## Panaytayan Elementary School, tumanggap ng solar-powered starbooks kiosk mula DOST, MSPI

LUNGSODNG CALAPAN, Oriental Mindoro (PIA) — Tumanggap kamakailan ang Panaytayan Elementary School sa bayan ng Mansalay ng solar-powered Starbooks mula sa Department of Science and Technology-Science and Technology Information Institute (DOST-STII) at Mountain Support Philippines, Inc. (MSPI).

Ang Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly-Operated Kiosk Stations (Starbooks) ay isang proyekto ng DOST upang mapahusay ang access sa siyentipikong edukasyon ng mga mag-aaral. Ayon sa social media post ng DOST, katuwang nila

ang MSPI sa pagkakabit ng nasabing kiosk kung saan mapapakinabangan ito ng 330 mag-aaral at 12 guro ng nasabing paaralan. Dagdag ng DOST, hatid ng Starbooks ang malawak na impormasyon tungkol sa agham, teknolohiya, at iba't ibang mapagkukunan ng impormasyon tungkol sa makabagong inobasyon. Kasabay ng pamamahagi ng Starbooks ang oryentasyon at pagsasanay ng mga guro ng paaralan kung paano magagamit nang epektibo ng mga mag-aaral. Nagkaloob din ang MSPI ng dalawang portable solar power station at dalawang laptop sa paaralan. (DN/PIA MIMAROPA-Oriental Mindoro)

## Parole and Probation Administration, inilad ang mga batas para sa paglaya ng mga PDL

LUNGSODNG CALAPAN, Oriental Mindoro (PIA) — Ipinabatid ni Parole and Probation Administration (PPA) Regional Officer-In-Charge Janette S. Padua na ang mga nakulong o nasintensiyahan sa salang hindi sinasadya o anumang uri ng kaso ay mayroong batas na nagbibigay ng pribilehiyo sa mga person deprived of liberty (PDL) na maaring makalaya o mabigyan ng kalayaan sa pamamagitan ng probation, parole at executive clemency.

Ayon kay Padua ang probation ay isang uri ng batas at ibinibigay sa mga una pa lamang nasintensiyahan at may hatol na hindi lalampas sa anim na taon at iba pang kwalipikasyon na nakasaad sa Sec. 9 ng Presidential Decree 968.

Sa batas naman ng Parole ay kailangan munang makulong ng pinakamababang sintensiya ang isang PDL hindi tulad sa probation na simula ng mahuli ng mga otoridad ay mayroon itong pagkakataon na makapagpiyansa o maaring makamit ang pansamantalang paglaya habang gumugulong ang imbestigasyon at kwalipikadong mapabilang sa probation.

Ngunit, kung ang hatol ay lumabis ng anim na taon ay maaari ng mag-aplay ng parole kapag natapos na ang pinakamababang sintensiya at kwalipikado rin sa iba pang mga rekisitos na nakasaad sa saligang batas na ipinagkaloob ng board of pardons and parole para makalaya, ayon kay Padua.

Samantala, sa may malalang kaso o mahabang panahon ng sintensiya na kung saan nakasaad sa 1987 Constitution ay maaaring samantalain ang tinatawag na "conditional pardon" na ipinagkaloob lamang ng Pangulo ng Pilipinas.

Sabi pa ni Padua, "Mandato ng aming ahensiya, ang baguhin ang buhay ng mga nakakulong sa panahong ito ay makalaya upang magkaroon ng bagong buhay at pag-asa sa pamamagitan ng pakikipagtuwang namin sa iba't ibang ahensiya ng pamahalaan tulad ng Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) na naglalaan ng mga programang pangkabuhayan ng sa gayo'y mabago ang pamamaraan ng kanilang buhay at maibalik ang integridad para muling



## 2024 PHILRACOM-PCSO "2YO MAIDEN STAKES RACE"

Dinomina ng tersero liyamadong kabayo na si Constatic Offer ang laban sa katatapos na 2024 PHILRACOM-PCSO "2YO Maiden Stakes Race" na pinakawalan sa pista ng Metro Manila Turf Club Inc. (MMTCI) sa Malvar Tanauan City, Batangas. Sakay ng hineteng si Oneal P. Cortez ay sinisiw ni Constatic Offer ang kanyang mga kalaban matapos na bumandera mula umpisa hanggang meta, kaya panigurado na marami ang mag-aabang sa kanyang paglahok sa triple crown sa susunod na taon. Sa simula ay mala-kidlat na lumabas ng aparato ang bida na si Constatic Offer kaya nahawakan agad nito ang apat na kabayong kalamangan sa humahabol na si Catania, nasa ikatlong puwesto naman ang paborito na si District One, habang nasa likuran ang magkakuwadra na sina Easy Go Lucky at Easy

Money. Pagsapit ng far turn ay namamayagpag pa rin sa unahan si Constatic Offer, pero pagpasok ng home stretch ay unti-unting lumalapat si Catania kaya nagkaroon ng bahagyang tensiyon sa harapan. Pagdating sa rektahan ay lalo pang natapyasan ang kalamangan ni Constatic Offer kaya binagsakan na ni Oneal ang kanyang sakay at rumesponde naman ang winning horse kaya muli itong lumayo para tawirin ang meta ng may tatlong kabayong bentahe sa sumegundo na si Catania. Tumersero si Easy Money at si District One ang pumang-apat. Nilista ni Constatic Offer ang tiyempong 1:12.2 (23'-23-26) para sa 1,200 meter race sapat upang hamigin ng winning horse owner na si Antonio V. Tan Jr. ang ₱900,000 na premyo mula sa PHILRACOM at PCSO.

## EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE GERARDO A. CONSOLACION

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late GERARDO A. CONSOLACION who died on October 19, 2018 at General Trias Cavite, that the known properties left by the decedent are FMIC3341ACP3U01 P1ID2032C014 with outstanding balance of P255,875 as of July 31, 2024 all deposited/maintained with the METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY-CARIDAD CAVITE BRANCH, was the subject of the legal heirs, executed before Notary Public Atty. Nemuel R. Camarse as per Doc. No. 148; Page No. 31; Book No. XXI; Series of 2024.

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## Bangkay sa loob ng sabdibisyon

NATAGPUAN ang bangkay ng lalaking tadtad ng saksak sa katawan sa loob ng isang subdibisyon Trece Martires City, Cavite. Kinilala ang biktima na si Jeffrey Rubio, nasa wastong edad, habang inaalam pa ang pagkakakilanlan sa suspek.

makasalamuha ang pamilya at lipunan ng ginagalawan nito." (DN/PIA MIMAROPA-Oriental Mindoro)

Sa ulat, bandang alas-6:00 ng umaga ay natagpuan ang bangkay ng biktima sa RCD Villas De Trece Subdivision, Brgy San Agustin, Trece Martires City ng foreman na si Jaol Jacob habang naglalakad sa lugar. Ang biktima ay tadtad ng saksak ang katawan at wala ng buhay.

Nagsagawa ng backtracking sa Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) para sa pagkakakilanlan sa suspek. **GENE ADSUARA**

## DOST, tech biz innovators start platform, programs for startups

**MANILA** – Strategic and Collaborative Alliance for Leveraging Ecosystem (SCALE NCR), a consortium of technology business innovators (TBIs), on Tuesday announced the launching of platforms to accelerate the growth of technology-based startups and business enterprises in Metro Manila.

SCALE National Capital Region (NCR) is among the nine regional consortiums funded by the Department of Science and Technology–Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology (DOST-PCIEERD), through the Regional Startup Enabler for Ecosystem Development (ReSEED) program.

In a press conference, Cristina Ibañez, TBI manager, said the SCALE-NCR plays a pivotal role in promoting and accelerating the growth of startups within the NCR as it “offers mentorship, funding opportunities, strategic partnerships, and specialized resources.”

“By 2028, we envision to be the leader in start-up initiatives and entrepreneurial ecosystem in the country... we are committed to establishing a robust collaboration with various start-ups enablers in the country,” she said. Ibañez added that SCALE NCR aims to improve Metro Manila’s standing in the global startup ecosystem ranking, currently placed at 81st to 90th.

She said the development of the Startup Institute, a platform dedicated to providing education, resources, and mentorship, will equip different startup stakeholders with the necessary entrepreneurial skills and knowledge.

The pilot training sessions will be held on Sept. 20 and 23 at the Colegio de Muntinlupa, she added.

SCALE NCR will also launch its NCR Investors Network, a platform to enable startups, businesses, or projects seeking funding to connect with investors who can provide capital and valuable mentorship.

The network aims to promote startup investment education and

awareness by hosting workshops and seminars on trends, best practices, and opportunities in the investment landscape.

Meanwhile, engineer Romelen Tresvalles, regional director of DOST-NCR, said they have supported SCALE NCR in product prototyping and product validation stages for two years already.

She said the plans and technical support they provide will help startups cater to both local and international markets. **(PNA)**

## DOJ reports 94% success rate on handled rape cases in 2023

**MANILA** – The Department of Justice (DOJ) was commended on Wednesday by senators after it reported that they were able to solve 94 percent of the 21,423 rape cases filed in court last year.

During the 2025 budget deliberation of the DOJ and its attached agencies in the Senate, Undersecretary Jesse Hermogenes Andres attributed the success to the Training and Education Program for Law Enforcement Officers (Tepleo), which promotes the proactive involvement of prosecutors in case build-up.

The training seeks to strengthen the partnership between prosecutors and law enforcers, aiming for airtight cases and a reasonable certainty of conviction in court proceedings.

“It is the result of the close cooperation and coordination of the prosecutors and law enforcement agents where they are now on the same side gathering evidence together, the prosecutors guiding them and making sure that they have sufficient evidence gathered in the right manner that is necessary for us to get the conviction under this higher threshold,” Andres told senators.

With this “very good news,” Senator Joseph Victor Ejercito said he is considering increasing the DOJ’s budget for Tepleo.

“From the very start, I was

**MANILA** – The Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday said it is validating social media reports of a major data breach in its system, days before a new rule to digitize proceedings requiring litigants in lower courts are required to submit digital copies of their pleadings, goes into effect.

“We learned of the social media post about the alleged data breach, and our MISO (Management and Information Systems Office) is currently validating it. Rest assured,

really concerned with this. If we need to increase the budget for trainings between the prosecution and the law enforcement agencies that will make our prosecution more efficient. Sabi ko nga kanina mas airtight na ngayon (As I said earlier it’s more airtight now). 94 percent is really very commendable,” Ejercito said.

The DOJ and its attached agencies are proposing to spend PHP40.58 billion next year, which is PHP1.11 billion higher than its PHP39.47 billion approved budget for this year.

Concerted effort vs. OSAEC

Despite the success, Justice Secretary Jesus Crispin Remulla called for a whole-of-government approach against Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC), particularly on incestuous rape.

Remulla cited an estimate from a partner non-government organization, which reported that the number of OSAEC, including incestuous rape, in the country has reached more than 500,000.

“It’s in epidemic proportions and people just keep silent about it. Hindi lang talaga pinag-uusapan pero napakabigat po na problemang ito (It is just not being talked about but this is a very serious problem) that we have to address sooner than later,” he said. The DOJ chief warned that some online child pornography hubs can now

## SC validating report of data breach

the Court has invested in cybersecurity for its data and will continue to do so as we digitalize our processes,” SC spokesperson Camille Ting said in a message to newsmen.

“All processes of the Court, including the Bar exams, are secure,” Ting added. The Bar examinations, which will be held online in multiple sites, will be held next month.

A social media post claimed that on Aug. 27, a “significant security breach” hit the Supreme Court, allegedly leading to the “exposure of highly sensitive legal data.”

The supposed breach also includes data as to payment of legal fees which is handled by a local bank.

No evidence of breach  
In a separate statement, the Supreme Court said it, along with its service providers, has “found no evidence of a breach or indication that sensitive data was compromised” as of Wednesday afternoon. “The Court will continue to investigate further, employing the right amount of redundancy by approaching the investigation from many angles,” it added.

be found even in remote areas in the country.

“Tingnan niyo sa inyong lugar yung mga barangay na malalayo tapos merong mga money remittance centers, may mga satellite dish pero walang industry. Ibig sabihin po nun, baka yun po yung center ng child pornography (Try to look in your area, at barangays that are remote but have money remittance centers and satellite dish despite having no industry. This may be an indication that it is a center of child pornography),” he said.

Remulla said the DOJ is already in close collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development and is currently asking other concerned agencies, including the Department of the Interior and Local Government and the Supreme Court, to work together to address the problem. **(PNA)**

The SC said it would do another round of Vulnerability and Penetration Testing assessment (VAPT) as a precautionary measure, and has asked its providers and partners to do the same.

“We are also going to conduct another external review of our cybersecurity systems,” it said.

“We assure the public that in its current efforts to digitalize court processes, the Court has always given priority to cybersecurity and taken the necessary precautions in terms of training, access, and the

use of the needed apps and hardware. We have layers of in-house and external cybersecurity.”

The SC warned individuals who may be tempted to hack its data that its systems are professional, state-of-the-art, robust, and “capable of identifying and tracing the sources of any form of attack.”

“We also remind the public that any attempt to gain unauthorized access or compromise our systems, as well as releasing sensitive and private data without proper authorization, are criminal acts,” it added. **(PNA)**

## PAO lawyers ready to provide legal services 24/7

**QUEZON CITY, (PIA)** – The Public Attorney’s Office (PAO) is keeping its line open for Filipinos in need of legal services such as legal counseling, among others.

PAO National Capital Region (NCR) Regional Public Attorney Revelyn V. Ramos-Dacpano stated that individuals with legal concerns can directly seek assistance to public lawyers either through face-to-face consultations or via phone calls.

“Ang legal counseling po namin ay hindi lang po ‘yong face-to-face na legal counseling, we answer calls po. Ang aming mga lawyers po ay pwedeng magbigay ng counseling direct sa kanilang mga lines. Ang aming lines is open 24/7,” said Atty. Ramos-Dacpano.

(Our legal counseling can be done not only through face-to-face legal counseling, we also answer calls. Our lawyers are ready to provide counseling directly through their telephone lines. Our lines are open 24/7.) The PAO can be reached by dialing (02) 8929 9436 loc. 106. Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) can also contact the said number to avail of necessary legal assistance.

As of June 2024, PAO-NCR alone has already provided a total of 105,224 counseling to its clients in Metro Manila.

Meanwhile, aside from legal counseling, the core services of PAO also include legal representation, administration of oaths and documentation, and inquest assistance.

“Mayroon din po kaming mediation conference kung saan sinusubukan po namin pagbatiin ang magkabilang panig in order to prevent po

‘yong filing of cases in court at hindi na po mag-clog ang ating mga cases,” Atty. Ramos-Dacpano added.

(We also conduct mediation conferences wherein we try to help conflicting parties make peace to prevent the filing of cases in court so that our case dockets will not be clogged.) In addition, the PAO holds jail visitations to check on the situation of persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) and extend the necessary legal services that will cater to their welfare.

“Ang primary goal po natin doon ay makita at ma-determine po namin kung sino na po ‘yong overstaying inmates para po makapag-recommend kami, makapag-request kami sa Board of Pardons and Parole na kung pwede silang maka-avail ng parole,” Atty. Ramos-Dacpano explained, highlighting the commitment of the Department of Justice (DOJ) to cater to the welfare of PDLs and their humane safekeeping.

[Our primary goal (in conducting this visitation) is to see and determine who among the inmates are already overstaying so that we can make a relevant recommendation or request to the Board of Pardons and Parole regarding the possibility of parole.]

To date, PAO-NCR successfully conducted a sum of 5,127 jail visitations.

This initiative to bring the legal services of PAO to grassroots communities is complemented by other multi-stakeholder efforts such as barangay legal information dissemination activities and legal aid caravans to further extend assistance. **(JMP/PIA-NCR)**



## P34-M SHABU, KUMPISKADO SA 2 KATAO; MAY BARIL AT GRANADA PA

**KUMPISKADO** ang nasa P34 milyong halaga ng hinihinalang shabu sa dalawa katao na naaresto sa buy bust operation at nakuhanan pa ng baril at granada sa Sta Ana, Manila kamakailan. Kinilala ang dalawang suspek sa mga alyas na Boss, 39; at Jhon 30; kapwa residente ng lungsod. Ang matagumpay na operasyon ay batay sa pinagsanib puwersa ng Station Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU) sa pamumuno ni PLt.Col. Dionelle E. Brannon, station commander Sta. Ana Police (PS6) at pinangunahan ni PCpt. MOISES E. GARCIA, chief SDEU, at ng Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency Special Enforcement Service (PDEA SES) sa pangunguna ni Agent Allan Capiral. Nakumpiska sa

dalawa ang 5 kilo na pinaniniwalaang shabu na may kaukulang halaga na humigit kumulang Thirty Four Million Pesos (Php. 34,000,000.00) isang kalibre 45 baril, at dalawang magazine loaded with 14 pieces of caliber 45 live ammunition. Gayundin ang isang kalibre 38 na baril na may limang (5pcs) caliber 38 live ammunition, at isang granada. Ang buy bust ay isinagawa sa panulukan ng Del Pilar St. cor. M. Roxas St. Brgy. 881 Zone 97, Sta. Ana. Naharap sa kasong paglabag sa R.A. 9165 (5 KILOS OF SHABU), R.A. 10591 (2 SHORT FIREARMS and Ammunition) at R.A. 9516 (illegal possession of hand grenade) ang dalawang suspek na nasa kostodiya ng MPD PS6. **(Istorya at larawan ni Christian Heramis)**

## 3 driver, sugatan sa karambola

**SUGATAN** ang tatlong driver sa naganap na karambola sa General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Cavite. Pawang isinugod sa CARSIGMA Hospital ang mga biktima na pinangalanan sa mga alyas Prisco, 41, ng GMA; Jefferson, 32, ng Brgy Pulido GMA; at Rolly, 55, traffic enforcer ng GMA, dahil sa tinamanong sugat sa katawan pero inilapat sa ibang ospital si Prisco dahil sa malalang sugat. Sa ulat, bandang alas-8:30 ng umaga naganap ang insidente sa kahabaan ng Congressional Road sakop ng Brgy Poblacion 5, GMA. Minamaneho ni Prisco ang kanyang Mitsubisi L300 Van na may plakang VBH 375 sa kahabaan ng Brgy Poblacion 5, GMA

patungo sa direksiyon ng Bry Poblacion 1. Nakasunod sa kanya ang minamanehong motorsiklo na Yamaha Mio Fassio BRV2 ni Jefferson. Sa opposite direction naman binabagtas ni Rolly ang motorsiklo na Rusi MP100. Ikinabigla ni Rolly na nakasalubong ang isang e-bike dahilang upang naapakan ang preno ng motorsiklo at pumihit sa kabilang lane kaya bumangga sa Mitsubishi L300 van. Bumangga naman ang nakasunod na motorsiklo ni Jefferson sa L300 van. Isinugod sa ospital ang talong driver pero si Prisco ay inilapat sa ibang ospital dahil sa malalang sugat sa katawan. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Babaing pasyente, niratrat sa ER

**PATAY** ang babaing pasyente sa loob ng emergency room ng pampublikong pagamutan habang sugatan ang tatlo iba pa kabilang ang ina ng una dahil sa nangyaring pamamaril sa Dasmaringas City, Cavite. Agad na binawian ng buhay ang biktima na si Chatty Timbang y Doringo dahil sa tama ng bala sa katawan habang sugatan naman ang ina nito na si Conchita Timbang at mga dalaw sa ospital na sina Abdul Batua at Nedia Vasque. Inaalam naman ang pagkakilanlan sa tatlong suspek na sakay ng isang traysikel at tumakas sa direksiyon ng Congressional Ave., Dasmaringas City. Sa ulat, bandang alas-3:10 ng madaling araw naganap ang insidente sa loob ng ER ng Pagamutan ng Dasmaringas City Cavite sa Dasca Compound, Brgy Buro 2. Naka-confined ang biktima at natutulog sa kama sa

loob ng ER ng ospital. Dumating ang suspek at walang sabi-sabing pinagbabaril ang biktima na nagresulta sa agarang kamatayan. Natutulog din ang ina ng biktima sa tabi ng kama ng anak na tinamaan ng bala sa kanang hita. Palabas na ang suspek sa ospital at nakasalubong ang isa pang biktima at binaril na tinamaan sa kanang kamay habang sa kanang paa tinamaan ang isa pang biktima. Paglabas ng ospital ay sumakay ang suspek sa isang nag-aabang na tricycle na may dalawang kataong sakay kabilang ang driver at tumakas sa direksiyon ng Congressional Avenue. Nagsagawa ng backtracking ang mga awtoridad sa Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) sa pagkakakilanlan sa mga suspek at inaalam din kung ano ang motibo sa pamamaril. **GENE ADSUARA**



## Natutulog na nanay, tinarakan ng anak

**AWAY** pamilya ang hinihinalang motibo kaya pinagsasaksak ng anak ang sariling ina habang natutulog sa loob ng kanilang bahay sa Bacoor City, Cavite. Pinaghahanap ng pulisya ang suspek na si alyas Roderick,

39, may-asawa, walang trabaho, na tumakas matapos pagsasaksakin ang sariling ina na si alyas Amy, 58, balo, mananahi; kapwa residente ng Sitio Kuliglig, Brgy Dulong Bayan, Bacoor City. Sa ulat, natutulog umano ang

## 5S Strategies, apela ni Gov. Fernando sa mga Bulakenyo

**UMAPELA** si Bulacan Governor Daniel Fernando sa mga Bulakenyo para sa pagpapatupad ng tinatawag sa 5S Strategies. Ang 5S Strategies ay tumutukoy sa Search and destroy of breeding sites, Self-protection measures, Seek early consultations, Support fogging or spraying during impending outbreak, and Sustain Hydration. Ito ay adbokasiya ng Provincial Health Office bilang panlaban sa pagkalat ng sakit na dengue na nakukuha sa

kagat ng lamok. Ang panawagan ng gobernador ay inihayag sa isinagawang pamamahagi ng food packs sa mga nabiktima ng pagbaha sa Barangay Liputan, Meycauayan City. Kabilang sa mga apektado ng sakit ay ang mga bayan ng Angat, Santa Maria, Marilao, Calumpit, Bulakan, Bustos, Pandi, Paombong, at San Ildefonso. Gayundin ang mga lungsod na kinabibilangan ng Meycauayan, San Jose del Monte at Malolos. **(RUBEN LACSA)**

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## Suspensiyon

**MAGKASAMA** sa trabaho sina biktima at suspek. Iisang kumpanya lamang subalit magkaiba ng departamento. Medyo bago pa lamang si biktima habang si suspek ay matagal na kaya kahit paano ay mayroon ng posisyon sa trabaho, Biktima, kasi bilang complainant at suspek dahil inirereklamo. Nag-ugat ang lahat sa pagyayaan sa pag-iinuman na silang dalawa lamang. Pagkatapos ng tomaan ay humantong na sa romantiko o pribadong lugar. Pero nauwi naman sa pagrereklamo at pagkakaso na may kaugnayan sa sekswal na pang-aabuso. Sina biktima at suspek lamang ang nasa private room kaya tanging sila lamang dalawa ang sadyang nakakaalam ng buong pangyayari. Nakabatay sa mahusay na pag-iimbestiga at pagkalap ng matitibay na ebidensiya para matukoy kung sino ang nagsasabi ng totoo o ang nagsisinungaling. Si biktima ay naghabla sa pulisya at nagreklamo

biktima bandang alas-4:00 ng madaling araw. Dumating anak nito at kumuha ng kutsiyo na pinagsasaksak ang kanyang ina. Matapos ang pananaksak ay tumakas ang suspek habang ang biktima ay isinugod sa Binakayan and Medical Center. Nabatid na hindi umano nagkakasundo ang suspek sa kanyang pamilya at sinasabing ito ang dahilan ng pananaksak sa ina. Kasong Frustrated Parricide ang kinaharap ng suspek **GENE ADSUARA**

