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Pinangunahan ni Aksyon Demokratiko President Francisco 'Isko' Moreno Domagoso ang mga bagong miyembro ng partido kasama si aspiring PARANAQUE MAYOR JUN ZAIDE. *(Christian Heramis)*

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## PDEA DESTROYS P777-M ILLEGAL DRUGS IN CAVITE

**MANILA** – The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) on Thursday destroyed PHP777 million worth of dangerous drugs and controlled precursors and essential chemicals (CPECs) in Cavite province.

In a statement, PDEA said these include 1,474.92 kg. of solid illegal drug substances and 378.5 milliliters (ml) of liquid narcotics destroyed through thermal decomposition or thermolysis at the Integrated Waste Management Inc. (IWMI) in Barangay Aguado in Trece Martires City.

These substances are broken down into 66.72 kg. of shabu; 1,390.74 kg. of marijuana; 14.15 kg. of ecstasy; 428.44 grams of cocaine; 1.67 kg. of ephedrine; 1.07 kg. of psilocin; 206.5 ml of liquid shabu and 172 ml of liquid marijuana.

"The pieces of drug evidence were destroyed through thermal decomposition or thermolysis, which involves breaking down chemical compounds with the use of tremendous

heat. At 1,000 degrees centigrade, all dangerous drugs are decomposed or broken down," PDEA said. The illegal drugs were pieces of evidence seized from various anti-drug operations by PDEA, together with the Philippine National Police (PNP), National Bureau of Investigation, and other law enforcement and military units. PDEA said the expeditious prosecution and disposition of drug cases prompted the immediate destruction of these drugs after these were presented as pieces of evidence.

Representatives from the PNP, Department of Justice, Department of the Interior and Local Government; local officials of Barangay Aguado, other law enforcement agencies; non-government organizations; and media partners joined key PDEA officials in witnessing the destruction activity.

PDEA said these illegal drugs were destroyed in compliance with orders from the court pursuant to the proper disposal of seized drug evidence as required by law. (PNA)

## Probation administration launches ladderized approach for offenders

**SAN PABLO CITY, Laguna (PIA)** — The Parole and Probation Administration (PPA) Calabarzon has launched the Therapeutic Community Ladderized Program (TCLP), an innovative initiative aimed at guiding probationers through a structured path of personal and social development as they reintegrate into society.

In a recent episode of Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas, PPA Calabarzon Regional Director Shirley Fernandez highlighted that the TCLP is tailored to address the specific needs of offenders, promoting behavioral change through a supportive, community-driven approach.

"This TCLP is a process where a probationer works towards good behavior and conduct with the support of the TC Family," Fernandez said.

The program features a personal needs

assessment to identify necessary skills and tools for personal growth and social reintegration. It includes various activities such as skills training, health and wellness seminars, family counseling, and community service projects like tree planting. Participants advance through multiple levels of the program, each focusing on different areas of development to ensure successful reintegration.

Fernandez expressed confidence in the program's ability to aid offenders in their return to society and reaffirmed PPA's commitment to providing opportunities for rehabilitation and new beginnings.

"We believe that everyone deserves a second chance, and we are dedicated to helping them make positive changes," she stated.

She also emphasized the crucial role of family

and community support in the rehabilitation process, noting that active involvement in community activities and organizations can greatly aid in personal transformation.

"We at PPA firmly believe that the community can significantly impact the rehabilitation process. Engaging offenders in community activities can greatly assist them in their journey towards positive change," Fernandez added.

From January to June 2024, PPA IV-A reported conducting 3,160 TCLP sessions, achieving a 98.20% participation rate among probationers.

Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas is a weekly media forum program of the Philippine Information Agency, in partnership with the Presidential Communications Office, which highlights the programs, projects, and

## Youth participation, vital in preventing community crimes – NAPOLCOM

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna** – As part of the week-long observance of the National Crime Prevention Week 2024, the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) in Calabarzon underscored the importance of youth participation in ensuring crime-free communities.

Themed, "Kabataan Tara na, sa Crime Prevention, Kaisa Ka!" the 30th celebration of the NCPW highlighted the importance of capacitating and empowering the youth by conducting various information, education campaign efforts to equip them with knowledge needed to avoid becoming victims of potential crimes. According to lawyer Owen G. De Luna, Regional Director of NAPOLCOM Calabarzon, this year's NCPW focused on fostering a culture of vigilance and cooperation to instill a strong sense of responsibility and awareness to the young people.

"Youth play a crucial role in crime prevention. Young people need to be aware

of the crimes happening in their communities, as a lack of awareness could make them potential victims. It is important for the youth to actively engage in understanding how they can contribute in preventing crimes," De Luna said.

NAPOLCOM, together with police provincial offices in the region, will conduct month-long crime prevention seminar on schools with the key topic being cybercrime, as a way to raise awareness among the youth about how technology is used in committing crimes, including sexual exploitation, cyberbullying, cyber extortion, fraud, identity theft, among others.

"Cybercrime has become extremely rampant nowadays – almost everyone, especially young people has a cellphone and almost everything now happens in cyberspace. Therefore, it is important for them to be informed and to share their knowledge as well on how to combat cybercrime." While the NCPW primarily focused on giving protection to the youth from becoming victims, some are involved in various crimes and are often used by syndicates to become tools for crime due to their innocence.

The regional chief urged young individuals to change their paths and assured them that the government, primarily the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and Philippine National Police (PNP), will provide support and interventions to aid their reintegration into society.

He also warned syndicates and adults who prey on the youth to refrain from exploiting them, as the law will hold them accountable for these offenses. (CO/PIA-4A)

policies of the national government under the Bagong Pilipinas governance agenda of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s administration. (AM, PIA4A)

## NIA-Calabarzon sells rice at P29 per kilo to 1K Quezon town residents

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna** – The National Irrigation Administration-Calabarzon (NIA-4A) in Quezon province launched the "Murang Bigas sa NIA @ P29/kg" (Cheap Rice at NIA @ PHP 29/kg) program on Tuesday as part of the KabayaNIA agri-trade fair in Infanta town.

Vince Santoalla, public relations officer of NIA-4A, said in a phone interview that the program prioritized 1,010 beneficiaries, including senior citizens, Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program members, single parents, and persons with disabilities. Santoalla said the initiative was made possible through NIA's Rice Contract Farming partnership with the Federation of AGOS River Irrigation System Farmers IA in Infanta.

The agreement, established in May, covers 79 hectares of rice farms encompassing the villages of Pilaway, Amolungin,

Binonoan, Langgas and Alitas. "The heavy rains brought by Tropical Storm Enteng had minimal impact on the harvest, as farmers had begun harvesting in the last week of August," Santoalla noted.

He added that the NIA has also scheduled to sell cheap rice at its regional office in Pila, Laguna on Sept. 13.

On July 5, the Department of Agriculture launched the large-scale trial for P29-rice in 10 Kadiwa stores in the National Capital Region and Bulacan province.

Two more sites were added after two weeks in Bacoor, Cavite and San Pedro, Laguna.

Overall, the P29 program aims to benefit 6.9 million households nationwide with supplies coming from the stocks of the National Food Authority and harvest from contract growing programs of the NIA. (Zen Trinidad/PNA)

## DOST to use AI in weather forecasting for more frequent rain predictions

**MANILA (PIA)** – The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is set to revolutionize weather forecasting by incorporating artificial intelligence (AI).

This initiative, announced by DOST Secretary Renato Solidum Jr. on Wednesday, September 11, aims to provide rain forecasts every 15 minutes, significantly increasing the frequency of predictions.

During budget deliberations for the DOST and its attached agencies, including the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), Solidum explained that the AI integration will replace the current three-hour computation cycle, enabling more timely and accurate weather information.

"Soon we will operate through our research program to use AI in weather forecasting. So instead of every three hours, our target is every 15 minutes," he said.

He added that the goal is to enhance PAGASA's forecasting capabilities to provide rain predictions for up to 14 days, compared to the current five-day forecast.

Senator Juan Miguel "Migz" Zubiri, who presided over the Senate finance subcommittee hearing, raised concerns about the number of operational Doppler radars in the country.

According to PAGASA Administrator Nathaniel Servando, only 11 out of 19 radars are currently operational, with some damaged and others needing

replacement. Solidum indicated that the country requires at least 21 radars to ensure redundancy in case some units fail.

"When it comes to Doppler radars, the reason we need 19 or 21 is because of redundancy. If one or several are not operational, the existing ones can cover," Solidum explained.

He noted that aging equipment necessitates replacements and that acquiring new radars involves a lengthy procurement process.

Zubiri expressed support for funding additional Doppler radars, highlighting that other countries can predict the exact timing of rain, a capability currently lacking in Philippine forecasts.

Solidum acknowledged the challenges of forecasting in an archipelagic nation, saying, "There is a big difference between continental meteorology and meteorology in an archipelago like the Philippines."

He also mentioned that PAGASA is moving toward impact-based forecasting, which assesses the effects of rain rather than simply predicting its occurrence.

"PAGASA produces several rainfall warnings and 24-hour rainfall forecasts, which disaster managers should read for their areas," Solidum said.

However, he noted that there is a need for standardized operating procedures at the local level to effectively respond to these forecasts. (JVD/PIA-NCR)

## HALOS P800-M HALAGA NG SHABU NASAMSAM SA 3 BIG TIME PUSHER

**HALOS** P800 milyong halaga ng hinihinalang shabu ang nasamsam matapos naaresto ang tatlong umano'y big time pusher sa isinagawang magkahiwalay na buy bust operation sa Imus City, Cavite. Kasong paglabag sa R.A 9165 (Buy-bust Operation) ang kinaharap ng mga suspek sa sina Larry Martin Didel y Saad, 37, mekaniko, ng Fairgrounds Subd., Pasong Buaya II, Imus City; Jan Rey Estrella y Naz, 26, motor shop owner, ng Dasma 4 Salawag, Dasmariñas City; at Adie Batawan y Guimadel, 33, ng Villa De Primarosa, Imus City at nasa listahan ng High Value Individual. Sa ulat, bandang alas-6:26 ng gabi ay nagsagawa ng buy bust operation ang Philippine National Police (PNP) Drug Enforcement Group (DEG), Special Operation Unit (SOU) 4A, Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO), Provincial Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) 4A at Imus Component City Police Station, sa Block 3 Lot 19 Lavander St., Brgy

Pasong Buaya 1, Imus City na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto kina Didel at Estrella. Narekober sa kanila ang tinatayang 110 kilograms ng hinihinalang shabu na may Standard Drug Price value na P748,200.00.00 at boodle money. Sumunod naman na nagsawa ng buy bust operation ang mga operatiba ng SOU 3, PNP-DEG, SOU 4A at Imus Component City Police Station bandang alas-9:58 ng gabi sa Villa de Primarosa Brgy Buhay na Tubig na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto kay Batawan at narekober sa kanya ang tinatayang 4 kilogram ng hinihinalang shabu na may Standard Drug Price na P27,200.000.000.00, isang Nokia Cellphone, isang Identification Card at boodle money. **Tinatayang P775,400.000.00** ang kabuuang halaga ng hinihinalang shabu ang nasamsam sa magkasunod na operasyon. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Pulis, nadulas habang nag-eehersisyo

**ISANG** miyembro ng Philippine National Police na nakadestino bilang jailer ang nabalian ng kaliwang binti habang nagsasagawa ng morning exercise sa Bacoor City, Cavite. Sa ulat, bandang alas-7:30 ng umaga ay nagsasagawa ng morning exercise kasama ang mga Persons under Police Custody

(PUPC) si Patrolman Ryan Karl Diego, jailer ng Bacoor City Custodial Center sa Brgy Molino 2. Aksidenteng nadulas ito sa basang bahagi dahilang ng pagkakabali sa kaliwang binti. Isinugod sa PNP General Hospital si Diego para sa umano'y operasyon. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Ginang, biktima ng basag-kotse gang

**IMBES** na masayang hapunan sa mag-ina ay perwisyo ang idinulot sa kanila ng hinohinalang basag-kotse gang matapos basagin ang salamin na bintana ng kanilang sasakyan at tinangay ang P50,000.00 cash sa parking area ng isang kilalang restaurant sa Silang, Cavite. Sa ulat bandang alas-8:28 ng gabi ay ipinarada ng driver ng biktima na si alyas

Luz ang kanyang sasakyan na Ford Ranger Pick-up na may plakang AAA 9705 at kumain sa Kenny Rogers sa Brgy Biga, Silang. Habang kumakain ay sinabihan sila ng guwardiya na tumunog ang alarma ng kanyang sasakyan. Pinuntahan ito at nakitang basag ang salamin ng bintana ng sasakyan. Natuklasan na tinangay ang kanyang shoulder bag na naglalaman ng

## Chinese national, dinukot ng 6 armadong lalaki

**ANIM** na armadong lalaki ang umano'y dumukot sa isang Chinese national sa Kawit, Cavite. Kinilala ang umano'y dinukot na Chinese national na si Sun Libin habang inaalam ang pagkakakilanlan sa anim na armadong lalaki na pawang naka-facemask at sakay ng Sedan na sasakyan. Sa ulat, pagkababa ng biktima sa kanyang sasakyan patungo sa apartment nito ay biglang lumabas ang mga suspek

na armado ng hindi nabatid na kalibre ng baril. Walang sabi-sabing dinukot ang biktima at isinakay sa nag-aabang na sasakyan na Sedan bandang alas-10:30 ng gabi at tumakas sa direksyon ng Centennial Road, Kawit. Nagsagawa ng backtracking ang mga awtoridad sa Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) kung naplakahan ang sasakyang ginamit ng mga suspek at pagkakakilanlan sa kanila. **GENE ADSUARA**

## 13-anyos na binatilyo, tumangay ng motorsiklo

**TINANGAY** umano ng 13-anyos na binatilyo ang motorsiklong nakaparada sa gasolinahan sa Gen Trias City, Cavite. Nasakote ng General Trias Component City Police Station ang naturang menor de edad na residente ng Brgy Santiago, Gen Trias City. Pinaghahanap pa ang kasamahan nito na isang 17-anyos at residente ng Brgy Pinagtipunan, Gen Trias City. Ayon sa biktima si alyas Salvador, pump attendant, ipinarada niya ang kanyang motorsiklong Honda TMX CCG125WHF sa parking space ng Petron Gasoline Station sa Brgy Tejero, Gen Trias City, bandang

alas-4:30 ng madaling araw. Pagbalik nito sa trabaho kinagabihan ay wala na ang kanyang motorsiklo. Sa imbestigasyon ay sinira umano ng mga suspek ang switch ng ignition key gamit ang gunting at tinangay ang kanyang motorsiklo. Dahil sa nakalap na impormasyon ay agad na nagsagawa ng operasyon ang pulisya na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa 13-anyos na suspek at narekober sa kanya ang motorsiklo ng biktima. Nasa pangangalaga ng City Social Welfare and Development ang 13-anyos na suspek. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Bangkay ng hubad na babae, natagpuan sa gilid ng dagat

**ISANG** hubo't hubad na bangkay ng babae ang natagpuan sa gilid sa dalampasigan sakop ng Rosario, Cavite. Inilarawan ang biktima na tinatayang 30 anyos at apat na pulgada ang taas. Sa ulat, ilang residente ang nakapansin sa naturang bangkay na nakalutang at halos natatakpan na ng P50,000.00 cash, log books at cellphone. Pinapanood ng mga awtoridad ang footage sa Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) sa posibleng pagkakakilanlan sa suspek **GENE ADSUARA**

mga water lilies sa gilid sa dalampasigan sakop ng Brgy Ligdong 1, Rosario bandang alas-5:30 ng umaga. Agad na ipinagbigay alam sa kanilang barangay na siyang nag-report sa pulisya. Ayon pa sa ilang nakakita, hindi umano residente sa lugar ang biktima kaya pinaniniwalaan na tinangay lamang ng alon ang bangkay nito at napadpad sa kanilang lugar. **Nakipag-ugnayan** ang pulisya sa mga kalapit barangay para sa pagkakakilanlan sa biktima. **GENE ADSUARA**

# Editorial

**Hukom na 'di mababayaran**  
MATAPOS matagpuan at makuha sa compound ng Kingdom of Jesus Christ si Pastor Apollo Quiboloy kasama ang apat na iba pa ay dalawang paksa ang mainit na pinag-usapan. Sumuko o napasuko ba ang pastor na sinundan naman ng iba't ibang isyu pa. Tungkol naman sa pag-sasampa ng kaso laban ng magkabilang panig. Isang kongreto at makatarungang batas ang kinakailangang mananaig. Karapatan ng magkabilang kampo ang paghahain ng kaso sa inaakala ng bawat isa sa kanila na mayroong nangyaring paglabag at pang-aabuso sa itinatakda ng batas. May mga tatayong hukom na maggagawad ng karapat-dapat na hustisya. Hukom na hindi madidiktahan at mababayaran dahil ang pagpataw ng hatol ay naayon sat ama at katotohanan.

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## TESDA holds annual 'world café of opportunities' for jobseekers

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA)** — A total of 73 out of 400 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) graduates of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Laguna Provincial Office were hired on the spot during the 'World Café of Opportunities' job fair that bids to open employment opportunities, apprenticeship programs, and other forms of livelihood assistance for beneficiaries and applicants alike. The program was held in celebration of TESDA's anniversary in August, adding to their continuous efforts to enhance the employability of graduates by directly linking them to industries and companies in need of skilled workers last August 15 at Santa Rosa City. TESDA Laguna Provincial Director Zoraida Amper said during the Philippine Information Agency's Usapang PIA radio program: "The end goal of our training is not only for them to have a job, so we should also assist them in employment because that

is why you cannot say that your training is successful if our students are there will be no work."

The job fair offered a diverse range of opportunities for job seekers, participated by 33 local companies and 2 international companies. "There are jobs, opportunities and the TVET graduates will just go there to shop, like you are in this café so it is called the World Café of Opportunities," Amper added. TESDA Laguna has also partnered with the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of the province of Laguna to help enhance job matching and employment services for the community and take on more comprehensive support for job seekers in helping them find suitable opportunities and access necessary resources for career development. The World Café of Opportunities toured various locations throughout the country in August to continue to support skilled jobseekers in careers matched with their skills. **(AM/PIA-4A)**

## PhilHealth to highlight enhanced benefit packages in 16th KBP

**QUEZON CITY, (PIA)** — The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) will showcase its enhanced benefit packages during the 16th episode of Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas (KBP), focusing on the improved delivery of accessible and affordable healthcare services as part of the vision for Universal Health Care (UHC). Dr. Bernadette C. Lico, PhilHealth PRO NCR and Rizal Vice President, will lead the discussion on primary care services available through the KONSULTA (Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama) Benefit Package. This initiative provides comprehensive access to free healthcare services, including medical consultations, health risk screenings, selected laboratory tests, and essential medications from over 2,000 KONSULTA providers nationwide. The episode will also

address a projected 30 percent increase in case rate packages, reflecting PhilHealth's ongoing commitment to expand services and reduce out-of-pocket expenses for Filipinos seeking medical care.

On September 7, PhilHealth President and Chief Executive Officer Emmanuel Ledesma, Jr., reaffirmed the national health insurance system's dedication to enhancing benefit packages to alleviate the financial burden on Filipinos. "We hear the concerns of our kababayans about the high cost of medical treatment," Ledesma said. "We are expediting the improvement of benefits." Significant increases in benefit packages have been made for critical health issues, including breast cancer, dialysis, stroke, pneumonia, and asthma. Notably, the Z Benefit Package for breast cancer has surged from

## PhilHealth's Konsulta now offers more than 3x budget per patient

**QUEZON CITY, (PIA)** — Members of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) can now avail of the enhanced Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama (KONSULTA) Benefit Package with an increased budget per patient rate from P500 to P1,700. The said increase in the capitation rate forms part of PhilHealth's efforts to enhance the coverage of its services to ensure that every Filipino has access to affordable and quality healthcare, especially when it comes to primary care. "We will continue expanding our benefits," said PhilHealth Senior Vice President for Health Finance Policy Sector, Dr. Israel Francis A. Pargas in the 16th Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas (KBP). "Pero ang isang mas magandang dapat po nating pagtuunan ng pansin is iyon pong ginagawa ng korporasyon para po makamit natin 'yung reforms under the Universal Health Care," he added, citing the need to instill among Filipinos the

value of preventive than curative care through the Konsulta Program.

(But one of the primary aspects that we need to set our focus on is the initiatives of the corporation in achieving the reforms under the Universal Health Care.)

Aside from the increase in budget per patient rate, the Konsulta Program also offers wider outpatient benefits including the expansion of essential drugs that can be availed from 21 to 53 select medications for conditions such as asthma, diabetes, and hypertension, among others.

The free laboratory and diagnostic exams under the Konsulta package which can help in the promotion of early detection also saw an increase from 13 to 15 types of tests with the inclusion of mammogram and ultrasound for breast cancer.

Most importantly, the Konsulta benefit package offers free check-up with a primary care professional towards the goal of improving public health outcomes through the provision of preventive health services.

At present, there are 2,797 accredited Konsulta providers in the country composed of government health centers and private clinics. Of which, 447 are from the National Capital Region (NCR).

Meanwhile, more than 23 million Filipinos are already registered in the PhilHealth Konsulta Program and 13.88 percent of the said number are Metro Manila residents.

Over 13 million has already been allocated to fund the healthcare services of Konsulta Program beneficiaries through first patient encounters.

By 2025, PhilHealth is projecting to further expand the services of the Konsulta benefit package to include other health priorities in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These include, in particular, healthcare services for maternal health, animal bite, and HIV (human immunodeficiency virus). **(JMP/PIA-NCR)**

## UPLB grad to new Iskolars ng Bayan: find balance in studies, personal life

An alumna of the University of the Philippine Los Baños (UPLB) encouraged the new breed of 'Iskolar ng Bayan' to strike a balance in their academic and personal lives as they navigate university life.

Dr. Ester Susan Perez-Mari, a renowned physician-scientist known for her contributions to immunotherapy and cancer research, finished BS Zoology at UPLB in 1986.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency – Calabarzon, Perez-Mari emphasized that becoming an Iskolar ng Bayan demands excellence, considering the rigorous selection process that aspiring students must undergo.

"To become an Iskolar ng Bayan should be taken seriously. Passing the UPCAT requires excellence, and when they are finally studying at UP, I hope they will not be complacent."

On August 19, the UPLB administration led by Chancellor Dr. Jose V. Camacho welcomed 2,586 new students yearning for a world-renowned education the university offers.

"To be an Iskolar ng Bayan is to be given an opportunity for a world-class education and to use that education to make a difference in the lives of the Filipino people. You will be honed to proficiency in technical knowledge and skills. Aside from academic learning, you will also grow in character.

To Mark Ruwen de Guzman, who topped the University of the Philippines College Admission Test (UPCAT) for the school year, becoming an Iskolar was his only hope but acing the test was a welcome bonus for him.

"What I had in mind [taking the UPCAT] was to pass my first choice of course degree, but anything more than that never entered my mind. Maybe there was a bit of expectation, but [I know] it was not

guaranteed."

Although graduation is four years away, De Guzman admitted that he plans to focus on research, an area in which the UPLB is best known.

"I am planning to pursue a career in research in the future. I'm eager to connect with the professors at UPLB to gain a deeper understanding of their work and learn from their expertise."

After graduating from UP Rural High School, Meanwhile, Lara Cassandra Banasihan, who landed fifth in this year's UPCAT, is proud to have experienced the quality of education only UP can provide.

Having spent her formative years at the UPLB high school, Banasihan hopes that her time at the state university will further hone her skills and contribute to her growth as a better citizen.

"I know that now that I'm in college, more is expected of me. But now, I can do more for our motherland," Banasihan, who is among the first batch of Accountancy students at UPLB, said.

She added: "As part of the pioneering batch, I am looking forward to forming an organization for BS Accountancy students with my classmates. I hope to interact and form meaningful bonds with them. And of course, get a 100 percent passing rate in the Board Exam."

Chancellor Camacho then advised students to take all of the hardships as a learning experience to become an even better version of themselves that can contribute to the advancement of the nation. "You have to embrace the challenges, both academic and personal, that you will face. Find and nurture your passions, and build lasting connections with your peers. UPLB will push you, nourish you, and help you grow to become the best version of yourself that you can be." **(PB/PIA-4A)**

## President Marcos distributes 129 patient transport vehicles to LGUs

**QUEZON CITY, (PIA)** — President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. led the turnover of 129 patient transport vehicles (PTVs), to local government units (LGUs) on Tuesday under the Medical Transport Vehicle Donation Program of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO).

During the distribution event at the Quirino Grandstand in Manila, Marcos emphasized the program's aim to enhance healthcare access and provide swift medical intervention, particularly in vulnerable communities and geographically isolated areas.

"The Medical Transport Vehicle Donation Program builds on our thrust to improve healthcare access and provide swift medical intervention," he said. The President noted that the program is designed to deliver Type II Advanced Life Support Ambulances and Sea Ambulances specifically to underserved regions, ensuring timely assistance for victims in emergency situations.

"We will be giving these PTVs to provincial, city, and municipal governments to help ensure that their constituencies will be given the chance to pull through whenever they need these assets for rescue and healthcare," he added.

Marcos described the ambulances as essential resources for first responders, whom he referred to as "heroes in the medical field." He highlighted the importance of these vehicles in providing timely medical intervention, stating that they can make a critical difference in life-and-death situations.

The President also reiterated the PCSO's commitment to procure more PTVs, aiming for every municipality in the Philippines to be equipped with two vehicles.

"It is a vision worth every ounce of effort," he said, urging stakeholders to work diligently to turn this aspiration into reality. He called on LGUs to use the donated vehicles

responsibly and efficiently, stressing the importance of prioritizing the welfare of Filipinos to achieve effective and life-changing impacts.

In total, the distribution included ambulances for 87 LGUs in the CALABARZON region, 25 in the Bicol region, eight in Central Luzon, six in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), and three in Cagayan Valley.

President Marcos encouraged continuous collaboration among the PCSO, LGUs, and other agencies to create programs that enhance security and improve the quality of life for all Filipinos. **(GLG/PIA-NCR)**

## Dengue cases rise 33% amid climate concerns

**MANILA, (PIA)** — The Department of Health (DOH) has reported a 33 percent increase in dengue cases in the Philippines, with 128,833 infections recorded from January 1 to July 27, 2024, compared to 97,211 cases during the same period last year.

In a concerning trend, dengue cases in Central Visayas have also surged, surpassing the 15,000 mark from January to mid-August. The Department of Health-Central Visayas (DOH-7) reported 15,394 cases and 35 deaths as of August 17, a significant increase from just 7,132 cases recorded from January to June.

Bohol province has been particularly hard hit, reporting the highest number of cases at 5,165 and declaring a dengue outbreak.

Cebu follows with 4,592 cases, while Negros Oriental has recorded 2,689 cases and Siquijor 637.

In Metro Cebu, Cebu City leads the region with 1,360 cases and three deaths, prompting the Cebu City Health Department to propose a state of public health emergency to combat the rising cases. Mandaue City has reported 437 cases and one death, while Lapu-Lapu City has recorded 504 cases. Meanwhile, in Capiz, at least five individuals have died from dengue in the first eight months of the year, and Negros Occidental has logged nine fatalities, with 3,234 cases reported as of August 31—an alarming 214.29 percent increase from 1,029 cases in the same period last

**QUEZON CITY, (PIA)**

— The Philippine Health Insurance Corp. (PhilHealth) on Tuesday highlighted the agency's commitment to improving service delivery through digitalization and the integration of artificial intelligence (AI).

During the Philippine Information Agency's 16th Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas (KBP) media forum in Quezon City with PhilHealth Regional Office NCR and Rizal Vice President Dr. Bernadette C. Lico, and Senior Vice President of Health Finance Policy Sector Dr. Israel Francis A. Pargas, Mr. Raymond P. Acoba, from the Public Affairs Unit of PhilHealth PRO NCR, said the agency is testing AI technology to streamline claims processing.

Acoba revealed that the agency recently signed an agreement with a global IT solutions provider to implement AI software

year.

In response to the growing threat, the DOH has reiterated its "5S" strategy to combat dengue:

- Search and destroy mosquito breeding sites.
- Uphold self-protection measures, such as using insect repellents.
- Seek early consultation at the nearest health care facility.
- Support fogging, spraying, and misting in hotspot areas.
- Sustain hydration for symptom management.

Health experts emphasize the importance of community-based interventions to effectively control virus-carrying mosquitoes.

Preventing mosquito bites is crucial for breaking the transmission cycle of dengue, and the use of mosquito nets is recommended to limit exposure during sleeping hours.

Proper water storage practices are also vital to prevent mosquito proliferation.

Meanwhile, Dr. Bayo Segun, a representative from the World Health Organization (WHO), highlighted the role of climate change in the rising incidence of dengue during the first Dengue Summit held in Manila last June.

"The most critical factors associated with dengue are temperature, rainfall, and relative humidity," he said.

The forecast of a 70 percent chance of La Niña occurring from August to October is expected to bring increased rainfall to the country.

This climate pattern may lead to more low-pressure areas or tropical cyclones, creating

additional breeding sites for mosquitoes. Warmer temperatures can also speed up the mosquito life cycle and the replication rate of the dengue virus.

Given the unpredictable weather patterns and changing mosquito behaviors, vaccination has been highlighted as an essential intervention. It can help prevent severe cases of dengue and reduce reliance on behavioral measures.

Dr. Adorissa M. Jurao of the Department of Health (DOH)-Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Cluster, for her part, emphasized that the preventive measures against dengue can be sustained by fostering health-seeking behaviors at home.

"Huwag po tayo matakot sa sakit na dengue dahil ang pag-iwas dito ay nanggagaling din po sa atin mismo, lalo na sa sarili nating bahay by ensuring na wala po tayong breeding sites ng mga lamok," said Jurao in a Kapihan sa Bagong Pilipinas (KBP) media forum last July 2024.

(Don't be afraid of dengue disease because its prevention depends on us, especially at our homes, by ensuring that mosquito breeding sites are destroyed.)

As the Philippines faces ongoing challenges from dengue, the DOH urges the public to remain vigilant as dengue remains a persistent threat to public health.

The integration of vector control, personal protection, and vaccination is crucial in the fight against this century-old disease. **(JMP/PIA-NCR)**

designed to reduce processing times and minimize claims returned to hospitals due to documentation deficiencies. "This initiative aims to revolutionize our claims processing and improve reimbursements," he explained.

In addition to using AI, Acoba announced that PhilHealth has integrated with the eGovPH app, allowing members to easily access their profiles, check contributions, and register for the KONSULTA program directly from their mobile devices.

"We urge all of you to download this app to avail of these services with just a few strokes on your mobile phones," he said, emphasizing the agency's efforts to make healthcare services more accessible.

He further detailed the agency's Financial Management and Reporting Enhancement Program

(FinMaREP), which aims to reconcile accounts with hospitals to ensure accurate records and compliance with regulations.

He noted that the reconciliation process is part of PhilHealth's responsibility as a steward of public funds. PhilHealth's commitment to client satisfaction is reflected in a recent survey conducted by Novo Trends PH, which revealed a client satisfaction rating of 94.57 percent nationwide, with the NCR office achieving an impressive 98.29 percent.

"Understanding and meeting the needs of our clients is paramount to our mission," Acoba emphasized.

The agency remains dedicated to improving services and ensuring that every Filipino benefits from accessible and quality healthcare. PhilHealth encourages members to utilize its communication channels for assistance, including a hotline and a callback service introduced during the pandemic.

"PhilHealth's doors are always open. You may connect with us through our official communication channels for any assistance or inquiries. Our hotline is 8662-2588," he said.

"Our members can also request a callback through the following mobile numbers: 0998- 857-2957; 0968-865-4670; 0917-127-5987 and 0917-110-98," he added.

He said just by texting "PHICallback<space>Mobile Number to be called<space>details of concern" members can avail this callback feature, an innovation the agency introduced during the pandemic.

## Pag-IBIG Fund sets new record with P77.33B in home loans released in 2024

**MANILA (PIA)**—The Pag-IBIG Fund announced a record P77.33 billion in home loans disbursed from January to August 2024, representing a significant increase of P383 million compared to the P76.94 billion released during the same period in 2023.

This achievement represents the highest home loan release for this timeframe in the Fund's history, highlighting its growing role in supporting the homeownership aspirations of Filipino workers.

Secretary Jose Rizalino L. Acuzar, head of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and a member of the Pag-IBIG Fund Board of Trustees, highlighted the significance of the increased home loan releases, stating that it reflects the growing number of Filipino workers achieving their dream of homeownership.

"This is a step consistent with the government's efforts to resolve the housing backlog and provide a better quality of life for Filipinos," Acuzar said. According to the DHSUD chief, the home loans released during this period have enabled 54,063 members to acquire or improve their homes, reinforcing the Pag-IBIG Fund's commitment

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"We will continue with this service which was widely recognized by our members," he added.

In addition, Acoba said PhilHealth can also be accessed via "Click to Call" in the PhilHealth website, [www.philhealth.gov.ph](http://www.philhealth.gov.ph). "In your personal computer or smartphone that is connected to the internet, just click the icon located at the bottom-right portion of our website and you will be directed to a live agent. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week," he added.

"As we move forward, let us continue working together to ensure that no Filipino is left behind," Acoba said. "Our aim is to provide expanded and new benefits for the Filipino people." **(JCO/PIA-NCR)**

to providing quality and affordable housing for Filipino workers.

Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Marilene C. Acosta credited the Fund's continuous growth to the affordability and reliability of its housing loan programs.

"Pag-IBIG Fund has been a dependable partner for Filipino workers in fulfilling their dreams of homeownership through affordable shelter financing," Acosta said.

She expressed gratitude to members for their ongoing support and timely loan payments, which have contributed to strong collections and a high-performing loan ratio.

Acosta emphasized that now is an excellent time for those considering purchasing a home to take advantage of a Pag-IBIG Housing Loan.

"Our interest rates remain low, and our loan terms continue to be affordable and borrower-friendly," she noted.

"With our strong fiscal performance, Pag-IBIG Fund is more than capable of providing shelter financing for future member-borrowers, helping them secure a future for their families through homeownership," she added.

**(AVS/PIA-NCR)**

# SM City Trece Martires Showcases Action Figure Display, Delighting Shoppers of All Ages

SM City Trece Martires has recently unveiled TOYFEZT 2.0, an expansive display of action character figures, capturing the attention and excitement of shoppers from all age groups. The exhibit, featuring a wide array of iconic heroes and villains, has become a popular attraction, with visitors expressing their delight and enthusiasm. Many shoppers have shared how the display evokes a sense of nostalgia, while younger visitors are thrilled to see their favorite characters up close. The display has quickly become a highlight of the mall, offering a joyful and engaging experience for everyone. Don't miss out—come and experience the excitement for yourself at SM City Trece Martires!



## Discover Bold New Blends at AMA Coffee – SM City Tanza

AMA Coffee has something new brewing just for you! Exciting coffee and tea blends are specially crafted for the bold and adventurous spirit, promising a unique flavor experience like no other.  
•Rainy humpday!  
Nothing makes a gloomy day better than hanging out with friends after a long day.  
Experience Matcha Green-T Latte, AMA Signature Coffee



and AMA Coco Mango  
•Tea Break is EXTENDED!  
Get your well-deserved break at AMA Coffee, enjoy our Kaya Butter selection with ANY of our oriental coffee and tea drink selection at a special price!  
Promo valid until September 30, 2024.  
Visit its new store at 2nd level in front of The SM Store and experience the boldest blends you don't want to miss.



## Dive into a feast of flavor with our Student Meal promo at Out of Nowhere Kitchen – SM City Dasmariñas!

Indulge in 7 delectable flavors of grilled chicken, with free Iced Tea and Crinkles - perfect for a satisfying and delicious meal. Visit us here at the Lower Ground Level, SM City Dasmariñas!



## Donald Duck's 90th Anniversary Bash: A Quacking Good Time at SM City Dasmariñas!

SM City Dasmariñas just hosted the ultimate celebration for Donald Duck's 90th anniversary, and it was quack-tastic! The highlight? A meet and greet with the founding feather himself, Donald Duck! Fans of all ages, from the

young to the young-at-heart, enjoyed every moment—snapping selfies, sharing laughs, and soaking in the Disney magic. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement and good

vibes, making for an unforgettable celebration full of fun and laughter. This epic event took place on August 11, leaving everyone with memories to treasure forever.



Donald Duck bringing special moments to everyone—celebrating with all our amazing friends from Autism Society of the Philippines-Cavite!





### DPWH, UP sign MOA for building projects in NCR, other regions

**QUEZON CITY, (PIA)** — The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the University of the Philippines (UP) recently solidified their collaboration through the signing of a Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) aimed at initiating various building facility projects in eight (8) UP locations nationwide.

DPWH Undersecretary for Operations in Charge of Convergence Projects Eric Ayapana and University of the Philippines President, Atty. Angelo A. Jimenez, led the MOA signing encompassing a diverse range of projects including site development, construction, rehabilitation, and enhancement of UP facilities in key areas such as the National Capital Region and Regions 4A, 6, 7, 8, and 11.

“This partnership marks a milestone in the government’s commitment to enhancing access to healthcare services and elevating the educational infrastructure at our leading institution of higher learning,” said Undersecretary Ayapana. According to the DPWH, the combined allocation for the 10 projects outlined in the agreement stands at P1.8986 billion.

The flagship project of the MOA involves the construction of the Pediatrics and Adult Specialty Center, including clinics, training center, and healthcare workers’ dormitory at UP Philippine General Hospital in Ermita, Manila, with a substantial budget of P1 billion.

Additionally, the DPWH will be overseeing the completion of structural and architectural work at Rizal Hall amounting to P100 million, as well as a project valued at P13.5 million aimed at increasing the carrying capacity of the College of Medicine inside UP Manila Campus along Taft Avenue, Manila.

The department will also implement the construction

and site development of the UP System Technology Innovation Campus in Dasmariñas, Cavite, with an allocation of P300 million earmarked for this purpose.

Moving to Regions 6 and 7, projects in the MOA include the rehabilitation of the UP Visayas School Building in Iloilo at a cost of P10 million, the construction of a new College of Law Building at UP Visayas Iloilo costing P100 million, and the expansion and operation of UP Extension Campus in Pandan, Antique, allocated P30 million.

Further, P25 million has been dedicated to enhancing the carrying capacity of the UP Manila School of Health Sciences in Palo, Leyte, while a P40 million allocation is set aside for the construction of a multipurpose building serving as a dormitory for UP Cebu on Gorordo Avenue, Cebu City.

The MOA likewise encompasses the site development of various structures at UP Mindanao in Davao City, including the School of Management, College of Humanities and Social Sciences Phase 1, College of Science and Mathematics, Center for Advancement of Research in Mindanao, including student dormitories, faculty and staff housing, administrative facilities, and library, with a budget of P140 million.

Signatories of the MOA are heads of UP Campuses, and DPWH Region 4A Director Jovel G. Mendoza, Region 6 Sonny Boy O. Oropel, Region 8 Director Edgar B. Tabacon, Region 11 Director Juby B. Cordon, Engr. Liberato R. Mercado from NCR Planning and Design Division, and Region 7 Construction Division Chief Joan L. Pitogo. Also present at the event were Senator Mark A. Villar and heads and representatives from the implementing DPWH District Engineering Offices. **(JEG/PIA-NCR)**

### BTr fully awards reissued T-bonds

**MANILA** – The Bureau of the Treasury (BTr) fully awarded the reissued seven-year Treasury bonds (T-bonds) during Tuesday’s auction. With a remaining term of four years and eight months, the reissued T-bonds fetched an average rate of 6.058 percent. The average rate was lower than the 6.107 percent when it

was last reissued. The auction was 2.3 times oversubscribed with total tenders reaching PHP69.1 billion.

With its decision, the BTr raised the full program of PHP30 billion, bringing the total outstanding volume for the series to PHP219.7 billion. **(PNA)**

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**KENNETH M. DELOS REYES AND RAQUEL M. DELOS REYES,**  
*Mortgagees,*

-versus-

**FORECLOSURE NO. REM. 12-24**  
-for-  
Foreclosure of Mortgage under Act No. 3135, As Amended

**OMARLITO D. BIGALBAL, AILEEN D. BIGALBAL, PETER JOHN D. CUEVAS, and RODRIGO D. CUEVAS, represented by MARISSA B. DIAZ**  
*Mortgagors,*

x ----- x

#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition/Amended Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **KENNETH M. DELOS REYES AND RAQUEL M. DELOS REYES**, with given address at **Block 3 Lot 5 VFL Subdivision, Sampaguita St., Noveleta, Cavite**, against the Mortgagor, **OMARLITO D. BIGALBAL, AILEEN D. BIGALBAL, PETER JOHN D. CUEVAS and RODRIGO D. CUEVAS, represented by her Attorney-in-fact, MARISSA B. DIAZ** with postal address at **Crescini St., Cavite City**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness in the principal amount of **THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PESOS ONLY (P3,850,000.00)** including penalties and other charges, as of June 2, 2024, the undersigned will sell at public auction on **October 15, 2024** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice, Plaza Soledad St., Samonte Park Area, Cavite 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-17758

1.) “A parcel of Land (Lot 1-D of the subdivision plan (LRC) Pds-821, being a portion of Lot 1, Blk 260 described on plan Pcs-227 LRC (GLRO) Rec. No 9539), situated in the City of Cavite. Bounded on the NE., pts. 1 to 2 by Lot 1-C of the subd. plan; on the SE., pts. 2 to 3 by Lot 2, Blk. 260; Pcs-227; on the SW., pts. 3 to 4 by Lot 6, Blk 260, pan Pcs-227; and on the NW., pts. 4 to 1 by Lot 1-B of the subd. Plan (proposed of widening of Molina Ext.) x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF TWO HUNDRED TWO (202) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS. X X X

2.) “A parcel of land (Lot 1-B of the subdivision plan (LRC) Pds-321, representing a portion intended for the proposed widening of Molina Ext., being a portion of Lot 1, Blk. 260 described on plan Pcs-227, LRC (GLRO) Rec. No. 9539), situated in the City of Cavite. Bounded on the NE., pts. 4 to 1 by Lot 1-A of the subd. Plan; on the SE., pts. 1 to 2 by Lot 1-D of the subd., plan; on the SW., pts. 2 to 3 by Lot 6 Blk. 260, plan Pcs-227, and on the NW., pts. 3 to 4 by Molina Ext., (Road Lot 3, Pcs-127), X xx. Containing an area of NINE (9) SQUARE METERS, more or less. x x x.”

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **October 22, 2024** without further notice.

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

Cavite City, August 20, 2024.

**MONETTE R. PALO**  
Sheriff IV

NOTED BY:  
**ATTY. VICTOR S. AUSTRIA, JR.**  
Clerk of Court VI

Republic of the Philippines  
Fourth Judicial Region  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
Branch 90, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite

**SPOUSES VERONICA CHIAPOCO & HIPOLITO CHIAPOCO,**  
Plaintiffs,

**CIVIL CASE NO. DC-1105-22**

-versus-

-for-

**CANCELLATION of TITLE RECONVEYANCE of PROPERTY with PRAYER for DAMAGES**

**LEA ROSE FLORENDO BENAZA,**  
Defendant.

x ----- x  
**OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE,**  
Nominal Party.  
x ----- x

#### S U M M O N S

TO: Leah Rose Florendo Benaza  
Blk. 20 Lot 21 San Marino Square, Paliparan I,  
City of Dasmariñas City, Cavite / #2773 Mervin  
Residences, Faraday St., Makati City

GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS**, on May 26, 2022, Plaintiffs through counsel filed a Complaint for Cancellation of Title, Reconveyance of Property, with prayer for Damages.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, Defendant Lea Rose Florendo Benaza with last known address at Blk. 20 Lot 21 San Marino Square, Paliparan I, City of Dasmariñas, Cavite and at #2773 Mervin Residences, Faraday St., Makati City is hereby summoned pursuant to Sec. 17, Rule 14 of the 2019 Amended Rules of Civil Procedure and therefore, required to file with this Court your responsive pleading and/ or answer to the above-entitled petition within sixty (60) days from the last date of publication serving at the same time a copy of your responsive pleadings and/ or answer upon Plaintiff’s counsel.

Let this Summons be published at the expense of the Plaintiff in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines to be chosen by raffle in the Office of the Clerk of Court pursuant to P.D. 1079, once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks. Furthermore, a copy of the Summons together with a copy of the Petition and its annexes be sent to the last known address of the Defendant through registered mail with a return card.

**WITNESS THE HONORABLE FRANCISCO VICTOR L. COLLADO, JR.,** Presiding Judge of this Court, this 29th day of September 2023.

**Ma. Regina N. Rendal**  
Clerk of Court V

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**WARNING:** It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this NOTICE of Extra Judicial Sale on or before the date of sale.

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## Passenger ship returns to Tacloban port after 16 years

**TACLOBAN CITY** – Roble Shipping Inc. will have its maiden voyage of the Tacloban-Cebu trip on Wednesday, the first passenger ship to operate at the city's port since 2008. First Lady Liza Araneta Marcos, Special Assistant to the President for Investment and Economic Affairs Frederick Go, Roble Shipping Inc. president and chief executive officer Jose Emery Roble and Tacloban Mayor Alfred Romualdez led on Tuesday the ribbon-cutting ceremony of M/V Claudine Star at the city port here.

"Let's expect the influx of travelers and the stronger trade in our city, which will pave the way to further strengthen our economy and tourism," Romualdez said.

Roble Shipping brought to the city this week the M/V Claudine Star, a newly refurbished 74-meter-long vessel operated by Star Philippine Inc., its sister company.

For over a decade, Cebu-bound people must travel more than two hours by land to Ormoc City port or

ports in the southern part of Leyte Island to catch a boat ride to Cebu City.

The vessel sails from Cebu to Tacloban three times weekly every Friday, Sunday, and Tuesday. The ship leaves Cebu at 8 p.m. and arrives in Tacloban at 7 a.m.

From Tacloban, the ship leaves at 2:45 p.m. every Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday and arrives in Cebu at 2 a.m. the next day.

Tacloban port used to be one of the country's busiest, with regular passenger sea vessel trips to Metro Manila and Cebu. Since 2008, Tacloban has had no liners left when Sulpicio Lines was suspended from passenger operations that year after the MV Princess of the Stars sank during the onslaught of Typhoon Frank. It had been used only by cargo ships.

The MV Tacloban Princess was sold to a local breaker, according to research published online by the Philippine Ship Spotter's Society. **(PNA)**

## Batangas teams up with DA, PCA to boost coconut, infra initiatives

**BATANGAS CITY** – The provincial government here has partnered with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) in launching coordinated programs to promote the local industry.

In an interview on Tuesday, Dr. Rod Bautista, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAg) head, said the partnership with concerned national government agencies (NGAs) will streamline efforts in strengthening sustainable and innovative farming systems.

The OPAg and PCA started planting more than 4,000 coconut trees last month under the Coconut Industry Revitalization Project.

"This is part of our campaign for the massive planting of coconut in the province. Likewise, the PCA also has a target to plant 100 million coconuts, so we also want to be part of their project," Bautista said.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. directed the PCA last year to plant 100 million coconut trees from 2023 to 2028 under the Coconut Planting and Replanting Project.

As part of their partnership, the provincial government donated a 10-hectare property in San Juan town, which is expected to provide additional

livelihood for residents.

Bautista said the lot where hybrid and dwarf coconuts are being planted may be expanded up to 30 hectares.

The OPAg also took part in another tree planting ceremony at the Coconut Research and Demo Farm Launch in Tanauan City last week.

Governor Hermilando Mandanas said the tree planting activities are an integral part of providing a stable future for Batangueños. "With the help of the PCA and the local government, we believe we will achieve a more prosperous and vibrant coconut industry in our province," he said.

Mandanas said there are more valuable partnerships he discussed with DA Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel last month to strengthen infrastructure projects to benefit the agriculture sector.

Bautista said the DA is looking to launch an agri-marine industrial port in the province next year which is regarded as a "complete agricultural port." Said project will also be coordinated with the provincial government's Deep-Sea Fish Ports and Regional Food Terminal project.

These projects aim to improve the storage and distribution of basic products such as sugar, molasses, grains, rice and fertilizer.

Meanwhile, OPAg is already finalizing the PHP10,000 financial assistance to be distributed this month to more than 2,000 farmers, as well as the fertilizer and pesticide distribution.

"These are our recovery efforts of farmers during the El Niño season for their replanting activities. We are encouraging our local farmers to reach out to our office so we can provide them with proper technology, pest management, and other important services to aid them as the rainy season begins," Bautista said. **(PNA)**

PCO," Chavez said.

According to Chavez, his plans will be executed "in the next few days."

During the budget hearing, Chavez assured Castro that there is no place for red-tagging in the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

"Madam Chair, two things. One there is no policy in this government, there is no practice in this government ... this government, this Marcos administration government... on red-tagging," he said. **(PNA)**

## SC affirms Bangsamoro Organic Law; rules Sulu not part of BARMM

**MANILA** – The Supreme Court (SC) on Monday upheld the validity of Republic Act No. 11054 or the Organic Law for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), but declared Sulu not part of BARMM after the province rejected the law's ratification.

In a unanimous decision, the Supreme Court granted the petition challenging Sulu's inclusion in BARMM but denied challenges to other aspects of the Bangsamoro Organic Law, according to a news release.

"The decision is immediately executory," the Court said.

The Court declared unconstitutional the interpretation of the provision in the law directing the provinces and cities of ARMM (Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao) to vote as one geographical unit as including provinces that did not vote to be included. "This violates Article X, Section 18 of the Constitution, which states that only provinces, cities, and geographic areas voting favorably in the plebiscite shall be included in the autonomous region," the Court explained.

"As Sulu rejected the Bangsamoro Organic Law in the plebiscite, it was wrong to include the province in BARMM," the SC said.

The Bangsamoro Organic Law, enacted on July 27, 2018, provided for the establishment of BARMM as a political entity and its corresponding basic governmental structure.

The BARMM's creation and determination of its territorial jurisdiction shall take effect upon the law's ratification by majority of the votes cast in a

plebiscite.

A plebiscite was conducted on Jan. 21, 2019, covering areas of then ARMM and Isabela City in Basilan and Cotabato City.

Another plebiscite was held on Feb. 6, 2019, in Lanao del Norte, municipalities in North Cotabato, and other areas that petitioned for voluntary inclusion.

The majority of the ARMM ratified the law, except for Sulu.

Despite this, Sulu was included in BARMM, prompting the province to file the present petition assailing the law.

Meanwhile, the SC ruled that the Bangsamoro Organic Law is constitutional because it does not make BARMM a separate state from the Philippines.

"The said law did not give it the power to enter into relations with other states, nor did it grant the BARMM its sovereignty," it said.

"The BARMM's autonomy is limited to its internal governance. The fact that it was granted greater autonomy than other territorial and political subdivisions does not imply separation from the national government."

The Court also upheld the parliamentary form of the Bangsamoro government.

"An autonomous region is not prohibited from prescribing a form of government that differs from the national government so long as it upholds democratic principles," it said.

"The Bangsamoro government is democratic, with the members of the Parliament elected by its people as representatives. In turn, the Bangsamoro Parliament elects a chief minister who shall exercise the executive powers of the Bangsamoro government." **(PNA)**

## Truth is number one defense vs. propaganda: PCO chief

**MANILA** – Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Secretary Cesar Chavez on Monday said truth remains the most important defense to counter propaganda and political blogging.

During the agency's budget hearing at the House of Representatives, Chavez underscored the importance of truthful, factual, relevant accurate, and timely information prevailing in a "free market of ideas".

This was his response when asked by Caloocan City Rep. Mary Mitzi Cajayon-Uy about how to distinguish the blurry line between bloggers and journalists.

"How do we counter political blogging? Truth is still the number one defense, truth is still the number one offense," Chavez said.

While Chavez acknowledged the challenge of political blogging driven by specific agendas, he said such efforts would eventually be isolated.

"We cannot avoid, we cannot control bloggers with a specific political agenda. That is a matter of fact. On their own, they will realize they will

be isolated," he said.

Chavez said traditional media remains the "number one producer" of social media content in the country, adding that major media outlets continue like GMA, ABS-CBN, the Philippine Daily Inquirer, and Manila Bulletin continue to lead in generating digital content.

"Silapa rin ang pinakamalaking bumubuo ng social media content. Mas maraming napoproduce ang traditional media na mga digital content (They still create the bulk of social media content. More digital material is still produced by traditional media). Overwhelming majority of content being consumed by our people are not political blogging," he said.

Fighting fake news

Chavez said the PCO will be holding a national information summit on Sept. 27-30 at the Development Academy of the Philippines to discuss three strategic issues: the role of artificial intelligence in media, governance, and local communities; combatting fake news; and the upcoming 2025 national elections.

Chavez also revealed his plan to issue a memorandum circular to designate a "fact-checking officer" in all PCO-affiliated agencies.

"Immediately after I took my oath as Acting Secretary of PCO, I met the Malacañang Press Corps and informed them [about] our initiative. In the next few days, I'll be issuing a memorandum circular address to all state media that means PTV-4, Philippine Information Agency, Radyo Pilipinas-Bureau of Broadcast Services, the Philippine News Agency, the IBC-13, and the PCO Proper that all of them will designate fact-check officer," he said.

"A fact check officer or anti-fake news officer will help us that we cannot be an instrument or a purveyor of fake news."

The PCO chief underscored the need for all state media to be vigilant and take the lead in combating fake news.

"Therefore, institutionally there is going to be fact-check officer in every Radyo Pilipinas, in every Philippine News Agency, in every Philippine Information Agency and state media and

## DOTr: Lokal na disenyo para sa PUV Modernization dapat paramihin

### CLARK FREEPORT ZONE, Pampanga (PIA)

—Hinikayat ng Department of Transportation (DOTr) ang mga nasa industriya ng transportasyon sa bansa na mas paramihin ang palikha ng mga lokal na disenyo para sa lalong ikabubuti ng Public Transportation Modernization Program (PTMP).

Iyan ang binigyang diin ni DOTr Secretary Jaime Bautista sa ginanap na Transport Summit 2024 ng Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Region 3.

Maipreprebera aniya nito ang tradisyunal na disenyo ng pambansang sasakyan na dyip habang ginagawang moderno ang sistema ng pampublikong transportasyon.

Gayundin ang katiyakan na madadagdagan ang mga oportunidad sa trabaho sa larangan ng local motor assembly.

Ayon pa sa kalihim, magbubukas din ito ng pinto para sa inobasyon na kahit tradisyunal ang disenyo ay maaari itong kabitan ng mga makabagong makina na may mababa ang ibinubuga na usok o ang kaya mga electric vehicle. Ang pagpapalakas sa mga lokal na disenyo ng pampublikong transportasyon ay naaayon sa mandato ng PTMP tulad ng fleet modernization, vehicle useful life, industry consolidation, local public transport route plan, stakeholder support, route rationalization, communications, financing, initial implementation, at ang aspeto ng regulatory reform.

Kaya naman naging pagkakataon ang Transport Summit 2024 upang maipa road test sakay ng mga operator at driver ng mga pampublikong transportasyon sa Gitnang Luzon ang isang modernong electric dyip na

tradisyunal ang disenyo na pinasimulan sa lalawigan ng Ilocos Sur.

Ayon kay LTFRB Regional Director Aminoden Guro, isang mainam na pagkakataon ang pagpapakilala ng modern electric-traditional designed jeepney na makasama sa pagpilian sa fleet modernization ng nasa 84 porsiyentong consolidated na mga public transport operator sa rehiyon.

Sa kasalukuyan, kasama ang Gitnang Luzon sa Top 5 na mga rehiyon sa Pilipinas na may mataas na pagtalima sa PTMP kung saan nasa 23,241 mga modern unit na ang bumibiyaha.

Iba pa rito ang may 18,436 na inaasahang maging modernize na ang mga unit matapos ang matagumpay na consolidation o pagkakabuo ng mga indibidwal na operator bilang isang kooperatiba.

Pinakamaraming lumahok sa PTMP ay nasa lalawigan ng Pampanga kung saan may kabuuang 8,793 mga modern unit na ang nasasakyan ng mga pasahero at 7,465 na unit ang consolidated na handa nang maging moderno.

Sa Bulacan, nasa 4,958 na mga modernong unit na ang bumibiyaha habang 3,901 unit ang hindi pa moderno pero pawang consolidated na. Aabot na rin sa 2,292 ang mga modern unit na umiikot na ngayon sa Nueva Ecija at 1,810 ang nagsagawa na ng consolidation.

Mayroon namang 2,079 unit ang ngayo'y nakakabiyaha na sa Tarlac at 1,628 ang consolidated na. Sa Zambales, nasa 2,433 na ang mga modern unit habang 2,023 unit ang maidadag pa mula sa consolidation.

At panghuli sa Bataan, nasa 1,041 ang mga bumibiyaha nang modern unit habang 961 ang nakapag-consolidate na. **(CLJD/SFV, PIA Region 3-Pampanga)**

Republic of the Philippines  
Fourth Judicial Region  
Regional Trial Court of Cavite  
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff  
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue,  
Kaybagal South, Tagaytay City

**BDO UNIBANK, INC. (represented by Jacel DL. Florencio),**

*Mortgagee,*

-versus-

EJF NO. TG-24-067  
**FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135, as Amended**

**SPS. ROBERT M. SY AND JOSEPHINE U. SY,**

*Debtors/Mortgagors*

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### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC. rep. by Jacel DL Florencio**, a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under laws of the Republic of the Philippines with office address at BDO Towers Valero Street, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement (Real Estate) executed and notarized on June 28, 2018/August 19, 2020 by Mortgagors, **Sps. Robert M. Sy and Josephine U. Sy**, with postal address/es at: (1) 1623-B Yuseco St., Sta. Cruz, North Manila; (2) Unit 0937 9th Floor Tower A Cool Suites Tower Residences Emilio Aguinaldo Brgy. Maharlika West Tagaytay 4120, in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **Condominium Certificate of Title No. 076-2019001921** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the Subject Obligation of the Debtor/Mortgagor in the amount of **FOUR MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOUR PESOS & 82/100 (Php4,711,604.82)** as of May 15, 2024, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Sheriff Rhiz Sañel C. Toledo, will sell at public auction on **October 15, 2024 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the **New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City**, to the highest bidder, for cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF  
TITLE NO. 076-2019001921  
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED *that the unit identified and described as:*

COOL SUITES AT WIND RESIDENCES TOWER A

UNIT NO: 0937  
FLOOR LEVEL: 9TH FLOOR  
UNIT TYPE: 1 BR WITH BALCONY  
UNIT AREA: 23.23 SQUARE METERS

in the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2012004160; 2012004161; 2015001175 which embraces and describes the land located at BRGY. SALABAN, MAHARLIKA WEST (NOW), CITY OF TAGAYTAY, with an area of THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY (31,730) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

**Owner: SPOUSES ROBERT M. SY AND JOSEPHINE U. SY, FILIPINO CITIZENS, BOTH OF LEGAL AGE**  
**Address: 1623 B. YUSECO STREET, STA. CRUZ, MANILA 1014, PHILIPPINES**

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **October 22, 2024** without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to



## "LAKAMBINI STAKES RACE"

Kinoronahan ang paboritong kabayo na si Every Sweat Counts nang manalo sa katatapos na 2024 PHILRACOM "Lakambini Stakes Race" na inilarga sa pista ng Metro Manila Turf Club Inc. (MMTCI) sa Malvar Tanauan City, Batangas. Dumiskarte ang hineteng si Jeffril Tagulao Zarate para maipakita ang tulin sa largahan at tatag sa rektahan ng kanyang sakay na si Every Sweat Counts. Sa pagbukas ng aparato ay bumandera antimano ang bida na si Every Sweat Counts habang nakasunod ang magkakuwadra na sina Over Azooming na nasa pangalawa at High Dollar na nasa pangatlong puwesto. Pagsapit ng medya milya ay tangan ni Every Sweat Counts ang tatlong kabayong kalamangan, humahabol naman sa kanyang likuran sina High Dollar at Over Azooming habang kumakaripas sa pang-apat si The Kiss. Pagdating ng far turn ay matatag pa rin

sa unahan si Every Sweat Counts, habang malakas na rumeremate sa gawing labas si High Dollar at gumagapang naman sa tabing balya si The Kiss. Paggasok ng home stretch ay bakbakan na sa unahan sina Every Sweat Counts, High Dollar at The Kiss habang paparating sina Beltuna at Caring Melody. Lalong naging mainit ang labanan nina Every Sweat Counts at High Dollar sa rektahan ngunit pagdating sa huling 100 meter ay bahagyang umungos ang winning horse. Tinapos ni Every Sweat Counts ang laban ng may isang kabayong bentahe sa sumegundo na si High Dollar, tersero si The Kiss habang si Beltuna ang pumang-apat. Nakapagtala si Every Sweat Counts ng tiyempong 1:41.6 (25'-23-24'-28') para sa 1,600 meter race sapat upang kubrahin ng winning horse owner na Swakto Elite Fitness Inc. ang P300,000 na premyo.

investigate and verify for themselves the **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2019001921** the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, August 22, 2024.

**ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA**  
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

**RHIZ SAÑEL C. TOLEDO**  
Sheriff-in-Charge

W A R N I N G :

**IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AUCTION SALE UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW**

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## DALAGITANG ESTUDYANTE, KINALADKAD AT SINAKSAK

**ISANG** lalaki ang sumaksak sa 16-anyos na babaing estudyante na kinakadkad nito sa masukal na bahagi ng kalsada sa Gen Trias City, Cavite. Ginamot sa Divine Grace Hospital ang biktima na si alyas Kristine, ng South Square Village, Brgy Pasong Kawayan Gen Trias dahil sa saksak sa katawan. Inilarawan ang suspek na nakasuot ng green t-shirt at pulang short na tumakas sa direksiyon ng Gov Ferrer Drive, Gen Trias City. Sa ulat, naglalakad papauwi ang biktima galing sa pagbili ng load sa 7

Eleven pero pagsapit sa kahaban ng South Square Village, Brgy Pasong Kawayan 2, Gen Trias City Cavite bandang alas-11:00 ng gabi ay nilapitan siya ng suspek at kinaladkad sa madamong bahagi sa gilid ng kalsada. Pumalag at nagsisigaw ang biktima kaya nataranta ang suspek. Sa pagkakatarranta ay pinagsasaksak ang biktima saka tumakas ang suspek sa direksiyon ng Gov. Ferrer Drive habang ilang concern citizen ang tumulong sa una at isinugod sa ospital. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Depresiyon, sanhi ng pagbibigti?

**HINIHINALANG** dahil sa dinaranas na asthma at goiter na nauwi sa depresyon kaya naisipan ng 33-anyos na ginang ang pagpapakamatay sa pamagitan ng pagbigti sa Trece Martires City, Cavite. Kinilala ang biktima na si Roxan, may-asawa, ng Package 2 Sunshine Ville Brgy Cabuco, Trece Martires City. Sa ulat, bandang alas-6:20 ng umaga ay nadiskubre

ang pagpapakamatay ng biktima ng kapatid nito na si Raymark sa loob ng kanilang bahay sa pamagitan ng pagbigti gamit ang cable wire. Ayon pa ay Raymark, may sakit na goiter at asthma ang biktima na humantong sa depresyon ang nakikitang dahilan kung bakit nagpakamatay ang kanyang kapatid. **GENE ADSUARA**

## 8 katao, sugatan sa sunog

**WALO** katao ang iniulat na nasugatan sa sunog na sumiklab sa Bacoor City, Cavite Martes ng umaga. Sa ulat, bandang alas-11:30 ng umaga ay sumiklab ang sunog sa residential area sa Longos, Brgy Zapote 3, Bacoor City kung saan mahigit sa 1,00 pamilya ang naapektuhan. Nagtamo rin ng 2nd degree burn sa kamay at likod si Conrado Mangubat; habang malalim na sugat naman ang tinamo ni Luigie Hernandez, Sammy Kalingkat; at Steve Reclamante. Nahirapan naman sa paghinga si Jeric Mendoza; sugat naman sa kaliwang paa si Larry Baldog at Jaypee Omene; at hirap din sa paghinga si Anthony Isidro. Bandang alas-2:13 ng hapon ay idineklarang ideklarang fire-out ng Bureau of Fire Protection habang inaalang pa kung ano ang naging sanhi ng suog at kung magkano ang

pinsala. Dahil sa nasabing sunog ay naapketuhan ang biyehe ng mga sasakyan papasok at palaabs ng Cavite area makaraang isinara ang bahagi ng Longos. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Pasyente, babaing bantay; huli sa akto na 'nagbabato'

**NAAKTUHAN** na sumisinghot ng shabu ang lalaking pasyente at babaeng bantay nito sa loob ng ospital sa Imus City, Cavite. Hospital arrest ang pasyenteng si alyas Jerwin at bantay nito na si alyas Rosauro makaraang naaktuhang gumagamit ng shabu sa loob ng Imus Doctors Hospital sa Brgy Anabu I-B, Imus City. Sa ulat, nagsasagawa ng roving inpection sa loob ng ospital si Security Guard Mark Alvin Kabigting Villanueva para magpapirma sa mga watcher ng kanilang

**TUGUEGARAO CITY, Cagayan (PIA)** – Bumaba ang inflation rate sa Cagayan Valley sa 3.6 bahagdan nitong buwan ng Agosto kumpara sa 4.8 bahagdan noong Hulyo, ayon sa Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Region 2. Ang pagbaba ng inflation

## DOH sa Publiko: Magpakonsulta agad kung may sintomas ng Mpox

**TUGUEGARAO CITY, Cagayan (PIA)** – Ipinanawagan ng Kagawaran ng Kalusugan sa publiko na kinakailangan ang kagayat na pagpapa-check up kung nakakaranas ng sintomas ng Mpox virus. Sa ginanap na press conference sa PIA Region 2, matapos kumpirmahin ng ahensya ang isang kaso ng Mpox sa rehiyon, hinimok ni Regional Director Amelita Pangilinan ang publiko na maging maingat at panatilihin ang kalinisan sa katawan. Ayon kay Pangilinan, puspusan ang surveillance efforts ng kagawaran upang magsagawa ng pagsisisyasat sa kasalukuyang kaso ng Mpox sa rehiyon. Kasalukuyan ding isinasagawa ang contact tracing upang matiyak na hindi na kumalat ang virus habang patuloy na pinapalakas ng ahensya ang kanilang kampanya upang magbigay-abiso sa publiko.

pasyente. Pagsapit sa Room 413 ay napanasin ni Villanueva sa kama ni Jerwin ang isang weighing scale at isang lighter na agad naman isiniksik sa likod ng pasyente. Kunwari ay hindi nakita ng security guard pero agad na ini-report sa head of security ng ospital kung saan binalikan sa nasabing kuwarto. Dito ay naaktuhan ang dalawa na sumisinghot ng hinihinalang shabu. Narekober sa kanila ang weighing scale at lighter. **GENE ADSUARA**

rate ay dulot ng mabagal na pagtaas sa presyo ng mga food at non-alcoholic beverages kabilang ang cereal products na may 13.6 porsyento, vegetables and tubers na may -9.5 porsyento, at fish and other seafoods na may -0.3 porsyento. Kasama rin sa pagbaba ng inflation ang sektor ng transportasyon

Sa kasalukuyan, naka-isolate na ang pasyenteng nagpositibo sa Mpox sa ospital, habang ang mga close contacts nito ay naka home quarantine at masusing minomonitor. Ayon kay Assistant Regional Director Mar Wynn D. Belo, maaaring sumailalim sa home quarantine ang mga indibidwal na posibleng nakasalamuha ng pasyente, basta't ang kanilang tahanan ay may sariling kwarto at angkop para sa kanilang pag-quarantine. Nilinaw din nito na sa ngayon, wala pang nakikitang sintomas ng Mpox sa mga nakalapit sa pasyente, na nagpapahiwatig na hindi ito masyadong nakakahawa. Gayunpaman, mahalaga pa rin ang pag-iwas sa direct skin contact at pagiging maingat. Nilinaw din ng mga opisyal na walang bayad ang pagsusuri para sa Mpox, at ang incubation period para sa mga sintomas ay umaabot mula lima hanggang 21 araw pagkatapos ma-expose sa virus. Puspusan rin ngayon ang koordinasyon ng DOH sa mga lokal na pamahalaan upang mapigilan ang pagdami ng kaso. Kaugnay nito, bumuo rin ang ahensya ng Mpox Task Force upang matutukan ang mga kinakailangang paghahanda at upang hindi lumala o kumalat ang nasabing virus. Hinihikayat din ng mga ito ang mga lokal na pamahalaan na bumuo ng kanilang sariling task force upang masiguro na hindi makakapasok sa kanilang lugar ang virus at hindi na lalala ang sitwasyon sa rehiyon. **(OTB/MFJ/PIA Region 2)**

na may kabuuang -1.1 porsyento, dulot ng pagbaba ng presyo ng gasolina na naitala sa -5.9 porsyento at diesel sa -7.2 porsyento. Sa pangkalahatan, ang Food at Non-Alcoholic Beverages ang may pinakamalaking ambag sa pagbaba ng inflation rate na may 51.1 percent share, sinundan ng Restaurants and Accommodation Services na may 16.9 percent, samantalang ang Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels ay may 14.1 percent share, na pinangungunahan ng LPG na may 20.1 percent na pagtaas. Ayon kay PSA OIC Regional Director Engr. Girm Bayucan, ang mga sektor na nakapagtala ng mataas na paggalaw ng presyo ay ang clothing and footwear, housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels, furnishings, household equipment, at personal care. Nakapagtala rin ng mababang inflation ang health, transport, recreation, sports and culture, at education services sectors. Nanatili

ring mababa ang inflation sa information and communication at financial services. Sa rehiyon, ang mga lalawigan ng Cagayan at Quirino ang may pinakamataas na inflation na may 4.4 percent, habang ang Batanes naman ang may pinakamababang inflation na naitala sa 1.1 percent. Ayon kay Maria Rosario Paccarangan, chief ng Agribusiness and Marketing Administrative Division ng Department of Agriculture, nakatulong ang harvest season sa pagbaba ng presyo ng pagkain. Sinabi naman ni Eva Lynne Marcos ng Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas na mahalaga ang balanseng pagtaas ng presyo upang mapanatili ang katatagan ng ekonomiya. Ayon naman kay Gina Dayag mula sa National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), ang mabilis na pagtaas ng inflation ay maaaring magdulot ng contraction sa ekonomiya. **(OTB/MFJ/PIA Region 2)**

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IN RE: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MENDEZ, INDANG, NAIC, MAGALLANES, MARAGONDON, and TERNATE,

ADMIN CASE NO. NC-2024-12

ATTY. PRINCESS JOY C. QUINTO,  
Petitioner.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for notarial commission of **ATTY. PRINCESS JOY C. QUINTO** shall be held on 14 October 2024 at ABC Hall of Justice, Office of the Executive Judge, Naic, cavite at 8:00 a.m.

Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

4 September 2024, Naic, Cavite.

**RALPH S. ARELLANO**  
Executive Judge

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## BARIL, NAKUHA SA ILALIM NG KAMA

**SA** ilalim ng kama nakuha ang baril na itinago ng isang lalaki matapos isilbi ang search warrant sa Caloocan City, kamakailan. Bukod sa kalibre .22 na baril ay loaded pa ng limang pirasong bala na nakuha sa mismong ilalim ng kama ng suspek na si alyas Datu.

Nagkaroon ng ugnayan sa pagitan ng pulisya at barangay kaya nakumpirma na ang suspek ay nasa bahay ng nito sa No.308, Adelfa St. Brgy. 132, Bagong Barrio, Caloocan City.

Kaya naman nagsagawa ng pagpapalano na pinangunahan ni Capt. Zoilo T. Lopez, acting commander ng Bagong Barrio Police Sub Station 5 para sa pagsisilbi ng Search Warrant No. 397 na inisyu ni Executive Judge Hon. Raymundo G. Vallega ng Regional Trial Court, Branch 130,

Caloocan City.

Ikinasa ng pulisya ang operasyon dakong alas-2:00 ng hapon kasama ang mga opisyal ng barangay sa nasabing bahay ng suspek.

Sa pagkakaaresto ay ipinaalam ng kapulisan ang mga karapatan ng suspek na naharap sa kasong paglabag sa (Sec. 28 of R.A. 10591 or Comprehensive Law of Firearms and Ammunition Act.) na nakadetina sa Bagong Barrio Police Sub Station 5.

Tiniyak naman ni Capt. Lopez na wala silang sisinuhin o sasantuhin ang mga dapat mananagot sa batas.

Bukod sa iligal na pagbenta ng baril ay sangkot pa umano ang suspek sa holdapan at pagtutulak ng droga. **(Istorya at larawan ni Christian Heramis)**

## Nakalabas na subalit bumalik muli sa nangyaring sunog

**SINASABING** nakalabas na subalit muling bumalik sa nasusunog nagusali ang dahilan ng pagkamatay ng lokal na mamamahayag sa Zamboanga City kamakailan.

Kinilala ang biktima na si Allen Abastillas, reporter ng local newspaper. Batay sa ulat, bandang alas-2:00 ng Martes ng madaling araw nagsimula ang sunog sa Don Alfaro Road sa Barangay Tetuan. Umabot sa third alarm ang sunog na nakontrol dakong alas-3:08 ng madaling araw at idineklarang fire out bandang alas-6:23 ng umaga.

Hindi pa natukoy ang sanhi ng sunog na tinatayang

nasa P9.6 milyong halaga ang naabo o danyos.

Nabatid na sa kasagsagan umano ng sunog ay nakalabas na ang biktima subalit muling bumalik.

Binalikan umano ng biktima ang mga personal na gamit nito gayundin ang mga mahahalagang dokumento subalit nabigo na itong makalabas pang muli.

Patay din sa nasabing sunog ang isa pang biktima na si Adolfo Vicente Jr., kawani ng Office of Environment and Natural Resources sa lungsod. Iniulat din na walo katao ang sugatan sa nangyaring sunog. **RUBEN LACSA**



## Magkatuwang na imbestigasyon ng pulisya ng Tanauan City at Carmona City

**MAGKATUWANG** na nagsagawa ng imbestigasyon ang Carmona City Component Police Station at Tanauan City Police Station hinggil sa insidente ng umano'y pagdukot at pagkamatay ng food panda delivery at pagkakasugat ng isang online seller.

Kinilala ang namatay na si John Mark Samonte, 24, at residente ng Brgy 124 Tolentino St., Liberted, Manila; habang ang sugatan ay si Marithe Ashley Tila, 21, ng 719 E. Rodriguez St., Malibay, Pasay City.

Nagsagawa ng dragnet operation ang pulisya sa itim na Mitsubishi Montero na may plakang NCK 5430 na gamit ng mga suspek.

Gayundin sa itim na Toyota Wigo na may plakang ABT 2885 na pagmamay-ari ng biktima na tinangay ng mga suspek.

Batay sa ulat ng Carmona CPS, dinukot umano ang mga biktima bandang alas-7:30 ng gabi sa harapan ng Water District sa Carmona Public Market, Brgy Maduya, Carmona City ng limang lalaki na nagpakilalang mga police

## Nagbaril sa sentido sa harap ng nobya

**SA** ikalawang pagkakataon ay pumutok na ang baril na itinutok ng lalaki sa kanyang sentido na tumagos sa ulo sa harap ng nobya nito sa General Mariano Alvarez (GMA) Cavite Miyerkules ng madaling araw.

Sinusult ito ay inoobserbahan sa University of Perpetual Help Medical Center ang biktima na si alyas Jonard dahil sa tama ng kalibre 38 na baril.

Ayon sa salaysay ng girlfriend ng biktima, nag-inuman sila ni Jonard kasama ang ilang kaibigan sa Block 6 Lot 6 Forseti St., Brgy Kua, GMA bandang ala-1:40 ng madaling araw.

Niyaya ng biktima ang kanyang nobya na mag-usap

sa living room ng nasabing bahay.

Nabigla ang babae dahil itinutok ng kanyang boyfriend sa sentido ang baril at kinalabit ang gatilyo subalit hindi pumutok.

Sa ikalawang pagkakataon ay muing kinalabit ng biktima ang gatilyo ng baril na nakatutok sa kanyang sentido at umano'y pumutok na.

Hindi naman binanggit sa ulat kung nagkaroon ng pagtatalo ang dalawa bago ipinutok ng biktima ang gatilyo ng baril.

Agad na isinugod sa ospital ang biktima kung saan kasalukuyang inoobserbahan. Nabatid na walang kaukulang dokumento ang baril na ginamit ng biktima. **GENE ADSUARA**



## Kailan matatamo ang tunay na hustisya?

**SINASABING** sumang-ayon na ang isa sa mga sangkot sa nangyaring pagpatay noon sa mamamahayag na si Percy Lapid.

Sa ulat ay tumawag ang prosekusyon ng Department of Justice sa kapatid ni Percy na isa ring mamamahayag.

Ito ay ang pagpayag ng isa sa mga akusado sa Lapid slay case na si Christopher Bacoto para sa pagtestigo. Nagsilbing middleman si Bacoto sa paghahanap ng papatay o gunman kay Pery noon.

Ang pagtestigo ni Bacoto o ang mga bibitiwang testimonya ay magbibigay ng mas malakas na kaso laban sa gunman.

Hindi naman kaila na si dating BuCor Director General Gerald Bantag na isa sa mga akusado ang itinuturong mastermind sa naturang pagpatay.

Sinusulat natin ito ay ikinokonsidera pa rin si Bantag na wanted sa batas

kaakibat ang mga existing arrest order mula sa korte laban sa kanya.

Next in line na nga ba si Bantag, siya na kaya ang kasunod na mahahagilap ng mga kinakaukulan para papanagutin sa batas?

Kung matatandaan ay nangangailangan ng Department of Justice na umano'y tukoy na kung saan mahahanap si Bantag.

Ilang buwan na ang nakakalipas mula ang nasabing pahayag ng kagawaran.

Bago ang pahayag na iyon ay unang binanggit ng DOJ na sadyang si Bantag ay may malawak pa ring impluwensya.

Tuloy pa rin naman ang nga ginagawang hakbang ng kagawaran para sa paghuli kay Bantag kasabay ng pananaw na ito ay nasa Pilipinas pa rin. Kailan kaya matatamo ng pamilya ni Percy ang inaasam na tunay na hustisya?

officers.

Batay naman sa ulat ng Tanauan City Batangas Police Station, nakatanggap sila ng report ng pamamaril sa Sitio Malipa, Brgy Malipa, Brgy Malaking Pulo, Tanauan City, Batangas bandang alas-9:40 ng gabi kung saan namatay si Samonte habang sugatan si Tila.

Bunsod nito ay nagtulangan ang Carmona CPS at Tanauan

CPS sa pagsasagawa ng backtracking sa Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) sa mga posibleng dinaanan at pagkakakilanlan sa mga suspek.

Nakipag-ugnayan din sila sa tanggapan ng Provincial Land Transportation Office (LTO) kung sino ang nagmamay-ari ng sasakyan na Mitsubishi Montero. **GENE ADSUARA**

## Motor, 36 pirasong parcel; tinangay

**TINANGAY** ang motorsiklo ng delivery rider kasama ang mahigit 36 piraso ng mga parcel na idi-deliver sa Indang, Cavite.

Personal na dumulog sa tanggapan ng Indang Municipal Police Station ang biktima na si Mark habang inaalam pa ang pagkakakilanlan sa suspek.

Sa ulat, bandang alas-6:00 ng gabi ay ipinarada ng biktima ang kanyang pulang motorsiklo na Honda Click 125 Version 3 at may plakang 8240HW sa highway sa kahabaan ng Indang-Alfonso Road, Brgy Tambo, Malaki, Indang.

Naiwan nito ang susi at ang mga parcel para sa kanyang mga customer.

Pagbalik nito ay wala na ang motorsiklo kasama ang mahigit 36 piraso ng mga J@T parcel na iniwan sa kanyang motorsiklo.

Ayon sa isang sari-sari owner na nakasaksi sa pangyayari, nakita niya ang isang lalaki na sumampa sa motorisklo ng biktima at pinasibad patungo sa direksyon ng Indang proper. Nagsagawa ng backtracking ang mga awtoridad sa Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) sa posibleng pagkakakilanlan sa suspek. **GENE ADSUARA**



Sinubukang sumakay nina Transportation Secretary Jaime Bautista (kanan), dating Ilocos Sur Governor at LCS Group of Companies President and Chairperson Luis "Chavit" Singson at mga operator at driver ng mga pampublikong transportasyon sa Gitnang Luzon ang modernong electric dyip na tradisyunal ang disenyo na ginawa at unang ginamit sa Ilocos Sur sa ginanap na Transport Summit 2024 ng Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board Region 3. (Aldrin Joshua P. Mallari/PIA 3) - **story p.10**