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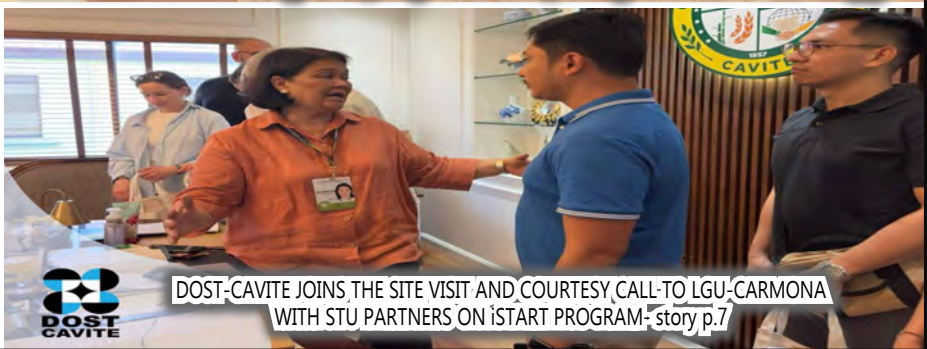
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## CAVITE GOV. TOLENTINO SA KAPULISAN: 'PROTEKSIYON, AKSIYON AT HUSTISYA PARA SA MAMAMAYAN NG LALAWIGAN'

**ITO** ang mensahe ni Cavite Governor Athena Tolentino sa hanay ng Cavite Police Provincial Office, sa ilalim ng liderato ni Provincial Director P/Col Dwight Alegre, at gayundin sa Naic Municipal Police Station sa pamumuno ni P/Col Resty Soriano.

Ang panawagan ni Gov. Tolentino ay bunsod ng nangyaring pagkakapaslang sa biktima si Shackie L. Denajiba, na binaril sa Barangay Sabang, Naic nitong Mayo 24.

Kinondena ng gobernadora ang naturang insidente at kaagad na nanawagan sa kapulisan ng lalawigan at sa hanay ng Philippine National Police (PNP) para maipagkaloo ang hustisya sa biktima gayundin ang kahilingan na mapigilan ang karahasan sa Cavite.

Matapos ang pamamaril at pagpatay sa biktima ay sumakay ng motorsiklo ang suspek kasama ang isang rider na mistulang walang nangyari o ginawang krimen na tumakas.

Nabatid na si Denajiba ay tumatayong election leader ni Mayor-elect Rommel Magbintang ng Naic, Cavite kaya hindi naiwasang maglabas ng damdamin ng gobernadora.

Inihayag ni Gov. Tolentino ang saloobin sa kanyang opisyal na Facebook page na nagpapaalala na dahil tapos na ang halalan ay dapat ay napapanahon na para sa pagkakaisa.

Aniya, hindi kailangang maghasik ng takot at karahasan lalo ang nangyaring krimen ay isa umanong tahasang kasamaan na walang puwang sa lalawigan.

Dagdag pa niya sa kanyang fb page na ang naturang pangyayari, kasama ang ilan pang pagpatay at krimen sa Cavite ay kailangan matigil na kaya kailangan umano ang agaran at tamang pagkilos mula sa kapulisan.

Dapat umanong managot ang mga nasa likod ng krimen at hindi sapat ang pag-uulat lamang dahil ang kailangan ng mga tao

ay proteksyon, aksyon, at hustisya. Sinusulat ito ay patuloy ang mga awtoridad sa masusing imbestigasyon sa naturang insidente.

Layunin ng malalimang pag-iimbestiga ay upang matukoy ang tunay na motibo at ang mga may kaugnayan sa krimen kaya habang wala pa umanong pinal na resulta ang imbestigasyon ay hindi dapat agad iugnay sa katatapos na halalan dahil bukod sa maituturing na ispekulatibo ay maaaring magdulot ng maling impormasyon sa publiko. **(Larawan at ibang konteksto mula sa FB page ni Gov. Tolentino)**

## Legarda: Disaster risk management, aksyunan

Hinamon ni Senator Loren Legarda ang publiko na maging proactive sa disaster risk reduction upang mabawasan pa ang sakuna dulot ng climate change.

"We are at a crossroads where climate change and disasters threaten our very existence. Typhoons ravage communities, droughts cripple livelihoods, and data reveals alarming trends," talumpati ni Legarda sa Asian Institute of Management (AIM) noong Huwebes, Mayo 22.

"The scorching heat is a sign that our planet is in distress."

Pinangunahan ni Legarda ang paglulunsad at pagpirma ng isang memorandum of agreement para sa Sustainable Leadership Learning for Climate and Disaster Risk Reduction (SLL-CDRR) Scholarship Program.

Itinatag ang programa sa pakikipagtulungan sa Climate Change Commission (CCC) at AIM. Target ng SLL-CDRR na magkaroon ng matinong lider na kayang tumugon sa climate disasters, pati na ang paglalatatag ng kaalaman upang maging epektibo ang pagresponde

## Kawatan; nakuhanan ng iligal na droga, boga

**ISANG** kawatan na nanloob ng tahanan ang naaresto at nakuhanan pa ng iligal na droga at baril kamakailan sa Magallanes, Cavite.

Ang suspek na kinilalang si alyas Ariel, residente ng Barangay Daine, Indang, ay naaresto dakong alas-12:20 ng tanghali nitong Mayo 27 sa Barangay Tua, Magallanes.

Nauna rito, dakong alas-9:35 ng umaga ay pinasok at nilooban ng suspek ang isang bahay.

Ang natutulog na biktima ay nagising dahil sa ingay na nagmula sa kusina at naaktuhan ang suspek na nagnanakaw.

Mabilis na tumakas ang suspek sakay ng motorsiklo patungong Sitio Dalig subalit nadakip dahil sa maagap na paghabol ng mga barangay tanod.

Nabatid na kaagad ding

naiulat sa pulisya ang naturang panloob kaya nagsagawa ng pagresponde.

Sa harap ng mga barangay tanod at kinatawan ng media kasama ang mga tauhan ng Magallanes Municipal Police Station ay nakuha mula sa suspek ang halagang ₱375.00 sa iba't ibang denominasyon at mga alahas na tinatayang nagkakahalaga ng ₱5,000.00; isang maliit na heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet na naglalaman ng hinihinalang shabu na may timbang na humigit-kumulang 0.03 gramo; isang Caliber .38 revolver na walang serial number at may limang bala.

## HVI, tiklo sa P240K halaga ng 'damo'

**TIKLO** ang isang High Value Individual (HVI) sa buy bust operation na isinagawa ng mga awtoridad na nagresulta sa pagkakakumpiska sa kanya ng nasa P240K na halaga ng damo o marijuana kamakailan sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Ang suspek na nakilalang si alyas Niño, residente ng Brgy. Talaba 4, Bacoor City, ay naaresto dakong 11:50 ng gabi nitong Mayo 26 sa Barangay Panapaan 1, ng naturang lungsod.

Sa pagkakaaresto sa suspek ay nakuha sa kanya ang apat na vacuum-sealed plastic packs ng pinatuyong dahon at tangkay ng hinihinalang marijuana fruiting tops na may tinatayang kabuuang timbang na 2,000 gramo at standard drug price na ₱240,000.00.

Ang matagumpay na operasyon ay mula sa magkasanib na puwersa ng Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit (PDEU) ng Cavite PPO, at Bacoor Component City Police Station.

Tumalima ang mga awtoridad sa PNP

Fund Act, Green Jobs Act, at Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act.

Nanguna rin siya sa pagratipika ng Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol, pati na ng Paris Agreement.

## Bacoor Smart City Masterplan, malapit na mabuo

Sinimulan nang buuin ng pamahalaang lungsod ng Bacoor ang kanilang development plan bilang bahagi ng Smart City Masterplan.

Sa pakikipatulungan ng Korea Overseas Infrastructure & Urban Development Corporation (KIND), RMS, Dohwa, at Yonsei University, layon ng proyekto na maibahagi ang kanilang expertise

na makakatulong upang mabuo ang Smart City Masterplan ng lungsod.

Kabilang sa Korean delegation sina Nojun Park and Heain Lee (KIND), Yunho Lee and Youmi Jeon (RMS), Hyeri Ko and Donguei Kim (Dohwa), at Kabsung Kim, Sangyun Lee, and Jaegyu Jung (Yonsei University). **PIA CALABARZON**

## Bebot, dinampot sa bisa ng warrant

**ISANG** babae ang dinampot ng mga awtoridad matapos ihain sa kanya ang warrant of arrest kaugnay ng kasong kinakaharap kamakailan

sa Noveleta, Cavite.

Ang suspek na kinilalang si alyas Christine, residente ng Barangay Poblacion, Noveleta, ay nadakip dakong alas-3:40 ng hapon nitong Mayo 27 sa Barangay Salcedo II, ng naturang bayan.

Ang warrant of arrest na inilabas ng Municipal Trial Court, Rosario, Cavite nitong Mayo 15, na may rekomendadong piyansa na P6,000.00 ay kaugnay ng kinakaharap ng suspek na kasong Less Serious Physical Injuries.

Pinangunahan ng warrant personnel ng Noveleta Municipal Police Station ang operasyon gamit ang Alternative Recording Device.

## DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the estate of the late **DANILO H. AITES** who died on December 24, 2008 at 7161 N.T. Garcia St. San Dionisio Paranaque City left a house and lot with **Tax Declaration No. 19-238-0070-05559** and **19-238-0070-05558** located at Camella Springville Molino VII, Bacoor City, Province of Cavite and more particularly described as **Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-490143** containing an area of **EIGHTY FOUR (84) SQ. METERS**, was extrajudicially settled by the surviving heirs, executed before Notary Public Atty. Joebert D. Abibas as per Doc No. 468; Page No. 95; Book No. XIV; Series of 2025.

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## Nagtago sa Batangas, nadakma ng pulis-Carmona

**HINDI** nakaligtas sa mga operatiba ng Carmona City Component Police Station ang isang Provincial Level Most Wanted Person matapos madakip kamakailan sa Malvar, Batangas.

Ang suspek na si alyas Boy, residente ng Tabing Ilat, Bayungan, Barangay Kaong, Silang, Cavite, ay nadakip dakong alas-2:15 ng hapon nitong Mayo 27 sa Barangay San Isidro, Malvar.

Inaresto ang suspek sa bisa ng warrant of arrest na inisyu ng

Regional Trial Court, Branch 89, Bacoor City, Cavite, noong Setyembre 27, 2022.

Kaugnay ito ng kasong paglabag sa Section 11, Article II ng Republic Act 9165 (Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002), na may rekomendadong piyansa na P120,000.00.

Isinagawa ang operasyon gamit ang dalawang Alternative Recording Devices (ARDs) alinsunod sa umiiral na patakaran ng PNP sa transparency at accountability.



# Editorial

## Kamay na bakal, sa bagong liderato

BAGO na ang liderato ng Department of Environment and Natural Resources at ito ay sa katauhan ni Raphael Lotilla matapos ang pagkakatalaga sa kanya ni Pangulong Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr. bilang kalihim ng departamento. Sa hanay ng Chamber of Mines of the Philippines ay inaasahan nila sa bagong kalihim ang pagpapatuloy ng mga reporma sa sektor ng pagmimina. Lalo na ang mas mabilis at madaling pagproseso sa mga permit gayundin ang mga polisiya na angkop sa pamumuhunan.

Mayroon namang agam-agam o pangamba sa bagong DENR secretary para sa Alyansa Tigil Mina at Greenpeace Southeast Asia. Si Secretary Lotilla ay dating kalihim ng Department of Energy kaya bantulot ang dalawang grupo dahil sa dating pahayag nito noong nasa DOE pa na may kinalaman sa pagsuporta sa coal projects. Dapat ay kamay na bakal ang kanilang apela sa panuntunan o liderato ni Secretary Lotilla ngayong siya ay nasa DENR na ang dapat ay ang mas mahigpit na regulasyon. Dapat ang buwis sa pagmimina ay makatwiran at makatarungan gayundin ang kanselasyon sa mga proyekto katulad ng seabed quarrying, reklamasyon at floating solar sa Laguna de Bay.



Kwento ni CHIT MOZO

## Sina Ador sa 'madugong' labanan; at kanya-kanyang alyansahan

**Mare:** Uy Tess, nalaman mo ba yung nangyari 'nang nakaraang mga araw?

**Tess:** Be specific Mare, alam mo naman dito sa atin eh maraming nangyayari.

**Mare:** Yung pinaka-latest, yung pinakamainit na kaganapan. For sure, alam mo yun dahil halos lahat ay alam na alam mo.

**Tess:** Tekla muna Mare, parang sinasabi mo yata na basta tsismis ay 'di ako papahuli. Mare: Grabe ka naman Tess, 'di naman sa ganon pero talagang walang hindi nakakaalam nito.

**Tess:** Oo nga, kaya nga ang sabi ko ay wala naman naitatago dito sa atin. Pero sa dinami-dami ng mga yun eh ano ba ang tinutumbok mo?

**Mare:** Tungkol dun sa nangyaring paghaharap at pagtatapatan nina Ador. Grabe!

**Tess:** Maka-grabe ka naman, talagang grabe ba ha? 'Panu mo naman nasabing grabe? Nakarating na rin naman sa kaalaman ko ang pangyayaring yun.

**Mare:** Madugo Tess. Madugong tapatan at harapan ang nangyari.

**Tess:** Ha! Madugo? Bakit naman umabot sa ganon, may nasugatan ba o may nagbuwis ng buhay?

**Mare:** Ano'ng pinagsasabi mong sugatan o may nagbuwis ng buhay?

**Tess:** Haler! Ikaw ang nagsabi na madugo eh. Naging madugo kamo ang harapan at tapatan. Ibig sabihin ay madugong labanan.

**Mare:** Hahaha, madugong labanan nga Tess. Pero walang buwis buhay o kahit sugatan.

**Tess:** Ang gulu-gulo mo ah, nalilito ako sa iyo. Madugong labanan kaya natural lamang na may masusugatan at pwede pang may nagbuwis ng buhay.

**Mare:** 'Syunga-syonga' ka talaga noh. 'Di porke sinabing madugong labanan ay dadanak na kaagad ang dugo. 'Esepe-esepe pag may time.

**Tess:** Oo na, oo na. Kaya nga nagtataka ako sa pinagsasabi mong madugong labanan.

**Mare:** Pero tanong ko lang sa iyo, nabalitaan at nalaman mo din ba ang nangyaring yun?

**Tess:** Sa lapad ba naman ng mga tainga ko eh 'di ko masasagap ang tsismis na yun, hehehe.

**Mare:** Kung nasagap mo naman pala ang tsismis na yun, siguro naman ay alam mo na ang ibig kong sabihin na madugong labanan.

**Tess:** 'Sori 'di ko pa rin gets, basta ang alam ko nga ayun at nagkaharap-harapan sina Ador.

**Mare:** Ang harapan lang ang nakarating sa iyo, eh yung

bakbakan ba 'di mo nalaman?

**Tess:** Sus ginoo! May nangyari palang bakbakan kaya tama ka na naging madugo ang labanan.

**Mare:** Ayan ka na naman, madugo nga ang labanan pero uulitin ko na walang sugatan o buwis buhay.

**Tess:** Pwede ba paki-isplika mo. Madugong labanan pero walang kaguluhan, walang karahasan at walang sugatan.

**Mare:** Hahaha, siges explain ko para 'di ka na malito pa.

**Tess:** Go, go, go Mare. Bago pa man sumakit ang ulo ko diyan sa sinasabi mo.

**Mare:** Sina Ador at iba pa ay nagkaroon ng paghaharap 'nang nakaraan.

**Tess:** Right! Marami sila, kung 'di ako nagkakamali ay lagpas bente silang lahat.

**Mare:** Sa pagkikita at paghaharap nila ay nagkaroon sila ng mainit na diskusyon.

**Tess:** Mainit ba? Sing-init ba ng kape o sing-init ng klima ng panahon?

**Mare:** Mainit talaga Tess kasi matindi ang kanilang pagdidiskusyon. Makabuluhan at malalalim ang pagpapalitan nila ng mga pananaw at paniniwala.

**Tess:** Diyan lang ako bilib sa mga 'yan, diyan kina Ador na kahit ganyan-ganyan ay may mga laman ang mga utak.

**Mare:** Sinabi mo pa! Akalain mo ba naman na may mga itinatago pala silang talino.

**Tess:** Sayang pala, dapat ay nasaksihan natin ang harapan at ang madugong labanan na yun.

**Mare:** Huli ko na rin kasi nalaman na may harapan pala sila.

**Tess:** Kung andun sana tayo ay mas makikilatis natin ang talino ng bawat isa sa kanila.

**Mare:** Medyo hindi ko lang masyadong naintindihan yung nagkuwento sa akin tungkol 'dun. Pagtapos kasi ng madugong labanan, yung kanilang mga pagtatalo ay mayroong bulung-bulungan.

**Tess:** Parang fish port ah, may bulungan pa. Eh wala ka bang nasagap sa nangyaring bulungan na yun?

**Mare:** Ang tsika lang ay nangangailangan daw ng mayorya.

**Tess:** Mayorya? Paramihan ba? Eh para 'san naman ang mayorya o ang paramihan?

**Mare:** Parang ang dating o ang interpretasyon ng mga nagbubulung-bulungan ay magkakaroon ng hati-hatian.

**Tess:** Ibig bang sabihin ay parang maggu-grupu-grupo sina Ador. Magka-kaalyansahan ba? Magka-kanya-kanyang kampiyan ba?

**Mare:** Mismo! Kanya-kanyang alyansa. Hanap sila ng kani-kanilang tropa o kapanalig.

**Tess:** So, dapat talaga ay paramihan ng kakampi?

**Mare:** Ang sabi-sabi dun sa paghaharap nina Ador, syempre 'pag mas marami tiyak ang panalo. Ang balita pa ay mayroon pang magiging kasunod na panalo na matatamo.

**Tess:** Ha! Dalawang panalo dahil lamang sa ang kailangan ay makahanap ng mga kaalyansa?

**Mare:** Yes! Kaya wait and see na lang tayo. Dapat maagap tayo para updated.

**Tess:** Tekla, teka Mare. Kanina pa tayo nagtsitsikahan eh ano nga pala ang dahilan ng madugong labanan nina Ador?

**Mare:** 'Di ko alam Tess kung 'bobita ka o nagpapakyut lang. Next time na lang uli tsismis natin kasi need ko na pala pumunta ng palengke. Yayakagin na lang kita pag nalaman ko na maghaharap uli sina Ador para sa kanilang madugong bakbakan o labanan. Madugo ah pero walang casualties o injuries, okey. Bye!

--- Wakas ---

Bitin si Tess sa tsismis pero nagmamadali na si Mare at sa susunod na lang daw nilang tsikahan.



## Motorsiklo, argabyado sa NCAP?

**LIBO** na mahigit ang bilang kaagad na naitalang paglabag sa ibat'ibang sa batas-trapiko ng mga motorista sa unang araw pa lamang ng pagpapatupad ng No Contact Apprehension Policy o NCAP nitong Mayo 26. Matagal ding nahinto ang implementasyon ng NCAP bunsod ng temporary restraining order.

Sa muling pagbabalik ay inasahan na ang mga pagpupuna o katanungan pero tandaan na dahil polisiya na ito ay kailangan ang pagsunod.

Maganda naman ang layunin dahil isa ito sa mga paraan ng epektibong pagdidisiplina sa mga motorista.

Aminin man sa hindi ay marami pa ring tsuper na pasaway at abusado na kitang-kita naman ang kawalan o kakulangan ng disiplina sa pagmamaneho. Disgrasya ang nakaamba sa mga walang disiplina na nagmamaneho na ang masakit ay apektado ang inosenteng tao.

Maaari namang ikontes o kuwestyunin kung sa tingin at alam mo na

may pagkakamali sa pagkakahuli.

Kaya nga lamang ay magkakaalaman sa mga closed-circuit television o CCTV, digital camera, at iba pang kagamitan o teknolohiya na kumuha o nakakuha ng video o larawan kung sadyang may paglabag sa batas-trapiko. Pero hindi ba tila argabyado ang mga motorsiklo sa NCAP dahil may mga lansangan o lugar na nakalagay ay motorcycle lane.

Isa sa halimbawa natin ay ang Macapagal Boulevard na ang motorcycle lane ay nasa kanang bahagi o right side subalit nasasakop ng ibang sasakyan at kadalasan ay mga pampublikong bus.

Ang masaklap sa pampasaherong bus, minsan lagpas pa sa isa, ay humihinto at nagsasakay na may katagalan.

Ibig bang sabihin ay bawal lagpasan ng motorsiklo ang bus o mga bus na huminto kasi lalabas o mawawala sa motorcycle lane at madadale ng camera o video?



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## PBBM: Equip ASEAN youth with digital resilience

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. urged the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on Monday to strengthen digital literacy and resilience among the region's youth as a proactive measure against online scams and other emerging cyber threats.

President Marcos also emphasized the youth's critical role in building a people-centered ASEAN community during the ASEAN Leaders' Interface with ASEAN Youth, held as part of the 46th ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

"The world we know is rapidly changing, driven by technology and other advancements in the digital frontier," the President said during the dialogue between ASEAN leaders and youth representatives.

President Marcos said, however, a darker side accompanies opportunities, and in the technological space, this includes online scams, cyberbullying, misinformation, disinformation, and the potential for abuse and misuse of Artificial Intelligence."

"We must therefore equip our youth with digital resilience that will enable them to navigate online spaces with a critical lens, and to use technology to amplify their voices and contributions to ASEAN's regional growth," the President stressed.

President Marcos also encouraged the youth to take an active role in collective efforts to address and mitigate the impacts of climate change, emphasizing their vital contribution to building a more sustainable and resilient future.

The Philippines continues to support youth-led initiatives on climate change, while the President noted the success of the ASEAN Youth Climate Action and Disaster Resilience Conference held in Manila last May 1 to 2.

"As leaders of ASEAN, we must come together and deliver the emphatic message that as we equip our youth and our peoples with tools for resilience," President Marcos said.

"We must, at the same time, work together for the protection of our environment from further damage and from harm," the President stressed. | **PND**

## PM CJ Opposes NORDECO Franchise Privatization, Warns Against Repeat of Past Failures

**Quezon City, Philippines**

— The Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PM CJ) strongly opposes the proposed franchise transfer and privatization of the electric distribution services of Northern Davao Electric Cooperative (NORDECO), citing the alarming track record of private sector takeovers in the energy sector that have led to higher electricity rates, worsening service quality, and increased monopolistic control.

For years, communities served by NORDECO have struggled with inadequate service, system losses, and power outages. While change is necessary, privatization is not the solution. PM CJ asserts that handing over control of a public utility to Davao Light and Power Corporation (DLPC), whose primary interest is profit, not public service, will only deepen the crisis and further burden the already marginalized communities.

"We have seen this story before," said Ian Rivera, national coordinator of PM CJ. "In various parts of

the country, the privatization of electric cooperatives and public utilities has consistently resulted in skyrocketing rates, non-transparent operations, and the marginalization of consumers. We cannot allow the same fate to befall the people of Davao del Norte and Davao de Oro provinces."

Historical Failures of Privatized Energy Services Broken promises mar the Philippine energy sector's experience with privatization. When private conglomerates were allowed to take over distribution utilities in other regions, expectations of improved service were instead plagued with: Exorbitant rate increases that outpace wage growth and deepen energy poverty; Unaccountable corporate monopolies that stifle transparency and ignore community feedback; Service deterioration, including persistent brownouts and inadequate customer support.

These outcomes are not isolated. They are symptomatic of a privatized model prioritizing shareholder profits over people's rights and environmental sustainability. A Call for Democratic, Renewable, and Equitable Energy

PM CJ urges Congress and regulatory agencies to immediately halt the transfer of NORDECO's franchise to private hands and instead commit to democratizing energy governance. This includes supporting community-owned renewable energy initiatives, strengthening public accountability mechanisms, and ensuring electric cooperatives truly serve their member-consumers.

"We are at a critical juncture in our climate and energy future," Rivera continued. "We must choose a path that empowers people, protects the environment, and puts climate justice at the center; not one that repeats the mistakes of unaccountable privatization of electricity services."

PM CJ calls on all climate advocates, energy justice movements, and concerned citizens to stand in solidarity with the communities resisting the replacement of NORDECO with DLPC, and to uphold electrification as a public service, not a corporate commodity.

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## Legarda leads reaffirmation of 2015 Manila Call to Action, charts Philippine Ocean-Climate Policy ahead of UNOC3

Senator Loren Legarda delivered the keynote address at the DFA Ocean Talk: The 2015 Manila Call to Action, Charting Philippine Ocean-Climate Policy Towards the 2025 UN Ocean Conference (UNOC3) held on Tuesday, 27 May 2025, at the National Museum of Fine Arts, Manila.

Organized by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) with the invaluable support of Legarda, the event was held in partnership with the Embassy of France to the Philippines and to Micronesia, the Intramuros Administration, and Liter of Light.

A decade after launching the Manila Call to Action

shareholder profits over people's rights and environmental sustainability. A Call for Democratic, Renewable, and Equitable Energy PM CJ urges Congress and regulatory agencies to immediately halt the transfer of NORDECO's franchise to private hands and instead commit to democratizing energy governance. This includes supporting community-owned renewable energy initiatives, strengthening public accountability mechanisms, and ensuring electric cooperatives truly serve their member-consumers.

"We are at a critical juncture in our climate and energy future," Rivera continued. "We must choose a path that empowers people, protects the environment, and puts climate justice at the center; not one that repeats the mistakes of unaccountable privatization of electricity services."

PM CJ calls on all climate advocates, energy justice movements, and concerned citizens to stand in solidarity with the communities resisting the replacement of NORDECO with DLPC, and to uphold electrification as a public service, not a corporate commodity.

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on Climate Change alongside then-President Benigno Aquino III and French President François Hollande, Legarda returned to lead its reaffirmation—reasserting the Philippines' commitment to ocean and climate leadership ahead of UNOC3 in Nice, France, from 9 to 13 June 2025.

"The Manila Call to Action is no longer just a call but a commitment, built on decades of science, law, diplomacy, and the lived realities of our people," said Legarda.

"The Philippines will continue to lead, not from a place of power, but from a place of purpose. Because we know that the ocean is not just a resource, it is our history, our heritage, our home."

Legarda underscored alarming projections, including potential losses of up to 90% of global coral reefs by 2050, the displacement of up to 13 million Filipinos due to sea-level rise under a high-emissions scenario, and a 50% decline in fish biomass in Philippines' exclusive economic zone, all of which threaten food security, livelihoods, and biodiversity.

The four-term senator called for protecting the ocean not merely as a resource, but as a rights-based imperative. The Philippines has made significant strides, including ratifying the Paris Agreement with ambitious nationally determined contributions (NDCs), supporting the Global Ocean Alliance and the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People, and championing the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea's Advisory Opinion.

Most recently, the 100 Days for the Ocean campaign, launched in partnership with the DFA and the Climate Change Commission, mobilized public awareness and political momentum around ocean protection and climate action.

Legarda has championed the country's landmark environmental laws, such as the Climate Change Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, People's Survival Fund Act, and the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act.

## AFP General Brawner: 'No coup shall happen. Not on my watch.'

**CAMP AGUINALDO, Quezon City**

— Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Chief of Staff General Romeo S. Brawner Jr. has reaffirmed the military's unwavering commitment to the Constitution and the chain of command, firmly stating that there will be no coup d'état under his leadership.

"As long as I serve as Chief of Staff, no coup shall happen. Not on my watch. We will not be shaken by rumor, nor outmaneuvered by noise," said General Brawner, in response to the resurfacing of unfounded claims suggesting internal unrest within the AFP. The AFP Chief of Staff likewise underscored the military's professionalism and its ongoing pursuit of reform, accountability, and internal discipline.

"Let me reassure our countrymen that the AFP remains strong, professional, and firmly loyal to the chain of command. We are a disciplined institution, grounded in respect for the Constitution, civilian authority, and the rule of law," he stated. "I have full confidence in the integrity, patriotism, and professionalism of the men and women of the military. Isolated grievances do not define the AFP—our collective commitment to service does,"

the General added.

Gen. Brawner also addressed those who continue to stir discord and disinformation, reminding them of the broader consequences of undermining institutions built to serve and protect the public.

"To those who persist in creating instability, I offer this not as a rebuke, but as a reminder. Do not sow doubt among the very ranks that safeguard our democracy. Do not attempt to influence or mislead soldiers who serve quietly, honorably, and with steadfast loyalty to our Constitution and our country. Frustration is not a license to target your protectors. Attacking the Armed Forces with baseless narratives only threatens to weaken an institution that exists to defend us all," he explained.

He further called for discernment when approaching sensitive topics concerning public institutions and national security, urging citizens to differentiate genuine concerns from baseless speculations.

"Let us not be adversaries in the same nation we all claim to love. Let us be better stewards of our words, platforms, and influence, because patriotism is not measured by how loudly we speak, but by how wisely

we choose unity over division, and nation-building over disruption."

With these strong words, General Brawner reiterated the Armed Forces' focused

## PH, Viet Nam working to elevate ties

*By PCO*

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and Vietnamese Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening diplomatic relations during their bilateral meeting on Monday in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on the sidelines of the 46th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit.

President Marcos noted that senior diplomats from the Philippines and Viet Nam are currently engaged in discussions aimed at elevating the two countries' existing strategic partnership into a comprehensive strategic partnership.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister acknowledged the "remarkable progress" in bilateral relations since President Marcos' state visit to Vietnam in January 2024.

"I hope that it has come to the point where we can elevate the strategic partnership between our two countries,"

The Vietnamese Prime Minister said.

President Marcos noted that discussions are actively underway, reflecting the ongoing commitment to further enhancing bilateral cooperation.

"Our ministers are in discussion on the possibility of elevating the strategic partnership to a comprehensive strategic partnership. I believe there are already productive conversations between our two countries," said the President.

The two leaders recognized the expanding economic and trade cooperation between the Philippines and Viet Nam. They also strengthened collaboration in agriculture and food security and enhanced people-to-people exchanges in education, tourism, and cultural engagement.

This year, the Philippines and Viet Nam commemorate the 10th anniversary of their strategic partnership, marking a decade of strengthened



## DOST, NAST SEEK TO BRING SCIENCE CLOSER TO PEOPLE

**ALFONSO, Cavite (PIA)**

— The National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST), in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) in Calabarzon, spearheaded the 2025 Regional Scientific Meetings (RSMs) for Luzon, with the aim of bringing science closer to the people. With the theme “Bioscience Innovations: Transforming Enterprise Ecosystems for Wealth Creation”, the two-day RSM held in Alfonso, Cavite, from May 20 to 21, underscored the roles of NAST and DOST in promoting bioscience innovations to address community needs, foster resilience, and drive sustainable economic development.

In his video message, DOST Secretary Renato Solidum, Jr. emphasized that this year’s theme aligns with the department’s four strategic priorities: promoting human well-being, fostering wealth creation, reinforcing wealth protection, and institutionalizing sustainability. “These are the guiding pillars of our programs and initiatives, ensuring that no communities are left behind. Luzon, for one, has witnessed numerous challenges—land conversion, reforestation, water shortages, and increasing vulnerability to climate change impacts—yet it is home to communities that thrive despite adversities. This resilience provides a fertile ground for bioscience to flourish,” Solidum stated. The annual scientific meeting serves as a platform for knowledge-sharing, collaboration, and networking among experts, scientists, researchers, policymakers, and community leaders. Discussions focused on bioscience innovations, particularly in community-based livelihood, sustainable resource management, conservation, and education and workforce development. NAST-Philippines President Jaime Montoya, emphasized that the meeting is an opportunity for various experts to address relevant and timely regional concerns, and to present science, technology, and innovation-based (STI) solutions and recommendations. “This meeting is not just about generating knowledge, but about ensuring that this knowledge directly addresses real-world problems and holistically benefits all sectors. Let us use this opportunity to forge meaningful collaborations, inspire action, and develop science-informed, culturally attuned interventions that empower communities and drive sustainable

development,” Montoya said. As an attached agency of the DOST, NAST-PHL is mandated to advise the Office of the President and the Cabinet on matters and policies concerning science and technology. Through the RSM and the power of science, technology, and innovation, various programs, projects, and initiatives emerging from the grassroots level are being recognized nationally. These efforts aim to benefit more people, contribute to poverty alleviation, and harness the vast potential of bioscience innovations to create wealth and improve the lives of the Filipino people. **(CO/PIA-4A)**

## DOST 2, Cauayan City, ISU open iSCENE 2025: A Unified Call for Smarter, Resilient Communities

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Isabela State University (ISU), and the City Government of Cauayan officially launched the 3rd International Smart City Exposition and Networking Engagement (iSCENE 2025) May 22, at the Isabela Convention Center (ICON), Cauayan City, Isabela setting in motion a dynamic three-day convergence of leaders, thinkers, and innovators dedicated to reshaping local governance through science and technology. Anchored on the theme, “Innovation in Action: Empowering Smart and Sustainable Communities Through Government-Industry Collaboration”, iSCENE 2025 has grown into one of the country’s most significant platforms for showcasing transformative digital solutions tailored to Philippine communities. The event opened by welcoming remarks from Mayor Caesar S. Dy Jr., who reaffirmed Cauayan City’s role as a model for people-first smart governance.

DOST Undersecretary Engr. Sancho A. Maborang emphasized the importance of localizing science, technology, and innovation. “This is what iSCENE is all about: a space for dialogue, learning, and action, where we forge solutions that are not only innovative but practical, tangible, and impactful,” he stated.

Delivering the keynote address through a video message, DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. highlighted the strategic role of iSCENE in nation-building and resilience: “We are no longer just preparing for disasters—we are building systems that

## Solidum: Fall in love with the problem, not your solution, identify stakeholder needs

In a bid to develop more appropriate solutions tailor fitted to stakeholder needs, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region 02, in partnership with academic institutions and innovation stakeholders, officially launched Hack4Resilience 2025: AI and Big Data for Disaster Risk Reduction Management May 21, 2025 at Mango Suites Hotel, Cauayan City, Isabela. The initiative gathers researchers and local leaders to co-create innovative, data-driven solutions for disaster resilience in one of the country’s most hazard-prone regions.

Organized by DOST Region

02 through the DOST-ISU Smart City (DISC) TBI, Hack4Resilience opens a region-wide hackathon focused on harnessing Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Big Data to strengthen local disaster preparedness and response. It promotes homegrown science and technology as essential tools in addressing regional challenges.

In his keynote address, DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. emphasized the role of science and community engagement in building disaster-resilient societies. “We need systems that reach the farthest, most disadvantaged communities—early warnings via basic phones, AI-powered forecasts for farmers, multilingual chatbots, and barangay-level dashboards that enable swift action,” he said. “Fall in love with the problem, not your solutions, identify stakeholder needs,” he further added.

From numerous applicants, 10 teams were selected to pitch technologies addressing flood monitoring, emergency communication, evacuation analytics, and localized disaster information systems. Each team presented before a panel of evaluators from the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) Region 02, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Region 02 and Advanced Science and Technology Institute (DOST-ASTI). Projects will be assessed based on scientific rigor, community relevance, sustainability, and scalability. The winning team will be given 50,000 pesos cash prize and earn an incubation opportunity

adapt, learn, and evolve. That’s the essence of iSCENE: a space where communities co-design their futures through data, collaboration, and science-based innovation.” A ceremonial MOA signing was also conducted that marked strengthened commitments among DOST R02, ISU, CHED R02, PCCI North Luzon, and LGUs—including a notable partnership with LGU Narra, Palawan and DOST-MIMAROPA for the Smart Sustainable Communities Program (SSCP).

Moreover, message of support was delivered by leaders from DILG, DICT, CHED, DHSUD, Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), Amazon Web Services, and other national and regional institutions. The iSCENE 2025 will feature diverse activities, including: Hack4Resilience – A disaster tech hackathon utilizing AI and Big Data; MOCCOV Olympics – A mobile smart response challenge; RoboFusion – Robotics workshops and competitions; GridLock Games – The launch of locally developed eSports titles; Kathabi Fashion Show – Showcasing innovations in Philippine textiles; Technology Exhibits & Reverse Pitching – Highlighting scalable solutions in water, agriculture, health, and climate tech; Speaker Series – Capacity-building with ASEAN thought leaders and Smart and Sustainable Communities Awards – Honoring LGU-led innovation. What began as a localized initiative in Cauayan City has now evolved into a national platform. iSCENE has catalyzed regional expos, accelerated LGU modernization, and inspired collaborative innovation across the country.

iSCENE event is not just about cities becoming smarter—it’s about making communities becoming stronger, more inclusive, and more resilient. As iSCENE 2025 unfolds, one message echoes across all sessions: Innovation is no longer optional—it is imperative. And in Region 02, innovation is already in action. Also present at the opening ceremonies were RD Virginia G. Bilgera, DOST CAR RD Dr. Nancy Bantog, DICT RD Dr. Pinky Jimenez, OCD Mr. Ronald L. Villa, ISU President Dr. Boyet Batang, DEPDev RD Dioniso C. Ledres, Jr, Area Vice President for North Luzon of PCCI, Atty. Maria Amalia Tiglaon-Cayanan, Strategic Growth Leader, APJ Amazon Web Services (AWS), Mr. Samerr Puranik and DHSUD R02 OIC-RD Grave A. De Vera, Regional Line Agencies, Media, among others.

through Startup THRIVE, DOST’s Technology Business Incubator hosted at ISU–Cauayan.

2nd and 3rd place will be given 30,000 pesos and 20,000 pesos, respectively.

Also present at the launch were DOST Undersecretary Engr. Sancho Maborang, RD Virginia G. Bilgera, Dr. Nancy Bantog (DOST-CAR), DICT RD Dr. Pinky Jimenez, OCD Mr. Ronald L. Villa, ISU President Dr. Boyet Batang, CSU VP Dr. Junel B. Guzman, JCI National Executive VP Atty. Patrick Maglinao, and ISU-BIRD-C Director Dr. Betchie C. Aguinaldo.

The program offers technical

## DOST, DepEd, Lanao Norte launch future-ready classroom with century learning tech

**BAROY, Lanao del Norte (PIA)**

—The Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-10, in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the provincial government of Lanao del Norte, launched the 21st Century Learning Environment Model (21st CLEM) at Lanao del Norte National High School (LDNHS).

The initiative aims to create classrooms that support collaborative, technology-integrated, and learner-centered instruction. These spaces include flexible layouts and learning technologies designed to support 21st-century skills.

“Our school is fortunate to be chosen as the recipient of the 21st CLEM in Northern Mindanao. Our learners in Lanao del Norte will now experience and enjoy the technology that comes with this initiative. As the school head, it is a dream come true to finally provide our learners with a world-class learning environment. Its presence will make a significant difference in improving the literacy and numeracy of our students,” said LDNHS Principal Hadjah Anisah A. Sinal.

During the launch, DOST technical experts and teachers demonstrated digital smartboards, interactive projectors, drones, and virtual and augmented reality systems. DOST-developed tools such as COURSEWARE, Strategic Intervention Material for Teaching with Augmented Reality (SIMATAR), and the Learning English Application

mentorship, business development support, and access to funding to help bring the solution from prototype to implementation.

Hack4Resilience 2025 is not just a competition but part of a broader push toward technological sovereignty and science-based governance. Moreover, the selected innovations will be supported through LGU partnerships, incubation, and policy integration, ensuring real-world application and long-term impact.

Region 02 continues to position itself as a leader in community-centered, data-driven disaster innovation, showcasing how local expertise and digital tools can transform risk into resilience.

for Pinoys (LEAP) were also presented.

The 21st CLEM classroom includes reconfigurable furniture, digital learning tools, and open spaces to support flexible and interactive instruction.

Present during the activity were DepEd Assistant Regional Director Federico P. Martin, and DOST Lanao del Norte Provincial Director Roy C. Sagrado, who highlighted the program’s long-term benefits to the province’s education system. Lanao del Norte Governor Imelda Quibranza-Dimaporo expressed continued support for education through science and technology.

“With the rapid advancements in technology today, I firmly believe that the introduction of the 21st Century Learning Environment model is not just about infrastructure; it is an investment in the future of our students, in the hopes and dreams of our learners, and in the advancement of a progressive learning system,” she said.

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## 88 barangays in Calabarzon enrolled in DILG's peace, dev't program

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA)** — The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) continues to support the development of barangays affected by armed conflict through the implementation of the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP). DILG IV-A Regional Director Ariel O. Iglesia said that a total of 88 barangays in Batangas, Laguna, Rizal, and Quezon, cleared of insurgency threats, have been enrolled in the RCSP. "RCSP aims to sustain peace and security in cleared areas and introduce government services to prevent resurgence. The program includes several levels, such as strengthening barangay basic institutions, conducting Ugnayan sa Barangay, and implementing Serbisyo Caravan to deliver essential services," Iglesia told the Philippine Information Agency Calabarzon.

He also emphasized the role of barangays in mobilizing the community to identify both basic and long-term development needs from the grassroots level. Through the RCSP, communities are given the opportunity to raise concerns, which the government then addresses.

Iglesia noted that commonly raised issues include land disputes and limited access to services. Basic needs requested by barangays include social and medical services, health care, education, and food packages. Long-term needs include road construction, farm-to-market roads, health centers, evacuation sites, and community centers. The DILG regional said that these immediate issues and needs are addressed through Serbisyo Caravan, wherein services are delivered by participating government agencies.

"Some agencies even go beyond their scope and mandate. For instance, the Armed Forces of the Philippines provides services such as free

haircuts, circumcision, and medical assistance," Iglesia added.

He underscored that through the whole-of-nation approach, it is not only government agencies but also communities, civil society, and non-government organizations that contribute to achieving peace and development.

"Our strategy is a whole-of-nation approach, not just a whole-of-government one. The local government unit plays the lead role in implementation to ensure sustained peace, while the DILG and other agencies are always ready to provide support," he said.

This RCSP is in line with Executive Order No. 70, which institutionalizes the whole-of-nation approach to achieving inclusive and sustainable peace, and created the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict. **(KA, PIA-4A)**

## Tutok Kainan aims to improve food quality of vulnerable sectors

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA)** — The National Nutrition Council (NNC) in Calabarzon reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening nutrition programs across the region as it continues the Tutok Kainan Dietary Supplementation Program (TK-DSP) activities in partnership with local government units.

Lourdes B. Orongan, NNC Calabarzon's Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator, said the Tutok Kainan DSP aims to improve the quantity, quality, and nutritional content of food intake among nutritionally vulnerable groups, including pregnant women and children.

"Under the TK-DSP, various initiatives are implemented over six months, including maternal nutrition education, First 1,000 Days services, safe motherhood promotion, family planning, and free medical services," she said.

She also emphasized the crucial role of these activities in improving the nutritional status of pregnant beneficiaries.

## PBBM urges stronger ASEAN unity, regional cooperation

By PCO

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. called for stronger unity among Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states on Monday, expressing deep appreciation for Malaysia's leadership during this year's summit, which focused on "Inclusivity and Sustainability."

In his speech during the plenary, President Marcos emphasized that inclusivity is not a byproduct of development but a fundamental pillar necessary for building resilience in an increasingly complex global landscape.

President Marcos highlighted at least 10 key points, including calls for regional cooperation in addressing climate change, health crises, and economic challenges, and placed youth empowerment at the core of ASEAN's future.

The President also underscored the importance of equipping ASEAN's

workforce for sustained economic growth, raising concerns over geopolitical tensions, trade disruptions, and climate threats — urging institutional strength and unity in response.

"In this increasingly interconnected world, we find ourselves and our gains at risk when our current stability is challenged. Geopolitical tensions, unexpected trade barriers, and the unprecedented impact of climate change have the potential to disrupt our communities, supply chains, and remove our hard-earned progress," President Marcos said.

"Yet, by working together, strengthening our institutions, and building the resilience and capacities of our people, we can better navigate this uncertain future and turn challenges into opportunities for shared growth and stability," he added.

The Chief Executive reiterated support for a legally binding Code of Conduct in the South China Sea, reaffirmed the Philippines' stance against transnational crime and human trafficking, and called for increased climate financing to meet ASEAN's climate goals.

"We underscore the urgent need to accelerate the adoption of a legally binding Code of Conduct in the South China Sea to safeguard maritime rights, promote stability, and prevent miscalculations at sea," President Marcos said. "We commend Malaysia's leadership in convening the Special ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting and welcome the consensus to avoid retaliatory measures. This measured and unified approach upholds ASEAN's commitment to dialogue, diplomacy, and a rules-based multilateral trading system," he added.

and monitoring activities in Laguna and Rizal; and feeding implementation monitoring in Quezon.

Orongan added that the program aligns with the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) 2023–2028, which aims to promote proper nutrition and health across all stages of life. **(KA PIA4A/ NNC Calabarzon)**

## DOH urges public to step up dengue prevention

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA)** — The Department of Health (DOH) in Calabarzon is urging residents to intensify preventive measures against dengue as the rainy season approaches.

Emphasizing the 4S strategy against dengue, DOH Calabarzon stressed that community participation is vital in preventing outbreaks. "With the rainy season approaching, the risk of dengue transmission remains high. Community participation is key to preventing outbreaks," DOH Calabarzon said in a statement.

The agency urged residents to follow the 4S strategy: Search and destroy mosquito-breeding sites, Secure self-protection measures, Seek early consultation, and Support fogging/spraying only

Before concluding his speech, President Marcos highlighted ASEAN's expanding global partnerships since 2017 and called on the bloc to remain outward-looking — united by peace, inclusivity, and shared prosperity.

The Philippines pledged continued support for Malaysia's 2025 Chairmanship and ongoing efforts toward regional progress.

## DOLE, National Book Store ink deal to boost youth employment

**QUEZON CITY (PIA)** — The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has partnered with the National Book Store (NBS) Group to provide marginalized youth with temporary work and valuable industry experience through the Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES).

Labor Secretary Bienvenido E. Laguesma and NBS Group President Adrian Paulino S. Ramos signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on May 19, 2025, at the DOLE Central Office in Intramuros.

Under the agreement, the NBS Group will shoulder 60 percent of the wages of SPES beneficiaries, while DOLE will cover the remaining 40 percent. The program targets poor students, out-of-school youth, and dependents of displaced workers to help them stay in school and support their families.

"This is a concrete manifestation and a testament to your deep

in hotspot areas.

DOH Calabarzon also reiterated its commitment to working closely with local government units, schools, workplaces, and households to sustain dengue prevention efforts.

The public is likewise encouraged to stay informed and actively engage in community-wide initiatives to help protect their families and neighbors.

In Cavite, health officials continue to call on residents to take preventive actions, including eliminating mosquito breeding sites and seeking early medical attention for symptoms, as the province sees a surge in dengue cases. According to the Provincial Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit of the Provincial Health Office, there has been a sharp rise in dengue cases across the province from January 1 to May 10, 2025. A total of 5,168 cases have been recorded—a 376% increase compared to just 1,085 cases during the same period last year. Seventeen deaths have been confirmed as a result of the outbreak.

The City of Bacoor has reported the highest number of cases with 718, or 14% of the total, followed by Dasmariñas City with 667 cases, and General Trias City with 619. **(PB/RBF/PIA4A)**

understanding of the power of education and real-world experience in transforming the lives of those who are less fortunate," Secretary Laguesma told the NBS Group.

He emphasized that through the partnership, "SPES beneficiaries will gain hands-on experience in professional and actual work environments, acquire industry-specific competencies, and benefit from guidance and lessons learned that foster personal and professional growth."

"For a student striving to stay in school, it could mean a shot in the arm to a Filipino youth that would provide the adrenaline to fuel their aspirations and hope for a better future for them and their families," he added.

The NBS Group expressed optimism that the collaboration would provide meaningful support to students and their families, while helping young Filipinos thrive in a real work setting. **(AVS/PIA-NCR)**



## DOST-CAVITE JOINS THE SITE VISIT AND COURTESY CALL TO LGU-CARMONA WITH STU PARTNERS ON iSTART PROGRAM

**DOST-Cavite**, along with DOST CALABARZON staff, officials from UPLB - Department of Community and Environmental Resource Planning (DCERP), and partners from the Institute of Management of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (STU), conducted a site visit and courtesy call to the municipal mayor of local government unit of Carmona, Cavite, Hon. Dahlia A. Loyola on May 22, 2025.

The activity was conducted to benchmark the Carmona City's implementation of smart city development and sustainable urbanization for the purpose of knowledge sharing and explore areas for collaboration.

The regional focal of the Innovation, Science, and Technology for Accelerating Regional Technology-based

Development (iSTART) Program of DOST CALABARZON, Mr. Patrick Isaiah O. Abarra, served as the resource speaker for the introduction of the said program. iSTART program aims to bridge economic and technological disparities while fostering innovation, science, and technology-driven growth in the municipalities and provinces in the country. Moreover, Mr. Angelo Macha, ICT Department Head of LGU-Carmona, presented the PPAs, and initiatives of the municipality implemented for a sustainable smart city development.

The team also visited the Carmona Operations Center and the 21st Century Learning Environment Model (21st CLEM) in Angelo Loyola National High School. (**DOST Cavite**)

## Serbisyong Pangkalusugan para sa Kababaihan rolled out in Cavite

As part of the post Provincial Women's Month celebration, an activity dubbed as Serbisyong Pangkalusugan para sa Kababaihan was successfully conducted through the initiative of the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO) in partnership with the Provincial Council for Women (PCW). The medical caravan were held on May 6 in Maragondon; May 7 in Naic; May 8 in Ternate; May 23 in Tagaytay City; and May 24 in the City of General Trias. Thousands of women from various sectors across the province benefited from the free medical services, which included blood chemistry, electrocardiogram (ECG), chest X-ray, and eye check-up. These services were rendered by Health Bridge

Medical Services, Inc.

The activity aimed to promote the importance of women's health and well-being, providing accessible medical care and encouraging preventive health practices among women, especially those in far-flung areas.

This initiative is a testament to the continued efforts of the Provincial Government of Cavite through the OPSWDO, and the PCW, to recognize and support the vital role of women in society by ensuring that their health needs are addressed.

Through programs like these, women are empowered to take charge of their health and are reminded of their significance as pillars of strong families and communities.— **OPIO**

## Cavite Police Join Nationwide Tribute to the Philippine Flag with Unity and Pride

**Camp BGen. Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite**

— In line with the nationwide observance of National Flag Day, the Cavite Police Provincial Office conducted a Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony on May 28, 2025, at 8:00 AM in front of the Administration Building, Camp BGen. Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City.

All personnel from the Provincial Headquarters gathered to honor the Philippine national flag, which was first unfurled on

May 28, 1898, following the Filipino victory at the historic Battle of Alapan in Cavite. The ceremony emphasized the enduring significance of the flag as a symbol of freedom, courage, and unity. The event also marked the beginning of the Flag Days period, observed annually from May 28 to June 12 (Independence Day). During this time, Filipinos are encouraged to proudly display the national flag in homes, offices, and public places as an expression of patriotism.

Through this simple yet meaningful ceremony, the Cavite PPO reaffirms its dedication to upholding the ideals represented by the Philippine flag and to inspiring pride and respect for our national identity.

They commend the efforts of all participants and organizers. They emphasized the importance of keeping cultural and religious traditions alive within government institutions, as a way to not only uplift the spirit of public service but also to strengthen camaraderie and unity among employees. The celebration concluded with a spirit of joy and reflection, as the PGC community came together to honor both cultural identity and shared values. Santacruzán 2025 was a beautiful reminder of how traditions can thrive even in professional spaces, inspiring devotion, pride, and a deeper connection to Filipino roots.— **OPIO**

## SMART SOLUTIONS FOR EVERY JUAN: DOST UNVEILS INCLUSIVE INNOVATIONS IN RSTW 2025

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) underscored its commitment to inclusive innovation and sustainable development during the 2025 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW) held in MIMAROPA. With the theme "Building Smart and Sustainable Communities," this year's celebration went beyond showcasing technologies—it became a rallying point for transforming communities through science-based solutions.

Leading the event was DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., who emphasized the agency's vision through the banner commitment OneDOST4U—Solutions, Opportunities for All. "It is more than a program. It is a promise. A promise that every Filipino—regardless of location or livelihood—deserves access to the tools of science, to the opportunities of innovation, and to the hope that development brings," Secretary Solidum said in his keynote address.

DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Mabborang echoed this message, highlighting the agency's role in empowering communities. "Walang maiwan sa agos ng agham at inobasyon—

meaningful ceremony, the Cavite PPO reaffirms its dedication to upholding the ideals represented by the Philippine flag and to inspiring pride and respect for our national identity.

## Medical and Dental Mission Reaches Brgy. Fatima 11

A successful medical and dental mission was conducted in Barangay Fatima II, City of Dasmariñas on May 23, 2025 benefitting a total of 229 residents with free healthcare services during the one-day outreach activity.

The mission was spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer. General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH) health professionals provided medical services led by Dr. Alyson D. Tomelden-Iglesias and dental services headed by Dr. Raymond Mendoza. Alongside their competent teams, they extended quality care and professional expertise—

ensuring that the needs of the community were met efficiently and with compassion. Services offered included blood pressure monitoring, medical consultations, dental extractions, free medicine distribution, and anti-dengue lotion—all aimed at addressing both immediate and preventive health concerns.

The initiative was successful conducted with the support from the City Government of Dasmariñas and the active participation of Brgy. Chairperson Jamil B. Ibadaloza, the Sangguniang Kabataan officials, and the Barangay Health Workers who played a vital role in the smooth implementation of the program. - R. Dones (**CPIO**)

kasama ninyo ang DOST. We will be here to nurture and guide your every step of the way," he assured participants.

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**DOST-Cavite**, along with DOST CALABARZON staff, officials from UPLB - Department of Community and Environmental Resource Planning (DCERP), and partners from the Institute of Management of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (STU), conducted a site visit and courtesy call to the municipal mayor of local government unit of Carmona, Cavite, Hon. Dahlia A. Loyola on May 22, 2025.

The activity was conducted to benchmark the Carmona City's implementation of smart city development and sustainable urbanization for the purpose of knowledge sharing and explore areas for collaboration.

The regional focal of the Innovation, Science, and Technology for Accelerating Regional Technology-based

Development (iSTART) Program of DOST CALABARZON, Mr. Patrick Isaiah O. Abarra, served as the resource speaker for the introduction of the said program. iSTART program aims to bridge economic and technological disparities while fostering innovation, science, and technology-driven growth in the municipalities and provinces in the country. Moreover, Mr. Angelo Macha, ICT Department Head of LGU-Carmona, presented the PPAs, and initiatives of the municipality implemented for a sustainable smart city development.

The team also visited the Carmona Operations Center and the 21st Century Learning Environment Model (21st CLEM) in Angelo Loyola National High School. **(DOST Cavite)**

## Serbisyong Pangkalusugan para sa Kababaihan rolled out in Cavite

As part of the post Provincial Women's Month celebration, an activity dubbed as Serbisyong Pangkalusugan para sa Kababaihan was successfully conducted through the initiative of the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO) in partnership with the Provincial Council for Women (PCW). The medical caravan were held on May 6 in Maragondon; May 7 in Naic; May 8 in Ternate; May 23 in Tagaytay City; and May 24 in the City of General Trias. Thousands of women from various sectors across the province benefited from the free medical services, which included blood chemistry, electrocardiogram (ECG), chest X-ray, and eye check-up. These services were rendered by Health Bridge

Medical Services, Inc.

The activity aimed to promote the importance of women's health and well-being, providing accessible medical care and encouraging preventive health practices among women, especially those in far-flung areas.

This initiative is a testament to the continued efforts of the Provincial Government of Cavite through the OPSWDO, and the PCW, to recognize and support the vital role of women in society by ensuring that their health needs are addressed.

Through programs like these, women are empowered to take charge of their health and are reminded of their significance as pillars of strong families and communities.— **OPIO**

## Cavite Police Join Nationwide Tribute to the Philippine Flag with Unity and Pride

**Camp BGen. Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite**

— In line with the nationwide observance of National Flag Day, the Cavite Police Provincial Office conducted a Simultaneous Flag Raising Ceremony on May 28, 2025, at 8:00 AM in front of the Administration Building, Camp BGen. Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City.

All personnel from the Provincial Headquarters gathered to honor the Philippine national flag, which was first unfurled on

May 28, 1898, following the Filipino victory at the historic Battle of Alapan in Cavite. The ceremony emphasized the enduring significance of the flag as a symbol of freedom, courage, and unity. The event also marked the beginning of the Flag Days period, observed annually from May 28 to June 12 (Independence Day). During this time, Filipinos are encouraged to proudly display the national flag in homes, offices, and public places as an expression of patriotism.

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They commend the efforts of all participants and organizers. They emphasized the importance of keeping cultural and religious traditions alive within government institutions, as a way to not only uplift the spirit of public service but also to strengthen camaraderie and unity among employees. The celebration concluded with a spirit of joy and reflection, as the PGC community came together to honor both cultural identity and shared values. Santacruzán 2025 was a beautiful reminder of how traditions can thrive even in professional spaces, inspiring devotion, pride, and a deeper connection to Filipino roots. — **OPIO**

## SMART SOLUTIONS FOR EVERY JUAN: DOST UNVEILS INCLUSIVE INNOVATIONS IN RSTW 2025

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Leading the event was DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., who emphasized the agency's vision through the banner commitment OneDOST4U—Solutions, Opportunities for All. "It is more than a program. It is a promise. A promise that every Filipino—regardless of location or livelihood—deserves access to the tools of science, to the opportunities of innovation, and to the hope that development brings," Secretary Solidum said in his keynote address.

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## Pagsasanay ng Alas Pilipinas sa ibang bansa para sa paghahanda ng AVC

Ang kanilang aktibidad sa ibang bansa sa susunod na dalawang buwan kasama ang Alas Men na may karagdagang pagsasanay para sa Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) Men's Nations Cup sa Bahrain mula Hunyo 17 hanggang 24.

Ang mga Alas Men ay napasama sa Pool B ng kompetisyong Bahrain kasama ang Qatar, Vietnam, Australia, at Kazakhstan, habang ang host country ay napabilang sa Pool A kasama ang Indonesia at Thailand at ang South Korea, Vietnam at New Zealand ay nak groupd sa Pool C.

Ang AVC Men's Nations Cup ay gaganapin matapos ang Philippine National Volleyball Federation (PNVF) na isagawa ang Alas Pilipinas Invitationals—isang paghahanda para sa 2025 FIVB Men's World Championship na magiging host ang Pilipinas mula Setyembre 12 hanggang 28—mula Hunyo 10 hanggang 12 sa Smart



Araneta Coliseum.

Ang draw ay ginanap sa panahon ng Pulong ng Lupon ng Administrasyon ng AVC na inorganisa ng presidente ng AVC at PNVF na si Ramon "Tats" Suzara sa Edsa Shangri-La Hotel."Ito ay isang kahanga-hangang draw para sa mga kumpetisyon ng AVC, at kami ay labis na masaya na ipahayag na ang volleyball ay buhay na buhay sa Asya," sabi ni Suzara.

"Nangangalap kami para sa mahusay na kalidad ng mga kumpetisyon." Ngunit bago umalis ang mga Lalaki sa ibang bansa, ang Alas Women ay magkakaroon ng maraming gawain sa Pool B kasama ang Iran, Indonesia, Mongolia at New Zealand—sa AVC Women's Cup mula Hunyo 7 hanggang 14 sa Hanoi, Vietnam.

Ang Pool A sa torneo sa Hanoi ay binubuo ng host na Vietnam, Australia, Indonesia, Chinese-Taipei at Hong Kong. Ang mas batang koponan ng Alas Women ay lilipad din patungong Amman sa Jordan para sa AVC Women's Under-16 Championship mula Hulyo 20 hanggang 27—sila ay naka-grupo sa Pool B kasama ang Japan, Iran at Saudi Arabia

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Nagawa rin ang mga pagkaka-grupo para sa AVC Men's Under-16 Championship sa Nakhon Pathom sa Thailand mula Hulyo 12 hanggang 19. Hindi magpapasok ng koponan ang Pilipinas sa Nakhon Pathom.

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Mapabilang sa Batang Gilas at maging matagumpay sa basketball career.

Payak na pangarap, ngunit gahiganteng determinasyon at motibasyon ang sandigan ng mga batang player na sina Andril Gabriel Yap at Jacob Maycong upang mapabilang sa mga hanay na mga matagumpay na professional basketball players sa bansa.

May taas na 6'10, kayang maglaro ng apat na posisyon at incoming Grade 10 sa National University na si Yap – talento na madalang makita para sa isang high school players.

"Sa tulong po ng father ko at mga coaches, naitaas ko na po yung level of competitiveness ko. Yung sa dribbling at shooting yun po ang kailangan ko pang pagsumikapang idevelop. Gustong-gusto ko pong ma-improved kaya nagpapasalaamat ako sa NU for the past five months nag-eensayo na ako sa kanila," pahayag ni Yap, naimbitahan na ring magensayo at magtry-out sa national junior team na nakalipas na taon, sa pagbisita sa Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports, Inc. (TOPS) Usapang Sports.

Masasabi namang beteranong international junior campaign ang 13-anyos at 6'3 guard na si Maycong bunsod nang pagkakasama sa koponan na sumabak sa club championships sa Singapore, Thailand at Malaysia.

"Malaking tulong po bilang basketball player yung experience na makalaro sa abroad. Marami pa pong kulang sa laro ko kaya determinado po akong mas matuto pa at madevelop pa yung talent ko para makakuha ng chance na makapaglaro sa National Team," pahayag ng incoming Grade 9 student sa Adamson Univerity, sa programa na itinataguyod ng Philippine Sports Commission, Behrouz Persian Cuisine at Pocari Sweat.

Parehong may husay, kapwa determinado. Ayuda at tulong para

hasain ang talento ang kailangan ng dalawang batang future basketball star.

Masasabing hulog ng langit sa dalawa ang pagkakapili sa kanila bilang brand ambassador ng Doctor Odsman Wellness Revolution na pag-mamay-ari nina dating collegiate player Norman Afable at negosyanteng si Bong Maycong.

Ang kumpanya ay nagdevelop at nagproduce ng ibang ibang food supplement at bitamina na regular nang mabibili sa merkado at kilalang drug stores.

"Ito envision ko, wellness revolution. Dapat tamang gamot. Ibalik ang totoong Natural Immunity- Malakas at Healthy," pahayag ni Afable, isa sa matibay na basketball organizers sa grassroots level.

"Healing in Every Capsules; Ibalik ang Natural Immunity Holistic Wellness Revolution. Immuncell-C is Ascorbic acid + Zinc na mabisang pamalit sa mga mamahaling vitamin-C.

Ang NeuronerBcell Forte is a Vitamins B Complex for Pulikat, Ngimay, Stroke at Neuro & Nerve Cell vitamins. Siya po ay tamang pamalit sa branded na gamot dahil sa ganda ng presyo at kalidad.

Muli, ibalik ang Natural Immunity ng Katawan," aniya ng dating Jose Rizal College star. Iginii ni Maycong na layunin ng kumpanya na makatulong sa masang Pinoy kung kaya't inilunsad nila ang pagbebenta ng murang mga bitamina at food supplement.

Kasabay nito, suportado nila ang mga batang players na mapanatiling malusog ang kanilang katawan para matupad ang mga pangarap na umasenyo sa sports at sa buhay.

"Nagliliibot kami sa mga proibinsiya para ituro ang tamang edukasyon sa health. Suportado namin yung mga batang players para mapanatili nilang malusog ang kanilang mga katawan. Ang malusog na komunidad at sandigan ng isang mayamang bansa,: ayon kay Maycong,



DR COACH NORMAN AFABLE

SI Dr. at Basketball coach community-based basketball organizer at health advocate Norman Afable, Sa kanyang pag iindorso ng vitamins player habang nakikinig naman si 16 years old 7 foot basketball player Jacobe May Cong at Mike Herrera. upang tumabay at tumangkad ang mga atletang Pilipino sa ginanap na Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports TOPS usapang sports sa PSC Conference Room Rizal Memorial Sports Complex. **(REY NILLAMA)**



## Carredo at Dalagan Gold Medalist sa Palarong Pambansa 2025 Standard Chess Championship

Mahirap pero pinagsamang sikap, tiyaga , pagtimpi higit sa lahat disiplina para sa mga Kabataang nasa linya ng paglalaro sa Chess . minsan itong patunay sa mga naging matagumpay na umusad sa pagiging Grandmaster, Sa katatapos na Palarong Pambansa 2025 na ginanap sa Laog, Ilocos Norte abalang nakilahok ang mga kabataang mag-aaral na nagmula sa ibat-ibang dako ng bansa para sa categoryang Sekondarya kalalakihan at kababaihan. Na may kabuuan na 103 . Kung saan nakuhang mapag tagumpayan ang gintong medalya ni Mar Aviel Carredo 6 points STCAARAA, kasunod para sa silver medal si Kieth Adrian Llar 5 ½ ng NMRAA , sinundan para Bronze ni Jess Raphael Aballar 5 ½

Bago pa man nangibabaw si Carredo sa tugatod ng kampeonato ay pinagdaanan muna nito ang mga katunggali mula sa unang round hanggan sa matapos 7 round na kanilang sinikap na mapagtagumpayan ang bawat round na makamit ang panalo.

Hindi rin nag patinag sa patatagan ng pagtiyaga na marating ang pinaka-aasam na kampeonato para sa kababaihan ng

sekondarya ni Sara Dalagan na maabot ang pinakamataas na iskor 6 ½ mula sa NCR National Capital Region at kasunod sa silver si April Joy Claros 6 points kapwa ng NCR habang nakahabol naman sa bronze medal si Kate Nicole Ordizo 4 ½ NCR.

Magiging baon ng mga kabataang sumali sa nasabing kumpetisyon ang saya bunsod ng karamihan sa kanilang ay may mga nakikilalang kapwa mag-aaral na humahantong sa pagiging magkakaibigan matapos ang kanilang pagtatagisan sa larong chess. Masasabing higit na pasasalamat sa Kagawaran ng Edukasyon sa pangulong Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. matapos na ganapin ang isang linggong pakikipagtagisan sa larangan ng sports sa kanyang bayan sa Ilocos Norte.

Ganun na rin sa patuloy pag suporta sa Philippine Chess na sina USEC Malcolm S. Garma Secretary General Palarong Pambansa, Marivic Tolitol OIC, Palarong Pambansa Secretariat, IA International Master, Chess Tournament Director Reden Cruz. At Chief Arbiter FA John Eric Abaro.



## Binibigyang-pansin ng DepEd ang kaligtasan at pinakamagandang karanasan ang Palaro para sa mga delegado sa lalawigan ng Pangulong Marcos

Ang aksyon ng Palarong Pambansa ay nagpapatuloy, tiniyak ng Kagawaran ng Edukasyon (DepEd) sa publiko na ang kaligtasan at kalidad ay nananatiling pangunahing layunin sa pag-host ng pangunahing atletikong kaganapan ng bansa na ito, lalo na't nagaganap ito sa lalawigan ng tahanan ni Pangulong Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. "Prepared kami sa lahat. Siyempre iniisip namin ano ang pwede

mangyari. Ako'y nagpapasalamat sa ating pamilya ng DepEd at siyempre sa mga lokal na gobyerno dito sa Ilocos Norte. Very supportive sila," sabi ni Education Secretary at Palarong Pambansa Board Chairperson Sonny Angara. Si Kalihim Sonny Angara, tagapangulo ng Palaro Board, ay tumagal ng aktibong papel sa pagpapalano at pagmamanman. Ang lingguhang pag-update at direktang koordinasyon sa mga

komite ay nagtitiyak ng mabilis na aksyon sa mga isyu sa logistics at kakanapan.

Si DepEd Undersecretary para sa Operasyon at Palaro Secretary General Malcolm Garma ay binigyang-diin ni Sec. Angara ang masusing koordinasyon sa Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Ilocos Norte, mga yunit ng lokal na gobyerno, at mga kasosyo sa ahensya upang maihatid ang isang ligtas, inklusibo, at mataas na kalidad na Palaro.

"Higit pa sa imprastruktura, ang suporta ng komunidad at pambansang pagmamalaki ang nagbibigay ng kakaibang halaga sa Palaro na ito," sabi ni Usec. Garma.

Isang pangunahing tampok ng Palaro ngayong taon ay ang matibay na kalusugan at mga balangkas ng kaligtasan na itinatag ng DepEd at mga tagapag-ayos. Lahat ng mga atleta at kasapi ng delegasyon ay kinakailangang kumuha ng mga medikal na sertipiko ng kakayahan bago ang kaganapan.

Sa pagdating, sila ay sumasailalim sa mga pisikal na pagsusuri sa kalusugan, na may mahigpit na pagsunod sa "Fit to Play" ng

