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PINASIMULAN ang pahalik, punas ng bimpo at pahawak sa bahagi ng imahe ng Poong Nazareno bago pa itinakda ang Nazareno 2026 Traslacion na nagmumula sa Luneta Grandstand patungo ng Simbahang Quiapo. **(REY NILLAMA)**

NAZARENO TRASLACION 2026, NILAHUKAN NG MAS MARAMING DEBOTO

HINDI mahulugang-karayom ang dumagsang deboto sa Nazareno Traslacion 2026 nitong Enero 9 at ang Kapistahan ng Poong Nazareno ngayong taon ay may temang "Dapat Siyang Tumaas at Ako nama'y Bumaba ay masasalamain sa tatlong mahahalagang pagpapahalaga, pagpupuri, Kababang-loob at pananampalataya." **(REY NILLAMA)**



BAGO pa man ang pagsapit ng kapistahan ng Mahal na Poong Itim Nazareno ay ipinaliwanag na ni Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko" Moreno Domagoso sa mga vendor ang pagbabawal sa pagtitinda ng mga may stick sa kaganapan ng Nazareno Traslacion 2026 dahil ang mga deboto ay mga nakapaa. Kasama ng alkalde sa press conference si Manila V/ Mayor Angela Lei "Chi" I. Atienza, Rev. Fr. Robert Arellano, MMDA General Manager Nicolas Torre, at iba pang opisyal. **(REY NILLAMA)**



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NAZARENO TRASLACION 2026, NILAHUKAN NG MAS MARAMING DEBOTO

ISANG opisyal ng Simbahan sa Quiapo ang tinukoy na pagdami ng bilang ng mga deboto na lumahok sa 10-araw na Kapistahan ng Hesus Nazareno, kabilang ang Traslacion o malaking prusisyon.

Sinabi ni Fr. Robert Arellano, tagapagsalita ng Nazareno 2026, na bagama't walang tiyak na pagtataya, inaasahan na ang mas mataas ng pagdalo sa mga aktibidad sa Simbahan ng Quiapo at sa Quirino Grandstand kumpara noong 2025.

"Wala kaming tiyak na bilang, ngunit handa ang Simbahan na tumanggap ng milyun-milyong deboto na nagnanais makiisa sa aming pagdiriwang," sabi ni Arellano sa isang press conference.

Noong 2025, humigit-kumulang 8.4 milyong deboto ang lumahok sa Kapistahan ng Hesus Nazareno mula Disyembre 31, 2024, ang simula ng mga Misa ng Nobena, hanggang Enero 9, 2025.

"Nakita namin ang rekord na bilang ng mga deboto sa loob ng 10-araw na kapistahan," sabi ni Arellano, na binigyang-diin na ang Simbahan ay hindi nag-aalala kung tataas o bababa ang dami ng dumalo.

"Ang bisa ng panalangin ay hindi nasusukat sa pagkakaroon sa Simbahan ng Quiapo o sa Quirino Grandstand. Alam ng Panginoon ang nasa ating mga puso," sabi niya.

Idinagdag ni Arellano na ang pagiging tunay na deboto ay hindi nasusukat sa pisikal na presensya lamang, lalo na kung hindi iginagalang ang mga patakaran ng simbahan, at binanggit na makahulugan din ang taos-pusong panalangin sa bahay.

Samantala, sinabi ni Manila Mayor Francisco "Isko" Moreno Domagoso na ang Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) ay nagpatunay na ligtas ang mga pangunahing tulay sa kahabaan ng ruta ng

Traslacion. Sinabi niya na ang sertipikasyon ay sumunod sa isang pormal na kahilingan ng pamahalaang lungsod para sa inspeksyon ng mga tulay sa Maynila.

Sinabi ni Moreno na kinumpirma ng City Engineering Office na nagbigay ng sertipikasyon ang DPWH.

Ayon sa DPWH - Kalakhang Pambansa, ang Quezon Bridge, Carlos Palanca Bridge, Ayala Bridge, at Arlegui Bridge 1 ay sinuri batay sa 2025 Road and Bridge Inventory and Assessment at na-rate na nasa "katamtamang" kalagayan.

Sinabi ng DPWH na ang mga riles at harang sa mga tulay ay maayos na na-install at ligtas, walang mga sagabal sa mga deck ng tulay at mga daanan ng pedestrian na maaaring magdulot ng panganib sa kaligtasan.

Sinabi ng DPWH na wala silang "pagsalungat" sa paggamit ng apat na tulay sa Traslacion, basta't walang sasakyan ang pinapayagang dumaan sa ruta habang isinasagawa ang prusisyon.

112 PAMILYANG APEKTADO NG ARMADONG TUNGGALIAN SA MATALAM, NORTH COTABATO, NAHATIRAN NG TULONG

Puspusan ang suporta ng Office of the Vice President (OVP) sa ating mga kababayan sa Brgy. Estado, Matalam, North Cotabato matapos ang isang armadong tunggalian na nagdulot ng panganib sa seguridad at pinsala sa kaunlaran ng mga residente dito.

Aklatang Balmaseda, Bukas Nang Muli
Magandang balita para sa mga estudyante, guro, at iskolar! Bukas na ulit sa publiko ang Aklatang Balmaseda ng KWF. Ito ay isang espesyal na aklatan para sa pag-aaral, pananaliksik, at pagpapalalim ng kaalaman sa Filipino at iba't ibang wika ng Pilipinas. Ano ang

Matagumpay na joint operation ng kapulisan

NAGBUNGA ang warrant of arrest para sa matagumpay na joint operation ng mga tauhan mula sa Silang Municipal Police Station, 401st A MC RMFB 4A, at Cavite Provincial Mobile Force Company sa pagkakadakup sa isang wanted person kamakailan sa Silang, Cavite.

Nakilala ang akusado na si alyas Jorgie, residente ng Silang, na naaresto nitong Enero 6 sa nasabing bayan.

Ang pagkakaaresto sa akusado ay alinsunod sa

warrant of arrest para sa kasong Qualified Theft ng Regional Court (RPC ART) issue ng 310 ART (RPC ART) Branch 5. Tagaytay City, Cavite na may inirekomendang piyansa na nagkakahalaga ng P40,000.00 na may petsang Hulyo 7, 2025.

Nagsilbing lead unit ang mga tauhan mula sa warrant section ng Silang MPS sa naturang joint police operation gamit ang Alternative Recording Device.

Wanted 'nasilo ng pulis-Amadeo

ISANG provincial level most wanted person ang naaresto ng mga tauhan ng Amadeo Municipal Police Station kamakailan sa Amadeo, Cavite.

Ang akusadong si alyas Jake, residente ng Amadeo, ay naaresto dakong alas-3:30 ng hapon nitong Enero 5 sa naturang bayan.

Inaresto ng warrant section ng Amadeo MPS ang akusado sa pamamagitan ng National Police Clearance System

verification para sa krimen ng frustrated murder na inisyu noong Hulyo 21, 2025 ng Presiding Judge ng Regional Trial Court, Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 19, Bacoor City, Cavite.

May inirekomendang piyansa na P200,000.00 para sa pansamantalang Kalayaan ng akusado.

Gamit ang Alternative Recording Device ay isinagawa ng kapulisan ang operasyon.

CALABARZON MWP, timbog

TIMBOG ang tinaguriang most wanted person (MWP) ng CALABARZON o regional level matapos ang matagumpay na ikinasang operasyon ng pulisya kamakailan sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Nakilala ang akusado na si alyas Domeng, naninirahan sa Bacoor City, at siya ay naaresto dakong alas-2:05 ng hapon nitong Enero 5 sa naturang lungsod.

Inaresto ang akusado sa

bisa ng warrant of arrest para sa Forcible Abduction with Rape. Ang warrant of arrest ay inilabas noong Abril 5, 2024 ng Presiding Judge ng Regional Trial Court, Branch 116, Bacoor City, Cavite na walang inirekomendang piyansa.

Gamit ang Alternative Recording Device sa matagumpay na manhunt charlie operation ng mga tauhan ng Bacoor Component City Police Station.

Kelot, tiklo sa 'bato'

TIKLO ang isang lalaki sa matagumpay na buy-bust operation na isinagawa ng pulisya kamakailan sa Magallanes, Cavite.

Ang operasyon ay ikinasa dakong alas-9:15 ng gabi nitong Enero 6 sa Magallanes, na nagresulta sa pagkakaaresto sa suspek na si alyas Dex, residente ng naturang bayan.

Sa nasabing operasyon ay nakumpiska sa suspek ang dalawang piraso ng heat-

sealed transparent plastic sachets na naglalaman ng hinihinalang shabu na tumitimbang ng humigit-kumulang 0.10 gramo na may Standard Drug Price na P1000.00 at isang pirasong P500.00 bilang buy-bust money.

Pinangunahan ng Municipal Drug Enforcement Team ng Magallanes Municipal Police Station ang operasyon gamit ang Alternative Recording Device.

Bebot 'dinampot sa higit P370,000 halaga ng shabu sa buy-bust operation

ISANG babae na itinuturing na High Value Individual (HVI) ang naaresto matapos ang isinagawang matagumpay na buy-bust operation ng mga awtorida na nagresulta sa pagkakasamsam sa kanya ng higit P370,000 halaga ng hinihinalang shabu kamakailan sa Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

Ang suspek na si alyas Sha, residente ng Dasmariñas City, ay naaresto dakong alas-11:00 ng gabi nitong Enero 6 sa naturang lungsod.

Sa naturang operasyon ay nakumpiska mula sa pag-iingat ng suspek ang tatlong piraso ng heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet na naglalaman ng hinihinalang shabu na may tinatayang kabuuang bigat na humigit-kumulang 55.00 gramo, na may Standard Drug Price (SDP) na ₱374,000.00.

Kabilang din sa nasamsam sa suspek ang isang weighing scale, isang itim na pouch, at isang piraso ng ₱500.00 bill na ginamit bilang buy-bust money.

Ang operasyon ay isinagawa ng mga tauhan ng Dasmariñas City Police Station sa koordinasyon sa Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency gamit ang Alternative Recording Device.

Naharap sa kasong paglabag sa Sections 5 at 11 ng Republic Act No. 9165 o Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 ang suspek.

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Editorial

Nagmamaneho, dapat matuto

MAS mataas pa ang bilang ng mga nasakop sa aksidente sa lansangan kung ihahambing sa bilang ng mga biktima ng paputok. Batay ito sa huling datos na inilabas ng Department of Health nitong nagdaang holiday season. Ang mga kaso ng firework-related incidents o mga biktima ng paggamit ng mga paputok ay nasa 720 na mas mababa naman kung ikukumpara sa nakaraang okasyon na mayroon lamang na 834.

Sa mga kaso naman ng aksidente sa kalsada noong Disyembre ay lumobo sa 1,384 na ayon sa DOH ay mas mataas kung ihahambing dati na nasa 690 kaso lamang. Tuwing Disyembre lalo at nasa kalagitnaan ng nasabing buwan ay kaliwa't kanan na ang kasiyahan o party na sa pag-uwi kahit nasa impluwensiya ng alak ay nagmamaneho pa rin ng sasakyan na isa sa dahilan ng pagkakaaksidente. Maganda ang nakikita nating datos sa patuloy na pagbaba sa bilang ng mga kaso ng napuputukan kaya sana ay natututo na rin ang mga nagmamaneho ng sasakyan na huwag uminom ng alak sa panahon man ng kapaskuhan o hindi.



Kwento ni CHIT MOZO

'Sana matigok na kayong lahat'

Mare: Kumusta Tess ang pagsalubong n'yo sa New Year? Siguro bongga ang selebrasyon n'yo 'nung Bagong Taon.

Tess: Maka-bongga ka naman, wagas na wagas ah! 'Sakto lang naman, pampamilya at para sa mga bisita kung may darating man. Ang daya mo nga, 'di ka man lang pumunta o kayo ng pamilya mo.

Mare: Nagkataon din na may mga bisita kaya 'nung gabi na ay plakda na sa sobrang pagod.

Tess: May tatanong nga pala ako sa'yo Mare. Kilala mo ba si Aling Barang?

Mare: Naku, eh sino ba naman ang 'di nakakakilala sa masungit na matandang 'yun. Palibhasa nagpakatandang dalaga kaya hayun nuknukan ng sungit.

Tess: Hehehe, akala ko 'di mo kilala eh. Alam mo ba ang ginawang eksena ng matandang 'yun bago magpalit ng taon?

Mare: Mukhang bwena-manong tsika 'yan ah ngayong taon. Ibang klase ka talaga Tess, ang bilis ng radar mo sa mga kaganapan dito sa lugar natin.

Tess: Ako pa! Eh ayaw mo 'atang malaman ang tsika.

Mare: Syempre gusto noh. Ano ba 'yun, go share with me.

Tess: 'Masabugan sana kayo para sana matigok na kayong lahat.'

Mare: Ha? Ano 'yun?

Tess: Dinig na dinig ko, 'yun ang isinisigaw ni Aling Barang na halos umuusok ang tumbong sa matinding galit.

Mare: Bakit naman nagalit ang matanda? Ano ang

pinagmulan?

Tess: Ilang oras bago ang medya noche, siguro pasado ala-syete ng gabi nakita ko si Aling Barang galing ng tindahan. May binili siguro, ako naman ay may bibilhin din pero 'di kami nag-abot sa tindahan.

Mare: Bakit naman lumabas pa si Aling Barang ng gabling 'yun eh alam mo naman dito sa atin eh atat magpaputok.

Tess: Natumbok mo Mare, dahil sa paputok kaya nagngitngit sa sobrang galit ang matanda. 'Dun sa dinadaan o nilalakaran ng matanda, eksakto may naghagis ng paputok. Ewan ko kung anong klaseng paputok, five star 'ata pero sobrang lakas kaya nga pati ako para natulilig ang tenga kaya lang sanay na ako.

Mare: Magagalit talaga 'yung matanda.

Tess: Hinarap nga ng matanda 'yung grupo ng kalalakhian at pinagsisigawan. Sabi nga ay maputukan sana sila at masabugan para lahat sila ay matigok na at 'di na aabutin pa ang next New Year. 'Yun daw ang gagawing wish ng matanda pagsapit ng alas-dose ng hatinggabi o pagpalit ng taon.

Mare: Alam mo, kahit anong wish o pray natin ng ganon ay 'wa epek siguro. Diyos ang nagbigay ng buhay sa ating lahat at Diyos din ang babawi ng ating hiram na buhay batay sa itinakdang araw o panahon.

Tess: Koreker ka naman d'yan. Halimbawa lang na may matigok nga o may mga matitigok sa grupo ng kalalakhian 'yun ngayong taon ay 'di nangangahulugan na wish granted si Aling Barang.

Mare: Exactly! Kasi sa pagkabuhay o sa mismong pagsilang ng bawat tao ay nakaguhit na ang eksaktong panahon o petsa ng kamatayan o ang pagbawi ng hiram na buhay na ipinagkaloob ng Diyos.

Tess: Ang problema lang ay baka nga may matigok tapos iisipin ng iba rito sa atin na matindi magbitiw ng sumpa si Aling Barang.

Mare: Bahala sila mag-isip ng ganon pero tayo ay 'di naniniwala sa mga ganyang wish.

--- Wakas ---

May mga pagkakataon na hindi inaasahan ay nakakapagbitiw ng hindi magagandang pananalita kagaya ng kahilingan ng pagkawala ng buhay ng kapwa dulot ng matinding galit.

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Magkakawindang sa Impeachment

PEBRERO na sa susunod na buwan at hindi maikakaila na marami ang nag-aabang sa posibilidad ng muling paggulong ng impeachment laban kay Vice President Sara 'Inday' Duterte.

Syempre, lalo na ang mga tumutuligsa o kumakalaban sa bise presidente na ang interes ay mapatalsik siya sa posisyon.

Bahagya nating talakayin na walang pagkiling o neutral lamang na may kahalang mga pagtatanong para sa paglilinaw.

Una ay makakausad kaya ang bagong impeachment complaint dahil matatapos na next month ang isang taon na ban o pagbabawal sa paghahain ng reklamo na sakop ng one year.

Batid naman ng lahat na may inilabas na desisyon noon ang Korte Suprema hinggil dito subalit naghain ng mosyon ang kampo ng mga nagsusulong ng impeachment.

Pagsapit ng Pebrero subalit nananatiling wala pa ring desisyon ang Korte Suprema sa nasabing mosyon ay maaari na bang makapaghain ng panibagong impeachment

laban kay VP Inday?

O, talagang kailangang hintayin ang desisyon bago muling makapagsampa ng complaint?

Kapag sinabi bang nakasalang ang naturang mosyon ay nangangahulugan na umiikot pa rin ang pagdinig? Halimbawang ano mang buwan this year ay makapagpalabas na ng desisyon ang Korte Suprema ay panibagong pagbibilang bang muli ng isang taon?

July 27, 2026 kunwari ay nailabas ang desisyon at pumabor sa mosyon, July 27 or 28, 2027 pa ba pwedeng makapagsampang muli ng impeachment?

Marami pang katanungan at iilan lamang ang mga ito sa mga pangunahing hinahanapan ng kasagutan ng karaniwang mamamayan.

Ang mga kasagutan sa mga tanong na ito ay madali para sa magigitng nating abogado.

Problema nga lamang ay magkakawindang-windang ang isipan ng bawat tao kung ang tutugon na mga abogado ay kakampi o kalaban ni VP Duterte.

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PNB Savings Bank,
Mortgagee,

-versus- File No. FC-DC-1999-25
EXTRAJUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT 4118

SPS. VICTOR S. BASI AND JULIETA L. BASI
Represented herein by VICTOR S. BASI,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK** in its capacity as assignee-mortgagee of **PNB Savings Bank** with postal address at PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila against the debtor/mortgagor **SPS. VICTOR S. BASI AND JULIETA L. BASI** Represented herein by **VICTOR S. BASI** with postal address at (1) 134 Hidalgo St., Pasay City; (2) Block 2 Lot 12, Phase 1, Amaris Homes Dasmariñas, Brgy. Salitran II, Dasmariñas, City, Cavite; and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of **November 30, 2025** amounts to **ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY PESOS AND 90/100 (Php 1,540,980.90)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **March 04, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the lobby of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

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LOCATION: SALITRAN II, (FORMERLY BUROL),
DASMARIÑAS, CAVITE (Continued on next page)

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Owner: SPS. VICTOR S. BASI AND JULIETA L. BASI,
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As the country ushers in the New Year 2026, the National Privacy Commission (NPC) is encouraging Filipinos to include data privacy in their New Year's resolutions by adopting safer and more responsible online practices. In a New Year reminder, the NPC emphasized that taking control of one's online presence does not require complicated steps. Simple actions such as verifying links, regularly updating devices, and being mindful of what is shared online can help protect individuals from phishing, scams, and other digital threats. The Commission reminded the public to practice safe online communication by carefully checking emails, links, and downloads before clicking or responding. This habit helps reduce the risk of falling victim to online fraud and malicious cyber activities. The NPC also underscored the importance of regularly updating devices, applications, and operating systems to address security vulnerabilities that may be exploited by cybercriminals. In addition, the public was advised to limit the sharing of personal information online, particularly details about one's location, daily habits, and other sensitive data that could compromise privacy and security. According to the NPC, embracing these privacy measures allows individuals to start the year with greater confidence and peace of mind online, reinforcing the shared responsibility of protecting personal data in an increasingly digital society. (AVS/PIA-NCR)

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**Philippines marks ASEAN
Chairmanship with new BSP coin**

QUEZON CITY (PIA) — The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) is set to introduce a new 10-piso commemorative coin this January to mark the Philippines' assumption of the chairmanship of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 2026. The commemorative coin will remain consistent with the country's current currency design standards, as its obverse side will carry the familiar look of the 10-piso coin under the New Generation Currency series, featuring national hero Apolinario Mabini. By retaining this design, the BSP ensures continuity with coins already in circulation while highlighting a milestone of regional significance. Distinctive elements appear on the reverse side, which is dedicated to the Philippines' ASEAN 2026 leadership. The design highlights themes of unity, cooperation, and shared regional aspirations, reflecting the country's role in guiding ASEAN's agenda for the year. Central to the reverse design

is the ASEAN 2026 emblem, accompanied by a QR code that links users to official online information related to the Philippines' hosting of ASEAN activities. According to the BSP, the inclusion of a scannable QR code introduces a modern feature to the commemorative coin, allowing the public to access verified digital content while reinforcing transparency and public engagement surrounding ASEAN 2026. Beyond its monetary value, the 10-piso ASEAN coin serves as a symbol of the Philippines' active participation in regional cooperation and economic integration. Through everyday currency, the BSP aims to raise public awareness of the country's leadership role in Southeast Asia and the shared goals of ASEAN member states. The commemorative coin will enter circulation nationwide beginning January 2026, making it accessible not only to collectors but also to the general public as part of regular transactions. (AVS/PIA-NCR)

**Philippines to host ASEAN-Korea
ROUND Festival in 2026**

QUEZON CITY (PIA) — The Philippines is set to take center stage in regional cultural exchange as it hosts the ASEAN-Korea Music Festival 2026, widely known as the ROUND Festival, on April 18 and 19 at the Araneta Coliseum in Manila. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), in partnership with KBS WORLD and the ROUND Secretariat, announced that the festival will be staged in the country as part of the Philippines' role as ASEAN Chair for 2026. The hosting marks a milestone for Philippine cultural diplomacy, positioning music as a bridge that connects ASEAN communities and South Korea. Launched in 2020 by Korean public broadcaster KBS, the ROUND Festival has grown into a platform that celebrates contemporary music while encouraging mutual understanding among nations. With the Philippines serving as host, organizers expect the 2026 edition to be the most expansive yet, reflecting the country's active role in promoting people-to-people ties across the region. The Araneta Coliseum, long regarded as a landmark of Filipino popular culture, will serve as the venue for the two-day festival. Korean singer-songwriter 10CM, recognized

for his contributions to popular Korean drama soundtracks, has been confirmed as festival host and is also set to perform for audiences in Manila. To formally launch the festival, a production press conference will be held on Jan. 28, 2026, at the Quantum Skyview Deck in Gateway Mall. Filipino pop groups HORIZON and KAIA will take part in the event as presenters, offering a preview of the collaborative spirit that will define the festival. In line with the festival's goal of accessibility and cultural inclusion, admission to the 2026 ROUND Festival will be free. Audience members may attend through an advance registration process, with mechanics and schedules to be released on official ROUND Festival platforms in February 2026. The NCCA emphasized that hosting the ROUND Festival aligns with its mandate to support cultural exchange and highlight Filipino creativity on an international stage. More performers and program details are expected to be announced in the coming months. For updates, the public is encouraged to follow the official ROUND Festival social media accounts on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube. (AVS/PIA-NCR)

ATI CALABARZON TRAINS OVER 7,000 FARMERS, AGRICULTURAL STAKEHOLDERS IN 2025

In 2025, the Department of Agriculture (DA) capacity builder, the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) in CALABARZON, equipped a total of 7,084 individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to help steer a competitive and prosperous agriculture and fisheries sectors towards a vibrant economy.

As the catalyst and knowledge bank of the Philippine agriculture and fishery extension (AFE) system, the DA-ATI CALABARZON trained 4,783 farmers; 1,209 agricultural extension workers (AEWs) from various local government units; 555 DA staff; and 537 students, agri-enthusiasts, and individuals from the general public.

Training and other extension initiatives by the DA-ATI CALABARZON primarily focused on good agricultural practices, farm mechanization, climate-resilient agriculture, smart farming, and integrated nutrient and pest management.

These programs were not limited to the production aspect, as the agency also equipped the aforementioned individuals with technologies along the agricultural value chain, including post-harvest technologies, processing, and marketing—across different banner programs like rice, corn, livestock, Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP), High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP), organic agriculture, and National Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Program (NUPAP), and additional extension services.

"Sobra po ang pasasalamat ko sa ATI CALABARZON dahil ine-ensure po nila na may bago silang kaalamang naihatid at nakakarating po ito sa aming mga farmers. Sa training na ito, privilege po para sa akin na matuto at ma-experience 'yung mga hands-on kung paano ba bumuo ng cacao-coconut fusion products, na totoo pong helpful para mas ma-maximize pa 'yung

gamit ng raw materials and ma-improve 'yung pwedeng pagkakitaan ng mga farmers," said Carla Pante, one of the farmer participants who shared her impression of the Training on Coconut and Cacao Fusion: Value Chain-based Product Development and Market Integration last July. John Mark Sto. Domingo, an agricultural and biosystems engineer from Teresa, Rizal, also shared how the DA-ATI CALABARZON helps extension workers like him in performing their duties at the grassroots level.

In his impression of the Training on Testing and Evaluation of Agricultural and Fisheries Machinery held last June, he said: "This training is a great help for me to understand how procurement and acceptance testing work in acquiring farm machinery. That's why every one of us ay sobrang eager ding pumasa – 'cause it will give us a chance to evaluate the machinery that we're acquiring more thoroughly. Because in the end, we want our farmers to receive those interventions na up-to-standards and fit talaga sa kung ano ang needs nila."

Moreover, social technologies, including training facilitation and management, and extension communication, were also imparted to participants, especially AEWs, farmer-leaders, and farm cooperators.

These accomplishments reflect the unwavering dedication of the DA-ATI CALABARZON in empowering its stakeholders through a resilient and responsive agriculture and fisheries extension system in the region. Meanwhile, Dr. Rolando Maningas, Center Director of the DA-ATI CALABARZON, shared a glimpse of the agency's plans as it gears towards 2026.

"For 2026, we will solidify our efforts to modernize and mechanize the agri-fishery sector by reinforcing

PBGEN Lucas Lauds PRO4A Personnel, Records Zero Indiscriminate Firing, Fewer Firecracker Incidents

Camp BGen Vicente P Lim, Calamba City — Police Regional Office CALABARZON Regional Director, PBGEN Paul Kenneth T. Lucas commended the dedication and professionalism of all police personnel following the generally peaceful celebration of the Yuletide season, particularly during the New Year, marked by zero recorded incidents of indiscriminate firing involving police personnel and a notable decrease in firecracker-related incidents.

The peaceful observance of the Christmas and New Year celebrations is a clear reflection to the hard work, sense of responsibility and high regard to discipline and obedience of our personnel on the ground to the specific instruction that any personnel who will be involved in indiscriminate firing will be dismissed from the service. I commend each and every one of you for ensuring the safety of our communities while allowing our people to celebrate with peace of mind," PBGEN Lucas said.

The Regional Director highlighted that intensified police visibility, strict enforcement of law especially on indiscriminate firing, and the sustained implementation of the "Iwas Paputok" campaign played a crucial role

technologies, innovations, quality extension services, inclusivity, and skills-based trainings that respond to the evolving needs of our farmers and fishers," said Dr. Maningas. He added, "At the same time, we will strengthen our role as a nexus in empowering and catalyzing our extension workers as key change agents in the region, ensuring that our services and their impacts are met on the ground and will truly lead to 'masaganang agrikultura at maunlad na ekonomiya."

in preventing holiday-related incidents. Close coordination with local government units, barangay officials, and community stakeholders further strengthened preventive measures across the region.

PBGEN Lucas also recognized the cooperation of the public, noting that community awareness and responsible celebration significantly contributed to the absence of firearm-related incidents and the reduction of firecracker injuries.

He reaffirmed PRO CALABARZON's commitment to sustaining heightened police operations and proactive community engagement, especially during major holidays and special occasions, in line with the Philippine National Police's thrust for a safer and more peaceful society.

"Let this achievement inspire us to continue serving with integrity, unity, and dedication. The trust of the public is our greatest reward," PBGEN Lucas added. (RPIO4A)

CALABARZON's first coconut enterprise subproject to rise in Batangas

LIPA CITY, Batangas (PIA) — Batangas Province will soon become a major player in the country's coconut industry through a P108.32-million coconut oil processing enterprise funded by the Department of Agriculture's Philippine Rural Development Project (DA-PRDP).

The project is the first enterprise subproject in CALABARZON to be funded under the DA-PRDP Scale-Up project, which provides targeted infrastructure, facilities, technology, and information to raise income, productivity, and competitiveness. The DA-PRDP tapped the Agricare Multipurpose Cooperative and the Palacpac Malinao San Nicolas Calantans Multipurpose Cooperative for the plant construction, as well as the installation of a coconut oil mill system that will produce high-value crude coconut oil (CNO) and copra cake for animal feed.

In a press release, the DA-PRDP noted that the project includes a processing facility in Rosario, Batangas, that will help bridge the supply gap for crude coconut oil and copra cake.

"Instead of selling raw coconuts, the project processes copra into high-value CNO and copra cake. This will empower the community to shift from primary production to value-added agro-industry," the DA-PRDP said.

The facility was designed as a local processing hub that

PBBM to ensure every peso of the 2026 GAA will benefit Filipinos

"Hindi tayo papayag na mapunta sa kurakot ang salaping pinaghirapan ng bawat Pilipino."

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday vowed to ensure that every peso of the PhP6.793-trillion 2026 national budget will be spent in ways that directly benefit the Filipino people.

In his speech during the signing of the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for the Fiscal Year 2026, President Marcos said that every program or project will undergo rigorous scrutiny to guarantee tangible results for Filipinos, particularly the most vulnerable sectors.

"Sa National Budget ng 2026, malinaw ang direksyon ng inyong pamahalaan: magiging mas masinop, mas maingat, at mas responsable kami sa paggastos ng pondo ng bayan," the President said.

"Ang bawat programa at proyekto ay dadaan sa masusing pagsusuri upang masiguro na ito ay may

malinaw na benepisyo sa mamamayan—lalo na sa sektor na higit na nangangailangan," the President added.

The President has signed the PhP6.793 trillion 2026 national budget, which aims to sustain the country's progress in education reform, health protection, food security, social security, and job creation.

President Marcos also assured that his administration will intensify efforts to improve government systems, strengthen accountability, and combat corruption.

The President likewise urged the public to actively participate in the said goals.

"Ang pagbabantay, ang pagtatanong, ang pag-uulat, at ang pakikilahok ay mahalagang bahagi ng isang gumaganang demokrasya. Kasama ninyo kami sa layuning tiyakin na ang budget ng bayan ay para sa bayan," said President Marcos. | PND

will consolidate copra from at least 1,207 coconut farmers, increasing the overall copra production in Batangas.

According to the Agricare Multipurpose Cooperative, copra is one of the most in-demand agricultural products in the province, with nine feed mills already committed for

product intake.

Furthermore, the DA and the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) have committed to providing continuous technical support to the project proponents and the partner copra suppliers. (PB-PIA4A/PRDP Calabarzon)

DOST Batangas opens SETUP application, offers financial, technical assistance to MSMEs

BATANGAS CITY (PIA) — The Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Batangas has opened the application for the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP), providing financial and technical assistance to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across the province, January 05.

Through SETUP, DOST-Batangas supports MSMEs in improving productivity and competitiveness by offering zero-interest financial assistance for technology acquisition, along with technical consultancy, workforce training, product testing, and assistance in packaging and labeling.

Qualified MSMEs may avail of financial assistance of up to ₱5 million, payable over three years with a one-year grace period. The program prioritizes enterprises in food processing, metals and engineering, agriculture and forestry, aquaculture, halal products, furniture, gifts

and handicrafts, health and wellness, information and communications technology, creative industries, energy and environment, and other regional priority sectors.

SETUP accepts applications from Filipino-owned firms operating in the Philippines that seek to upgrade their existing processes through appropriate technologies. Associations, cooperatives, and community-based groups may also apply through their respective local government units.

Interested applicants must submit a project proposal, letter of intent, business permits and licenses, financial statements, and other required documents to DOST-Batangas.

Through SETUP, DOST-Batangas continues to deliver science- and technology-based interventions that strengthen MSMEs, promote innovation, and contribute to sustainable economic development in the province. (DOST Batangas)

Media practitioners recognized at the CARD MRI Panaghiusa Media Awards

On December 10, 2025, the CARD MRI Panaghiusa Media Awards ceremony was held at Casita Uno, Carmelite Road, Brgy. San Lucas 1, San Pablo City, Laguna, recognizing outstanding media practitioners nationwide for their collaboration with CARD MRI in its effort towards poverty eradication.

“Through this event, we aim to recognize the efforts of our media partners in helping eradicate poverty through information dissemination. They are the ones who consistently give voices to CARD MRI's stories, so today, we wanted to turn the spotlight to them and ensure that their hard work is truly seen and appreciated,” CARD MRI Publishing House President Ms. Marilyn

Manila stated.

The major award, Natanang Kabalik ng Taon, was given to Radyo Natin Calapan and Laguna Courier in recognition of their meaningful and timely coverage of CARD MRI's key events, milestones, and achievements. Each of them received a cash prize of PHP 25,000.00 along with Mga Likha ni Inay products worth PHP 1,500.00.

On the other hand, the Kasangga sa Pag-unlad award was given to Rapids Journal, Wednesday Herald, Dateline Weekly Newspaper, Radyo Natin Lucena, and DZJV CALABARZON for their commitment to promoting CARD MRI's mission through advocacy, as well as their support for financial inclusion,

poverty eradication, and social development. Each awardee received a cash prize of PHP 20,000.00 and Mga Likha ni Inay products worth PHP 1,500.00.

Meanwhile, Facts and Figures Newsweekly, Newscore Bulacan, Amihan, The Laguna Express, The Daily Guardian, Boracay Island News, Mindanao Journal, and Periodico Norte received the Huwaring Tagabando award in recognition of their contribution in amplifying CARD MRI's stories through their respective platforms. Each awardee received a cash prize of PHP 15,000.00 and Mga Likha ni Inay products worth PHP 1,500.00.

“Our media partners are more than just conveyors of news. They are

storytellers who bring our stories to life. Being a journalist is not an easy calling; it needs courage, dedication, and genuine compassion. For this reason, we proudly honor the outstanding media practitioners who have stood with us in spreading awareness of CARD MRI's

mission, helping bring poverty eradication closer to reality,” said CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle Alip. Present during the awarding are the senior advisers, the executive committee, and the

management committee members of CARD MRI.

To know more about CARD MRI, visit its website at <https://cardmri.com/> or its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CARDMRIOfficial>. **(Josephine Ramos, Junior Writer)**



Some of **CARD MRI's** media partners nationwide were recognized during the Panaghiusa Media Awards held at Casita Uno, San Lucas I, San Pablo City, Laguna, on December 10, 2025.

PMCJ to MERALCO: Drop coal expansion plan in Toledo, heed Cebuanos call to phase out fossil fuels, keep up with Ayala

Quezon City, Philippines — The Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ) stresses its opposition to Meralco PowerGen Corp. (MGen)'s planned expansion of the Toledo Power Corp. (TPC) coal plant. Right after the New Year's, MGen announced that most of their 2026 capital expenditures will be directed to its coal project in Toledo, Cebu.

Communities in Cebu have long been fighting against the existing 82-Megawatt coal-fired power plant operated by TPC. The facilities have been linked to documented environmental harms and negative impacts on residents' health and livelihood.

“The TPC plant is listed as an environmental critical project (ECP) by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). Although the DENR issued an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) to the TPC plant, residents claimed that there is no copy of the ECC in any conspicuous location of the project site, as required by the law,” said Estela Vasquez, Visayas coordinator of PMCJ.

Data from the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA) show that the TPC plant releases an estimated annual emission of 496 kilograms (kg) of sulfur dioxide, 349 kg of nitrogen oxides, 69 kg of particulate matter, and 5.6 kg of mercury per acre. These pollutants cause a range of health issues, even in small doses, and especially to vulnerable groups like pregnant women, children, the elderly, and those with pre-existing health conditions. TPC should also comply with the health impact assessment (HIA) process to acquire HIA certification, said Vasquez.

“TPC coal plant has made us sick, displaced us from our homes, and destroyed our livelihood for years. We have raised our concerns time and again, but it remains ignored and unchanged. Now our situation has only gotten worse. The plant's toxic discharges flow directly into the Tañon Strait, the largest marine protected area in the country. This only brings poison and destroys the waters we rely on. Before the TPC plant, we used to catch 20 tubs of fish. Now, a bucket of

fish is considered a stroke of luck,” said Florencia Abatayo, a Toledo resident. Given the environmental, health, and outage issues of the current TPC operating plant, the capitalization plan for the expansion is riskier, according to Ian Rivera, national coordinator of PMCJ. He also added that without investors and offtakers, it will definitely be subject to market and regulatory risks.

“MGen refuses to learn and wants to fail. Their Atimonan One Energy (A1E) project in Quezon has been delayed since 2019 due to unresolved legal and environmental issues. Like A1E, TPC is covered by the coal moratorium. Pursuing the expansion through the infusion of one billion pesos in capital will not erase the project's unbankability. Meralco should ride on the crest of expanding renewables in the Philippines as clean energy is driving coal's decline in the Philippines,” Rivera said.

Meanwhile, the people's stronghold has proven stronger than profits. After years of resistance and a month of receiving

ULAP – LGUS ‘RARING’ TO HELP BUILD CLASSROOMS

Local government units are raring to do their part in addressing the country's classroom backlog after years of dismal performance on the part of the Department of Public

Works and Highways, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines president and Quirino governor Dax Cua said. “We are ready, we are willing, and we are raring to do our part in addressing the lack of classrooms across the country. Some might call the Department of Education's target for classrooms built this year ambitious, but I believe that with the help of local government units we can make a great run at it,” Cua said. Cua's comment comes as the DepEd announced that it is getting a P65 billion budget to construct 24,964 classrooms in the newly-signed P6.793-trillion national budget. Cua, a former lawmaker, lauded his former colleagues for recognizing that the “DPWH could use some help” in fulfilling its mandate of constructing classrooms by tweaking provisions in the 2026 General Appropriations Act to allow DepEd to partner

with LGUs in building new classrooms. Since 2018, the DPWH has had sole authority to implement all DepEd-funded school building projects due to a perceived lack of engineers within DepEd.

“We simply cannot have a repeat the past years of poor performance—especially last year where only 22 out of an already low target of 1,600 classrooms were built,” said the governor. In 2024, 3,181 out of a target 7,267 classrooms were built. Meanwhile in 2023, only 192 out of a planned 6,379 classrooms were delivered. He said that allowing LGUs to construct classrooms would also help ensure that the facilities are built where they are actually needed.

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ENDING 2025 STRONGER AS DOST One SCIGLAT FAMILY: DOST ILOCOS REGION'S YEAR-END PROGRAM WITH A PURPOSE

The Department of Science and Technology Ilocos Region (DOST Ilocos Region) meaningfully closed the year 2025 through its Year-End Program held on December 18-19, 2025, at EM Royale Hotel and Beach Resort in Taboc, San Juan, La Union. The two-day activity brought together employees not only to celebrate the year's accomplishments but also to reflect, give back, and prepare for the year ahead. Through the guidance and leadership of Regional Director Teresita A. Tabaog, the Year-End Program emphasized unity, appreciation, and shared purpose. Director Tabaog encouraged everyone to take time to reflect on both individual and collective efforts that contributed to the successful implementation of DOST programs and services across the region.

One of the key activities was the 2025 Individual Performance Accomplishment Review for Contract of Service (COS) employees. This activity provided a platform for employees to reflect on their accomplishments, strengthen accountability to their assigned tasks, and share innovative ideas, actions, and initiatives implemented throughout the year.

The spirit of the holidays was also shared with the community through a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Gift-Giving Activity held at San Fernando South Central Integrated School. The activity brought joy and meaningful support to learners under the Learners with Special Educational Needs (LSEN) Program, highlighting the DOST Ilocos Region's commitment to inclusive and people-centered service.

Adding excitement to the celebration was the Search for Mr. and Ms. SCIGLAT 2025, where six candidates confidently represented

their respective teams. The event showcased confidence, creativity, and teamwork, with strong support from colleagues. Dr. Ismael D. Gurtiza, former Assistant Regional Director for Field Operations and current member of the Regional Technical Evaluation Committee (RTEC), served as one of the board of judges together with Director Tabaog and Ms. Carla Joyce B. Cajala, SRS II of DOST Ilocos Region. Team spirit continued with indoor and outdoor team-building activities, where participants took part in physical and mental challenges designed to promote collaboration, trust, and camaraderie. The friendly competitions fostered stronger connections among team members and reinforced the value of working together toward common goals.

Beyond celebration and reflection, the Year-End Program also focused on future planning. A review meeting was conducted under the leadership of Director Tabaog in preparation for the 2026 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW). The meeting served as an important first step to ensure smooth planning, effective coordination, and informed decision-making, drawing insights from the successful conduct of the 2025 National Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (NSTW).

As DOST Ilocos Region closes 2025, the Year-End Program stands as a strong reminder that its greatest strength lies in its people. United as DOST One SCIGLAT family, the region moves into 2026 with renewed purpose, strengthened partnerships, and a clear focus on bringing science, technology, and innovation closer to communities, creating meaningful impact and lasting change for the region 1.

PGC Conducts Medical and Dental Mission in Kawit

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the collaborative efforts of the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, successfully conducted a medical and dental mission in Brgy. Magdalo, Potol, Kawit on January 6, 2026, delivering free healthcare services to a total of 425 residents. The activity provided essential health interventions, with 350 residents receiving medical check-ups, 49 availing of dental extractions, and 26 underwent electrocardiogram (ECG) examinations. Free medicines were also distributed to beneficiaries. Medical and dental professionals from

OPHO shared their expertise, underscoring the importance of preventive care and the promotion of healthier communities.

The mission was made possible through the combined efforts of the provincial government, healthcare practitioners, and the barangay officials led by Brgy. Chairperson Francis V. Fernandez, ensuring the smooth and efficient delivery of services.

This health initiative reaffirms the Provincial Government of Cavite's commitment to bringing accessible, responsive, and quality healthcare services closer to communities - **R. Dones (CPIO)**

Free healthcare services for Barangay San Juan residents

The Provincial Government of Cavite brought essential healthcare services to the community through a medical mission held on December 26, 2025, at Brgy. San Juan, Dasmariñas City, benefiting a total of 364 residents.

During the one-day activity, 356 patients received free medical consultations, while eight (8) residents availed themselves of ECG examinations, reinforcing the

importance of early detection and preventive care.

Spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor, the initiative highlighted the province's continued commitment to accessible, people-centered healthcare, made possible through the support of health personnel, barangay officials, and volunteers. — **R. Dones (CPIO)**

DepEd to promote 100k teachers under unprecedented 2026 budget

Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Sonny Angara said the department's record-high budget allocation will allow the historic hiring of 65,100 teaching and non-teaching plantilla personnel, as well as the long-awaited promotion of approximately 100,000 public school teachers.

In a press briefing in Malacañang on Tuesday, Angara thanked President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. as well as Congress for the PhP1.015 trillion DepEd budget under the PhP6.793 trillion national budget for 2026.

Angara said the lack of career advancement has been a major reason why many public school teachers leave.

"Pero dito sa binigay na budget—kaya nga unprecedented din po in terms of promotions—kasi makakapag-promote tayo ng over 100,000 (public school teachers) with the

budget given by Congress this year," Angara said.

Under the Expanded Career Progression (ECP) implemented under Angara's leadership, DepEd has promoted 16,025 teachers, with 41,183 more teachers processed for the next batch of promotion.

"Ito iyong rason kung bakit umaalis ang ating mga teachers, dahil sa pakiramdam po nila hindi sila na-appreciate ng pamahalaan, hindi sila napo-promote nang husto – halos isang dekada hindi na-promote, hindi tumataas ang suweldo," Angara explained.

The 30 percent increase in the DepEd's budget was the biggest increase he has seen in his political career, Angara said.

For the first time, the country met the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) global benchmark for

Remulla targets stronger 911 in 2026; credits DILG workforce for solid 2025 performance

The Department of the Interior and Local Government on Monday outlined plans for the Department for 2026, highlighting the enhancement of the efficiency of the Unified 911 System as the backbone of public safety in 2026.

In a message shared before the DILG family, DILG Secretary Jonvic Remulla stated that more auxiliary assets will be procured for the government's lifeline delivery. "This year, we will prioritize additional firetrucks, police vehicles, and emergency response assets to strengthen the Unified 911 system as investments in public safety," he said.

Last September, Unified 911 was launched to consolidate the country's emergency hotlines into a single central number and modernize the emergency response system. It achieved a 97.92 percent efficiency rate for the more than 2.4 million handled calls in November 2025 through its National Call Center in Manila and the Regional Command Center in Cebu.

Remulla likewise reaffirmed the responsible and

purposeful utilization of public funds in line with the signing of the General Appropriations Act for FY 2026, supporting President Ferdinand

Marcos Jr.'s call for prudent fiscal management and uninterrupted public service delivery.

As the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) achieved the historic zero backlog feat, the DILG is also considering conducting video proceedings of cases involving police personnel to enhance transparency in ensuring due process.

With the Philippines' chairmanship of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) this year, the DILG has expressed its commitment to rigorous preparations, serving as the ASEAN Senior Official Meetings on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) – Philippines, and the ASEAN SMART Cities Network lead.

Meanwhile, the DILG Chief acknowledged the Department's employees for their collective toil, underscoring that national policies are seamlessly translated into local action due to their commitment to excellent public service.

"We will continue building a DILG that is trusted and effective. One that delivers good local governance, ensures public safety, and moves the country forward inclusively," Remulla emphasized. (**DILG**)

The 2026 DepEd budget also allocated funds for the construction of 24,000 classrooms, far exceeding the original allocation of 5,000 to 6,000 new classrooms.

Angara said for the first time, classroom construction will no longer be undertaken solely by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

"So ngayon, mayroon tayong flexibility provision na aside from DPWH, even DepEd, even local government units... And the majority of the projected 20,000 plus classrooms will be built by our local government units or bidded out by our local government units," said Angara. (PCO)



PSC Chairman John Patrick Gregorio

2026 Asian Tour Series Philippine Leg ngayong Pebrero

Bilang bahagi ng malawakang kampanya ng pamahalaan para sa sports tourism, ang Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) at National Golf Association of the Philippines (NGAP) ay magdaraos ng Philippine leg ng 2026 Asian Tour Series sa susunod na buwan. Gaganapin ang internasyonal na torneo sa Wack Wack Golf and Country Club sa Lungsod ng Mandaluyong mula Pebrero 5 hanggang 8.

Aabot sa kabuuang premyo na \$500,000 (P29.6 milyon), inaasahang dadalhin ng kaganapan ang pinakamahusay na mga manlalaro mula sa Asian Tour, kasama na ang mga nangungunang Pilipinong propesyonal, at muling ilalagay ang Pilipinas sa sentro ng pansin. Itinatag ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr., sa pamamagitan ng Administrative Order No. 38, ang National Sports Tourism-Inter Agency Committee (NST-IAC) noong nakaraang Nobyembre, at itinalaga si PSC chairman Patrick "Pato" Gregorio bilang pinuno nito. Itinakda ang NST-IAC na itaguyod ang sports tourism sa bansa. Binanggit ng chairman ng PSC ang sports tourism bilang isang "mahalagang kasangkapan para sa paglago ng ekonomiya, pagpapalitan ng kultura at pandaigdigang pagkilala."

Ang pagsasagawa ng isang bahagi ng Asian Tour sa bansa ay ayon sa kampanya ng gobyerno para sa sports tourism. Ipinagkaloob na ng Malacañang ang kanyang pag-apruba sa pagho-host nito.

Sinabi ni NGAP chairman Al Panlilio na ang organisasyon ay "labis na nasasabik na muling makipagtulungan sa Philippine Sports Commission, isa sa aming pangunahing tagasuporta. Higit pa rito, kami ay naka-align sa mga plano ni chairman Pato Gregorio sa pagpapataas ng antas ng Sports para sa lahat ng aming mga Pilipinong atleta."

Sinabi ni NGAP secretary-general Bones Floro na sila ay nasa proseso ng "pagtatapos ng lahat

ng pangunahing paghahanda para sa prestihiyosong pandaigdigang torneo."

Habang ang pangunahing torneo ay nakatakda mula Pebrero 5 hanggang 8, isang Pro-Am na torneo ay nakatakda sa Pebrero 4 na may mga koponang binubuo ng tatlong amateurs at isang propesyonal na kabilang sa opisyal na roster ng torneo. Ang mga practice rounds ay nakatakda sa Pebrero 2 at 3.

Ang Asian Tour ay kinikilala sa buong mundo, kung saan ang mga resulta ng torneo nito ay nag-aambag sa Official World Golf Ranking.

Inaasahan ang isang buong larangan ng 144 na manlalaro para sa bahagi ng Pilipinas na pinamumunuan ng 97 miyembro ng Asian Tour, 25 lokal na propesyonal, anim na pambansang amateur, at apat na imbitado mula sa NGAP, Asian Tour, host ng lugar, at mga sponsor.

Ang pagho-host ng bahagi ng Asian Tour ay kasunod ng matagumpay na pagsasagawa ng International Series Philippines noong Oktubre, na bahagi rin ng Asian Tour at isang daan patungo sa kapaki-pakinabang na LIV Golf. Pinangunahan ng Pilipinong si Miguel Tabuena ang kaganapan na dinagsa ng mga pangunahing kampeon na sina Dustin Johnson, Patrick Reed, Charl Schwartzel, at Louis Oosthuizen.

Si Tabuena, na ngayon ay nasa ika-3 puwesto sa Asian Tour, ay nagwagi ng pangunahing premyo na \$360,000 (P21 milyon) sa pinakamalaking tagumpay sa kanyang propesyonal na karera. Dumating din ito matapos na ang Pilipinas ang nagsagawa ng FIVB Men's Volleyball World Championship noong Setyembre, ng Siargao International 6000 Surfing Cup-World Surf League Qualifying noong Oktubre, at ng FIG Junior World Artistic Gymnastics Championships at unang FIFA World Women's Futsal Championship noong Nobyembre.

Boracay Platinum International Open Water Swim Race, espesyal na pagdiriwang para sa ika-70 anibersaryo ng Aklan

Nakatakdang idaos sa Marso 2026 Island ng Boracay, Malay, Aklan Bilang bahagi ng pagdiriwang ng ika-70 anibersaryo ng Lalawigan ng Aklan, nakipagtambalan ang Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Aklan sa Liquid Events upang idaos ang Boracay Platinum International Open Water Swim Race sa Marso 7-8, 2026.

Sa pangunguna nina Gobernador Jose Enrique M. Miraflores at Provincial Assessor Kokoy B. Soguilon, ang makasaysayang kaganapang pampalakasan ay gaganapin sa White Beach, Station 1 na nangangako ng kompetisyong pang world-class tampok ang pinakamagandang beach island sa buong mundo.

Sa pangunguna ng race director na si Coach Vince Garcia, isang beteranong multisport organizer, ang torneo ay magtatampok ng mga piling 5-kilometro at 10-kilometrong open water swim races, na pupunan ng Beginners Day na kinabibilangan ng mga aquathlon event at mas maiikling distansya sa paglangoy

nagsisimula pa lamang at recreational participants.

"Ang kaganapang ito ay higit pa sa isang karera ito ay isang pagdiriwang ng 70 taon ng pag-unlad, katatagan, at natural na kagandahan ng Aklan," sabi ni Miraflores. "Sa pakikipagtulungan sa Liquid Events at kay Coach Vince Garcia, layunin naming ipakita ang aming probinsya sa mundo habang itinataguyod ang kalusugan, turismo, at diwa ng komunidad."

Sinabi ng mga organizer na ang Boracay Platinum Open Water Swim Race ay itinataguyod bilang isa sa pinakaligtas na open water events sa Asya, na may komprehensibong mga protocol sa kaligtasan.

Kabilang dito ang koordinasyon sa Philippine Coast Guard, paglalagay ng mga deep-water buoy, real-time current monitoring, at on-site medical at rescue teams. Ang karera ay sinang-ayunan din ng World Open Water Swimming Association, na nagbibigay sa mga atleta ng pandaigdigang pagkilala



INTERNATIONAL OPEN SWIM RACE BORACAY

NASA Larawan mula kaliwa pakanan Aklan Gov. Jose Enrique M. Miraflores, coach Vince Garcia at Provincial Assessor Kokoy B. Soguilon. Kaugnay ng paghahanda para sa naka takdang International Open Water Swim Race.

at mga puntos sa ranggo.

Ang pagpaparehistro ay inaalok sa mga tiered phase, na may mga early-bird rates mula ₱1,300 hanggang ₱5,900 depende sa distansya at kategorya.

May mga opsyon na pang-pamilya, kabilang ang mga dibisyon para sa mga bata at nagsisimula, ay bahagi rin ng programa.

Binigyang-diin ni Soguilon ang inaasahang turismo at mga banepeyong pang-ekonomiya ng kaganapan. "Inaasahan namin ang daan-daang lokal at internasyonal na kalahok, kasama ang kanilang mga pamilya at tagasuporta, na lubos na magpapalakas sa aming lokal na ekonomiya sa pamamagitan ng mga akomodasyon, kainan, at iba pang mga aktibidad sa panahon ng peak season," aniya.

Ang iskedyul ng kompetisyon ay nakatakda sa Sabado, Marso 7,

Talk N Text tinalo ang Meralco sa semis ng PBA PH Cup

Pinahirapan ng Talk N Text ang Meralco na mawalan ng aktibong consultant na si Nenad Vucinic sa pamamagitan ng isang matinding panalo na 109-92 sa Game 2 ng PBA Philippine Cup semifinals sa Smart Araneta Coliseum.

Bagaman nanalo sa Game 1, nakakuha lamang ng tatlong three-pointers ang kalaban, sa pagkakataong ito naman ay ang Tropang 5G ang nagpasara sa Bolts mula sa labas, pinigilan sila sa tatlong malalayong tira lamang, lahat kay Kurt Reyson, upang maitatag ang malakas na panalo.

Pinangunahan ni Calvin Oftana ng TNT, na may 2-0 na lamang sa best-of-seven series, sa pamamagitan ng 26 na puntos mula sa 10 sa 15 na tira kabilang ang 4 sa 7 mula sa three-point range, pitong rebounds, at isang block. Nagdagdag si Jordan Heading ng 24 na puntos mula sa 9 na tama sa 16 na batuhan, dalawang rebounds, isang assist, at isang steal.

Si Chris Newsome at si Cliff Hodge ay pareho nag-ambag ng 18 puntos para sa Meralco, TNT 109 – Oftana 26, Heading 24, Williams 12, Pogoy 12, Ganuelas-Rosser 11, Galinato 6, Nambatac 4, Khobuntin 4, Erram 4, Jalalon 2, Enciso 0, Ferrer 0, Nieto 0 MERALCO 92 – Newsome 18,

Hodge 18, Quinto 13, Reyson 11, Black 10, Cansino 9, Almazan 9, Banchemo 2, Jose 2, Comia 0, Rios 0, Bates 0 QUARTERS: 29-19, 57-46, 82-66, 109-92



TNT - CALVIN OFTANA VS CHRIS NEWSOME - MERALCO

NAGPATULOY Lang sa pag dribol si Talk N Text Tropang 5G Calvin Oftana upang hindi mapigilan sa depensa ng katungaling si Chris Newsome ng Meralco Bolts sa ilang bahagi ng kanilang laro sa semifinals ng PBA Philippine Cup sa Araneta Coliseum. **(REY NILLAMA)**

Roma Kampeon sa New York Chess Academy Team Tournament

Ang Mansa Engineering Consultancy Team B ang nagkampeon sa New York Chess Academy Team Tournament na ginanap sa Nueva Ecija Coliseum, Lungsod ng Palayan, Lalawigan ng Nueva Ecija.

Si Alvin Gayeta Roma ang nanguna sa Mansa Engineering Consultancy Team B, na pinapanatili ni Jefferson Mansanero bilang coach. Kasama rin sa koponan sina Adrian Perez, Jhulo Goloran, at Rafael Lobitana. Ang Mansa Engineering ay nakakuha ng anim na panalo at tatlong pantay na laro sa dalawang araw na kaganapan na isinagawa sa pakikipagtulungan sa Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Nueva Ecija at inorganisa ni Ms. Loraine Salinas Biag ng New York Chess Academy.

Ang mga tinalo nila ay ang koponan ng WUP College Knights of the Chess Board, 4-0, sa unang round; We Mate and We Multiply, 3.5-0.5, sa ikalawang round; NU Queen's of the Board, 3-1, sa ikatlong round; SJDM Woodpusher, 3-1, sa ikaapat na round; Tira Tira Sampaloc Dos, 2.5-1.5, sa ikalimang round; at The ChessMates KnightMare, 3.5-0.5, sa ikawalong at penultimatong round. Tabla ang kanilang puntos laban sa Makiron, 2-2, sa ikaanim na round; Team DK Chess 1, 2-2, sa ikapitong round; at Thunder, 2-2, sa ikasiyam at huling round.

"Napakasaya ko sa aking pinakabagong tagumpay," sabi ni

Roma, isang International Chess Coach.

Ang Palaban Team na binubuo nina Jeremy Marticio, Alexis Emil Maribao, NM Vince Angelo Medina, at Paul Sanchez ang nasa pangalawang puwesto na may kaparehong 15 na match point ngunit mas mababang 24.5 na tie break point, kaya nakauwi ng P70,000 at isang tropeyo.

Ang Alapin ng Pag-Ibig Mo ang nasa ikatlong puwesto (B1 NM Jerish John Velarde, B2 Ritchie James Abeleda, B3 Zeuz Alexis Paglinawan, B4 King Xyan Beltran) na nakakuha ng P50,000, kasunod ang ikaapat na puwestong Thunder na nakakuha ng P40,000 (B1 NM Ronald Llavanos, B2 Kevin Mirano, B3 Christian Arroyo, B4 Sebastian Damonsong) at ikalimang puwestong The Boss Larry Legion na nakakuha ng P30,000 (B1 Don Tyrone de Los Santos, B2 NM Karlycris Clarito Jr., B3 Harrison Maamo, B4 Bryce Clarence Bayani).

Ang mga kinilalang indibidwal na mananalayo ay: Board 1-CM Jan Clifford Labog 8.5/9, Board 2-Nelson Busa Jr. 9/9, Board 3-John Randall Peralta 8.5/9, Board 4-Mark Bravo 8/9 "Gusto ng organizer na New York Chess Academy na pasalamatan ang 84 na koponan (336 na manlalaro) na lumahok sa malaking kaganapang ito," sabi ni Ms. Loraine Salinas Biag. (Marlon Bernardino)



NEW YORK CHESS ACADEMY TEAM TOURNAMENT

Ang mga lumahok sa nasabing tournament makikita sa larawan mula sa kaliwa GM Mark Paragua, Jhulo Goloran, Alvin Gayeta Roma, Rafael Lobitana, Team Manager Jefferson Mansanero, Adrian Perez, at FM Ivan Gil Biag.