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CAVITE PPO PARTICIPATES IN PRO4A PAHIYAS-THEMED STORES, WINS BEST THEME BOOTH

Camp BGen Pantaleon Garcia, City of Imus, Cavite — The Cavite Provincial Police Office, under the leadership of PCOL ARIEL R RED, Acting Provincial Director, actively participated in the PRO4A Officers Ladies Club Foundation, Inc. LAB (Love and Blessing) in Action, hosted by PRO4A Regional Director PBGEN PAUL KENNETH T LUCAS, together with Mrs. Mary June T. Lucas, Adviser of PRO4A OLCFI, held on January 27, 2026, at Camp Vicente Lim, Calamba City, Laguna, with the participation of different Provincial Police Offices from the CALABARZON Region.

One of the highlights of the activity was the PRO4A Pahiyas-Themed Stores, which showcased the creativity, cultural appreciation, and unity of the participating PPOs. Each province installed a booth inspired by the vibrant Pahiyas Festival, symbolizing gratitude, abundance, and Filipino heritage. Products from the respective provinces were displayed and offered for sale, featuring local craftsmanship, indigenous goods, and regional specialties.

The Cavite PPO, through the combined efforts of the Police Community Affairs and Development Unit (PCADU) and the Public Information Office (PIO) personnel, successfully conceptualized, organized, and installed a Pahiyas Festival-inspired booth. The activity was further strengthened by the active support and contributions of the different police stations of Cavite PPO, which provided local products, decorative materials, and manpower to ensure the successful presentation of the booth.

The Cavite PPO booth stood out for its creativity, visual appeal, and faithful adherence to the theme, drawing positive feedback from participants and guests alike.

The booths were adjudged

by Mrs. Mary Rose O. Nartatez, National Adviser of the PNP-OLC Foundation, Inc., together with other members of the panel. After careful evaluation, the Cavite Provincial Police Office was declared the Best Pahiyas Theme Booth. The recognition highlights the dedication and teamwork of the PCADU, PIO personnel, and police stations of Cavite PPO, and underscores the Office's strong support for the initiatives of the Officers Ladies Club Foundation, Inc., fostering camaraderie, cultural appreciation, and service-oriented participation within PNP PRO4A.

KWF FETES FORMER DIRECTOR AND IMPORTANT 20TH CENTURY WRITER AND SCHOLAR

The Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) celebrated the life and works of its former director and important writer-scholar Julian Cruz Balmaseda this 28 January 2026 at the auditorium of the Philippine Information Agency, Quezon City. Julian Cruz Balmaseda (1885–1947), whose 141st birth anniversary is observed today, is an important writer and scholar whose works in Filipino captured the spirit and essence of a precarious time in Philippine history. With a writing career spanning the recently-ended Spanish occupation and the aftermath of World War II, Balmaseda wrote about Filipino life in a wide spectrum ranging from the patriotic to the romantic and personal. According to sources, Balmaseda penned about 820 poems and 44 plays. Some of his books of poetry include *Ang Bayan ni Plaridel* (1913), *Pangarap Lamang* (1915), and *Naku, ang Maynila!* (1923–1924). KWF, under its Aklat Bayan program, reissued *Naku, ang Maynila!* in 2015. His plays and stories like *Sanguwintang Abaka* (1922) and *Ang Tala ng Bodabil* (1936–37)

have been restaged and adapted into films. As a scholar of Philippine literature, his important works include *Ang Tatlong Panahon ng Tulang Tagalog* (1938) and *Ang Dulang Pilipino* (1947). Balmaseda, originally from Orion, Bataan, was a teacher, municipal clerk, and government employee. He served as director of the National Institute of Language (now known as KWF) from 1938–1947. Since 2015, KWF has been paying tribute to Balmaseda by staging the Gawad Julian Cruz Balmaseda during his birth anniversary. The award recognizes outstanding theses and dissertations written in Filipino as a contribution to the intellectualization of the national language. Winners for this 2026 are Darwin Plaza (thesis) of Ateneo de Naga University and Ferdinand P. Jarin (dissertation) of De La Salle University. KWF also launched Dr. Lovella Gamponia-Velasco's *Ubbog Ti Asin: Kuwento at Kuwenta ng mga Babaeng Mannurat ng Nueva Viscaya*. Gamponia-Velasco won the Gawad Balmaseda for her dissertation in 2017.

DOST-NCR, PAIBA Team Up to Fast-Track AI-Driven Innovation for MSMEs

The Department of Science and Technology–National Capital Region (DOST-NCR) and the Philippine AI Business Association (PAIBA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) last 21 January 2026 at the Novotel Manila Hotel, seeking to ease the access of businesses, startups, and researchers in Metro Manila to adopt new technologies and achieve digital transformation and artificial intelligence (AI)–driven innovation.

The MOU was signed by DOST-NCR Regional Director Engr. Romelen T. Tresvalles and PAIBA Founding President Mr. Jerry Ilao, solidifying both institutions' commitment to jointly promote science, technology, and innovation (STI)– and AI-enabled initiatives that support business competitiveness and industry modernization.

Under the partnership, DOST-NCR and PAIBA will jointly integrate AI-focused support into DOST's flagship programs, including the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) and the Innovation Hub (iHub). Through these platforms, MSMEs and startups will gain access to targeted training, mentorship, and digital transformation pathways aligned with Industry 4.0. The collaboration will bridge transformative technologies with inclusive, practical adoption, empowering MSMEs to move beyond catching up and actively compete and grow in an increasingly digital economy.

The MOU signing, which coincided with the Induction of PAIBA's Founding Members, was complemented by a learning session on the impact of AI in business, as well as high level networking activities that connected founders, executives, and industry practitioners across sectors.

On hand to witness the event were Mr. Osric Primo Bern A. Quibot, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Operations; Engr. Lota M. Paras-Bagunu, Officer-In-Charge of the DOST-NCR PAMAMAZON Clustered Area Science and Technology Office; and Ms. Anne Marie B. Francisco, Founding Vice President of PAIBA.

Through this new government-private sector partnership, DOST-NCR and PAIBA aim to cultivate a future ready business environment in the National Capital Region by bridging STI and AI, enhancing local industry competitiveness, and fostering a stronger innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem. **(Ken Handler S. Soledad of PAMAMAZON CASTO**

Kaingen residents receive free medical and dental services

On January 22, the Provincial Government of Cavite's Medical and Dental Mission Team conducted a health outreach program in Brgy. Kaingen, Kawit, benefiting more than 400 residents.

The mission provided medical consultations to 391 patients and dental services to 46 residents, along with diagnostic tests such as fasting

blood sugar (FBS), electrocardiogram (ECG), and X-ray examinations. Free medicines and vitamin supplements were also distributed to further support the health needs of the beneficiaries.

First District Board Member Jygs Gandia showed support for the activity, reflecting the strong commitment of the province's leaders

PGC shone a spotlight on employees' performances and services

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), under the leadership of Governor Abeng Remulla and through the Office of the Provincial Human Resource Management Officer, conducted the distribution of Performance Incentives on January 26 following the PGC flag-raising ceremony.

As part of the activity, customized wooden wall clocks were awarded to PGC employees celebrating their birthdays for the month of January, in recognition of their dedication and commitment to public service.

Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, together with Provincial Board Members Maurito Sison, Arnel Cantimbuhan, and Junbie Samala, graced the activity and conveyed their appreciation for the employees' loyalty and continued contributions to the growth and development of the Province of Cavite. — J. Reyes **(CPIO)**

to promoting the health and well-being of their constituents. — J. Reyes **(CPIO)**

DILG's RIDS Program Steps Up Support for LGUs Struggling to Meet Local Governance Standards

The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) is ramping up efforts to help local government units (LGUs) improve governance and service delivery through its Regional Institutional Development Support (RIDS) program, a complementary initiative to the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG). Launched in 2024, RIDS uses SGLG assessment results to identify governance weaknesses and provide targeted capacity development and institutional support to LGUs that did not earn the SGLG in 2023.

Data from the DILG showed that only 28.75 percent, or 493 out of 1,714 LGUs, passed the SGLG in 2023, including 28 provinces, 64 cities, and 401 municipalities. Non-passing LGUs faced challenges in key

areas, particularly financial administration, disaster preparedness, and social protection.

In his message, DILG Secretary Jonvic Remulla highlighted the broader impact of RIDS on local governance, noting that the program provides valuable insights into how LGUs can enhance performance and service delivery.

"The RIDS initiative reflects the Department's vision of building resilient, development-driven communities," Remulla stated. "Through focused capacity development and institutional support, RIDS enables LGUs to align their priorities with national objectives," he added. The DILG Secretary also said the RIDS program is

designed to provide targeted support to LGUs, helping them overcome governance challenges, improve public service delivery, and align local priorities with national development goals.

"This offers valuable insights on how LGUs can strengthen governance, enhance service delivery, and address development challenges on the ground," the DILG Chief said. "It reaffirms the Department's commitment to equipping LGUs with the tools, knowledge, and technical support necessary to lead impactful reforms at the local level," he continued. Early results from RIDS have been encouraging. Several DILG regional offices reported projected increases in SGLG passers among previously non-passing LGUs. **(DILG)**

Editorial

Epektibong polisiya

SADYANG hindi maitatatwa ang kinakaharap na suliranin ng ating bansa hinggil sa matinding trapiko. Batay sa pag-aaral ng TomTom Traffic Index for 2025 ay kabilang ang Pilipinas sa most congested country sa Asya na may 45% congestion level. Patuloy pa rin naman na gumagawa o humahanap ng paraan sa pagresolba ng problema sa trapiko sa bansa ang gobyerno partikular ang Metropolitan Manila Development Authority.

Asahan naman na ang karagdagan pang mabigat na daloy ng trapiko tuwing nagkakaroon ng mga sakuna sa lansangan o mga traffic accidents. Ang five-minute response policy para sa mga traffic accidents ay isa sa mga nakitang solusyon ni MMDA General Manager Nicolas Torre III. Kung matatandaan na ang nasabing polisiya ay ipinatupad noon ni Torre sa Philippine National Police sa panahong siya pa ang hepe ng PNP. Nakita naman ang magandang resulta nito kaya nariyan ang posibilidad ng pagiging epektibo ng naturang polisiya patungkol naman sa problema sa trapiko na ang pinagmulan ay sakuna o aksidente sa kalsada.

ay magagawa ko ang responsibilidad ng pagiging isang pangulo.

Mare: Sa tingin mo ba ay sapat na ang 'yung pinag-aralan para manungkulan bilang presidente?

Tess: Sasabayan ko syempre ng self-studying tapos kukuha ako ng magagaling na advisers. Pati mga abogado na mahuhusay.

Mare: What if, sa paglakad ng mga taon o ng termino mo ay nakukulangan na ang mga tao sa iyong serbisyo.

Tess: You mean to say ay marami na ang 'di satisfied sa leadership ko. Tapos ay dumarami na ang mga taong nagagalit sa akin, ganon ba 'yun?

Mare: Parang ganon na nga, kasi may mga sinasabi ka na 'di mo naman nagagawa. Kumbaga ay puro pangako na madalas ay napapako lamang.

Tess: Mahirap palang magpresidente hahaha. Pero go lang ako sa aking trabaho.

Mare: Halimbawa lang, 'panu na kung kaliwa't kanan na ang protesta laban sa'yo? Pinagsisigawan na ng mas nakararami na magbitiw ka na sa'yong pwesto. Kusa ka bang bababa o kelangan pang pwersahan kang pababain sa pwesto?

Tess: 'Ayan ka na naman sa halimbawa-halimbawa. Ewan ko ba at 'eto naman ako na sagot lang nang sagot sa kakahalimbawa mo.

Mare: Halimbawa nga lang eh, kusa ka bang bababa sa pwesto mo bilang pangulo ng bansa o kelangan pa ng pwersahan para sa pagpapababa?

Tess: Alam mo Mare, never na mangyayari 'yan kahit halimbawa lamang. Eh kahit nga 'nung nag-aaral pa ako ay never ako naging presidente ng klase namin noh. Kaya tigil-tigilan mo na 'yan hehehe.

Mare: 'Yan ang gusto ko sa'yo, uto-uto ka rin. Sarap mong asarin hahaha. Pero 'eto hindi halimbawa ah, totoo ito at pamimeryendahin kita kaya tara na.

--- Wakas ---

May pagkakataon sa isang kwentuhan ay humahantong sa paghahalimbawa o pagkukumpara sa ibang tao o personalidad. Gayunman ay walang asahan na payak na kasagutan dahil halimbawa nga lamang.

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'Wala si Sir/Mam'

NAGING tampulan ng usapan ang kamakailan na eksena sa tanggapan ng Secretary General ng House of Representatives tungkol sa dalawa pang paghahain ng impeachment complaint laban kay Pangulong Bongbong Marcos, Jr. Bahagya o may konting pagkakatulad lamang ang mga naturang nangyari sa ating paksa ngayon.

Si Pedro ay nagtungo sa isang pampublikong tanggapan para sa follow-up ng kanyang dokumento. Meaning, natanggap na ng opisina ang dokumento at ang pakay na lamang ni Pedro ay ang kalagayan o status ng kanyang mga papeles.

'Naku! Wala po si Sir/Mam kaya hindi kami makapagpasya sa inyong mga isinuniting dokumento. Balik na lamang po kayo.'

Lulugu-lugo si Pedro dahil wala nga iyong Sir/Mam o ang hepe ng opisina at hindi makapagpasya ang mga karaniwang kawani kaya no choice siya kundi ang bumalik na lamang. May biglaan or emergency meeting ang hepe na patawag sa kanilang main office.

Sayang ang pera, oras

at pagod ni Pedro dahil walang naging resulta ang kanyang lakad o follow-up para sa mga dokumento. Paano na kung sa muling pagbabalik ni Perdo sa opisina iyon ay wala na naman si Sir/Mam sa kung ano mang dahilan naman. Granted na ang pasya para sa dokumento ay tanging sa hepe lamang ng opisina pero dapat ay isaalang-alang din naman ang bawat indibidwal na nagbubuhos ng panahon at pera kasama ang pagod sa kanilang ginagawang follow-up.

Siguro naman ay alam ni Sir/Mam na may pending documents sa kanyang lamesa na sana kung may emergency meeting o appointment sa iba ay makapagtalaga ng iba para sa mga darating na follow-up ay mayroong resulta at hindi nagkakaroon ng pagkasayang.

Hindi ba pwedeng ipatupad ng gobyerno ang sistematikong serbisyo na wala sa kung sino mang hanay ang magsasakripisyo? Mahalaga ang oras kahit kanino pero sana naman hindi porke nasa puwesto ay hindi na bibigyang importansiya ang panahon ng iba.



Kusang bababa o kailangan ng pwersahan sa pagpapababa?

Mare: May tanong ako Tess sa'yo, oks lang ba?

Tess: Sure, pero 'wag lang math ah. Alam mo naman mahina ako sa numbers kaya nga gumagamit pa'ko ng calculator hehehe. Teka, ano naman 'yun?

Mare: Halimbawa lang na bigla ay sumikat ka at makilala na halos sa buong bansa, magbabalak ka bang pumasok sa pulitika?

Tess: Ano ba namang klaseng tanong 'yan. 'Panu naman ako sisikat, eh 'di naman ako artista o vlogger na may milyong-milyong followers.

Mare: Kaya nga halimbawa lang eh. Sige na, kunwari very popular ka ay maiisipan mo bang magpulitiko?

Tess: Okey, tatal kunwari lang naman. Pwede na rin sigurong pumasok sa pulitika.

Mare: Tatakbo ka bang konsehal, vice mayor o mayor? O kaya naman kinatawan para sa House of Representative or senador?

Tess: Excuse me, ano ako cheap? Sabi mo 'di ba ay well-known na ako, tanyag na sa buong bansa. Well, kundi vice president ay malamang pangulo ng bansa ang tatakbuhin ko.

Mare: Wow naman, agad-agad at to the highest level ang puntirya mo.

Tess: Of course, 'dun ko masusubok at makikita ang aking kasikatan kung tatangkilikin ako ng mga tao lalo na ng mga botante.

Mare: Halimbawang nanalo ka nga eh magagampanan mo ba naman ng trabaho at tungkulin bilang pangulo ng bansa.

Tess: May pinag-aralan naman ako kaya siguro

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Fabricators of Region I Strengthen Partnerships Through Metal Fabrication Dialogue

The DOST Ilocos Region spearheaded the Regional Dialogue on Metal Fabrication and Partnership Building with Metal Industry Fabricators in Region I on January 21, 2026, at the Metals and Engineering Innovation Center (MEIC) of the Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University – Mid La Union Campus (DMMMSU-MLUC). The activity gathered metal industry stakeholders, fabricators, and institutional partners to strengthen collaboration, promote innovation, and enhance the competitiveness of the local metal industry in the region. The program formally opened with an inspirational message from Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog,

who encouraged metal fabricators to actively support local innovations and fabrication initiatives. In her message, Director Tabaog highlighted the critical role of metal fabrication in advancing technologies and called for a holistic approach through continuous dialogue and strengthened collaboration among stakeholders to achieve sustainable regional development. The morning session featured an overview and introduction of the DOST–Metals Industry Research and Development Center (DOST-MIRDC) and the Metals and Engineering Innovation Center in Region I, presented by Engr. Rey Mariposque, Senior Science Research Specialist of DOST-

MIRDC. This was followed by an audio-visual presentation on the MEIC Manual of Operations and a presentation on the MEIC services delivered by Engr. Edwin Rimas, Director of MEIC, DMMMSU-MLUC, providing participants with a clear understanding of the facility's capabilities and available support for metal fabricators. In the afternoon, Ms. Girlie M. Millo, Science Research Specialist of DOST-MIRDC, presented the MEIC Sustainability Plan, outlining strategies to ensure the long-term operation and impact of the center. An open forum followed, allowing participants to raise concerns, share insights, and discuss potential areas for collaboration. The activity also featured a technology demonstration

led by Engr. Rey Mariposque and Mr. Regie M. Cinco, showcasing relevant technologies and applications beneficial to the local metal industry. The closing remarks were delivered by the MEIC Head, Dr. Edwin

Rimas, who reiterated the importance of sustained partnerships among government, academe, and industry. Overall, the dialogue reinforced the shared commitment of DOST Ilocos Region,

DOST-MIRDC, and DMMMSU-MLUC to promote innovation, enhance technology adoption, and strengthen the metal fabrication sector in Region I. (Ashley Marie Louise D. Hufana and

PBBM orders expansion of zero balance billing to cover middle-class contributors

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has directed the Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) to expand the zero balance billing program to include both indigent patients and middle-class contributors. The order underscored the commitment of President Marcos' administration to provide accessible, affordable, and equitable healthcare for all Filipinos, according to Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Undersecretary and Palace Press Officer Claire Castro.

"Alinsunod sa kagustuhan ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. na pangalagaan ang kalusugan ng bawat Pilipino, nakipag-ugnayan si Executive Secretary Ralph Recto sa pamunuan ng DOH at PhilHealth upang palawigin ang mga benepisyo ng programa at mapangalagaan maging ang mga contributors mula sa middle class," Castro said during a Palace press briefing on Tuesday.

The expanded zero balance billing program will ensure that PhilHealth contributions translate into direct, tangible benefits for premium-paying members, according to the Palace Press Officer.

"Makakaasa pa sa mas maayos at mas accessible na healthcare ang mga nagbabayad ng kanilang premium sa PhilHealth," Castro said.

"Sa ilalim ng bagong direktiba ng Pangulo, layunin ng pamahalaan na mas maramdaman ng taumbayan ang mga serbisyonag nagmumula sa mga buwis na kanilang binabayaran," she added. Meanwhile, Malacañang noted that the DOH is now in the final stages of the development of

the healthcare provider network (HPN) model to strengthen the capacity of local government units

(LGUs) to deliver higher-quality medical services. | PND

DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that **RHODERICK LOPENA YUCHONGCO**, who died on September 18, 2025 at **Bacoor City, Province of Cavite** left his **SAVINGS ACCOUNT** with **SECURITY BANK - Clark Medical City, Pampanga** under **ACCOUNT NO. 0000065533751** with an outstanding balance of **ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWELVE PESOS 88/100 (P131,512.88)**, was extrajudicially settled by the heirs, executed before Notary Public Atty. Andres M. Alba as per Doc. No. 142; Page No. 30; Book No. CXVII; Series of 2026.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **ELSIE RANEZ NAVARRO** a resident of Block 7 Lot 26 Felizana Estate Subdivision, Barangay Pasong Buaya, Imus, Cavite died intestate on 16 February 2023 at Metrosouth Hospital, Bacoor, Cavite left a property located at Block 7 Lot 8 Felizana Estate Subdivision, Barangay Pasong Buaya, Imus, Cavite covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2013027516, containing an area of FIFTY (50) SQ. METERS**, was extrajudicially settled by the heirs, executed before Notary Public Atty. Rachelle G. Patam-Ki as per Doc No. 307; Page 63; Book 04; Series of 2026.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF SPOUSES BAYANI CASELA COCHING AND TERESITA SAN AGUSTIN COCHING WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that **SPOUSES BAYANI CASELA COCHING AND TERESITA SAN AGUSTIN COCHING** died on December 21, 2025 and July 18, 2025. The said deceased spouses, left a certain real property, more particularly described as **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1031772**. A parcel of land (Lot 7, Blk. 1, of the cons. subd. plan, Pcs-04-009899, being a portion of the cons. of Lots 5847-B-1, Lot 5847-B-4 & Lot 5847-B-5, (LRC) Psd-315404, LRC Rec. No.), sit. in the Brgy. of Salitran, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite. Containing an area of **ONE HUNDRED FIVE (105) SQ. METERS**. was extrajudicially settled by the legal heirs executed before Notary Public Atty. Jose Andres M. Alba as per Doc. No. 332; Page No. 68; Book No. CXVI; Series of 2026.

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Drug suspect, dedo sa enkwentro

DEDO ang isang drug suspect matapos humantong sa enkwentro ang ikinasang buy-bust operation ng mga awtoridad kamakailan sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang suspek na si alyas Tol, nasa hustong gulang, at residente ng Barangay San Nicolas 3, Bacoor City.

Nabatid na ang mga tauhan ng Bacoor Component City Police Station ay nagsagawa ng anti-illegal drugs buy-bust operation sa Barangay Kaingen Digman, Bacoor City dakong alas-12:30 ng tanghali nitong Enero 27.

Sa kasagsagan ng transaksyon ay nakahalata ang suspek sa presensya ng mga pulis kaya habang inaaresto ay nagawang makapanlaban at tumakas sakay ng sasakyan ng mga operatiba patungong direksyon ng Kawit. Nagsagawa naman agad ng hot pursuit operation ang mga pulis.

Habang isinagawa ang pagtakas ay ilang ulit umanong binangga ng suspek ang isang patrol mobile ng Bacoor PNP at ilan pang mga sasakyan sa kahabaan ng Kawit–Cavite Road.

Napag-alaman na nagpapatok din umano ng baril ang suspek laban sa mga humahabol na pulis.

Pagdating sa Marulas Bridge sa Barangay Marulas, Kawit, ay muling nagpapatok ng baril ang suspek sa mga operatiba kaya napilitan ang mga pulis na gumanti upang ipagtanggol ang kanilang sarili na nagresulta sa palitan ng putok.

Dito ay nagtamo ng mga sugat ang suspek na naging sanhi ng agarang pagkamatay nito.

Isinagawa naman ng Cavite Provincial Forensic Unit ang teknikal na aspeto ng imbestigasyon at masusing pagproseso ng ebidensya.

Wanted sa Cavite, nasakote sa Trece

ISANG Provincial Level Most Wanted Person ang naaresto sa matagumpay na operasyong isinagawa ng pulisya kamakailan sa Trece Martires City, Cavite. Nakilala ang akusado na si alyas Ren, residente ng Dasmariñas City.

Ang matagumpay na operasyon ay isinagawa ng mga tauhan ng Trece Martires Component City Police Station dakong alas-12:30 ng madaling araw nitong Enero 26.

Ang pag-aresto sa akusado ay sa bisa ng warrant of arrest para sa kasong paglabag sa Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 (Article II section 11 of RA 9165) na inilabas ng Regional Trial Court, Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 128, Dasmariñas City, Cavite, noong December 17, 2025 na may inirekomendang piyansang P200,000.00.

PHILHEALTH: 21 ESSENTIAL MEDICINES UNDER 'YAKAP' REMAIN AVAILABLE

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) assures the public that the 21 essential medicines under the Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) continues to be available this year in YAKAP-accredited primary care facilities nationwide.

"Makakaasa po ang lahat ng Pilipino na patuloy silang makakakuha nitong 21 na mga gamot sa kanilang napiling YAKAP Clinic, habang mas lalo naming pinagbubuti ang mga benepisyo ng PhilHealth YAKAP at GAMOT," stated Dr. Edwin M. Mercado, PhilHealth President and CEO.

The list includes Amoxicillin, Co-amoxiclav, Cotrimoxazole, Nitrofurantoin, Ciprofloxacin, Clarithromycin, Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS), Prednisone, Salbutamol, Fluticasone + Salmeterol, Paracetamol, Glimepiride, Metformin, Simvastatin, Enalapril, Metoprolol, Amlodipine, Hydrochlorothiazide, Losartan, Aspirin, and

Chlorphenamine.

Members can continue to access these medicines through the YAKAP-accredited clinics they are empaneled to, ensuring timely treatment and continuity of care.

PhilHealth also reminds partner YAKAP providers to keep sufficient stocks of the covered medicines and maintain service standards under the program.

"Patuloy po ang aming pagsisikap na pagbutihin pa ang paghahatid ng aming serbisyo sa pamamagitan ng patuloy na pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga YAKAP providers upang patuloy pang magkaroon ng kapanagatagan ang lahat ng Pilipinong umaasa sa PhilHealth," Dr. Mercado added.

For further inquiries, members may contact their nearest PhilHealth Regional Office or call the Corporate Action Center at (02) 866-225-88. Mobile hotlines are also available: 0998-857-2957 / 0968-865-4670 (Smart) and 0917-127-5987 / 0917-110-9812 (Globe).

PGC extends Medical and Dental Mission to Gentriseños

Another round of a successful Medical and Dental Mission was conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite in Brgy. Pasong Camachile 1, Grand River Side, General Trias City on January 21. The initiative benefited Gentriseños with a wide range of free health services designed to promote wellness and early detection. Medical consultations under the OPD reached 428 patients, while diagnostic services included 101 fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, 24 ECG procedures, and 18 X-ray services. Meanwhile, 46 patients received dental care through the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of City of General Trias.

The mission was made possible through the combined expertise of the GEAMH medical

team and the RHU dental team of General Trias City, who worked hand in hand to deliver efficient and compassionate care. To further support patients' recovery and well-being, free medicines were distributed by the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) medical team, ensuring continuity of treatment beyond the consultation.

Adding support to the activity, Councilors Kyle Salazar and Jay Columna graced the event, underscoring the importance of strong local leadership and collaborative governance in advancing community health initiatives.

The activity reflected PGC's commitment to bringing healthcare closer to the people. — R. Dones (CPIO)

Health services brought closer to home for 600+ Imuseños

More than 600 residents of Barangay Malagasang II-C, City of Imus, Cavite benefited from free medical and dental services during a one-day Medical and Dental Mission on January 23. The activity was organized by the Provincial Government of Cavite's Medical Mission Team in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, the City Health Office, and the office of Board Member Chelsea Sarno.

A total of 659 individuals availed of general medical services, including X-rays, fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, and electrocardiograms (ECGs). In addition, 47 patients received dental extractions during the mission.

More than 600 residents benefit from PGC's Medical and Dental Mission in Brgy. Halang, Naic

More than 600 residents of Barangay Halang, Naic benefited from a successful medical and dental mission conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite on January 20, aimed at bringing essential healthcare services closer to the community.

The activity provided a wide range of free medical services, including general medical consultations, X-ray, electrocardiogram (ECG), and fasting blood sugar (FBS) testing. Dental services such as tooth extraction and dental consultation were also made available to address the oral health needs of the beneficiaries.

The medical and dental services were rendered by the healthcare professionals from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), who ensured the efficient delivery of quality and accessible healthcare to residents of the barangay. The initiative reflects the continuing commitment of the provincial government to promote the health and well-being of its constituents, especially those in grassroots communities. Residents expressed their gratitude for the timely and comprehensive services,

The event was also graced by Mayor Alex "AA" Advincula along with city councilors, who expressed their support for the program.

Board Member Sarno emphasized the importance of bringing essential health services directly to communities, particularly to those with limited access to healthcare. As added assistance, each patient also received five kilos of rice.

The Provincial Government of Cavite continues to roll out similar health outreach programs across the province as part of its efforts to address gaps in healthcare access, especially in rural and underserved areas. — A. Sarte (CPIO)

which helped address their immediate medical and dental concerns. — OPIO

PRO4A Arrests 270 Wanted Persons in One-Week Manhunt Operations

Camp BGen Vicente P Lim, Calamba City — The Police Regional Office CALABARZON arrested a total of 270 Wanted Persons, including 95 Most Wanted Persons (MWP) and 175 Other Wanted Persons (OWP), during a sustained week-long manhunt operations conducted from January 19 to 25, 2026.

The intensified operations were conducted across the region as part of PRO4A's relentless campaign to locate, track, and arrest individuals with standing warrants of arrest for various criminal offenses. Of the 95 Most Wanted Persons apprehended, several were classified under regional, provincial levels, city/municipal levels facing charges ranging from murder, rape, robbery, illegal drugs, and other serious offenses, while the 175 Other Wanted Persons were arrested for cases involving violations of the Revised Penal Code and special laws.

The successful arrests were the result of strengthened

PBBM orders early release of full P1.19T national tax allotment to LGUs

On orders of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has released PhP1.19 trillion to local government units (LGUs) representing their National Tax Allotment (NTA) for the entire Fiscal Year 2026, Malacañang announced on Tuesday.

During a Palace press briefing, Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Undersecretary and Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said President Marcos issued the order to ensure the continuity of government services and improvement of lives of Filipinos all over the country.

"Bilang tugon sa kautusan ni Pangulong Marcos Jr. na masigurong ang pondo ng gobyerno ay mabilis at ramdam ng taumbayan, inilabas na ng Department of Budget and

Management ang PhP1.19 trillion National Tax Allotment ng mga LGUs para sa kasalukuyang taon," Castro announced. Acting DBM Secretary Rolando Toledo issued the Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) and the corresponding Notices of Cash Allocation (NCA) on January 26, covering the full-year NTA requirements of LGUs nationwide, as authorized under the 2026 General Appropriations Act.

Castro said the funds were directly credited to the authorized government service banks of the LGUs, as provided under the government's budgeting, accounting, and auditing rules.

"Ayon sa DBM, ang buo at maagang paglabas ng budget sa mga LGU ay patunay na ang 2026 budget ay nakatuon sa pagpapaunlad ng pamumuhay ng taumbayan," the Palace Press Officer stressed.

By strengthening local governments, the Marcos administration prioritizes faster delivery of essential services and programs directly felt by communities, Castro said.

"Sailalim ng administrasyon ni Pangulong Marcos Jr., mas palalakasin pa ang kakayahan ng local government. Panawagan naman ng Pangulo sa mga LGU: gamitin ang budget para sa mga awtorisadong pakay at sumunod sa reporting requirements bilang bahagi ng transparency at accountability standards ng pamahalaan," Castro added. | PND

whereabouts of wanted persons, reaffirming the police force's shared responsibility with the community in maintaining peace and order in the region building a Bagong PNP para sa Bagong Pilipinas, Serbisyon Mabilis, Tapat at Nararamdaman. (RPIO4A)

CARD Bank opens 2nd Islamic banking branch in Marawi City

CARD Bank officially opened its second Islamic banking branch in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur, on November 24, 2025. The Marawi Islamic branch is designed to provide financial services accessible to all, in accordance with Shari'ah principles, and to address the needs of Muslim communities.

The opening of this branch follows the successful establishment of CARD Bank's first Islamic banking branch in Cotabato City on January 22, 2024, which paved the way for broader financial inclusion in areas with significant Muslim populations.

According to CARD MRI Founder and CARD Bank Chairman Dr. Jaime Aristotile B. Alip, "The opening of this branch is more than just the construction of a bank. It is proof that every corner of the country deserves services that meet the dreams and needs of its communities. In BARMM, we have witnessed the courage, faith, and hope of our Muslim brothers and sisters. It is only fitting that we bring services here that foster development rooted in their culture and beliefs."

Shari'ah-compliant services The branch will strictly implement Shari'ah

guidelines to ensure that every transaction aligns with religious principles. It offers various Wadiah deposit accounts for safe, transparent, and reliable savings, including Wadiah Basic Savings, Wadiah Regular Savings, and Wadiah ATM Savings.

To meet livelihood needs, the branch provides Shari'ah-compliant financing products, including Murabahah, Mudarabah, and Musharakah for Micro-Agri and Micro-Enterprise, as well as Murabahah 2 for Supplemental Commodity Financing. Ijarah is also offered for motorcycle and vehicle leasing. All products are designed to support clients' livelihoods without conflicting with their religious beliefs.

Underscoring the significance of this expansion, Bangsamoro Board of Investments Chairman (BBOI) Mohamad Omar Pasigan emphasized, "The opening of the second Shari'ah-compliant branch in BARMM is clear proof that there is space for services that truly respond to the needs of the Muslim community. It creates greater opportunities for families and entrepreneurs in the region."

Expanding financial inclusion in Muslim communities

CARD Bank's move into Islamic banking responds to the call of Muslim communities for financial services that reflect their faith. In BARMM, many families remain unbanked due to the lack of culturally and religiously aligned services.

Through Shari'ah-compliant banking, women, small entrepreneurs, and Muslim households gain equal access to safe, fair, and affordable financial services. It is a crucial step toward more resilient and sustainable livelihoods in the region.

To ensure the proper and sensitive implementation of Islamic banking, CARD Bank collaborated with Islamic finance and Shari'ah advisory experts. With their guidance, the services are reliable, compliant, and respectful of clients' culture and beliefs. This collaboration is part of the bank's long-term goal to provide community-centered services.

The Islamic Banking branch began operations with 1,307 clients, of whom 1,246 have financing. These clients were originally CARD, Inc. Paglambo clients, who later transitioned to Islamic banking.

According to CARD Bank



CARD MRI Founder and CARD Bank Chairman Dr. Jaime Aristotile B. Alip, BSP Senior Assistant Governor Atty. Arifa Ala, Bangsamoro Board of Investment Chairman Mohamad Omar Pasigan, CARD MRI Managing Director Aristeo Dequito, CARD Bank President and CEO Marivic M. Austria, CARD MRI advisers, executives, staff, and clients, graced the opening of the new Islamic banking branch along Narciso Ramos Highway, Biaba Damag, Marawi City. The branch aims to provide Shari'ah-compliant services to promote financial inclusion among Muslim communities in the region.

President and CEO Marivic M. Austria, "This second Islamic banking branch proves that inclusive development is possible when services are brought closer to communities. By engaging with leaders and families in BARMM, we believe that every Filipino, regardless of religion or origin, has the right to progress. It is what we continue to advocate."

The branch's opening was highlighted by an opening prayer and ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by CARD

MRI Founder and CARD Bank Chairman Dr. Jaime Aristotile B. Alip, BSP Senior Assistant Governor Atty. Arifa Ala, Bangsamoro Board of Investment Chairman Mohamad Omar Pasigan, CARD MRI Managing Director Aristeo Dequito, CARD Bank President and CEO Marivic M. Austria, consultants, institutional heads, staff, and clients.

The new branch is located along Narciso Ramos Highway, Biaba Damag,

Marawi City. Aside from Islamic financing, CARD Bank continues to provide not only financial products in its conventional banking branches but also access to microinsurance, business development, marketing support, education, health programs, and other services for Filipino families.

For more information, visit CARD Bank's official website at cardbankph.com. (Edrian B. Banania, Junior Writer)

DOST-Central Luzon joins Uhay Festival celebration in Nueva Ecija

The Department of Science and Technology - Central Luzon, under the leadership of its Regional Director Dr. Julius V. Sicat, joined in the festivities of the 2026 Uhay Festival in Science of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, on Tuesday, January 20.

DOST PSTO-Nueva Ecija

staff, led by Provincial Director Ms. Leidi Mel B. Sicat, participated in the 13th Uhay Festival Grand Parade alongside SCM local government units and agencies.

The agency's floats introduced DOST's flagship programs and services, highlighting the

Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) Program with the inclusion of the Mobile Command and Control Vehicle (MOCCOV), manned by the Nueva Ecija Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRMO).

The Continuous Solar Power-Charging Electric Utility Vehicle, an eco-friendly automobile developed by Tarlac State University in partnership with DOST, was also present.

Also showcased during the parade were "Ring Bubbles" and "Pedal Power", two exhibits that can be found in DOST-Central Luzon's Regional Mobile Science Centrum. DOST-Central Luzon's participation in the event underscores its sincere dedication to promoting science, technology, and innovation to the people, ensuring that "Agham na Ramdam" is truly felt by everyone.



DOST XII RD Malawan and DRRM Focal Gain Awards during SOCCSKSARGEN DRRM Recognition Ceremony

The Regional Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council XII, in partnership with the Office of the Civil Defense Region XII, successfully conducted the "Isang Pagpupugay sa Kahandaan at Katatagan" SOCCSKSARGEN DRRM Recognition Ceremony, honoring outstanding Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) focal persons, organizations, and institutions across the region. During the ceremony, DOST SOCCSKSARGEN Regional Director Engr. Sammy P. Malawan was awarded a Plaque of Commendation in his capacity as Vice Chairperson for Disaster Prevention and Mitigation, and in recognition of his leadership and the significant contributions of DOST SOCCSKSARGEN to strengthening DRRM initiatives in the region.

Also recognized were the DOST SOCCSKSARGEN DRRM Focal Persons, including Provincial Director Dr. Michael T. Mayo, Engr. Abdul Jalil D. Malawan,

Supervising SRS, and Mr. Benjie T. Francisco, SRS I, who each received a Plaque of Recognition for their dedicated service and active involvement in DRRM planning, preparedness, and coordination efforts at both regional and provincial levels. These accolades are attestations of the vital role of DOST in advancing

disaster preparedness, prevention, mitigation, and response through science-based tools, risk-informed decision-making, and inter-agency collaboration. The recognition further affirms DOST SOCCSKSARGEN's commitment to building safer, more resilient, and disaster-ready communities across the SOCCSKSARGEN Region.



BAWAL MANIGARILYO AT MAG-VAPE SA CARMONA CITY

Ito ang paalala ni Mayor Dahlia Loyola kasunod ng pagpupulong ng Technical Working Group (TWG) para sa pagpapaligtas ng implementasyon ng Comprehensive Smoke-Free Ordinance ng lungsod. Binubuo ng City Health Office, City Social Welfare and Development Office, Community Affairs and Youth Development Office, Philippine National Police, at Department of Education Schools Division Office of Carmona, layon ng TWG for Smoke-Free Carmona na paigtingin ang mga polisiya ng lungsod na nagbabawal

sa paninigarilyo sa mga paaralan at mga pampublikong lugar. Pangunahing tinalakay sa pulong ang awareness campaign na isinasagawa ng pamahalaang lungsod sa lahat ng mga paaralan upang matiyak ang kalusugan at kaligtasan ng mga mag-aaral. Alinsunod sa Comprehensive Smoke-Free Ordinance, mahigpit na ipinagbabawal sa lungsod ng Carmona ang paninigarilyo at paggamit ng vape sa anumang pampublikong lugar. | via Dr. Dahlia A. Loyola (**PIA CAVITE**)

Press statement ng Cavite PPO

Tiniyak ng Cavite Police sa publiko na kaagad at epektibong natugunan ang insidente na kinasasangkutan ng isang armadong suspek, na nagresulta sa pagbabalik ng kaligtasan at kaayusan sa apektadong lugar. Ang suspek ay na-neutralize sa pamamagitan ng legal na aksyon ng pulisya, at ang sitwasyon ay ganap na nakontrol nang walang natitirang banta sa kaligtasan ng publiko. Lahat ng mga sibilyang kasangkot ay ligtas, at walang malubhang o nagbabanta sa buhay na pinsala ang naiulat. Ang mga sasakyang nasira sa panahon ng insidente ay natukoy at naidokumento nang maayos. Ang mga indibidwal na naapektuhan

ay nagtamo lamang ng menor de edad na pinsala, na agad na natugunan ng mga rumespondeng yunit ng pulisya. Ang mga nasugatan ay agad na dinala sa isang medikal na pasilidad para sa medikal na pagsusuri at paggamot. Ang insidente ay isang isolated na kaso at mabilis na napigilan sa pamamagitan ng malapit na koordinasyon sa mga yunit ng pulisya sa lugar. Pinuri ni PCOL ARIEL R RED, Acting Provincial Director ng Cavite Police Provincial Office, ang mga operating unit, na nagsasabing: "Ang mabilis at disiplinadong pagtugon ng aming mga tauhan ay susi sa pagpigil sa sitwasyon at maiwasan ang karagdagang pinsala."

“Napapabuti ang kalidad ng hangin, at napapanatili ang ating mga likas-yaman.”

Ito ang pahayag ni Imelda Diaz, Provincial Environment & Natural Resources Officer ng Pulang Lupa, Brgy. Bolo, Marinduque, kaugnay sa kahalagahan ng sama-samang pagkilos para sa pangangalaga ng kalikasan. Ang PagbaBAGo: A Million Trees Campaign ay nakatuon sa pagtatanim ng isang milyong

punla sa buong bansa upang palakasin pa ang pangangalaga sa kalikasan at ipatuloy ang nasimulang kampanya sa environment conservation at climate change reduction. Noong August 29, 2025, matagumpay na naabot ng OVP ang target at naitanim ang pang-isang milyong punla. Ito ay naging posible sa pamamagitan ng tuloy-tuloy at kolektibong

2 HVI, nadakip sa buy-bust

NADAKIP ang dalawang High Value Individuals (HVI) matapos ang matagumpay na buy-bust operation na isinagawa ng kapulisan kamakailan sa Dasmariñas City, Cavite. Kinilala ang dalawang suspek na sina alyas Bossing at Rasel, kapwa residente ng Dasmariñas City. Ikinasa ang operasyon ng mga tauhan ng Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit, Cavite Police Provincial Office sa nasabing lungsod dakong alas-4:00 ng hapon nitong Enero 27. Sa naturang operasyon ay nakuha sa pag-iingat

ng mga suspek tatlong piraso ng heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet na naglalaman ng puting crystalline substance na hinihinalang shabu, na may tinatayang timbang sa 50 gramo, na may karaniwang presyo ng gamot na P340,000.00; at isang pirasong Five Hundred Peso bill, na ginamit bilang buy-bust money. Isinagawa ang operasyon sa pamamagitan ng koordinasyon ng Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency at gamit ang alternative recording device.

PBBM, itinataguyod ang abot-kayang pabahay para sa mga estudyante

Itinataguyod ng administrasyon ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ang Project BALAY (Building Access to Learning for Students) na layong magbigay ng ligtas at abot-kayang pabahay sa mga mag-aaral, guro, at kawani sa mga pampublikong unibersidad at kolehiyo. Sa press briefing sa Malacañang nitong Miyerkules, inanunsyo ni Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Undersecretary at Palace Press Officer Claire Castro na lumagda ang Commission on Higher Education (CHED) at Pag-IBIG Fund sa isang kasunduan noong Enero 23 para sa pagpapatupad ng proyekto. Ayon kay Castro, ang inisyatiba ay alinsunod sa direktiba ng Pangulo upang maibsan ang pasanin ng mga estudyante at kanilang pamilya, habang tinitiyak ang suporta para sa kanilang pag-aaral. “Layunin ng nasabing programa na tugunan ang mga non-academic barriers gaya ng kakulangan sa safe and accessible student housing,” wika ni Castro. Sinabi pa ni Castro

na ayon kay CHED Chairperson Shirley Agrupis, ang maayos na tirahan ay nakatutulong sa mas mataas na academic performance at completion rates. “Ligtas, maayos, at accessible na pabahay para sa mga mag-aaral – hakbang ng pamahalaan para sa mas maunlad na Bagong Pilipinas,” ani Castro. (**PCO**)

PBBM pinanumpa na sa tungkulin si PNP Chief General Nartatez

Pinangunahan ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ngayong Miyerkules ang panunumpa ni General Jose Melencio C. Nartatez Jr. bilang full-fledged na Philippine National Police (PNP) Chief sa isang pormal na seremonya na ginanap sa Malacañan Palace. Binati ni Pangulong Marcos si Nartatez sa kanyang pagkatalaga bilang PNP Chief at nagpahayag ng suporta sa kanyang pagharap sa mga responsibilidad at hamon sa ilalim ng kanyang opisina. “Nagpaabot ng pagbati at suporta ang Pangulo kay General Nartatez para sa kanyang husay sa pamumuno sa hanay ng pulisya,” sinabi ni Presidential Communications Office Undersecretary and Palace Press Officer Claire Castro sa isang press briefing. Ayon kay Castro, kinilala rin ng Pangulo ang mahalagang papel na ginagampanan ng

PBBM pinarangalan ang mga kawani ng gobyerno bilang ‘puso ng pamahalaan’

Binigyang-pugay ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ang mga kawani ng gobyerno sa kanilang malaking kontribusyon sa kani-kanilang pagganap ng tungkulin at sa hindi matatawarang pagbibigay serbisyo-publiko na may pagmamahal, integridad at natatanging ambag. “Ipinagdiriwang natin sa araw naito ang pusong pamahalaan. Ang mga kawang tahimik na naglilingkod para sa sambayanang Pilipino at sa bansa,” sinabi ni Pangulong Marcos sa kanyang mensahe na binasa ni Executive Secretary Ralph G. Recto sa idinaos na Pagpupugay 2025: Gawad Lingkod Bayan sa Malacañan Palace nitong Miyerkules. Binibigyang-diin ni Pangulong Marcos ang mahalagang papel ng mga lingkod-bayan sa pagtatatag ng bansa, at sinabing ang kanilang pagsusumikap at integridad ang nagpapalakas sa tiwala ng publiko at nagpapahusay sa paghahatid ng mahahalagang serbisyo. “Para sa lahat ng tumanggap ng parangal ngayon, kayo ang patunay na ang diwa ng tapat na paglilingkod ay buhay sa ating pamahalaan. Sa gitna ng dilim at ingay, kayo ang hibla ng liwanag na nagbibigay pag-asa sa ating sambayanan,” pahayag ng Pangulo sa mga honorees. “Kayo ang patunay na maraming mabubuting

empleyado sa ating pamahalaan. Kayo ang patunay na hindi kailangan maging tanyag upang tumulong sa bayan. At kayo ang patunay na anumang antas ng tungkulin, may kakayahang ang bawat isa na maglingkod ng may dangal,” dagdag pa ng Pangulo. Kinikilala ng Gawad ng Lingkod Bayan na pinangunahan ng Civil Service Commission (CSC) ang mga kawani ng gobyerno para sa kanilang natatanging ambag sa ekonomiya at lipunan, mga kapansin-pansing tagumpay, at matatag na paninindigan sa pinakamataas na pamantayan ng ethical standards. Ang parangal ay may tatlong kategorya: ang Gawad Lingkod Bayan ng Pangulo, Gawad Dangal ng Bayan, at Gawad Pag-asa. Sa taong ito, nasa kabuuang 24 na indibidwal at anim na team ang nagawaran ng parangal. Ang mga awardee ay nakatanggap ng gintong medalya, mga plake at cash rewards na nagkakahalaga ng mula PhP100,000 hanggang PhP200,000. Ang ilang nagawaran ng parangal ay nakakuha rin ng karapatang maging kwalipikado para sa awtomatikong promosyon at mga scholarship para sa kanilang sarili o sa kanilang mga benepisaryo. Pinapasalamatan sila ng Pangulo sa kanilang pagpapakita ng integridad, kasipagan, at malasakit, at hinimok silang patuloy na isabuhay ang kahusayan, disiplina, at pagkamakabayan sa pagtupad ng kanilang tungkulin. “Sa ngalan ng sambayanang Pilipino, maraming, maraming salamat sa inyong katapatan, sipag, at malasakit. Patuloy ninyong isabuhay ang diwa ng bagong Pilipino: disiplinado, mahusay, at mapagmahal sa bayan,” wika ng Pangulo. (**PCO**)

si Nartatez sa ranggong Police Lieutenant Colonel bilang pagkilala sa kanyang natatanging serbisyo. Si Nartatez ay miyembro ng Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Tanglaw-Diwa Class 1992. Mayroon din siyang Master’s Degree sa Public Administration mula sa Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

KALARO Pagtatayo ng Kinabukasan ng Sports sa Pamamagitan ng Isang Pinag-isang Digital na Ekosistema

Matagal bago naging isang Sports Super-App ang KALARO, ang kwento nito ay unti-unting nabuo na sa pamamagitan ng pagsasanib ng teknolohiya at palakasan. Ayon sa Tagapagtatag at CEO na si Jun D. Lasco, Nagsimula ang pananaw noong kasing aga ng 1984, nang likhain niya ang kanyang unang intelektwal na ari-arian, isang video game na binuo sa Radio Shack Pocket PC-II, kumpleto sa tunog at graphics. “Kasabay nito, ako rin ay isang napaka-aktibong tao,” ibinahagi ni Lasco. “Mayroon akong matinding Pagmamahal. Para sa soccer o football, tennis, mountain biking, pagtakbo, at iba pang uri ng sports.” Mula sa simula, ang teknolohiya at disiplina sa palakasan ay hindi mapaghihiwalay sa paghubog ng kanyang kaisipan. Ang pundasyong iyon sa huli ay humantong sa pagkakatatag ng KALARO noong 2019. Bagama’t ang pandemya ng Covid-19 ay halos nagpahinto sa paglalakbay, nanatiling tapat si Lasco sa pagtupad sa orihinal na bisyon ng plataporma. “Halos pinatay ng mga taon ng pandemya ang pananaw ng KALARO,” sabi niya. “Ngunit wala nang makapipigil sa KALARO na matapos ang orihinal nitong layunin sa produkto, na gayon ay makikita sa pinakabagong bersyon 3.0 -tulad ng isang atleta, hindi kami sumusuko sa aming mga pangarap” Itinatag ang KALARO upang tugunan ang mga estruktural na problema sa ecosystem ng sports at esports. Binigyang-diin ni Lasco na maraming Filipino vloggers at streamers ang gumugulog ng napakaraming oras sa paghabol ng “views” upang kumita ng pera. “Para sa karamihan, halos naging modernong uri ng pagkaalipin na ito, “Paglikha ng nilalaman,” paliwanag niya. Kasabay nito, madalas na nahihirapan sa pinansyal ang mga organizer ng torneo at liga sa kabila ng malaking personal na puhunan. “Mayroong napakalaking mga organizer ng torneo at liga na halos hindi kumikita nang sapat sa kabila ng paggastos ng kanilang sariling pera upang i-promote ang kanilang hilig sa sports,” dagdag pa niya. Para kay Lasco, ang solusyon ay nakasalalay sa kakayahang palakihin ang negosyo upang tumaas ang kita at automasyon para sa pinakamataas na kahusayan sa

operasyon. “Hindi makakapagpalaki ang isang negosyo nang walang paggamit ng teknolohiya. Upang palawakin ang abot ng madla at mapalaki nang malaking kita habang nagpapatakbo sa pinaka-makawatirang paraan ng gastos, hindi lamang sa lokal kundi sa 195 bansa at halos anim na bilyong gumagamit ng internet sa buong mundo,” aniya. “Kaya naman, ang isang Sports Super-App tulad ng KALARO ay isang pangangailangan.” Sa kabuuan, ang KALARO ay itinayo para sa mga negosyo na nakatuon sa sports. “Ang KALARO ay ginawa para sa mga organisasyon ng negosyo, mula sa maliilit hanggang sa malalaking kumpanya, na may parehong hilig sa sports ngunit kailangan ding gawin ang higit pa kaysa sa simpleng makaligtas,” paliwanag ni Lasco. “Ang tanging paraan ay gumamit ng isang software platform tulad ng KALARO upang mapalakas ang pagkita, mula sa pakikibaka hanggang sa pagkakaroon ng malaking kita sa isang mahusay at predictable na paraan.” Ang pangmatagalang pananaw ng plataporma ay nakatuon sa pag-unlad ng mga atleta. “Ang pananaw ng KALARO ay lumikha ng mga atleta na pandaigdigang klase at kampeon sa buong mundo,” sabi ni Lasco. “Ang tanging paraan para mas maging mahusay ang mga atleta ay ang kanilang paglahok sa sunod-sunod na mga paligsahan.” Lokal at Pandaigdigang. Sa pamamagitan ng pagsasama ng pamamahala ng torneo sa digital na pagkakakilanlan, monetization, at mga kasangkapan sa pakikipag-ugnayan, pinapahintulutan ng KALARO ang tuloy-tuloy na pagpapaulnad ng palakasan sa antas ng pamayanan at pandaigdigang. “Ang KALARO ay isang kompletong ekosistema ng sports,” diin ni Lasco. “Ito ang perpektong paraan para sa pangmatagalang estratehikong paglago.” Sa huli, ang kamakailang pormal na pakikipagsosyo sa pamamagitan ng isang pormal na Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) sa pandaigdigang alamat ng boksing ng sports, si Manny Pacquiao, ay nagpapakita ng sinerhiya at karaniwang bisyon ng pambansang pag-unlad sa bawat komunidad mula sa parehong KALARO at dating Senador Manny Pacquiao.



KALARO CEO JUN D. LASCO AND DARREN EVANGELISTA
PINAHAYAG ni KALARO CEO Jun D. LASCO, sa isang pagtitipon na ginanap sa TGIS Friday restaurant Robinson Galleria ang kahalagahan ng Kalaro Apps patungkol sa mga Atleta ng sports maging ng organisador ng alin mang sports events maging ito man ay local o international kaugnay nito bahagi din ang icon ng boksing na si Manny Pacquiao kung saan ay nag karoon na ng pormal na Memorandum of Agreement sa pakikipag sosyo sa naturang aplikasyo. Habang nasa ibabang larawan Katuwang nito sa paghahayag sina Mark Angelo Godino at John Ernie Mararan Super duo of Mobile Chess Club Philippines. Kung paano isinasagawa at pag gamit ng Apps. Gamit laptop at maliit na speaker. **(REY NILLAMA)**

PFF at PSC mag katuwang sa isinusulong na pambansang programa para sa imprastraktura ng football

Sa matibay na suportang institusyonal, nakamit ng bansa ang mga milestone na hindi pa kailanman naabot noon. Sa unang pagkakataon, tatlong pambansang koponan Women’s Football, Men’s Futsal, at Women’s Futsal ang sabay-sabay na umabot sa semifinals ng SEA Games. Nakamit din ng bansa ang kauna-unahang gintong medalya sa SEA Games sa football. Ang gintong medalya ay higit pa sa isang tagumpay. Isa itong patunay ng pag-unlad, paniniwala, at ng kung ano ang kayang makamit ng mga Pilipino kapag nabibigyan ng pagkakataon. Sa parehong taon, matagumpay na na-host ng Pilipinas ang FIFA Women’s Futsal World Cup ang kauna-unahang edisyon ng torneo at ang unang FIFA World Cup na ginanap sa bansa. Ipinakita ng kaganapang ito ang kakayahan ng bansa na magsagawa ng mga paligsahan alinsunod sa pinakamataas na pamantayan ng FIFA. Ngunit ang pagho-host at mga tagumpay sa kompetisyon ay simula pa lamang. Dapat itong magbunga ng pangmatagalang benepisyo para sa mga atleta, komunidad, at mga susunod na henerasyon. Bilang pagpapatuloy sa momentum na ito, ang Philippine Football Federation, katuwang ang FIFA, ang Asian Football Confederation, ang ASEAN Football Federation,

at ang Pamahalaan ng Pilipinas, ay isinusulong ang isang pambansang programa para sa imprastraktura ng football. Nasa puso ng planong ito ang komunidad. Sa antas ng grassroots, kabilang sa programa ang pambansang pagpapatupad ng mga mini-pitch na suportado ng FIFA at AFC. Matatagpuan sa loob ng mga komunidad at pampublikong paaralan, ang mga pitch na ito ay magsisilbi para sa five-a-side football at futsal, at magbibigay ng ligtas at inklusibong espasyo kung saan maaaring maglaro ang mga bata, matuto ng mga pagpapahalaga, at mahubog ang pagmamahal sa laro. Mula sa mga komunidad na ito, nagpapatuloy ang landas ng pag-unlad. Sa suporta ng AFF, AFC, at FIFA, labing-isang (11) half-pitch ang itatayo sa iba’t ibang panig ng bansa para sa eight-a-side football ang pinakaangkop na format para sa paghubog ng kabataang manlalaro, regular na kompetisyon, at pagkilala sa talento. Ang lahat ng pagsisikap na ito ay patungo sa pinakamataas na antas. Sa pambansang antas, kabilang sa mga plano ang pagsasaayos ng Rizal Memorial Football Stadium at ang pagtatayo ng isang full-size na 11-a-side pitch sa mga lawigan, upang matiyak ang malinaw at makatotohanang landas mula sa grassroots participation hanggang sa



PFF PRESIDENT JOHN ANTHONY GUTIERREZ / PSC CHAIRMAN JOHN PATRICK GREGORIO SHAKE HAND
NAG shake hand sina PFF Philippine Football Federation President John Anthony Gutierrez at PSC Chairman John Patrick Gregorio simbolo ng pagkakaisa sa hangaring higit pang mabigyan at tumuklas ng pang world class na pag gaganapan ng Women’s Football, Men’s Futsal, at Women’s Futsal, makaraang ganapin kamakailan ang pagtitipon sa PhilSports Museum. **(REY NILLAMA)**

Gregorio masaya sa tagumpay ng PARA Games: PARA sa Pilipinas

Ipinagdiwang ni Patrick Gregorio, chairman ng Philippine Sports Commission, ang matagumpay na kampanya ng bansa sa 13th ASEAN Para Games na nagtapos kahapon sa Nakhon Ratchasima sa Thailand. Nagpadala ang Pilipinas ng 211 kalahok sa 14 sa 19 na isports na gaganapin, at magbabalik ng 45 ginto, 37 pilak at 52 tanso na medalya, ang pinakamarami para sa bansa mula nang lumahok ito noong 2001. Nagpakitang-gilas si chess player Darry Bernardo sa pamamagitan ng tamang mga galaw at nanalo ng anim na ginto habang sina swimmer Angel Otom at chess player Sander Severino ay parehong may tig-limang ginto. Si swimmer Gary Bejino naman ay nakakuha ng apat na ginto upang pangunahan ang pagsusumikap ng Team Philippines. Ang nakuhang medalya sa Thailand ay ang pinakamarami para sa Team Philippines sa ASEAN Para Games, at ito ay sapat para sa ika-apat na pwesto sa kabuuan sa likod ng host na Thailand (175-155-158), Indonesia (135-144-114) at Malaysia (64-64-73). Noong 2023 sa Cambodia, nagpadala ang Team Philippines ng 173 atleta sa 14 na isport at nakamit ang 34-33-50 (ginto, pilak, bronse) na nagtapos sa ikalimang puwesto. ‘Dakilang tagumpay. Mas maganda kaysa sa Cambodia (noong 2023). Ipinagmamalaki mo kami lahat. Ang PSC ay nagbigay ng buong suporta at nagbunga ito,’ sabi ni Gregorio. Ang pagkapanalo ng ginto sa ASEAN Para Games ay naganap isang

buwan matapos makipagtagisan ang Team Philippines sa ika-33 na Southeast Asian Games na ginanap din sa Thailand, at nagtapos sa ika-anim na puwesto sa kabuuan na may 50 ginto, 73 pilak, at 154 tanso na medalya. Itinuring itong isang tagumpay dahil nanalo ang Team Philippines ng mga gintong medalya na inaasahan nitong makuha at nagpakitang-gilas sa mga kaganapan kung saan nakipagsabayang ito sa kabila ng lahat ng hadlang, laban sa mga lokal na paborito. Sinabi ni Gregorio na ang mga gintong medalya na napanalunan ng mga Pilipinong atleta sa ASEAN Para Games ay kumikislap tulad ng sa SEA Games. “Parehong bandila. Parehong Lupang Hinirang. Parehong sakripisyo PARA sa Pilipinas,” said the proud PSC chairman. Pinuri ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. ang Team Philippines na lumahok sa nakaraang SEA Games, at binigyan ng karagdagang insentibo sa pera ang mga medalista na P300,000 para sa ginto, P150,000 para sa pilak, at P60,000 para sa tanso. “Batid nating walang katumbas na halaga ang inyong sakripisyo, ngunit tanggapin ninyo ito bilang simbolo ng pagpupugay at pasasalamat ng mamamayang Pilipino sa inyong kabayanihan,” said the President in front of the SEA Games medalists. “Nawa ay marami pang kabataang Pilipino ang tumahak sa katulad na landas na inyong nilalakbay,” Marcos added.



MEGAFUNALO X GIOCO LAUNCHING
ISINAGAWA ang launching ng MegaFUNalo sa Solaire Grand Ballroom, Entertainment City Paranaque na lisensyado mula sa Pagcor bilang online game platform Gioco Arcade sa bansa kung saan ay may timang Pinoy-digital na nag inspired sa sports at entertainment sa mga manlalarong pinoy kung saan ay nasa kulturang Pilipino makikita sa larawan ang mga opisyal na sina Richard Bergkvist Director, Retention Marketing, Online Gaming Doug Berinshaw, Technical Director, Gioco Arcade, Maricar Nepomuceno Technical Director Gioco Arcade, Ogie Alcasid Jeepney Go Ambassador, Gerardo Alfredo Bisnar Senior Manager, Legal & Compliance Online Gaming Justine Noel Director, Acquisition Marketing, Online Gaming. **(REY NILLAMA)**



elite performance. Sa kabuuan, ito ay kumakatawan sa tinatayang puhunan na USD 3.6 milyon, o humigit-kumulang PHP 208 milyon. Higit pa sa mga bilang, ito ay tungkol sa access, oportunidad, at inklusyon pagtiyak na walang batang Pilipino ang mawawalan ng lugar upang makapaglaro. Pinatatatag ng mahusay na pamamahala ang pagsisikap na ito.

Sa PHP 56 milyon na inilaan para sa pagho-host ng FIFA Women’s Futsal World Cup, ang PHP 11 milyon na natipid ay ibabalik sa Pambansang Pamahalaan, bilang patunay ng disiplinadong pamamahala sa pananalapi at transparency. Ganito binubuo ang isang pamana hindi lamang sa pagho-host ng mundo, kundi sa pagbibigay sa bawat batang Pilipino ng lugar upang mangarap.

Fajardo mangunnguna sa PBA All-Star Game

INAASAHAN na pangungunahan nila June Mar Fajardo ng San Miguel Beer at Japeth Aguilar ng Barangay Ginebra makaraang mapagtagumpayan ang ginanap na botohan para sa 2026 PBA All-Star Game na sisimulan sa Marso 6 hanggang 8 sa Candon City, Ilocos Sur. Bumandera sa pinakamalaking boto na 33,360 si 9-time PBA MVP Fajardo para magampanan ang South All-Stars habang kasunod si Aguilar na nagtala naman ng 24,104 na boto para pagbidahan ang North All-Stars. Magiging kaanib ni Fajardo para sa South starters sina RJ Abarrientos (31,408) at Scottie Thompson (29,892) ng Ginebra pati na sina Calvin Oftana ng Talk ‘N Text (21,770), at Robert Bolick ng NLEX (20,862). Habang sa parte naman team North starting line-up sina Calvin Abueva (23,404) ng NorthPort, Juan Gomez De Liao (16,488) ng Converge, CJ Perez (12,716) ng SMB, at Stephen Holt (12,564) ng Ginebra. Isinagawa ang botohan ay nagmula ng Disyembre 5 hanggang Enero 18 sa mga pinadaraosan ng laro sa PBA at maging sa PBA website. Samantala gagampanan naman bilang head coaches nila coach Leo Austria ng SMB at TNT coach para sa magkabilang koponan na North at South habang inaantay na lamang ang itinakdang palabunutan Kaugnay nito para sa matitirang player na may kabuuan na 12-roster na nasa hanay ng North at South ay magdaan sa botohan mula sa 12 PBA coaches Taon 2019 ng magkaroon ng huling All-Star games na tradisyunan mula sa PBA ay kinabibilangan ito ng dalawang probinsya ito ay ang Pangasinan at Calasiao Sa naturang okasyon ay bahagi na din ito sa pag selebrasyon ng ika-50th Golden Golden Anniversary ng PBA na may kauna-unahang professional na liga basketball league sa Asya. Aantabayan na muna ang mga nakatakdang mga kaganapan sa PBA Philippine Cup ang second-round campaign ng Gilas Pilipinas sa 2027 FIBA World Cup Asian Qualifiers

na nakatakdang ngayong Pebrero maging ang paparating na ikalawang conference na Commissioner’s Cup. Bago mapa simulan ang PBA All-Star Weekend.



JMF BEST PLAYER OF THE CONFERENCE
PORMAL ng tinanggap ni San Miguel Beermen center June Mar Fajardo ang kanyang pagiging Best Player of the Conference ng Philippine Basketball Association. Habang nasa ibabang larawan sina PBA Commissioner Willie Marcial at Candon Governor ang makaraang ganapin sa Mall of Asia Arena, Pasay City. Hawak bola naman sina PBA Commissioner Willie Marcial at Candon Mayor Eric Singson. **(REY NILLAMA)**