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ANG mga pagtalakay sa Bagong Taon ng Tsina sa media forum na pinangunahan ni Herman "Ka Mentong" Tiu Laurel, Pangulo ng Geopolitics think tank Asian Century Philippines kung saan ay nauugnay sa Bagong Karunungan maging ang tradisyonal na kultura ng Tsina pagsapit ng bagong taon. Kasama sa larawan sina Ado Paglinawan, Bise Presidente ng ACPSSI at Joaquin Sy. **(REY NILLAMA)- story p.2**



TINALAKAY sa ginanap na press conference sa PIA Conference Room, 3rd Floor, PIA Building, Visayas Ave., QC. ni Dr. Luis P. Gatmaitan, Chairperson, NCCT ang kahalagahan para sa pangangalaga sa mga kabataan patungkol sa mapanuring panunuod nh telebisyon. Katuwang nito sa pagpapahayag si Judy Galleta, project development officer NCCT, para sa mga kahalagahan kabilang ang pangangalaga ng mga magulang sa kani-kanilang mga anak pagdating sa naturang pagsusuri sa panunuod. **(REY NILLAMA)**



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MTRCB AT KWF, TINALAKAY ANG FSL SA MIDYA

NAGSAGAWA ng roundtable discussion ang Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) at Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) noong 9 Pebrero 2026, sa tanggapan ng MTRCB. Layunin ng talakayan na linawin ang tungkulin ng MTRCB kaugnay sa implementasyon ng Batas Republika Blg. 11106 o ang Filipino Sign Language Act, partikular ang paggamit ng FSL sa Midya. Kabilang sa tinalakay ang konsistensi sa pagkakaroon ng FSL interpreter inset sa broadcast media, paggamit ng open at closed captions, at patuluyang konsultasyon ng MTRCB bilang regulatory body at KWF bilang policy-making institution. Natalakay rin ang mga hámong kinahaharap sa paggamit ng senyas, tulad ng pagkakaroon ng iba't ibang barayti nito na maaring magdulot ng pagkalito sa mga manonood.

Tiniyak naman ng KWF na ang mga barayti na iyon ay maituturing din na FSL at walang komentaryo ang komunidad ng mga Deaf sa paggamit nitó sa midya. Umupo sa talakayan si Atty. Marites Barrios-Taran, Tagapangulo ng KWF, kasama sina Komisyoner Dr. Benjamin Mendillo Jr., at Carmelita C. Abdurahman, Yunit ng FSL na sina G. Patrick Bryan Q. Abaza (Senior Deaf Advocacy Officer), at Bb. Diana Pria B. Vizmanos (Deaf Advocacy Officer). Samantalang sa panig ng MTRCB, pinangunahan ito ni Atty. Cesar Pareja (Chairperson), kasama sina Atty. Pedro Cesar Gabriel Solidum (Co-chair), Atty. Mynoa Sto. Domingo (Co-chair), Atty. Inah Tolentino (Legal Division), Roberto C. Diciembre (Executive Director II), Bb. Josefina Bañaga, Bb. Wilma Galvante, Bb. Ma. Cecilia Villarosa, Bb. Neal Felix Del Rosario, Bb. Rosario Fabregas, at G. Robbi Ramos.

Geopolitics ang Bagong Taon ng Tsina, Bagong Panahon

SINABI ni Herman “Ka Mentong” Tiu Laurel, Pangulo ng Geopolitics think tank Asian Century Philippines Strategic Studies Institute (ACPSSI) na “sa pagdiriwang ng ‘Taon ng Apoy na Kabayo’, o Chinese New Year, Spring Festival, isang Bagong Panahon ang pumapasok sa ating buhay.” Sa panahon ng ACPSSI Media Forum na pinangasiwaan ni Daniel Long, sinabi ni Laurel, “Ito ang paglipas ng Fire Horse at ng Bagong Panahon, Bagong Karunungan.” Isang video presentation ang nagpakita ng “Spring Festival”, kung saan sa China, at kahit sa mundo “ikaw ay Uuwi” at patuloy itong magiging pinakamataong-pinapanood na kaganapan sa buong mundo. Masaya si Laurel na malaman na maraming tradisyong pangkultura ang nauukol sa pagdiriwang ng Chinese New Year. “Ang problema ng Filipino ay hindi ang China. Aminin natin na ang problema ay

ang Amerika. Linawin natin na ang China ay kasama ang Russia. Uulitin na lang ang pagbalik ng Amerika kung hindi natin hihinto ang hegemonya ng Kanluran,” sabi ni Laurel. Idinagdag niya na ang Kalihim ng Ugnayang Panlabas na si Teresita Lazaro ay ginagawa ang kanyang makakaya upang lutasin ang alitang teritoryal, hindi katulad nina Tarriela at iba pang mga opisyal ng gobyerno. Sinabi ni Ado Paglinawan, Bise Presidente ng ACPSSI, para sa Panloob na Mga Usapin, na ito rin ang taon ng mga debate sa pagitan ni Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) Tagapagsalita para sa West Philippine Sea (WPS) Commodore Jay Tarriela, Sass Roganto Sassot, at retiradong Associate Justice ng Korte Suprema (SC) na si Antonio Carpio. “Mukhang nais ng retiradong Hukom ng Korte Suprema (Carpio) na limitahan ang paksa sa kung ano ang kanyang inihanda,”

Matinding pinsala ng shear line ngayong Amihan season sa kabuhayan ng mamamayan, manipestasyon ng krisis sa klima —PMCJ

Quezon City, Pilipinas — Umabot na sa ₱16.3 milyon ang halaga ng pinsala sa agrikultura na dulot ng matinding pag-ulan sa probinsya ng Negros Occidental, ayon sa ulat noong Pebrero 11, 2026. Di pa rito kasama ang pinsala sa ibang probinsya, lalo

Babaing wanted, nahuli sa Gentry ng pulis-Indang

NAARESTO ng mga tauhan ng Indang Municipal Police Station ang isang babaing wanted person kamakailan sa General Trias City, Cavite. Ang akusadong si alyas Anne, 46, at tubong Cavite, ay kasalukuyang naninirahan sa Dasmariñas City.

Inaresto ang akusado nitong Pebrero 16 sa kahabaan ng Governor's Drive sa General Trias City, sa bisa ng warrant of arrest para sa krimen ng estafa.

Ang nasabing warrat ay inisyu at nilagdaan ng Presiding Judge ng Regional Trial Court, Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 20, Imus City, Cavite, na may piyansang inirekomendang P40,000.

Kelot, timbog sa boga

TIMBOG ang isang lalaki na nahulihan ng baril sa operasyong isinagawa ng pulisya kamakailan sa Amadeo, Cavite.

Kinilala ang suspek na si alyas Ben, naninirahan sa Silang.

Ang operasyon ay isinagawa ng mga tauhan ng Amadeo Municipal Police Station dakong alas-10:30 ng gabi nitong Pebrero 16.

Sa naturang operasyon ay narekober sa pag-iingat ng suspek ang isang unit ng Smith & Wesson .38 caliber pistol na walang serial number at isang pirasong live .38 caliber ammunition.

sabi ni Paglinawan. Pangunahin dito, tinalakay ni Paglinawan sa kanyang Asian Century Journal.

na sa bahagi ng Visayas at hilagang Mindanao na sinalanta kamakailan ng bagyong Basyang, na tinatayang pinatindi ng shear line ngayong Amihan season.

“Karamihan sa mga nailalathalang balita tungkol sa shear line at Amihan season ay dahilan ng pag-ulan mula Oktubre hanggang Pebrero at lalo na tuwing Kapaskuhan. O di kaya'y nagpapatindi ng mga dumaraang bagyo. Kahit tama ito, marapat ding ipatampok na ang shear line at Amihan ay di lang ‘magpapaulan sa Kabikulan ngayong Biyernes’. Sa milyun-milyong halaga ng pinsalang nadudulot nito sa mamamayan, lalo na sa batayang sektor, dapat itong paghandaan. Hindi ito simpleng ‘scattered rains’ kung ang epekto nito ay kawalan ng kabuhayan para sa mga mangingisda at magsasaka,” ani lan Rivera, national coordinator ng PMCJ.

“Pinapatindi ng global warming ang shearline. Mula nang lumampas ng 1.0 degree centigrade ang average global temperature noong 2020, taunan na kung bumayo ang shear line sa ating bansa. Mas mabangis ang dala-dala nitong malakas na hangin at matinding ulan. Ito dapat ang pinaghandaan ng gobyerno

habang pinapaliwanag ang magiging epekto nito,” dagdag ni Rivera.

Matagal nang ipinapanawagan ng PMCJ at ibang grupo kung ano ang manipestasyon ng krisis sa klima. Isa lamang sa napakaraming epekto ang pagtindi ng shear line at Amihan, at pagpapalakas nito sa mga dumaraang bagyo sa bansa. Noong Pebrero 2024, higit ₱173 milyon ang halaga ng pinsala sa sektor ng agrikultura dulot ng pag-ulan at pagbaha sanhi ng shear line.

“Sa hilagang Mindanao, ang pinagsamang epekto ng shear line at ng #BasyangPH ay nagresulta sa matinding pagbaha, partikular sa Iligan City. Ayon sa PAGASA, ang naitalang dami ng ulan sa ilang upstream areas ay lumampas sa tinatawag na 100-year return period, na nangangahulugang isang porsyento lamang ang tsansa na mangyari ang ganitong antas ng ulan sa anumang taon. Gayunman, ipinapakita ng pangyayaring ito na ang mga dating itinuturing na ‘rare’ na extreme weather events ay maaari nang mangyari sa kasalukuyang panahon,” ani Laica Rayel, senior campaigner on food, land, water, and climate ng PMCJ. Mahigit 350 millimeters ng ulan ang naitala sa ilang rain gauge stations sa rehiyon,

na nagdulot ng pag-apaw ng mga ilog at pagkabigo ng mga drainage system. Dahil dito, libo-libong residente ang naapektuhan at napilitang lumikas, habang maraming komunidad ang nalubog sa baha sa loob ng ilang araw.

“Sa 12 Pilipinong namatay dahil sa bagyong Basyang, walo ang mula sa Iligan City. Di pa pinal ang mga datos at mukhang madadagdagan pa. Sa ilang taon naming pagkilos laban sa mga proyektong mapanira sa kalikasan tulad ng coal-fired power plant sa aming lugar sa Kauswagan, naiintindihan namin na di normal ang malalakas na pag-ulan at pagbahang ito. Kailangan nating isulong ang hustisyang pangklima at wakasan ang mga gawain at proyektong pumapatay sa tao at planeta,” ani Rosalinda Calaca, residente ng Tacub, Kauswagan, Lanao del NORte, at pangulo ng Tacub Homeless Initiatives in Keeping its Rights (THINK). Sa ulat noong Enero 2025, umabot sa higit ₱67 milyon ang pinsala sa palay, mais, high-value crops, at livestock sa Mimaropa, kanluran at silangang Visayas, Davao at rehiyon ng Soccsksargen. Naglalaro sa daang milyong piso ang halagang nawawala sa Pilipino taun-taon dahil sa shear line tuwing Amihan season.

“Kailangan nating tingnan at iulat ang mga pagbabago sa ating klima dulot ng krisis na dinaranas nito. Bukod dito, huwag kakalimutan ang pag-uulat di lamang ng halaga ng pinsala sa mga sektor na pangunahing tinatamaan nito kundi maging aktwal na estado at kahulugan ng shear line, easterlies at iba pang weather phenomena,” ani Rayel.

“Kasabay ng panawagan ng reparasyon ay ang pagsusulong ng tamang pagtugon sa krisis sa klima—deklarasyon ng National Climate Emergency at pag-ayon ng programa at polisiya ng gobyerno sa pagwawakas sa coal at iba pang fossil fuels, at pagtutulak ng makatarungang transisyon sa renewable energy nang walang naiwang sektor o grupo. Walang lugar sa magaan na pagbabalita kung napakabigat na kinakaharap ng aping mamamayan dulot ng krisis na ito,” ani Rivera.

KWF, Dumalo sa Public Hearing para sa Pagtatatag ng Department of Culture

Dumalo si Tagapangulong Atty. Marites A. Barrios-Taran at Komisyoner Carmelita C. Abdurahman ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino sa isinagawang Public Hearing ng Committee on Culture and the Arts noong 4 Pebrero 2026, sa tanggapan ni Sen. Ralph Recto sa Senado ng Pilipinas.

Pagsuporta ito ng KWF sa pagtalakay ng dalawang panukalang batas na isinulong ni Sen. Loren Legarda, ang Senate Bill No. 817 at 818.

Ang SBN 817 (Department of Culture Act) ay ang paglikha ng isang ganap na departamento na magbubuklod sa mga

ahensiyang pangkultura upang mas mapalakas ang pagpapaunlad ng pambansang identidad. Samantala, pinalalawak ng SBN 818 (Expansion of NCCA Board) ang komposisyon ng lupon ng Pambansang Komisyon para sa Kultura at mga Sining (NCCA) at pagtatatag ng mga rehiyonal na tanggapan at kultural na pasilidad upang masegurong abot-kamay ang serbisyo sa bawat rehiyon. Kasama ring dumalo sa publikong pagdinig ang iba pang ahensiya ng pamahalaan na may kaugnayan sa sining at kultura.

Editorial

Importanteng simbolo ng ating ekonomiya

NASA 35.63 billion US dollars ang kabuuang cash remittances nitong buong nakaraang taon. Ayon sa Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas ay mas mataas ng 3.3 porsiyento kung ikukumpara sa US\$34.49 billion noong 2024.

Maituturing na record high noong Disyembre 2025 matapos umabot sa US\$3.52 billion ang cash remittances. Kung ikukumpara noong Disyembre 2024 ay higit na mataas ito ng 4.2 porsiyento. Batid naman na ito ay bunsod ng kontribusyon ng mga land-based at mga sea-based workers. Pagpapatunay na ang remittances ay importanteng simbolo ng ating ekonomiya partikular tuwing holiday season dahil mas mataas ang padala ng mga overseas Filipino workers.

Kalibre

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Paano kung nakamotorsiklo ang nakabunggo?

ANG pagmamaneho ng kung ano mang uri ng sasakyan kung titingnan ay madali lamang. Maaaring masabing tama subalit mayroong kaakibat na responsibilidad. Hindi lamang ang sarili o ng nagmamaneho bagkus ay buhay ng iba o nakararami ang nakasalalay. Sabi nga ay dapat gising at buhay ang diwa sa pagmamaneho at tiyaking alisto at alerto. Iyon nga lamang ay may mga pangyayaring hindi inaasahan o basta na lamang bubulaga. Nasa tamang lugar o linya pero nabangga ng kapwa sasakyan na ang masaklap ay nauwi sa trahedyo. Sa panig ng nabangga ay mayroong mga sugatan habang ang driver ng nakabangga ay malubha o posibleng mabawian pa ng buhay. Sasailalim naman sa masusing imbestigasyon ang insidente at matutukoy na walang kasalanan ang nabangga.

Kaya nga lamang ay hindi lamang matinding abala ang pinagdaanan bagkus ay may kasamang trauma. Lalo na iyong kamakailan na naganap sa pagkalagapak ng katawan ng isang tao mula sa LRT. Kahit anong listo sa pagmamaneho kung nagmula sa ere o itaas ang bumagsak na tao ay asahang naroroon ang labis na pagkakagulat o pagkakabigla. Pwedeng masagasaan depende sa layo o distansiya ng pagkakabagsak. Masaklap ay paano kung ang paparating ay nakamotorsiklo kaya pihadong sa pagkabunggo ay sesemplang ang motorsiklo at masusugatan ang rider na maaaring ikabuwis pa ng buhay. Halimbawang sa pag-iimbestiga ay napatunayang normal lamang ang takbo o pagmamaneho ng rider, paano na?

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SM Marketmall Dasmariñas went all out in celebrating Chinese New Year, welcoming shoppers with a festive lion and dance performance. Truly a gala to the max moments at one of Cavite's most loved community malls.

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OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT 4118

SPS. JENESIS M. TAGLE AND
RAQUEL R. TAGLE,
Borrowers/Mortgagors.

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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 SAVINGS BANK**, with postal address at PSBank Center, 777 Paseo De Roxas corner Sedeño Street, Makati City against the debtor/mortgagors, **SPS. JENESIS M. TAGLE AND RAQUEL R. TAGLE**, with postal address at (1) Blk 14 Lot 11, Ph1, Sta. Catalina Village, Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and (2) Fourward Ventures Inc. Unit 15, Ph1, Century Commercial Complex, Salawag, Dasmariñas City, Cavite; (3) Marcelino Bautista (A) Trinidad St., San Agustin II, Dasmariñas, Cavite; 4) Block 14 Lot 11, Cyprus Street, Avida Residences Sta. Catalina Phase 1, Salawag, Dasmariñas, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of **January 7, 2026** amounts to **TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY PESOS AND 33/100 (Php2,979,190.33)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **March 18, 2026** at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court 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:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. (T-1212401) 057-2022033456

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BO. OF SALAWAG, MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARINAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 11, BLOCK 14 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-017801, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOTS 5774-NEW, FLS-2586, 5775, 6581, 6582, 6583, 6584, 6585, 6586, 6587, 6588, 6589, 6590, 6591, 6592 & 6593, IMUS ESTATE, LRC RECORD NO. 10229), SITUATED IN THE BO. (Continued on next page) is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: **SPS. JENESIS M. TAGLE AND RAQUEL R. TAGLE, OF LEGAL AGES, FILIPINOS**
Address: **MARCELINO BAUTISTA (A) TRINIDAD ST., SAN AGUSTIN II, DAMARINAS, CAVITE**

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TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION (Continued from page 1) OF SALAWAG, MUNICIPALITY OF DASMARINAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 10; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 14 BOTH OF BLOCK 14; ON THE NE., ALONE LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT 11; AND ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 9 BLOCK 14, ALL OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN. BEGINNING AT A PT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S. 35 DEG. 45'W., 819.54 M. FROM MON. NO. 174, IMUS ESTATE; THENCE N. 57

CALABARZON January
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at 2.3 percent

LIPA CITY, Batangas in January 2025. A faster increase in prices for the Restaurants and Accommodation Services commodity group—averaging 4.6 percent—contributed to the acceleration in the overall inflation rate (IR). This was followed by Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels at 4.1 percent and Personal Care, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services at 3.0 percent. Compared to previous month's inflation, Food groups in CALABARZON that incurred increments

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) CALABARZON reported the January 2026 inflation in the region during an online press conference on 13 February 2026. Statistical Operations and Coordination Division Officer-in-Charge Charity O. Bautista announced that the region's inflation rate in January 2026 increased at 2.3 percent, from 2.1 percent in December 2025. This figure is 0.8 percentage point lower than the 3.1 percent posted

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Dasmariñas City, Cavite, February 5, 2026

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AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **FR. ENGELBERT A. BAGNAS** who died on April 27, 2025 at City of General Trias Doctors Medical Center located at Brgy. Manggahan City of General Trias Cavite, left the following accounts with Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company ("Metrobank"):

| Account No. | Account Balance |
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was the subject by the heir, executing this Affidavit to attest to the truth of the foregoing facts and facilitate the transfer of ownership of the said account before Notary Public Atty. Maria Anna Bondoc Yap as per Doc No. 263; Page No. 54; Book No. XXII; Series of 2026.

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in IR include Flour, bread and other bakery products, pasta products, and other cereals at 2.9 percent inflation (from 2.4 percent); Fish and other seafood at 7.0 percent inflation (from 6.4 percent); Fruits and nuts at 3.0 percent inflation (from 0.1 percent); Sugar, confectionery and desserts retained at 1.1 percent (from 1.0 percent); and Ready-made food and other food products n.e.c. at 2.3 percent (from 1.7 percent). On the other hand, Food groups that recorded lower increase in prices include Corn at 5.2 percent inflation (from 14.0 percent); Meat and other parts of slaughtered land animals at 1.7 percent inflation (from 4.2 percent); and Oils and fats at 13.8 percent inflation (from 17.1 percent). Meanwhile, Milk, other dairy products and eggs showed an increase in prices at 0.5 percent from a decrease in prices in the previous month inflation of -0.1 percent. Rice showed a slower decrease in prices at -8.1 percent inflation (from -10.1 percent). Vegetables, tubers, plantains, cooking bananas and pulses showed a decrease in prices at -0.9 percent (from an increase in prices recorded at 8.2 percent). Compared to December 2025, inflation rate in January 2026 increased in the areas of Laguna (from 2.0 percent to 3.3 percent), and Rizal (from 2.2 percent to 2.4 percent). Meanwhile, overall price increase slowed down in Batangas (from 1.1 percent to 0.8 percent), Cavite (from 2.6 percent to 2.4 percent), Quezon (from 2.5 percent to 1.3 percent), and Lucena City (from 1.6 percent to 0.2 percent). The purchasing power of peso (PPP) in the region was recorded at 76 centavos in January 2026, compared to its value in 2018 (base year).

PGC Holds Local Recruitment Activity

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager led by Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, conducted a Local Recruitment Activity with Star Appliance Center, Inc. (SM Appliance Center) on February 13, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City. seven were endorsed for examination at the company's warehouse in Kawit, Cavite. Other applicants received guidance and next steps to continue their employment process. The activity reflects PGC's continuing commitment to connect Caviteños with accessible and meaningful employment opportunities through strong public-private partnerships.— R. Dones (CPIO)

Out of 27 applicants who applied for 70 available vacancies, two were hired on the spot, while

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

CHINA BANK SAVINGS INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-995-25

NICOLE CAITLIN R. MASON,
Mortgagor/Borrower.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, CHINA BANK SAVINGS INC., with business address at CBS Building, No. 314 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the Mortgagor/Borrower, NICOLE CAITLIN R. MASON, with residence and postal address at (1) Lot 5, Blk. 22, Woodcross, Phase 7, Brgy. Tapia, Gen.Trias City, Cavite and (2) 1340 Interior O, Burgos St., Brgy. 826, Paco, Manila to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 30, 2025 amounts to NINE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE PESOS and 97/100 (Php994,265.97), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on March 4, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon, at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 057-2021060681

LOT NO: 5, BLOCK NO: 22, PLAN NO: PCS-04-032361
PORTION OF: LOTS 1912 (FRS-04-005438); 1918 (RS-04-004387), 1913, 1914, 1985 (FRS-04-006221); 3263 (FRS-04-006218) & 1915, SFDM ESTATE, LRC RECORD NO. 5964, DECREE NO. 4270
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF TAPIA, MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

| LINE | DIRECTION | ADJOINING LOT(S) |
|------|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 1-2 | SE | LOT 7, BLOCK 22, PCS-04-032361 |
| 2-3 | SW | ROAD LOT 26, PCS-04-032361 |
| 3-4 | NW | LOT 3, BLOCK 22, PCS-04-032361 |
| 4-1 | NE | LOT 6, BLOCK 22, PCS-04-032361 |

AREA: FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS, more or less

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on March 18, 2026 without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, February 04, 2026.

JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG
Sheriff IV

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BUENAVENTURA PAGTAKHAN CONSTANTINO
MANGROBANG ROSELL AND ASSOCIATES
Counsel for the Mortgagee
12th Floor, China Bank Savings Building
314 Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

MS. NICOLE CAITLIN R. MASON
1) Lot 5, Blk. 22, Woodcross, Phase 7, Brgy. Tapia, Gen.Trias City, Cavite
2) 1340 Interior O, Burgos St., Brgy. 826, Paco, Manila

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

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-867-25

KEN JOHN D. SANTOS,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, BDO UNIBANK, INC., with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, against the Debtor/Mortgagor, KEN JOHN D. SANTOS, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Blk. 68, Lot 47, Phase 1, Phirst Park Homes-Tanza, Barrio Tanauan, Tanza, Cavite (occupied by mortgagor) and (2) Unit 1933 Tower 1, Light Residences, Boni, EDSA, Mandaluyong City (occupied by third party), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 14, 2025 amounts to FOUR MILLION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY ONE PESOS and 69/100 (Php4,164,391.69), Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on March 4, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 057-2019050318

LOT NO: 47 BLOCK NO: 68 PLAN NO: PCS-04-030746
PORTION OF: LOT 2171-B-1, PSD-04-003866, LOT 2171-N-B, FLS-1479-D STA CRUZ DE MALABON ESTATE, LOT 2171-B-2-I, PSD-04-025600 & LOT 2171-B-2-J, PSD-04-024600
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF TANAUAN, MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

| LINE | DIRECTION | ADJOINING LOT(S) |
|------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 1-2 | NORTH | LOT 48, BLOCK 68, PCS-04-030746 |
| 2-3 | EAST | LOT 49, BLOCK 68, PCS-04-030746 |
| 3-4 | SOUTH | ROAD LOT 84, PCS-04-030746 |
| 4-1 | WEST | LOT 45, BLOCK 68, PCS-04-030746 |

AREA: SIXTY SQUARE METERS AND FIFTY SQUARE DECIMETERS (60.50), more or less

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on March 18, 2026 without further notice.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN
CIVIL REGISTRATION: 2024
OUTSTANDING LCRO
AWARDING CEREMONY

In celebration of the 36th Civil Registration Month, the Philippine Statistics Authority - Regional Statistical Services Office IV-A, proudly hosted the 2024 Outstanding Local Civil Registry Office (LCRO) Awarding Ceremony last February 11, 2026, at Solano Hotel, Lipa City, Batangas. The ceremony, highlights the collective commitment to strengthening civil registration systems and enhancing their role in building an integrated and future-ready data ecosystem at both the regional and global levels. Local Civil Registrars, LCRO personnel, and PSA officials and staff from across CALABARZON gathered for a meaningful celebration of excellence, innovation, and dedication in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS). The event served not only as a recognition of exemplary performance but also as a reaffirmation of the shared mission to deliver efficient, inclusive, and responsive civil registration services. The Outstanding LCRO Awards were conferred across six categories; Extra Small, Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large, and Super Extra Large, ensuring fair and inclusive recognition among LCROs in the region. Each awardee demonstrated remarkable accomplishments in areas such as timely registration of vital events, implementation of relevant laws including RA 9048 and RA 10172, support to CRVS initiatives, digitization efforts, and strengthened coordination with stakeholders. As the CRVS landscape evolves through digital transformation and data integration, the partnership between the PSA and LCROs remains crucial in shaping a responsive and globally aligned data ecosystem. The event reinforced the shared responsibility of all stakeholders in advancing a modernized, accessible, and resilient civil registration framework.

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

Trece Martires City, February 4, 2026

REYNALDO L. SALOMA
Sheriff IV

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
CONSUMER REMEDIAL MANAGEMENT
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas
#12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

MR. KEN JOHN D. SANTOS
(1) Blk. 68, Lot 47, Phase 1, Phirst Park Homes-Tanza, Barrio Tanauan, Tanza, Cavite
(2) Unit 1933 Tower 1, Light Residences, Boni, EDSA, Mandaluyong City

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

UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES,
Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-26-001
FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure
of Mortgage [Under Act No. 3135,
As amended]

-versus-

MICHAELLA P. DE CASTRO
REPRESENTED BY HER ATTORNEY-IN-
FACT, CHERRY MAY P. RAÑA,
Mortgagor,

x-----x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by *Mortgagee*, **UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES**, is a banking institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines with principal office and place of business at Union Bank Plaza Building, Meralco Ave., cor. Onyx and Sapphire Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on November 13, 2023, by Mortgagor **MICHAELLA P. DE CASTRO**, of legal age, Filipino, single, with residence and postal address at: (1) Block 54, Lot 1, Golden Horizon Hugo Perez, Trece Martirez City, Cavite 4109 A; (2) 2nd Flr., No. 23, PO Tuck Street, Shek Tong Tsui, Hongkong; and (3) Unit No. 0722, 7th Floor, Cool Suites and Wind Residences, Tower B, Emilio Aguinaldo Highway, Barangay Salaban, Maharlika West, Tagaytay City, Cavite, represented by **CHERRY MAY P. RAÑA**, as per Special Power of Attorney executed and notarized on August 26, 2020, in favor of the *Mortgagee*, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021001404** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagor in the amount of **TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY PESOS AND 12/100 (PHP 2,962,680.12)** as of December 12, 2025 the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Baby Leem B. Maristela, will sell at public auction on **April 13, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 076-2021001404
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:
COOL SUITES AT WIND RESIDENCES TOWER B
Unit No.: 0722
FLOOR LEVEL: 7th FLOOR
UNIT TYPE: 1BR WITH BALCONY
UNIT AREA: 23.60 SQUARE METERS

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

Owner: **MICHAELLA P. DE CASTRO, FILIPINO CITIZEN, OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE**
Address: 2nd Flr., No. 23, PO Tuck Street, Shek Tong Tsui, Hongkong

CARD MRI expands holistic care with CARD Care Clinics in Marawi and Cotabato

CARD MRI Property Management, Inc. (CMPMI) led the groundbreaking ceremonies for the CARD Care Clinic Inc. (CCCI) facilities in Marawi City and Cotabato City on January 12-13, 2026. The project represents a major step toward expanding access to primary healthcare for underserved communities in Mindanao, reflecting CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institution's (CARD MRI) commitment to holistic community development. The initiative aims to support the holistic well-being of CARD MRI clients and local communities by complementing the organization's Islamic financing services with accessible, affordable, and culturally sensitive healthcare. The clinics will offer essential primary healthcare services, including medical consultations, diagnostic services such as X-rays, preventive care, and more. CMPMI President Maida Decano emphasized the broader significance of the project during her message. "This groundbreaking ceremony is more than just the opening of a primary care facility. It embodies CARD MRI's mission to address poverty holistically—not only by supporting financial empowerment but also by ensuring communities have access to health and well-being," she said.

Dr. Michelle Anne Dy-Menil,

President of CCCI, under the holding company CARD Care Networks Inc. (CCNI), highlighted how the clinics will directly benefit local residents. "Many families still travel long distances just to access even basic healthcare services. With these clinics, we are bringing primary healthcare closer to the people, providing timely consultations, preventive care, and support that respects the community's culture and needs. It's about building healthier families, who in turn can focus on learning, earning, and improving their quality of life," she shared.

The establishment of the clinics was made possible through the support of The Nippon Foundation, a partner organization of CARD MRI, which aims to provide accessible, quality healthcare and support sustainable community development, both in Christian and Muslim communities of Marawi and Cotabato.

The groundbreaking ceremonies were attended by CMPMI President Maida Decano, CARD MRI Resource Mobilization and International Group Director Jean Pauline Landicho, CCCI President Dr. Michelle Anne Dy-Menil, and other CARD MRI heads, officers, staff, clients, and community members. Media partners covered the Cotabato event, including Anne Acosta of Mindanao Expose Cotabato, Carolyn Abas

of Radyo Natin FM Cotabato, Shella Cumbao of TM FM Radio Cotabato, and Sam Sali of XFM 102.1 Cotabato.

The CARD Care Clinics will be located along Narciso Marcos Highway, Barangay Biaba Damag, Marawi City, and Rosales Street, Rosary Heights 6, Sinsuat Avenue, Cotabato City. The project reinforces CARD MRI's long-term commitment to supporting communities through

integrated financial and health services, bringing hope, care, and opportunity closer to those who need it most.

CMPMI, CCCI, and CCNI are member-institutions of CARD MRI, a group of development-oriented institutions established in December 1986 with a common goal of eradicating poverty in the Philippines. (**Edrian B. Banania, Junior Writer**)



CARD MRI staff, management, clients and partners took part in the groundbreaking of the CARD Care Clinic facilities in Marawi City (left) and Cotabato City (right), marking a significant move toward bringing accessible primary healthcare to the communities.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **April 20, 2026**, without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021001404**, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, February 10, 2026.

(Sgd)

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

(Sgd)

BABY LEEM B. MARISTELA
Sheriff-in-Charge

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UNIONBANK OF THE PHILIPPINES

Union Bank Plaza Building, Meralco Ave., cor. Onyx and Sapphire Roads, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Metro Manila

MICHAELLA P. DE CASTRO AND
CHERRY MAY P. RAÑA

(1) Block 54, Lot 1, Golden Horizon Hugo Perez, Trece Martirez City, Cavite 4109 A;
(2) 2nd Flr., No. 23, PO Tuck Street, Shek Tong Tsui, Hongkong;
(3) Unit No. 0722, 7th Floor, Cool Suites and Wind Residences, Tower B, Emilio Aguinaldo Highway, Barangay Salaban, Maharlika West, Tagaytay City, Cavite

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Step into performance and style with ANTA at SM City Trece Martires. Known for its innovative sports technology and comfort-driven designs, ANTA offers footwear and apparel perfect for training days, game days, and everyday wear. Drop by the store and gala to the MAX with your next active upgrade at SM City Trece Martires.



Pizza Maru has officially opened at SM City Dasmariñas, bringing its signature Korean-style pizza to Cavite. Known for its distinct crust and premium, flavorful toppings, Pizza Maru offers diners a fresh and exciting way to MAX OUT the pizza experience. Visit today and discover this newest dining destination at SM City Dasmariñas.

DOST, PSU launch country's first ASIN R&D Center in Binmaley

BINMALEY, Pangasinan — The country's first ASIN (Salt) Research and Development Center was formally launched on February 17, 2026 at the Pangasinan State University (PSU) Binmaley Campus, marking one of the key highlights of the 2026 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW) in the Ilocos Region.

The establishment of the ASIN Center cements PSU's recognition as a national hub for salt research and development, in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

PSU President Dr. Elbert M. Galas underscored that the initiative is firmly grounded in a strong legal and policy framework, particularly Republic Act No. 8172 or the ASIN Law, which mandates the iodization of salt to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders and safeguard public health. He emphasized that salt is not only a public health imperative but also an economic resource with vast potential for local industries.

DOST Ilocos Regional Director Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog recalled the region's efforts to revitalize the salt industry through consultations and strategic implementation of DOST programs. Through the ONEAsin Program of DOST Ilocos, salt producers in Pangasinan were strengthened, paving the way for the province to host the first ASIN R&D Center in the Philippines.

Representing the Office of the Executive Director of the DOST-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD), Engr. Niñalza H. Escorial described the center as a strategic step toward revitalizing and strengthening the Philippine salt industry.

Binmaley Municipal Mayor Hon. Pedro Merrera III, represented by Municipal Administrator Atty. Franco Francisco, expressed appreciation to DOST and highlighted that PSU serves as the showcase of the project, which is expected to open more opportunities for the municipality and the region. He also noted its potential contribution to clean and potable water solutions.

Pangasinan Governor Hon. Ramon Guico III, represented by Assistant Provincial Agriculturist Mr. Nestor P. Batalla, emphasized that salt holds a special place in the province's identity, noting that Pangasinan literally means place where salt is made. The provincial government

affirmed its full support for the initiative and its role as a member of the ASIN Center Steering Committee.

DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Maborang highlighted the importance of accelerating technology transfer to ensure scalability and enhance local livelihoods. Philippine Coconut Authority Administrator Dr. Dexter R. Buted explained that the agency relies on locally sourced salt, including supply from Pangasinan, particularly for agricultural-grade salt needed in coconut fertilization projects. He stressed the need for stronger integration, synergy, and convergence among agencies to revive the salt industry, which also supports the coconut sector as one of the country's leading agricultural exports.

DOST Undersecretary for Research and Development Usec. Leah J. Buendia said the initiative goes beyond boosting salt production and focuses on empowering communities. She aligned the project with DOST's three-horizon strategy, which seeks to expand salt farms, meet growing demand, drive economic growth, and safeguard the environment. PSU is expected to lead in disseminating salt technologies to stakeholders. Department of Agrarian Reform Secretary Conrado M. Estrella III, represented by Hon. Gilbert Estrella, conveyed full support for the project and recognized the renewed appreciation for the potential of the salt industry.

In his keynote message, DOST Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr. emphasized that revitalizing the Philippine salt industry remains a national priority. He cited the challenge that the country imports around 93 percent of its salt requirements while producing only about 7 percent locally. He stressed the need to scale up production, encourage technology adopters, and develop new technologies for salt processing, including innovations that integrate salt production with potable water solutions.

The ASIN R&D Center will serve as a modern hub for salt science and technology, supporting research and development, technology deployment, and innovation-driven solutions to strengthen local salt industries and empower salt-making communities.

The inauguration also featured the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between DOST and PSU, further solidifying their partnership

BUILDING A MATATAG AND MAGINHAWA FUTURE THROUGH STI AT ILOCOS REGION'S RSTW 2026

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) officially opened the 2026 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW) in the Ilocos Region on February 16 at CSI Stadia, convening national and local leaders, academic institutions, industry partners, and innovators under the theme "Siyensya, Teknolohiya, at Inobasyon: Kabalik sa Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Kinabukasan," with the sub-theme Building Smart and Sustainable Communities.

In her welcome remarks, Belen T. Fernandez, Mayor of Dagupan City, underscored the city's commitment to innovation-driven governance. She emphasized that a smart city is defined not only by digital systems or modern infrastructure, but by how knowledge and innovation generate employment, protect the environment, improve public services, and empower the youth.

Teresita A. Tabaog, DOST Ilocos Regional Director, highlighted that the early celebration of RSTW was made possible through Dagupan City's proactive

partnership with DOST. A major highlight of the event was the launch of the first-ever DOST Niche Centers in the Regions (NICER) Salt Research and Development Center in Pangasinan, an initiative designed to strengthen the province's salt industry and research capacity. She stressed that collaboration with local governments and communities remains essential in building smart and sustainable communities.

Delivering the inspirational message on behalf of Pangasinan Governor Ramon V. Guico III, Raymundo D. Rovillos, President of Pangasinan Polytechnic College, affirmed that the province's innovation agenda is people-centered. He cited the revitalization of salt-making initiatives and announced the upcoming launch of the PPC-DOST iHub, envisioned as a premier training ground and entrepreneurial incubator for the region's emerging technology leaders.

Ana Carmela Ventura-Remigio, Presidential Assistant Secretary for Northern Luzon, emphasized that science, technology, and innovation (STI) are critical to achieving

a future that is resilient, prosperous, and secure. She noted the alignment between national development goals and DOST's four pillars, stressing that innovation must be purposeful and directed toward meaningful progress. In his keynote address, Renato U. Solidum Jr., DOST Secretary, highlighted Pangasinan's historical connection to salt production—derived from the word "asin"—as a symbol of how science and innovation are deeply rooted in local knowledge and livelihoods. He encouraged local governments, researchers, educators, and students to continue transforming science into practical solutions and ideas into opportunities for inclusive regional growth.

The program also featured reports from current STI Ambassadors of Region I, the conferment of new STI Ambassadors from academia, government, industry, and the environmental sector, and the awarding of STI assistance to partner institutions, including Universidad de Dagupan, Pangasinan Polytechnic College, and the Dagupan City Government.

Ceremonial highlights included the distribution of STARBOOKS units, the Water Compendium and TOURLISTA platforms, the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding for the institutionalization of MAGHANDA for KIDS, and the launch of the SOLIDO Knowledge Hub.

During the press conference, Mayor Fernandez expressed gratitude to DOST and its Ilocos Regional Office for hosting RSTW in Dagupan. She emphasized the strengthened partnership in advancing the city as a smart and sustainable community through science- and data-

Palace backs public consultation on DepEd's proposal for trimester system adoption

Malacañang has expressed support for the conduct of consultation on the Department of Education's (DepEd) proposal to adopt a trimester system for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Undersecretary and Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said the shift to a trimester system is still a proposal as the DepEd is presenting its advantages. "Mas maganda naman talaga na pinag-uusapan lahat ito ng mga stakeholders,

ng mga interested parties, lahat, para ma-reach iyong pinakamagandang programa para sa ating mga kabataan," Castro said during a Palace press briefing on Monday.

"Ito ay proposal pa lamang at inilalahad nila ang maaaring advantage ng pagkakaroon ng trimester na isinusulong ng DepEd. Nandoon pa lang sa stage ng pagpo-propose. So, mas mainam na mas maagarang pang pag-aaral ang gawin kung dapat itong i-implement," she said.

Citing findings by the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II), Education Secretary Sonny Angara has said that having a trimester system would allow longer and more flexible instructional periods, reduce teacher workload, and promote higher-quality instruction. Under the proposed trimester system, the school year will be divided into three academic terms, which will provide teachers with longer uninterrupted teaching periods and better lesson pacing. | **PND**

driven solutions tailored to local needs. She cited the establishment of science-focused schools to promote early STI education, the adoption of DOST-developed Disaster Risk Reduction and Management technologies to improve preparedness and mitigation, and the implementation of science-based waste management programs to support environmental sustainability—initiatives fully backed by Secretary Solidum and the DOST community.

Running until February 18, the 2026 RSTW features technology exhibits, forums, and partnership-building activities aimed at strengthening agriculture, industry, education, tourism, and disaster resilience. The event reaffirms that in the Ilocos Region, science and innovation remain essential partners in building a smarter and more sustainable future.

(**Nelson Santos**)

Medical and Dental Mission goes to Anuling Cerca 2, Mendez

On February 11, the Provincial Government of Cavite successfully conducted a Medical and Dental Mission in Brgy. Anuling Cerca 2, Mendez, Cavite.

A total of 455 patients benefited from the activity, which offered comprehensive healthcare services from medical and dental consultations to diagnostic support such as Random Blood Sugar testing, ECG, and X-ray services to detect and monitor their health conditions.

To ensure continued care after the check-ups, free prescribed medicines were also provided to patients, making the mission a meaningful step towards a healthier and more resilient family in the community. (**CPIO**)

Pilipinas, kasado na sa pagho-host ng ASEAN summit

Pupulungin ngayong Miyerkules ng hapon ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ang mga pangunahing opisyal ng bansa upang tiyakin ang maayos na paghahanda ng pamahalaan para sa pagho-host ng Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit ngayong taon.

Ayon kay PCO Undersecretary Claire Castro, tatalakayin ng Office of the Social Secretary (SOSEC) ang updates para sa 48th ASEAN Summit Shows sa Mayo 2026, habang magbibigay naman ng ulat

ang Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) para sa 49th ASEAN Summit Shows sa Nobyembre 2026.

Kasama sa pulong sina Executive Secretary Ralph Recto, PCO Secretary Dave Gomez, PMS Secretary Elaine Masukat, at iba pang matataas na opisyal ng pamahalaan.

"Sa ngayon, ASEAN-ready na ang Pilipinas," ani Castro, na binigyang-diin ang mas pinaigtatag na hakbang ng administrasyon upang matiyak ang matagumpay na pagdaraos ng biannual summit sa bansa. | **PND**

Sports Tourism nagkakaisang sektor sa bansa

Isang lumalaking alyansa sa pagitan ng pamahalaan, mga pinuno ng sports, at pribadong sektor ang humuhubog sa isang bagong pananaw para sa sports sa Pilipinas, na nakikita ang turismo bilang pangunahing puwersa sa likod ng pangmatagalang pagpapanatili. Ang pagbabahaging direksyon na ito ang naging sentro ng pansin kamailan, sa paglulusad ng bagong Media forum sa palakasan na ginanap sa Wolfgang's Steakhouse Grill sa Lungsod Quezon. Ang pagtitipon ay nagdala ng magkakasamang mga stakeholder mula sa komunidad ng palakasan, mga lokal na yunit ng pamahalaan, at industriya ng pagkain at inumin, na lahat ay pinagbuklod ng paniniwalang maaaring lumikha ang sports tourism ng pangmatagalang epekto sa ekonomiya at lipunan. Kabilang sa mga nakaranas mismo ng mga benepisyo nito ay ang Alkalde ng Lungsod ng Passi na si Stephen Palmares. Mula nang manungkulan noong 2019, hinangad ni Palmares ang isang natatanging pagkakakilanlan

para sa kanyang lungsod, na madalas na nasa anino ng mas malalaking karatig-lungsod tulad ng Lungsod ng Iloilo at Lungsod ng Roxas. Inilapit niya ang sports bilang pundasyon. Sa ilalim ng kanyang pamumuno, naging taga-host ang Lungsod ng Passi ng mga pangunahing kaganapan, kabilang ang The Asian Tournament, PVL on Tour, at ang 2023 PBA All-Star Weekend, pati na rin ang daratng na Western Visayas Regional Athletic Association mula Marso 16 hanggang 21. Ang estratehiya ay naghatid ng nasusukat na mga benepisyo. "Napakahalaga ng turismo sa palakasan para akitin ang mga bisita sa lungsod. At ipinagamalaki kong sabihin sa lahat na dati kaming isang maliit na lungsod na ika-apat na klase, ngunit ngayon, sa 2025, kami ay isang ikatlong klaseng lungsod. Umunlad kami dahil sa palakasan. Taos-puso akong nagpapasalamat sa palakasan. Kapag pinaguusapan ang palakasan sa Kanlurang Visayas, ito ay sa Passi," sabi ni Palmares. Ang nalalapit na regional meet

ay magmamarka ng isang mahalagang yugto para sa lungsod. "Maaaring mukhang ordinaryo ito, ngunit para sa akin ito ay historikal. Ito ang kauna-unahang pagkakataon na ang WVRAA o anumang regional meet ay hinahost hindi ng isang probinsya, kundi ng isang component city at isang maliit na lungsod tulad ng Passi. At ito ay dahil sa sports," dagdag pa niya. Ang pambansang pamahalaan ay gumagalaw din sa parehong direksyon. Ibinahagi ni Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chairman Patrick "Pato" Gregorio na nilagdaan ni Pangulong Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. ang Administrative Order No. 38, na lumilikha ng National Sports Tourism Inter Agency Committee. Pinamumunuan ng PSC na may Department of Tourism bilang vice chair, kabilang din sa komite ang Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Budget and Management, Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority, at Philippine Amusement

and Gaming Corporation. Ang misyon nito ay palakasin ang posisyon ng bansa bilang isang pandaigdigang sentro ng palakasan habang isinusulong ang turismo, pagpapaunlad ng rehiyon, at pakikilahok ng kabataan sa pamamagitan ng magkakaugnay na mga inisyatiba sa turismo ng palakasan. "Ang pinakamalaking kaganapan sa turismo ay mga palakasan, kaya talagang magandang pakikipagtulungan ito," pahayag ni Gregorio. Ang suporta ay nagmula rin sa sektor ng negosyo. Binigyang-diin ni Eric Teng, presidente emeritus ng Restaurant Owners of the Philippines o Resto PH, na ang mga palakasan ay likas na nakakaakit ng mga bisita at nagpapasigla ng lokal na ekonomiya. "Kapag mayroong kaming mga palakasan, iyon ay isang napakadaling gawa ng tao na pang-turismo na kaganapan. Hindi ito nangangailangan ng talon o puting buhangin na beach. Gumawa ka lang ng isang kaganapan, at daratng ang mga turista," ibinahagi ni Teng.



WOLFGANG'S WINNER CIRCLE MEDIA FORUM
KINATAMPUKAN ang talakayan sa ginanap na Wolfgang's Winner Circle Media Forum sa Gateway Mall 2 Araneta City ang usapin sports tourism kung saan ay nag kakaisa ang mga panauhin sa pangunguna ni PSC Chairman John Patrick Gregorio kabilang sina Atty. Albert Agra Sports Lawyer, Bill Velaso Moderator, Mayor Stephen Pamares City of Passi, **(REY NILLAMA)**



UP Sinag kampeon sa Ikapitong PIA Cup kababaihang Football

Nagtapos ang ika-7 edisyon ng Pinay In Action (PIA) Cup sa Lungsod ng Dumaguete, Negros Oriental, kung saan naging kampeon ang UP Sinag matapos makamit ang 3-0 tagumpay laban sa UP Alon sa finals. Nagtapos bilang unang runner-up ang UP

Alon, habang ang Futboleras FC ang ikalawang runner-up. Inilunsad ng Pinay In Action, ang advocacy arm ni Senadora Pia S. Cayetano, ang tatlong-araw na 9v9 football tournament para sa kababaihan mula Pebrero 13-15, 2026, sa Gov. Mariano Perdicés

Memorial Coliseum. Ito ang ika-apat na pagkakataon na ginanap ang PIA Cup sa Dumaguete, kasunod ng mga nakaraang edisyon noong 2018, 2020, at 2024. Isinagawa sa pakikipagtulungan sa Philippine Sports Commission, Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Negros Oriental, Negros Oriental State University, at Negros Oriental-Siquijor Regional Football Association, pinagsama-sama ng torneo ang 20 koponan mula sa iba't ibang panig ng bansa, na pinatitibay ang papel nito bilang pangunahing plataporma para sa pambansang women's football. Ipinagkaloob ang mga espesyal na parangal kay Julian Arrojado ng UP Sinag (Pinakamahusay na Goalkeeper), Florence Ycong ng UP Sinag (Pinakamahusay na Defender), Kille Franklyn Moreno ng UP Alon (Pinakamahusay na Midfielder), Aurea Collenn Reaso ng UP Alon (Pinakamahusay na

Striker), at Hannah Marie Muros ng UP Sinag (Pinakamahilagang Manlalaro). Natanggap naman ng Pamplona de Pontevedra Football Club ang Fair Play Award. Dumalo sa seremonya ng paggawad sina Bb. Elizabeth Agulan ng Philsports, G. Andro D. Cedrome bilang Match Commissioner, at G. Lance Felo bilang Kinatawan ng Team PIA. Pinuri ni Coach Anto Gonzales ng UP Women's Football Team, na dumalo sa kaganapan, ang patuloy na suporta para sa isport at mga atleta. "Ang suporta ni Senador Pia Cayetano ay naging mahalaga sa pagbibigay ng mas maraming oportunidad sa ating mga manlalaro na makipagkompetensya at umunlad," sabi ni Gonzales. "Ang torneyong ito ay nagbibigay ng mahalagang exposure at karanasan para sa mga kabataang babae sa football.



7TH PIA CUP 9V9 WOMEN'S OPEN UP SINAG CHAMPION
 Ang mga ganitong kaganapan gaya ng PIA Cup ang tumutulong na itaas ang laruan at magbigay inspirasyon sa kasunod na henerasyon ng mga atleta." Pinatitibay ng PIA Cup ang pangako ni Cayetano sa inklusibong pagpapaunlad ng palakasan, na binibigyang-diin na ang pangmatagalang pamumuhunan sa grassroots ay mahalaga sa pagbuo ng mas matatag na hinaharap para sa kababaihang football ng Pilipinas.

Tolentino Nxled PVL Press Corps Player of the Week

Itinuturing bilang isa sa mga pinakakilalang kabataang setter ng Premier Volleyball League, hindi nagpapatala ang rookie playmaker na si Jules Tolentino sa kanyang mga unang tagumpay at determinadong na maabot ang kanyang buong potensyal. Matapos gumanap ng mahalagang papel sa panalo ng Petro Gazz sa Reinforced Conference noong nakaraang taon, ang ika-11 na pick sa kabuuan ng 2025 PVL Rookie Draft ay maaaring nagpahinga na lamang sa kanyang mga naunang tagumpay. Sa halip, araw-araw niyang pinipilit ang sarili nang walang humpay, dala ang matibay na determinasyon na maging pinakamahusay na bersyon ng kanyang sarili. Ang kanyang pagsusumikap na mag-improve ay kitang-kita nang

pangunahan niya ang Nxled sa isang malakas na panalo laban sa Cignal sa laban ng mga koponang hindi pa natalo sa 2026 PVL All-Filipino Conference kamakailan sa Ynares Center, Antipolo. Pinangunahan ni Tolentino ang Nxled nang may husay at galing, nakapagtagala ng 19 mahusay na set at limang puntos mula sa dalawang atake, dalawang kill block, at isang ace pinangunahan ang Chameleons sa isang kapanapanabik na panalo na 25-19, 25-22, 27-25 laban sa Super Spikers at pinanatili ang kanilang walang talong serye sa tatlong laro. Ang dating standout ng De La Salle University ay nagbahagi rin ng panalo, habang sina Brooke Van Sickle at MJ Phillips ay nagtala ng tig-14 na puntos bawat isa, nagdagdag si Myla Pablo ng 12, at nag-ambag si Lyann De Guzman ng siyam na puntos sa balanseng opensa ng Nxled. Dahil sa kanyang mga pagsisikap, si Tolentino ay pinangalanang PVL Press Corps Player of the Week na ipinagkaloob ng Pilipinas Live para sa panahon ng Pebrero 10 hanggang Pebrero 14. Ipinapahalaga ng 6-talampakang-2 na setter ang malaking bahagi ng kanyang paglago sa patnubay ng mga beteranong kakampi, na ang kanilang karanasan at payo ay napakahalaga sa kanyang patuloy na pag-unlad. Nanguna siya kay Nxled teammate na si MJ Phillips, sa Creamline duo na sina Bernadeth Pons at Jia De Guzman, sa PLDT na si Kianna Dy, sa ZUS Coffee na si Chinnie Arroyo, sa Farm Fresh na si Trisha Tubu, at sa Cignal na si Vanie Gandler para sa lingguhang parangal na ibinibigay ng mga print at online reporters na sumusubaybay sa unang propesyonal na volleyball league na inorganisa ng Sports Vision.

TINANGHAL sa pagiging Executive of the Year sa ginanap na San Miguel Corporation-Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Annual Awards Night si Patrick "Pato" Gregorio, Chairman ng Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), na ginanap sa Diamond Hotel, bilang pagkilala sa kanyang natatanging pamumuno sa pagpapasigla ng palakasan, at pagsuporta sa kapakanan ng mga atleta. Sa kanyang mensahe, binigyang-diin ni Gregorio ang malinaw na direksiyong tinatahak ng PSC mula nang siya ay manungkulan. "Mula nang ako'y manungkulan, malinaw ang aking pokus at matibay ang aking paninindigan sa tatlong bagay una, ang kapakanan ng mga atleta ikalawa, ang estratehikong pagpapaunlad ng imprastruktura at ikatlo, ang turismo sa palakasan," ani Gregorio. Ipinaliwanag niya na ang malinaw na bisyon ay mahalaga upang makamit ang sama-

samang tagumpay. Aniya, kapag nauunawaan ng mga mamamayan at stakeholder ang layunin ng pamahalaan, mas nagiging madali ang pagtutulongan at pakikilahok ng iba't ibang sektor. Binigyang-diin din ng PSC Chairman ang papel ng kanilang tanggapan bilang tagapagbigay-daan sa pag-unlad ng sektor ng palakasan. "Kami ay mga Tagapag bigay-daan hindi mga tagabantay ng tarangkahan, hindi mga tagapagdisiplina. Hayaan nating makibahagi ang lahat ng sektor sa ating mga layunin. Ang tagumpay ng PSC ay hindi gawa ng iisang tao lamang," dagdag niya. Hinimok din niya ang komunidad ng palakasan na manatiling nakatuon sa layunin sa kabila ng mga hamon at kritisismo. "Mahalagang huwag hayaang manaig ang mga distraksiyon at maging hadlang sa pagtutulongan. Manatiling higit sa ingay at puna. Ituon ang pansin sa pagkakahanyang ng mga

Executive of the Year PSC Chairman John Patrick 'Pato' Gregorio sa PSA Annual Awards Night

layunin at sa adhikain. Ganyan nananalo ang bawat kampeon," pagtatapos ni Gregorio. Ang pagkilalang ito ay patunay sa patuloy na pagsisikap ng PSC na itaguyod ang isang mas matatag, inklusibo, at maipagmamalaking industriya ng palakasan sa bansa.



PSA EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR - PSC CHAIRMAN JOHN PATRICK GREGORIO
BILANG natatanging pinuno ng Philippine Sports Commission pinaranganan ng PSA sa ginanap na Philippine Sportswriters Association Annual Awards Night sa Diamond Hotel si PSC Chairman John Patrick Gregorio para sa pagiging Executive of the Year kasama nito sa pagtanggap ng tropeo ang kanyang pamilya. **(REY NILLAMA)**



PVL PRESS CORPS PLAYER OF THE WEEK
NXLED - JULYANA TOLENINO
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