

HANEP

Basahin Mo Ito!

Taon 10 Blg. 46

March 16-22, 2026

P10.00



2026 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION, INILUNSAD NG CAVITE PPO

p.ahina 2

菲華商聯總會
FEDERATION OF FILIPINO-CHINESE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, INC.
Youth and Integration Committee & Public Information and Media Committee

Operation: Barrio Schools
Since 1961

A CLASSROOM FOR EVERY DREAM

How FFCCII Barrio Schools Have Improved Lives

SINCE 1961
Over **6,500**
Public School Buildings
Built Nationwide

The largest and longest-running private sector school-building initiative in the Philippines.

Now, we invite you to share how these schools shaped lives.

TIKTOK VIDEO COMPETITION - PART II

₱850,000 | **₱120,000**
TOTAL CASH PRIZES | GRAND PRIZE
(Prizes distributed across categories. See full mechanics for breakdown.)

TWO (2) CATEGORIES
Category A: #MyFFCCIIBarrioSchoolJourney
Category B: #TheFFCCIIBarrioSchoolsStory

HOW TO JOIN

- Open to Filipinos nationwide; 13 years old and above
- Create a 1-2 minute vertical TikTok video with English Subtitles
- Must feature FFCCII Barrio School experience, impact or topic
- Upload your video privately and register via QR code
- Tag @ffccii.official. Use official hashtags - #FFCCIIBarrioSchools
- Set your video to PUBLIC during the official posting period - May 5 to May 15

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:
MAY 15, 2026

FULL MECHANICS | SCAN TO REGISTER

FFCCII LAUNCHES TIKTOK VIDEO COMPETITION TO SHOWCASE LEGACY OF 6,500 RURAL PUBLIC-SCHOOL DONATIONS- story p.4



Enchanted Kingdom's COO takes oath as president of Laguna Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. - story p.7



Lantern Festival and International Women's Day Celebration Held at Bahay Tsinoy Museum- story p.4

ACCEPTING ADS, PLEASE CALL : 0977-7844136/ 0968-7122927

2026 NATIONAL WOMEN'S MONTH CELEBRATION, INILUNSA NG CAVITE PPO

PORMAL na inilunsad ng Cavite Police Provincial Office (PPO) ang 2026 National Women's Month Celebration.

Sa pamamagitan ng Kick-Off Ceremony, ito ay ginanap sa Camp BGen. Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City, Cavite nitong Marso 10.

Sa nasabing aktibidad ay nagtipon ang mga tauhan ng pulisya, Non-Uniformed Personnel (NUP), at mga panauhin na nagpahayag ng suporta para sa tema ngayong taon, "WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society," na nagbibigay-diin sa patuloy na pangako ng Pambansang Pulisya ng Pilipinas na isulong ang pagkakapantay-pantay ng kasarian at pagbibigay-kapangyarihan sa kababaihan sa loob ng organisasyon at komunidad.

Nagsilbing panauhing pandangal at tagapagsalita si Ms. Cynthia Jansuy-Castro, CEO ng Villa Excellence Beach at Wave Pool Resort, na nagbahagi ng masiglang mensahe na nagbibigay-diin sa mahalagang papel ng kababaihan sa pamumuno, pag-unlad ng komunidad, at pagbuo ng bansa.

Sinimulan ang programa sa isang invocation na pinangunahan ni Ptra. Divina Andril Culla, Values Coach, na sinundan ng welcome remarks at pagkilala sa mga kalahok na ibinigay ni PCpt Michelle P. Bastawang, Assistant Chief ng Police Community Affairs and Development Unit.

Ang pinakatampok ng seremonya ay ang paggawad ng Plaques of Recognition at Letters of Commendation sa mga karapat-dapat na tauhan ng PNP bilang pagkilala sa kanilang dedikasyon at huwarang serbisyo.

Iginawad ang mga Plaque of Recognition kina PLtCol Alexie A. Desamito, Chief of Police, Bacoor Component City Police Station; PLtCol Bonna A. Obmerga, Chief of Police, GMA Municipal Police Station' at PLt.Col Kristine V. Patas, Chief of Police, Kawit Municipal

Police Station, dahil sa kanilang huwarang pamumuno at kontribusyon sa organisasyon.

Kinilala naman si PEms Erlyn R. Baraquia sa pagiging unang babaeng humawak ng posisyon bilang Provincial Executive Senior Police Officer (PESPO), Cavite PPO.

Tumanggap din ng Letters of Commendation ang iba pang babaing pulis para sa kanilang huwarang pagganap at pangako sa serbisyo.

Nagtapos ang programa sa pamamagitan ng pagtatanghal ng Plaque of Appreciation at memento sa naturang Guest of Honor, sa pangunguna ni PCol Ariel R. Red, Provincial Director ng Cavite PPO, sa tulong ng mga miyembro ng Cavite PPO Command Group. **(Teksto at larawan hangang sa Cavite PPO)**

Babaing wanted, huli sa Bacoor City

MATAGUMPAY na nahuli ng mga operatiba ng Maragondon Municipal Police Station ang isang babaing wanted kamakailan sa Bacoor City, Cavite.

Ang akusadong si alyas Ann, residente ng Bacoor City, ay naaresto nitong Marso 10.

Ipinatupad ang matagumpay na operasyon sa bisa ng bench warrant of arrest kaugnay ng

Legarda, nanawagan ng pananagutan sa pagbagsak ng presyo ng sibuyas, import overlap, at cold storage monopoly

Nagbabala si Senator Loren Legarda sa biglaang pagbagsak ng farm gate price ng sibuyas sa Nueva Ecija at Occidental Mindoro matapos bumulusok ang presyo mula ₱120-₱150 kada kilo noong Enero 2026 hanggang ₱30-40 na lamang noong Pebrero 2026.

Dahil dito, nalalagay sa bingit ng pagkalugi ang mga magsasaka kahit nananatiling mataas ang presyo ng sibuyas sa mga pamilyan sa Metro Manila. Binigyang-diin ni Legarda na lalo pang nagpalala sa krisis ang maling oras ng pagdating ng imported na sibuyas, ang pagkapuno ng mga cold storage, at ang mga kahina-hinalang shipment sa Bulacan.

Aniya, malinaw nitong inilantad ang malalim na problema sa supply chain ng sibuyas sa bansa.

Naghain si Legarda noong Miyerkules, Marso 11, ng P.S. Resolution No. 344

upang atasan ang Senate Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform na imbestigahan kung sumunod ba ang Department of Agriculture (DA), mga attached agencies nito, at mga lokal na pamahalaan sa tamang patakaran sa import calibration at cold storage. Layunin din ng resolusyon na papanagutin ang mga nasa likod ng talamak na ilegal na importasyon at ang paulit-ulit na paghahari ng onion cartels.

"When farmers lose, the entire nation suffers. We cannot allow the sweat and sacrifice of our onion farmers to be wasted because of cartels and misguided policies," sabi ni Legarda.

Tinukoy sa resolusyon ang matinding pagbagsak ng farm gate price, ang pagsabay ng 4,000 metric tons ng imported na sibuyas sa kasagsagan ng anihan, at ang pagkapuno ng 82% ng cold storage capacity na nagkai sa mga magsasaka ng mahalagang imbakan.

Sa kabila ng naunang pangako ng DA na ihihinto ang importasyon pagsapit ng Enero, kinumpirma ng datos ng Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) na nanatiling valid hanggang Pebrero 15, 2026 ang mga Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Clearances o SPSICs.

"Why allow importation at

the height of harvest? The result is farm gate prices collapsing while market prices remain high. Traders profit, but farmers are left behind," sambit ni Legarda. Inaatasan ng resolusyon ang mga ahensya ng gobyerno na magpatupad ng agarang importation ban upang pigilan ang mapanlamang na presyo, magsagawa ng audit sa buong value chain upang matuntun ang kita ng mga cold storage operator at wholesalers, suriin ang storage capacity sa Nueva Ecija at Occidental Mindoro kabilang ang bagong pasilidad sa Barangay Labangan, imbestigahan ang mga kahina-hinalang shipment sa Bulacan, at siyasatin ang iba pang onion-producing areas sa buong bansa kung may kaparehong iregularidad.

Nagbabala rin si Legarda sa mga ulat tungkol sa mga ilegal na imported na sibuyas mula China na nadiskubre sa Bulacan na lumikha umano ng "shadow supply" na hindi nakatala sa opisyal na rekord ng BPI.

Ayon sa kanya, pinalobo ng mga ilegal na stock na ito ang suplay sa merkado, pinabagsak ang farm gate price ng sibuyas, at naglantad ng kahinaan sa border control at pagpapatupad ng regulasyon.

"If we do not dismantle

the monopoly over cold storage and import permits, this crisis will repeat every year. Government must buy directly from farmers and build farmer-managed storage facilities so they can compete fairly," aniya.

Binigyang-diin rin ni Legarda na nananawagan ang resolusyon ng awtomatikong importation ban tuwing Disyembre upang maiwasan ang sobrang suplay sa panahon ng anihan, mas mahigpit na pagpapatupad laban sa agricultural sabotage sa ilalim ng RA 12022, direktang pagbili ng gobyerno sa lokal na ani sa support price, pagtatayo ng mga cold storage na pamamahalaan ng mga magsasaka, at imbestigasyon sa tinatawag na "prior booking" system na naglalagay sa alanganin sa mga magsasaka.

Wanted, tiklo sa Imus

TIKLO ang isang wanted na may kasong murder sa matagumpay na joint operation ng kapulisan kamakailan sa Imus City, Cavite.

Kinilala ang akusado sa alyas na Geric, residente ng Imus City at nakalista bilang Regional Level Most Wanted Person.

Ang pag-aresto ay isinagawa sa bisa ng warrant of arrest para sa krimen ng murder na inisyu ng Presiding Judge ng Regional Trial Court Branch 126, Imus City sa ilalim ng Fourth Judicial Region, na na may petsang Agosto 2, 2024, at walang inirekomendang piyansa. Pinangunahan ng warrant personnel ng Imus Component City Police Station ang operasyon dakong alas-11:00 ng umaga nitong Marso 9 sa Barangay Malagasang 2C, Imus City, katuwang ang mga tauhan mula sa Regional Intelligence Division 4A, Provincial Intelligence Unit Cavite, at 401st Maneuver Force Battalion Company, Mobile Force 401st.

MWP, timbog sa pulis-'Dasma

TIMBOG ang isang City Level Most Wanted Person Rank No. 5 sa ikinasang operasyon ng pulisya kamakailan sa Dasmariñas City, Cavite.

Nakilala ang akusado na si alyas JP, 24, at kasalukuyang naninirahan

na 16 gramo na may karaniwang presyo ng droga na nagkakahalaga ng P108,800.00.

Naharap ang tatlong suspek sa kasong paglabag sa Sections 5, 11, 12, at 26, Article II ng Republic Act 9165, o ang Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002.

paglabag ng akusado sa Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 (RA 9165), Article II, Section 11 – Possession of Dangerous Drugs na inisyu ng Presiding Judge ng Regional Trial Court, Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 117, Bacoor City, na may petsang February 2 at may inirekomendang piyansang P400,000.00 para sa pansamantalang kalayaan nito.

3 katao, arestado sa 'bato'

ARESTADO ang tatlo katao kamakailan kaugnay ng pinaigting na kampanya kontra droga ng Tanza Municipal Police Station.

Kinilala ang tatlong suspek sa mga alyas na JM, Prince, at Rey, na pawang residente ng Naic, Cavite. Ayon sa ulat, nakaramdam ang mga suspek na mga pulis ang kanilang katransaksiyon kaya na tumakas lulan ng sasakyan patungo sa Naic.

Dahil dito ay mabilis na isinagawa ang pursuit operation ng mga rumespondeng tauhan ng

pulisya at sa tulong ng mga mobile patroller mula sa Tanza MPS at Naic MPS ay tuluyang naharang ang mga tumakas na suspek at matagumpay na nahuli sa kahabaan ng Soriano Highway, Barangay Timalan Concepcion, Naic. Sa naturang operasyon na naganap nitong Marso 10 ng hapon ay nakumpiska ng mga awtoridad ang apat na heat-sealed transparent plastic sachet na naglalaman ng puting crystalline substance na hinihinalang shabu na tinatayang may timbang

Editorial

Buwis sa langis

MAKAKAABOT pa hanggang sa loob ng dalawang buwan ang supply ng langis at iba pang produktong petrolyo sa bansa. Sa pahayag ng Bureau of Customs, ang naturang supply ay manggagaling sa Department of Energy. Hindi naman kaila ang nangyayaring kaguluhan sa Gitnang Silangan at batid natin na

sa Middle East ang pangunahing supplier ng mga produktong petrolyo sa mundo. Kung sakaling tatagal pa ang naturang kaguluhan ay may mga kaukulang paghahanda ang DOE. Kasabay pa ng pagtiyak ng pagkakaroon ng sapat na supply ng langis sa bansa na abot-kaya ang presyo. Isa sa malaking epekto ng giyera sa Gitnang Silangan ay ang mga tax collections ng bansa mula sa mga poroduktong petrolyo. Ang ating bansa ay kumikita ng hindi bababa sa P330 hanggang P410 bilyon sa bawat taon na nagmumula sa mga oil taxes.

CARD MRI clients win Microentrepreneur Awards for Digital Innovation

Four clients from institutions under the CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI) were honored as Digital Champions at the 4th Digital Financial Inclusion Awards (DFIA) held at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Assembly Hall in Malate, Manila. The awardees include two clients of CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO), and one client each from CARD Bank, a microfinance-oriented rural bank, and CARD SME Bank, a thrift bank. As a mutually reinforcing network, CARD MRI integrates financial and social development services with digital innovations to support client enterprises and improve quality of life. "It's such an honor for us to support these award-winning entrepreneurial journeys. Their success inspires us to keep our mission moving forward," said CARD MRI Managing Director Aristeo A. Dequito. Inspiring stories of digital transformation Among the awardees is Carmelita Dapanas, a CARD, Inc. client from Manticao, Misamis Oriental.

She operates a hydroponic farm producing green bell peppers and salad tomatoes, alongside coconuts and cacao that she processes into tablea. By leveraging Facebook, Messenger, and mobile cash services, she connects with customers nationwide and now supplies hotels, restaurants, and public markets in Iligan City and nearby areas. Another CARD, Inc. awardee, Annalisa Monil from Bilar, Bohol, transformed the Bilar Stem Vegetable Farm into a thriving enterprise that supplies resorts and restaurants in Panglao Island, while also operating a retail store in Tagbilaran City. By accepting orders through Messenger and processing payments via mobile cash services and online banking, she has significantly expanded her market reach—creating more livelihood opportunities within her community. Raquel Lanaban, a CARD Bank, Inc. client from Bilusa, Davao City, was also recognized for her batik and handcrafted products business, which she established in 2010. By leveraging Facebook and

Messenger, she increased her sales by 90%, adopted digital payment options, and now supports a network of resellers across five areas in Mindanao. Meanwhile, Niel Danica Polong, a CARD SME Bank, Inc. client from Silang, Cavite, transformed her pancit business into an online favorite after launching a Facebook page during the pandemic. With the introduction of cashless payment options and an expanded menu, 60 to 70 percent of her orders now come from online customers. Digital Financial Inclusion Awards The Digital Financial Inclusion Awards (DFIA) is a financial inclusion initiative funded by the Citi Foundation, in partnership with Microfinance Council and supported by Citi Philippines and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). Now in its fourth year when it spun off from the previously known Citi Microentrepreneurship Awards (CMA), it recognizes outstanding microentrepreneurs and microfinance institutions that effectively use digital solutions to conduct financial

transactions, strengthen enterprises, and expand livelihood opportunities. BSP Governor Eli M. Remolona Jr. highlighted the shifting narrative around microentrepreneurs during the awarding ceremony, noting that digital tools were long perceived as too technical, costly, and complicated. He emphasized that the awardees have proven this notion outdated, demonstrating that with simple yet innovative solutions—such as online selling, QR payments, and digital business systems—Filipino entrepreneurs are redefining what is possible in the digital economy. The ceremony also recognized 13 other microentrepreneurs and three MFIs. Each awardee received PHP 100,000 in cash and a laptop to further support their digital transformation. The recognition of CARD MRI clients at the DFIA highlights the growing role of digital innovation in inclusive finance. These awardees showed how technology can empower communities, strengthen livelihoods, and pave the way for sustainable growth across the Philippines.

Kalibre

Romy Santos
0977-7844136

Imahinasyon, sa lalaki lang ba o pati babae?

DATI o noong araw ay malimit naririnig sa mga magulang lalo na sa mga ina ang pagsasalita at pagpapaalala sa mga anak na babae na dapat ay wasto ang kasuotan o ang pananamit. Katwiran ng magulang o ina na ito ay upang makaiwas sa pambabastos o maaaring ikapahamak ng anak na babae. Kasi nga naman ay sadyang makasalanang ang mga mata dagdag pa ang malikot na utak na demonyo ang naghahari kaya humahantong sa kung anu-anong imahinasyon. Pilosopong katwiran na tao lamang na mayroong mga mata at utak kaya hindi kasalanan na kung ano man ang maglaro sa isipan. Sinasabing magiging kasalanan lamang kung sinunod at ginawa ang dinidikta ng imahinasyon na hahantong sa krimen. Hindi man ginawa ang naglalaro sa utak ay kasalanan pa rin sa mata ng Diyos dahil pinapanag

ang demonyo sa paglalaro sa isipan. Sa kasalukuyang panahon ay lubhang napakalaki na ng pagbabago sa kultura ng pananamit babae man o lalaki. Kaya naman nagpipiyesta ang demonyo sa napakaraming utak ng kalalalahan. Lalaki nga lang ba ang nagsasagawa ng imahinasyon para sa kababaihan? Sabi nga ay moderno na tayo sa ngayon kaya mayroon ding kababaihan na umiiral ang imahinasyon at nagpapantasya sa kalalalahan. 'Ika pa nga, kung ano ang nagagawa ng lalaki ay magagawa rin ng babae. Gayunman ay mangilangilan lamang sa hanay ng mga babae kung ikukumpara sa napakaraming lalaki. Babae man o lalaki kapag lalahok sa ganitong talakayan ay tiyaking walang bahid dumi ang isipan at kailanman ay hindi pinagana ang makamundong imahinasyon.



CARD, Inc. clients Carmelita Dapanas (second from left, left photo) and Annalisa Monil (third from left, right photo) receive the Digital Champion Microentrepreneurship Award during the 4th Digital Financial Inclusion Awards. (Photo from MCPI Facebook Page)



CARD Bank, Inc. client Raquel Lanaban (second from right) receives the Digital Financial Inclusion Award under the Microentrepreneur Category for maximizing her sales through digital platforms. (Photo from MCPI Facebook Page)



CARD SME Bank, Inc. client Niel Danica Polong (second from right) receives the Microentrepreneur Award under the DFIA for expanding her customer base through digital platforms after making her signature pancit dishes an online favorite. (Photo from MCPI Facebook Page)

HANEP

Basahin Mo Ito!

ROMEO S. SANTOS
Publisher/Editor-in-Chief

JUNE K. BILLONES
Managing Editor

Ang 'HANEP Basahin Mo Ito!' ay inilalathala tuwing lunes ng **HANEP Publication** na may tanggapan sa B10 L9 The Veraneo Brgy. San Sebastian Kawit, Cavite
Contact#: 0977-7844136/09687122927
Website: <https://hanep.net>
Email: ronejed@yahoo.com/ haneppublication@yahoo.com

PAUNAWA: Sariling pananaw o opinyon ng mga kolumnista ang nilalaman ng kanilang mga artikulo kaya wala pong kinalaman at pananagutan dito ang pamunuan ng publication

Member: **Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc.**



ADVERTISING RATES
COMMERCIAL - - - -P200/col.cm
LEGAL NOTICES - - - P160/col.cm

FFCCCII LAUNCHES TIKTOK VIDEO COMPETITION TO SHOWCASE LEGACY OF 6,500 RURAL PUBLIC-SCHOOL DONATIONS

MANILA, PHILIPPINES — The Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII) is calling on all creative Filipinos to join its newest digital initiative: a TikTok video competition aimed at highlighting the organization's long-standing commitment to education through its "Operation Barrio Schools" project. FFCCCII President Victor Lim announced the launch of the competition, which is open to the general public. The contest invites participants to create engaging and original short-form videos (1 to 2 minutes) centered on the theme of the FFCCCII's flagship civic project, which

has successfully donated and constructed over 6,500 rural public-school buildings across the Philippines since its inception in 1961. "Operation Barrio Schools is a testament to the enduring philanthropy tradition of the Filipino Chinese community in promoting better public education and inclusive national economic development," said President Victor Lim. "Through this TikTok competition, we hope to engage the younger generation, raise awareness about this decades-long project, and showcase how this school buildings have become symbols of hope and progress in rural communities." The FFCCCII, a leading

business federation comprising over 170 Filipino Chinese chambers of commerce nationwide, remains dedicated to advocating for sustainable and inclusive economic growth. This video competition serves as a modern platform to bridge the organization's history of philanthropy with the dynamic creativity of today's digital storytellers. How to Join: Interested participants are encouraged to create TikTok videos that capture the spirit and impact of the "Operation Barrio Schools" project. Details regarding specific mechanics, prizes, and deadlines are explained in next pages.

APCU Opens Nominations for the 6th Award for Promoting Philippines-China Understanding (APPCU) 2026

MANILA, Philippines — The Association for Philippines-China Understanding (APCU) has officially opened nominations for the 6th Award for Promoting Philippines-China Understanding (APPCU) 2026 during a launch held Friday at the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII) in Binondo, Manila. During a press conference, APCU Chairman and President Raul Lambino announced that the 2026 edition marks the sixth staging of the APPCU Awards, organized in coordination with the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Philippines. Lambino expressed gratitude to the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII) for allowing the use of its venue for the event. The APPCU Awards were first organized in 2020 through the initiative of former Education Secretary Alejandro Roces and former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, who now serves as Representative of Pampanga. According to Lambino, the awards aim to recognize Filipinos who have made significant contributions in promoting friendship,

cooperation, and mutual understanding between the Philippines and China. He emphasized the importance of strengthening people-to-people relations between the two countries through education, cultural exchanges, business cooperation, and other collaborative initiatives. Lambino also expressed confidence in the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), led by Secretary Teresa Lazaro, in maintaining diplomatic relations between the Philippines and China despite ongoing issues in the West Philippine Sea. The APPCU Awards recognize individuals in five categories who have helped foster better understanding and cooperation between the two nations. The awards ceremony is tentatively scheduled for mid-June 2026, depending on the availability of the venue. Meanwhile, APCU Director Mafee Cai said nominations may be submitted through the organization's official website, apcu.org.ph, or via email. She added that all Filipinos are encouraged to nominate individuals who have contributed to strengthening Philippines-China relations. Director Brian James Lu urged nominators to clearly explain how their nominees have helped promote better

understanding between the two countries. Also present during the launch were APCU Vice Chairman Sixto Benedicto and Directors Joaquin Sy and Dr. Lily Tan Lim, who encouraged the public to participate in the nomination process for the 6th APPCU Awards. — G.I.E.C.E.L., AN-PAPI VP Visayas Courtesy of Perfecto Raymundo, Mabuhay News Online, and Raffy Rico of Noon Break Balita.

PRO CALABARZON Intensifies Anti-Crime Operations, Nets 1,052 Offenders in One Week

Camp BGen Vicente P Lim, Calamba City — The Police Regional Office CALABARZON recorded significant accomplishments in its intensified anti-criminality campaign after a total of 1,052 individuals were arrested in various police operations conducted across the region from 6:00 AM of March 2, 2026 to 6:00 AM of March 8, 2026 compared to last week with 881 arrested individuals. Data revealed that 175 anti-illegal drug operations were conducted, resulting in the arrest of 234 drug suspects. Authorities confiscated 585.20 grams of shabu and 1,221.91 grams of marijuana, with a total Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB) value of Php 4,125,989.00 as compared

to last week's Php 1.7 million worth of illegal drugs confiscated. In the campaign against loose firearms, police units conducted 52 operations, leading to the arrest of 23 individuals and the confiscation, surrender, or recovery of 56 firearms, while eight firearms were deposited for safekeeping. Meanwhile, intensified operations against illegal gambling resulted in 232 police operations and the arrest of 545 violators, with authorities confiscating Php 78,641.00 in bet money. PRO CALABARZON also strengthened its campaign against fugitives, successfully arresting 250 wanted persons, including 79 Most Wanted

Persons and 171 Other Wanted Persons across the region. In support of local government ordinances, police units also implemented strict enforcement measures, resulting in 4,260 individuals fined and 14,564 persons reprimanded for various ordinance violations. The continuous operations form part of the PRO4A's commitment to maintaining peace and order under the national government's call for a safer and more secure community. These accomplishments reflect the relentless commitment of PRO4A officers in ensuring the safety and security of the people of CALABARZON.

Lantern Festival and International Women's Day Celebration Held at Bahay Tsinoy Museum

MANILA, Philippines — The Lantern Festival and International Women's Day celebration was successfully held on March 6 at the Bahay Tsinoy Museum in Manila through the auspices of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Philippines. The event brought together guests and foreign delegates to celebrate Chinese culture while honoring the important role of women in society. The program began with a guided tour of the Bahay Tsinoy Museum, conducted in two batches for the participants. Bahay Tsinoy, known as the Museum of Chinese in Philippine Life, showcases the rich history, culture, and contributions of the Chinese community in the Philippines. Its exhibits trace the presence of the Chinese in the country from the pre-Spanish period, through the Galleon Trade era, the American and Japanese occupations, and up to the present time.

According to Teresita Ang-See, founding chairman of the Movement for Restoration of Peace and Order, around 60 foreign delegates attended the celebration. Ang-See also expressed gratitude to Francisco "Isko" Moreno Domagoso, Mayor of Manila, for allowing the use of the Bahay Tsinoy Museum as the venue for the event. The celebration featured various displays of traditional Chinese clothing and novelty items. Several

books highlighting Chinese heritage and history were also exhibited and made available to visitors, including Live the Dream, Tsinoy: The Story of the Chinese in Philippine Life, Chinese in the Philippines, Dr. Jose Rizal's Chinese Ancestry, and The Philippines in Ancient Chinese Maps. A cultural performance featuring the Chinese folk song "Start of the Joy Season" was presented using a traditional Chinese musical instrument similar to a harp. Guests also watched a video presentation of Chinese Kung Fu integrated with robotics technology. Another highlight of the program was a presentation promoting the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 2026, shown through China Central Television (CCTV), featuring segments titled "Gather in Shenzhen" and "Amazing Shenzhen." The event concluded with a tribute to women in celebration of International Women's Day, carrying the message that "Women Hold Up Half the Sky," emphasizing the vital role of women in society and nation-building. — G.I.E.C.E.L., AN-PAPI VP Visayas Courtesy of Noon Break Balita (Raffy Rico) and Mabuhay News Online (**Perfecto T. Raymundo**)

PSA CALABARZON PROVIDES NATIONAL ID SERVICES AT JOB FAIR IN ROSARIO, BATANGAS

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Regional Statistical Services Office IV-A (CALABARZON), through its National ID team, participated in the Job Fair organized by the Office of the Representative of the Fourth District of Batangas on March 5, 2026 at the Rosario Sports and Cultural Center, Rosario, Batangas. The one-day job fair, spearheaded by the Office of Congressman Amado Carlos A. Bolilia IV in partnership with San Miguel Corporation, aimed to connect job seekers with potential employers while providing access to essential government services needed for employment. In support of the activity,

National ID booth was set up to provide registration services and assistance to individuals who have not yet registered with the National Identification System. The team also assisted registrants with inquiries related to the National ID, including the different formats of the National ID and its use as a valid proof of identity for various transactions. Through the National ID registration services offered during the event, job seekers were given the opportunity to obtain a government-recognized proof of identity that can help facilitate their employment requirements and access to services from both public and private institutions. The participation of the PSA in the job fair highlights the agency's continuing commitment to bring National ID services closer to the public and support initiatives that promote inclusive access to identification, employment opportunities, and government services. PSA encourages individuals who have not yet registered for the National ID to visit the nearest registration center or participate in similar outreach activities conducted in partnership with local government units and other stakeholders.

The PRO CALABARZON leadership continues to encourage the public to remain vigilant and actively cooperate with law enforcement authorities in reporting crimes and suspicious activities in their respective communities. (**RPIO4A**)

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

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-008-26

-versus-

SPS. MICHAEL E. GUJILDE
AND MELISSA T. GUJILDE,
Debtors/Mortgagors.

x-----x

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 Debtors/Mortgagors, **SPS. MICHAEL E. GUJILDE AND MELISSA T. GUJILDE**, with residence and postal addresses at (1) No. 1433 Gomez St., Paco, Manila (occupied by third party) and (2) Block 2 Lot 10 Kensington 13, Brgy. Bacao I, Gen. Trias, Cavite (currently occupied), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **December 19, 2025** amounts to **ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED FORTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY THREE PESOS and 03/100 (Php1,649,693.03)**, 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 25, 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. 057-2016061328

LOT NO: 10 BLOCK NO: 2 PLAN NO: PCS-04-027873
PORTION OF: BLOCK 16, PCS-04-027575; LOT 98,
BLOCK 2, PSD-04-226212 & LOT 1663, SAN
FRANCISCO DE MALABON ESTATE, DECREED NO.
4270; LRC REC. NO. 5964
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BACAO, MUNICIPALITY
OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF
LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	LOT 9, BLOCK 2, PCS-04-027873
2-3	SE	LOT 8, BLOCK 2, PCS-04-027873
3-4	SW	ROAD LOT 4, PCS-04-027873
4-1	NW	LOT 12, BLOCK 2, PCS-04-027873

AREA: FIFTY SQUARE METERS (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 **April 8, 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 27, 2026

(Sgd)
JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG
Sheriff IV

COPY FURNISHED:

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

EAST WEST BANKING CORPORATION,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-088-26

-versus-

JAIME R. DOMINGO, JR.,
Mortgagors/Respondents,

x-----x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee, **EAST WEST BANKING CORPORATION** with business address at EastWest Corporate Center, The Beaufort, 5th Ave., cor 23rd St. Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, against the Mortgagors/Respondents, **JAIME R. DOMINGO, JR.**, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Block 34 Lot 29 Meridian Place Phase 1, Brgy. Pasong Kawayan II, Gen. Trias, Cavite and/or (2) Blk 1 Lot 4 Ph2 Athens St., Golden City Subd., Anabu City of Imus, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of **February 10, 2026** amounts to **ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE PESOS AND 70/100 (Php1,390,963.70)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of accrued interest and penalties 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 25, 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. 057-2025007418

LOT NO: 29 BLOCK NO: 34 PLAN NO: PCS-04-029079
PORTION OF: THE CONS/SUBD OF LOT 2324-A, FLS-
168-D, S.F.D.M. ESTATE & LOT 3296-D, PSD-04-
051993; LRC RECORD NO. 5964
LOCATION: BARANGAY PASONG KAWAYAN,
MUNICIPALITY OF GEN. TRIAS, PROVINCE OF
CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SE	LOT 31, BLOCK 34, PCS-04-029079
2-3	SW	LOT 30, BLOCK 34, PCS-04-029079
3-4	SW	LOT 28, BLOCK 34, PCS-04-029079
4-5	NW	LOT 27, BLOCK 34, PCS-04-029079
5-1	NE	ROAD LOT 3, (8.00M WIDE R.O.W), PCS-04-029079

AREA: SIXTY (60) SQUARE METERS

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

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

SPS. MICHAEL E. GUJILDE AND MELISSA T. GUJILDE
(1) No. 1433 Gomez St., Paco, Manila
(2) Block 2 Lot 10 Kensington 13, Brgy. Bacao I, Gen. Trias, Cavite

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of extra judicial sale on or before the date of sale.

Publication: HANEP March 2, 9 & 16, 2026

EDCOM II Extension, pasado na;
Legarda tututok sa pagtugon sa
mga kakulangan at pagsusulong
ng reporma sa edukasyon

Malugod na tinanggap ni Senadora Loren Legarda ang pagsasabatas ng Republic Act No. 12315, na nagpapalawig sa termino ng Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) ng karagdagang dalawang taon.

Bilang may-akda at pangunahing sponsor ng batas, binigyang-diin ni Legarda na ang pagpapalawig na ito ay nagbibigay ng katiyakan sa mandato ng Komisyon na ipagpatuloy ang masusing pagsusuri sa mga sistemikong kakulangan ng sektor ng edukasyon at ang pagsusulong ng mga kinakailangang reporma, na may mas matinding diin sa paghahatid ng kongkretong solusyon.

"As EDCOM II continues its work, we must be deliberate in strengthening our education system," ang pahayag ng apat na termino nang senadora. "We will close the gaps, reinforce our institutions, and deliver the changes our learners and educators truly deserve."

Mula nang ito'y likhain sa ilalim ng Republic Act No. 11899 noong 2022, nakapaglabas na ang EDCOM II ng mahahalagang ulat na naglantad ng mga kayat na realidad sa mga paaralan sa bansa. Ang pinakahuli nitong ulat, Turning Point: A Decade of Necessary Reform (2026-2035), ay nananawagan sa sektor ng edukasyon na ipatupad ang mga estratehikong hakbang. Kabilang sa mga natuklasan: halos kalahati ng mga mag-aaral sa Grade 3 ay hindi marunong bumasa sa antas na naaayon sa kaniilang baitang, 88% ng Grade 7 learners ay hindi handa sa pagbabasa, at mas mababa sa 1% ng Grade 12 students ang nakakaabot sa antas ng pagiging mahusay. Ipinunto rin ng ulat ang

mahihinang pundasyong pagkatuto, kakulangan sa pondo, hati-hating pamamahala, at malalalim na agwat sa pagitan ng mga paaralan sa lungsod at kanayunan. Nanatiling hindi tugma ang kurikulum sa mga industriyang may mataas na paglago gaya ng advanced manufacturing, turismo, at ICT, na nag-iwan sa mga nagtapos na hindi handa sa pangangailangan ng merkado sa paggawa.

Upang tugunan ang mga hamong ito, inirekomenda ng EDCOM II ang mga reporma sa maagang pagbasa at pagbibilang, mas matibay na suporta para sa mga guro, nakatuong pamumuhunan sa mga last-mile schools, at mas pinasimpleng pamamahala upang matiyak na magtatagal ang mga reporma lampas sa mga siklo ng politika.

Si Legarda, na co-chair ng EDCOM II bilang pinuno ng Senate Committee on Higher, Technical and Vocational Education, ay nagsabing ang mga natuklasan ay nangangailangan ng agarang aksyon.

"The evidence tells us exactly where the system is failing," aniya. "We will make sure every reform we advance is evidence-based, targeted, and built to last."

Nakapagsumite na si Legarda ng ilang panukalang batas na kaakibat ng mga rekomendasyon ng EDCOM II, kabilang ang SBN-1412 o ang Last Mile Schools Act; SBN-1894, na nag-aayenda sa Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act upang palakasin ang kahasayan, katarungan, at pananagutan ng Tertiary Education Subsidy Program; SBN-1427 o ang Higher Education Development and Innovation Act; at SBN-1413 o ang TESDA Modernization Act, bukod sa iba pa.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **April 8, 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 27, 2026

(Sgd)
RICARDO A. TOLEDO
Sheriff IV

COPY FURNISHED:

LAW OFFICES OF PAMILO BUBAN RAMOS AND DE PERALTA
Counsel for the Mortgagee
5/F, EastWest Corporate Center
5th Ave., cor 23rd St. Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City 1634

JAIME R. DOMINGO, JR.,
(1) Block 34 Lot 29 Meridian Place Phase 1, Brgy. Pasong Kawayan II, Gen. Trias, Cavite
(2) Blk 1 Lot 4 Ph2 Athens St., Golden City Subd., Anabu City of Imus, Cavite

WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this notice of extra judicial sale on or before the date of sale.

Publication: HANEP March 2, 9 & 16, 2026

We Stannin' HARD: Best New Finds in Luzon with SM Supermalls



We are all about that stan life. A new album from a rising artist? Fanboy/fangirl mode activated. A freshly opened concept store? Consider us a fan. Entering your fitness era? Support. Whether it's a personality we love or a lifestyle we aspire to, as long as it resonates with the life we want, we are stanning hard. Here at SM Supermalls, you don't need to look any further. Everything—and we mean everything—that will get you hyped up for months is right here. From the hottest new finds across Luzon to everyday essentials that hit different, these stores have us hooked, and we just cannot get enough. As your most-loved mall, SM continues to be an icon worthy of all our attention.



•Pho Hoa
A fan of Vietnamese classics? The soon-to-open, first-in-Cavite Pho Hoa at the Upper Ground Level of SM City Bacoer serves soulful bowls of pho, alongside staple sides like spring rolls, vermicelli bowls, and flavorful rice plates. With meals that'll remind you of your last trip to Vietnam, Pho Hoa is the perfect spot to savor the familiar flavors of the country.



•Frankie's New York Buffalo Wings
For all our buffalo wings stans, the first-in-Bulacan Frankie's New York Buffalo Wings at the West Wing of SM City Marilao brings its iconic variations to the table, with flavors ranging from classic buffalo to garlic parmesan and honey sriracha. Craving wings? This is your chance to dig in until you drop.



•Manam
And if you're simply a fan of home, Manam in the Ground Level of SM City Marilao is your best pick! The first-in-Bulacan, Manam elevates Filipino comfort food with creative twists. Ever heard of their iconic Watermelon Beef Sinigang? Yep, that's Manam for you!

All For Our Lifestyle & Fashion Stans

If she's having it, we're ALL having it. Trends let us feel part of a community where we truly belong. From accessories you can carry all day to lifestyle must-haves, we're all about riding the hype.



•AquaFlask Designs
If you're a fan of carrying your personality with you, the first-in-Batangas AquaFlask Designs makes hydration look good with functional, sleek tumblers that you can customize—from colors and sizes to all the accessories you can pair them with. Opening soon at the Ground Level of SM City Batangas, AquaFlask Designs lets your personality shine through whether you're heading to the gym, to class, or just malling around SM.



•Sunnies Studios
Sunnies Studios continues to be a staple for eyewear and lifestyle essentials. Its newest store at the Ground Level of SM City San Pablo brings that signature cool directly to your everyday wardrobe and gets you looking like your idol. Known for trendy and timeless styles, Sunnies Studios offers a range of eyewear for all our accessories stans out there.



•The Loop
All for our tech-savvy stans, The Loop at Level 3 of SM Center Tuguegarao Downtown is your newest go-to spot for anything gadget and gadget accessories, bringing in products that are sure to empower you whether you're a student, a professional, or just vibin' through life.



•Decathlon
For sport and adventure stans who love gearing up for every experience, the newest Decathlon at Level 3 of SM City Grand Central brings over 70 sports' worth of equipment, apparel, and accessories into one space. From running shoes to yoga mats, hiking gear to swim essentials, Decathlon location makes it simple to shop everything you need to stay active and stylish.

All For Our Wellness Stans

Wellness first? Healthy fitness habits? We can't help but stan those who take good care of themselves—and lowkey, we all aspire to be like them!



•Iremia Headspa
If wellness is your goal this year, Iremia Headspa at the 2nd Level of SM City Clark is where self-care becomes part of your everyday life. A first in SM, it offers structured head and scalp treatments focused on relaxation and reset. Wanna be your own #1 fan? This is the spot for anyone who's ready to take their well-being seriously.



•Anytime Fitness
For fitness stans focused on building a healthier body, the new Anytime Fitness at the Lower Ground Floor of SM City Trece Martires brings the globally recognized 24/7 gym experience right into your routine. Equipped with machines and tools for every fitness goal, AF is where your fitness journey becomes more accessible and more fun to return to.

ICONIC—SM Supermalls stan here! From the best in fitness and wellness to dining concepts you're sure to love, whatever you're stanning in life, your most-loved SM Supermalls has got it all for you. Follow @smsupermalls on social media or visit www.smsupermalls.com for the latest updates and events.

###

About SM Supermalls

SM Supermalls is evolving for a new era shaped by how people live, connect, and experience life today. More than a place to shop, it is the country's most loved mall and an everyday destination designed around the lifestyles, passions, and needs of Filipino communities, delivering new finds, fresh concepts, and meaningful experiences, All For You. As one of Southeast Asia's largest mall developers and operators, with 89 malls in the Philippines and 9 in China, SM Supermalls continues to evolve its spaces, experiences, and partnerships, building destinations that grow with communities and remain trusted, relevant, and loved for generations. Your Most Loved Supermall, SM — All For You.

Turn up the heat with Champion! Buy 2 or more Tees/Dresses and get 20% OFF from March 10 – April 5, 2026, available at Champion SM City Dasmariñas. Don't miss out—shop your summer favorites now.



LET'S DIG IN
EXPERIENCE THE PERFECT BLEND OF COFFEE FLAVORS, COZY AMBIANCE, AND DELICIOUS FOOD—YOUR LITTLE ESCAPE FOR TASTE AND COMFORT AWAITS.

Cravings? Sagot namin. Good food, good drinks, and good vibes—all in one place at DNSM Cafe. Visit them at SM Marketmall Dasmariñas, beside Jollibee and Goldilocks. Open daily from 7 AM to 9 PM. See you there!



When the craving hits... Laksa it is! Drop by My Laksa and enjoy a rich, comforting bowl that will warm your foodie heart. Perfect for your next food trip at SM City Trece Martires!

SM EVENT SCREEN

Movie time, Anytime!
BIG SCREEN, BIGGER FUN!

Book your ticket or gather your friends for a block screening today!

Concert screenings, watch parties, fan events — bring your crowd and own the big screen! Celebrate it on Event Screen at SM Cinema, where big moments live. Book now and experience it at **SM City Tanza!**

DOST Ilocos Region Booth Wins Grand Prize at Agri-Tourism and Community Fair

The Department of Science and Technology Ilocos Region (DOST Ilocos Region) was recognized as GRAND WINNER-Best Agri-Tourism Booth Competition during the Agri-Tourism and Community Fair held from March 6-10, 2026, in celebration of the 28th Cityhood Founding Anniversary of the City of San Fernando, La Union. The DOST Ilocos Region booth showcased various science and technology programs, services, and innovations aimed at supporting agriculture, local industries, and

community development. Through engaging exhibits and discussions, visitors were able to learn how science and technology initiatives help empower communities and promote sustainable growth in the region.

The successful participation of DOST Ilocos Region was made possible through the leadership and coordination of DOST La Union Provincial Director Jonathan M. Viernes and the dedicated efforts of the DOSTOneSCIGLAT Team. **(Sheshenie Janae M. Perez)**

Enchanted Kingdom's COO takes oath as president of Laguna Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.

Now in its 30th year, Enchanted Kingdom — the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines — continues to be one of the lead advocates for local industry development, following the recent induction of its Chief Operating Officer, Mrs. Cynthia R. Mamon, Ph.D., as the president of the PCCI-Laguna Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (LCCI).

The induction ceremony of newly elected LCCI officers was held on February 16 at Enchanted Kingdom in Santa Rosa, Laguna led by Area Vice President Hoover Picar and Regional Governor Mary Ann Katigbak.

In acceptance of this role, Mrs. Mamon said, "We are committed to focus on Livelihood and labor concerns, Corporate sustainability, Community empowerment, and Innovation with integrity. These four principles support Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) South Luzon's guiding principles as presented by AVP Hoover Picar, namely Volunteerism, Excellence, Service, and Integrity (VESI). Through these, we look forward to transforming the lives of the people working for our companies and the communities we serve."

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, LCCI is a non-stock, non-profit, non-government organization, comprised of Laguna-based small, medium, and large enterprises, dedicated to foster a stronger, sustainable local economy, and promote growth,

resilience and competitiveness of the business community in the province.

Present during the induction ceremony were Department of Labor and Employment – National Conciliation and Mediation Board IV-A Director Cynthia Foncardas, Laguna Economic Development and Investment Promotions Office (LEPIDO) Laguna Head Fatima Villaseñor, PCCI Los Baños President Grace Bondad Nicolas, PCCI Quezon City President Anne Marie Francisco, and PCCI Lipa City President Marites Jumarang. They were joined by past presidents of LCCI namely Atty. Rose Lynn Zaracoloma, Marvin Adolfo, Virgilio Lorenzo, Richard Albert Osmond, and EK's President and Chairman Mr. Cesar Mario O. Mamon.

An economic briefing by Prof. Ronilo Balbieran, economist at the University of Asia and the Pacific followed after the induction ceremony.

Even prior to this, EK has been a longstanding active member of LCCI, as Mr. Mamon also served as its president from 2006 to 2007.

Championing Tourism Mrs. Mamon was also reelected as the president of the Laguna Tourism Council (LTC), officially assuming the new term together with the other newly elected LTC officers during the oath taking ceremony administered by Governor Sol Aragonés last January 22 in Santa Cruz, Laguna.

LTC is a provincial multi-sectoral body composed of

DOST Cavite Celebrates 2026 National Women's Month

In celebration of the 2026 National Women's Month, DOST Cavite proudly joins the nation in honoring the strength, leadership, and contributions of Filipino women under the theme, "Lead Like the Babaylans, Filipinas." The theme pays tribute to the babaylans of pre-colonial Philippines—women who served as leaders, healers, and keepers of knowledge in their communities. Today, Filipinas continue this legacy in the fields of science, technology,

and innovation. From researchers and scholars to entrepreneurs and public servants, women play a vital role in advancing sustainable development and driving progress in their respective communities. Through its programs and initiatives, DOST Cavite reaffirms its commitment to promoting gender equality, empowering women, and creating inclusive opportunities that enable women to lead with excellence, integrity, and purpose. **(DOST CAVITE)**

SSS launches facial authentication for Annual Confirmation of Pensioners with liveness check

The Social Security System announced today the launch of a facial authentication to allow pensioners to complete the Annual Confirmation of Pensioners (ACOP) requirement without visiting SSS branches.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Josep M. de Claro said the system uses biometric liveness checks to verify the identity of pensioners online.

representatives from various government and private organizations, serving as one of the main drivers in developing Laguna into a premier tourism destination in the Philippines.

Under Dr. Mamon's leadership ever since she stepped into the role in 2023, LTC has been working closely with the provincial government of Laguna, along with other local offices and non-government organizations across the country in promoting tourism, culture, heritage, and the arts to both domestic and foreign audiences.

Aside from this, they also support Laguna-based micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) by providing platforms to showcase their world-class products and crafts through LTC's various events and collaborations happening inside and outside the province.

For more information and updates regarding these and EK's initiatives towards industry growth, sustainability, and tourism, visit <https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph> and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and TikTok, and @ek_philippines for Instagram.

"This makes compliance easier, faster, and more secure, ensuring uninterrupted pension payments," de Claro said.

The feature is available to pensioners registered in the National ID System (PhilSys) including:

- Retirement pensioners aged 80 and above residing in the Philippines
- Retirement pensioners living abroad
- Survivorship (death) pensioners

De Claro explained that pensioners do not need to login to My.SSS. By visiting the SSS homepage at www.sss.gov.ph, pensioners can access a dedicated ACOP icon that seamlessly guides them through the facial scan and biometric verification process using any camera-enabled device, through the Philippine Statistics Authority's (PSA) National ID eVerify system.

"The verification process takes less than a minute and immediately updates SSS records while confirming that a live person is present, preventing fraudulent activity," he added.

Pensioners without compatible devices may seek assistance at SSS branches through E-Centers. Traditional options, including in-person visits or scheduled video appointments, remain available.

This initiative is part of SSS' ongoing efforts to enhance digital services for nearly four million pensioners nationwide and abroad, making compliance to ACOP requirement more convenient while reducing travel burdens amid rising living costs.

"No travel. No hassle. Just quick, secure verification from home," he emphasized.

DOST Cavite Conducts GMP Training at EuroSpice and Ingredients Inc.

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Cavite successfully conducted a Training on Current Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) on February 24, 2026, at the facility of EuroSpice and Ingredients Inc. in Dasmariñas, Cavite. The activity aimed to strengthen the company's knowledge and implementation of GMP principles to ensure product quality, safety, and compliance with regulatory standards. Key topics discussed included proper sanitation and hygiene practices, process control, documentation and record-keeping, traceability, and the establishment of standard operating procedures (SOPs).

As part of the training, participants engaged in a hands-on Glo Germ demonstration, which highlighted the importance of proper handwashing and contamination prevention in manufacturing environments. The activity provided a visual and practical understanding of how microorganisms can spread and how effective hygiene practices can minimize risks.

Through this initiative, DOST Cavite continues to support local industries by promoting science-based approaches to quality assurance, productivity improvement, and food safety, thereby enhancing the competitiveness of Cavite-based enterprises. **(DOST CAVITE)**

P744K Worth of Illegal Drug Seized; 2 Suspects Arrested in Joint PDEA4A and Cavite Police Drug Bust

Camp BGen Vicente P. Lim – A total of Seven Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Pesos (PhP744,000.00) worth of illegal drugs was seized and two drug suspects were arrested during a joint buy-bust operation conducted by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency IV-A Regional Special Enforcement Team and the Cavite Provincial Drug Enforcement Unit at around 6:00 PM on March 9, 2026, at Lakewood Village, Brgy. Biclatan, City of General Trias, Cavite.

During the operation, authorities identified the arrested suspects as alias "Vincent" and alias "Aickson," who will be charged for violation of Republic Act 9165, otherwise known as the "Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002."

Recovered from the suspects were dried marijuana leaves weighing more or less 6,200 grams with a Standard Drug Price of PhP744,000.00, 4 pieces of suspected marijuana plants with an SDP of PhP800.00, one white Honda HR-V Vehicle,

a cellphone, and buy-bust money.

All seized drug-related evidence was brought to the PDEA IV-A Laboratory Office for laboratory examination.

Meanwhile, the arrested suspects are currently under the custody of PDEA 4A while pertinent documents are being prepared for inquest proceedings before the Office of the City Prosecutor.

Police Brigadier General Hansel M Marantan, Acting Regional Director of Police Regional Office CALABARZON, commended the operating units for the successful conduct of the operation.

"This successful operation highlights the strong partnership between the PNP and PDEA in our intensified campaign against illegal drugs. Rest assured that our law enforcement units will remain relentless in pursuing individuals involved in the illegal drug trade and ensuring that those responsible are held accountable under the law," PBGEN Marantan said. **(RPIO4A)**

Carlos ng Creamline PVL Press Corps Player of the Week

Sa muling pagbabalik ng aksyon mula sa injured at kasalukuyan na ngayon ang pagiging matikas at may tibay na, makaraang nagbigay si Mae Carlos ng matatag na firepower para sa Creamline, tinutulungan ang Cool Smashers na palawigin ang kanilang panalo at patatagin ang kanilang hawak sa tuktok ng standings sa 2026 Premier Volleyball League (PVL) All-Filipino Conference. Binuksan ng dating kilalang manlalaro ng Unibersidad ng Pilipinas ang kanyang linggo sa isang 19-point, 13-dig na pagtatanghal sa panalo ng

Creamline laban sa Galeries Tower Highrises, 25-14, 17-25, 25-18, 25-23, sa FilOil Centre. Sinundan niya ito ng 16 na puntos at 13 na digs sa kapananabik na limang-set na tagumpay ng Cool Smashers laban sa Nxled, 25-16, 22-25, 25-21, 15-25, 15-10, Para sa kanyang mga pagsisikap, si Carlos ang napiling PVL Press Corps Player of the Week na ipinagkaloob ng Pilipinas Live para sa Marso 3 hanggang 7.

Sinabi ng three-time PVL Most Valuable Player na ang malakas na panahong ito ay tanda na naibalik na niya ang kanyang tibay matapos ang ilang buwang paggaling mula sa isang pinsala sa tuhod.

Na enjoy din ng beterano sa kabilang panig ang tindi ng limang-set na laban sa Nxled, na binanggit kung gaano niya namimiss na makipagkompetensya sa mga sitwasyong mataas ang presyon.

Sa kabila ng mga damdamin na kaakibat ng mahigpit na laban, binigyang-diin ni Carlos ang kahalagahan ng pagpapanatili ng composure isang bagay na patuloy na binibigyang-diin ng Creamline habang nagpapatuloy ang torneo.

Nangibabaw ang 27-taong-gulang na spiker laban sa kanyang kakampi na si Jema Galanza, Savi Davison ng PLDT, Sisi Rondina ng Choco Mucho, Vanie Gandler ng Signal, at Ivy Lacsina ng Akari para sa lingguhang pagkilala na ipinamahagi ng mga mamamahayag na sumusubaybay sa propesyonal na liga na inorganisa ng Sports Vision.



Unang Vermosa Victory Games isasagawa, ngayong Marso 21-22

SA layuning makatulong sa pagpapalaganap ng palakasan sa Pilipinas, ang maluwang na maayos na-develop na Ayala Vermosa Sports Hub ay magdaraos ng unang Vermosa Victory Games sa Marso 21 at 22 sa Imus, Cavite.

Ang mga tagapag-ayos ng kaganapan na pinamumunuan ng XMPLR Sports sa ilalim ng tagapagtatag at CEO nitong si Robbie de Vera ay nag-ayos ng mga kumpetisyong ayon sa pangkat ng edad sa paglangoy, football, at cheerleading sa 8-ektaryang pag-aari na mayroong siyam-na-lanes na track oval, sentro ng palakasan sa tubig, at football field.

Ang dalawang araw na kaganapan na naka-iskedyul mula 8 a.m. hanggang 5 p.m. ay bukas sa lahat ng paaralan at klub na may mga atleta na kasing bata ng 5-6 na taong gulang.

"Ang Vermosa Sports Hub ay narito na sa loob ng walong taon at nais namin na ang aming pasilidad ay maging higit pa sa isang programang pangkaganapan para sa grassroots sports. Ito ay simula pa lamang at maaari naming gawin itong muli," sabi ni Lani Tan, general manager ng Ayala Vermosa Sports Hub, sa Philippine Sportswriters Association Forum sa media room ng PSC.

"Mayroon kaming mga plano na lumawak hindi lamang sa pamamagitan ng pagho-host ng mga kaganapan kundi pati na rin kung paano kami makakatulong sa larangan ng sports sa bansa," dagdag ni Tan, na sinamahan sa forum ni XMPLR Sports project manager Ronyth Cada, cheerleading

tournament director Javier Beren at De Vera, dating pinuno ng napaka-matagumpay na Milo Sports Program.

"Nais naming buhayin ang bisyon ng Vermosa at iyon ay itaguyod ang sports at masiglang pamumuhay sa paligid ng estate," sabi ni De Vera sa panahon ng pampublikong programa ng sports na inihandog ng San Miguel Corporation, Philippine Sports Commission, Philippine Olympic Committee, MILO, at ang 24/7 na sports app ng bansa na ArenaPlus.

"Layunin ng kaganapanang ito na magbigay ng mas maraming pagkakataon para sa mga batang atleta," sabi ni Cada, dagdag pa niya na bukod sa mga premyong tropeo at medalya, kabilang din sa maaaring mapanalunan ang karangalan ng pagiging unang nagwagi sa Vermosa Victory Games.

Bukas pa rin ang pagpaparehistro para sa tinukoy ni Cada bilang isang "dinamikong paligsahan na pinamumunuan



VERMOSA VICTORY GAMES OFFICIAL

IPINAHAYAG ni Robbie De Vera XMPLR Sports at CEO sa lingguhang PSA Forum sa PSC Media room ang nakatakdang kaganapan para sa itatag Marso 21 at 22 ang Unang Vermosa Victory Games kung saan ito may tatlo uri ng bawat laro ang Pag langoy, Football at Cheerleading para sa kabataang may edad 5-6 na taong gulang kasama dumalo sa PSA forum sa larawan sina Ayala Vermosa Sports Hub general manager Leilani Tan, at Vermosa Victory Games project head na si Ronyth Cada at Javier Beren Tournament Manager. (REY NILLAMA)

ng mga lokal na komunidad" na may limitadong bilang ng mga puwesto na magagamit. Inaasahan ng mga tagapag-organisa ang hanggang 1,000 kalahok sa tatlong kaganapan.

Para sa kumpetisyong sa cheerleading, sinabi ni Beren na itinakda ng mga tagapag-organisa ang bilang sa limang koponan bawat kategorya.

FiberXers Tumatag kontra Black Night sa PBA Commissioner's cup

Huling pagbawi nag-udyok sa



CONVERGE - ALEC STOCKTON VS DAMIAN CHONGQUI - MACAU

NAGAWANG maiwasan ni Converse FiberXers Alec Stockton ang mahigpit na depensa ni Damian Chongqui na ilan lamang sa kanilang tagpo sa unang pag arangkada ng PBA Season 50 Commissioner's Cup na ginanap sa Ninoy Aquino Stadium kung saan ay pinadapa ang Macau Black Night ng Converse FiberXers sa iskor na 102-94. (REY NILLAMA)

Arnis ay ipapakita bilang isang tradisyonal na isport.

Inaasahang gaganapin ang mga paligsahan sa New Clark City sa Capas, Tarlac, Rizal Memorial Sports Complex, sa malapit nang buksang SMX Center for International Trade and Exhibitions sa Lungsod ng Pasay, at sa mga pangunahing lugar sa Lungsod ng Tagaytay, Cavite.

Para sa kanyang bahagi, binigyang-diin ni Gregorio na ang pagho-host ng kaganapan ay makakapagpalakas nang malaki sa mga inisyatiba ng bansa sa sports tourism. Plano ng PSC at ng POC na tukuyin at obserbahan ang mga potensyal na atleta mula sa Palarong Pambansa, Batang Pinoy, at ang National Academy of Sports na maaaring maging bahagi ng Pambansang Koponan para sa darating na kaganapan.

Converge na talunin ang Macau upang simulan ang kanilang PBA Commissioner's Cup na laban

Nagpakitang-gilas ang Converge sa huling limang minuto at kalahati upang sirain ang PBA debut ng Macau sa pamamagitan ng panalo na 102-94 upang simulan ang kanilang kampanya sa Commissioner's Cup noong Miyerkules ng gabi sa Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

Sa kanilang koponan na natatalo ng apat sa kalagitnaan ng ika-apat na kwarter, nagplano sina Kaylor Kelley at Alec Stockton ng isang 10-0 na pagtakbo upang simulan ang pag-ahon ng FiberXers

na nagbigay sa kanila ng nangungunang 98-92 na may 3:05 na natitira.

Pagkatapos ay pinagtibay ni Balti Baltazar ang kanilang pagbabalik sa pamamagitan ng sunud-sunod na puntos niya para sa 102-92 na kalamangan bago makaiskor si Jenning Leung sa isang buzzer-beating layup bilang ginhawa para sa Black Knights.

Pinangunahan ni Stockton ang Converge na may 18 puntos, tatlong rebound, tatlong assist, at anim na steal, habang nagdagdag si Archie Concepcion ng 16 puntos, dalawang rebound, dalawang assist, at isang steal.

Natapos ni Baltazar na may 14 na puntos, 10 rebound, tatlong assist, at dalawang steal, samantalang nagkaroon ng matagumpay na debut sa PBA si Kelley na may 12 puntos, 19 rebound, dalawang assist, at apat na block.

Si Mikey Williams, sa kabila ng hindi pag-score, ay naghatid pa rin ng epekto para sa koponan habang nagbigay siya ng tatlong assists, lahat ay noong ika-apat na kwarter.

Natapos ni Leung na may 22 puntos, limang rebound, limang assist, at isang steal, habang nagdagdag si Phoenix Shackleford ng 20 puntos, limang rebound, apat na assist, at tatlong steal para sa Macau. Tony Mitchell ay may 18 puntos, 10 rebounds, at isang steal sa kanyang pagbabalik sa PBA.

SEA Plus Youth Games magaganap sa bansa, sa susunod na taon, 13 bansa inaasahang kalahok

Ang pokus ay mapupunta sa mga batang atleta na may edad na 16 pababa mula sa Timog-Silangang Asya at mga karatig-bansa sa Asya kapag nagho-host ang Pilipinas ng unang SEA Plus Youth Games, na nakatakdang mula Disyembre 2

hanggang 14, 2027. Si Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino, pangulo ng Philippine Olympic Committee, kasama si Patrick Gregorio, chairman ng Philippine Sports Commission at ng PH SEAPYG Local Organizing Committee, ay nagbigay ng

pahayag, sa PSC Media Room. Inaasahang makikipag kompetensya ang mga kabataang atleta mula sa 11 kalahok na bansa sa rehiyon ng Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), kasama ang mga inimitahang delegasyon mula sa ibang mga bansa sa Asya tulad ng Bahrain, Bhutan, Chinese Taipei, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Sri Lanka, at Turkmenistan, sa iba't ibang disiplina ng palakasan sa multi-sport event, na pinaplano na ganapin taun-taon bago ang Asian Youth Games.

"Bilang nagtatag na pangulo ng bagong organisasyon, tayo ang magiging tagapag-host ng unang edisyon. Tamang-tama na sa susunod na taon, iaanunsyo ko ang mga petsa, na magiging Disyembre 2 hanggang 14. Ipinagmamalaki namin ito kasama ang PSC. Matapos ang 2019 Southeast Asian Games, ipakita natin ulit ang pagho-host ng Pilipinas," sabi ni Tolentino.

Ang palakasan sa tubig at palakasan sa landas ay magsisilbing mandatoryong isport sa Laro. Ilan sa mga isport na Olimpiko na itatampok ay ang triathlon, judo, boksing, golf, taekwondo, skateboarding, wrestling, fencing, basketball, tennis, at gymnastics. Ang mga di-Olympic na isport tulad ng jiu-jitsu, bilyar, dancesport, at MMA ay isasama rin, habang ang



POC - PSC NAGKAISA SA SEA PLUS YOUTH GAMES 2027
PORMAL ng inanunsyo ang maging magkatuwang na POC Philippine Olympic Committee president Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino at PSC Philippine Sports Commission Chairman John Patrick Gregorio para sa pagiging host ng bansa sa susunod na taon matapos lagdaan ang Memorandum of Agreement sa pagiging partner ng kaganapan sa 2027. Makaraang ganapin ang pagtitipon sa PSC Media Room Rizal Memorial Sports Complex. (REY NILLAMA)



Greetings to: Kagawad Joseph Quijano ng Barangay North Signal, Taguig City. Malaking pasasalamat para kay Kagawad Quijano sa kanyang napaka buting nagawa sa mga lugar na nasasakupan nitong Barangay North Signal, Central Signal, Katuparan, South Signal at Maharlika. Kung saan ay isinagawa nito ang Clean up drive. Kung kaya labis ang kasiyahan ng mga naninirahan sa nabanggit na lugar. Ang taos pusong pasasalamat ay nag mumula kay. Osmalon Agana