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KOMISYON SA WIKANG FILIPINO AT PHILIPPINE NORMAL UNIVERSITY, LUMAGDA NG MOU

Pormal nang nilagdaan ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) at Philippine Normal University (PNU) ang Memorandum ng Unawaan (MOU) noong 16 Marso 2026 sa PNU Gymnasium. Ang MOU na ito ay para sa pagtatatag ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura (SWK) sa pamantasan. Layunin nitong paigtingin ang mga programa at pananaliksik na magsusulong sa pagpapaunlad at pagpapalaganap ng wikang Filipino sa bansa. Binuksan ang programa sa pagpapahayag ng

mensahe ni Dr. Bert J. Tuga, Pangulo ng PNU, tungkol sa kahalagahan ng akademikong pakikipagtulungan. Nagpahayag naman ng suporta rito si Tagapangulong Atty. Marites A. Barrios-Taran ng KWF at ibinahagi ang bisyon ng komisyon para sa masiglang ugnayan sa mga unibersidad. Ang habkang na ito ay inaasahang magbubukas ng pinto para sa mga bagong proyekto, seminar, at publikasyong lalong magpapatatag sa pambansang wika.

KWF AT LIMAY POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE, LUMAGDA PARA SA PAGTATATAG NG SWK

Pormal nang nilagdaan ang isang makasaysayang Memorandum ng Unawaan (MOU) sa pagitan ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) at Limay Polytechnic College (LPC) noong 27 Pebrero 2026 upang itatag ang Sentro ng Wika at Kultura (SWK) sa loob ng institusyon.

Ang naturang pagtitipon ay itinuturing na kauna-unahang lagdaan ng MOU na isinagawa sa isang opisina ng KWF na matatagpuan sa Harvester, Cubao, Lungsod Quezon. Pinangunahan ni Atty. Marites A. Barrios-Taran, Tagapangulo ng KWF, ang seremonya kasama ang Pangulo ng Limay Polytechnic College na si Dr. Elmer B. De Leon. Layunin ng kasunduan na paigtingin ang pagpapalaganap, pagpapaunlad, at preserbasyon ng wikang Filipino at mga katutubong wika sa lalawigan ng Bataan sa pamamagitan ng akademikong pagtutulungan. Bilang bahagi ng implementasyon ng kasunduan, itinalaga si Bb. April R. Cruz bilang direktor o tagapanguna ng bagong tatag na Sentro ng Wika at Kultura sa loob ng LPC. Inaasahang magsisilbi ang SWK bilang katuwang ng KWF sa mga pananaliksik, seminar, at mga gawaing pangwika sa rehiyon. Ang pagpili sa Harvester,

Cubao bilang lunan ng pirmahan ay hudyat ng mas malawak na pag-abot ng serbisyo ng KWF sa publiko at mga katuwang na ahensiya.

KWF at TSU, Lumagda ng MOU

Pormal nang nilagdaan ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) at Tarlac State University (TSU) ang Memorandum ng Unawaan (MOU) noong 4 Marso 2026, sa Bulwagang Romualdez ng KWF. Layunin ng MOU na paigtingin ang kolaborasyon sa pagpapaunlad, pagpapalaganap, at preserbasyon ng wikang Filipino at iba pang mga wika ng bansa, partikular na sa loob ng akademikong komunidad. Binuksan ang programa sa isang bating pagtanggap mula kay Fultaym Komisyoner Benjamin M. Mendillo, Jr., ang kinatawan sa Wikang Ilokano ng KWF. Nagbigay ng mensahe si Tagapangulo Atty. Marites A. Barrios-Taran ng KWF ukol sa kritikal na kalagayan ng wikang Abëllën, na batay sa datos ng KWF sa Sigla ng Wika, ang Abëllën ay kasalukuyang nasa Grado 4 o "Di-lihtas" (Unsafe). Ipinaliwanag ni Barrios-Taran na bagaman ginagamit pa ang wika ng ilang bata sa lahat ng domeyn, ang kabataan ay gumagamit na lamang nito sa mga

Legarda: Reporma sa buwis, ginhawa sa pamilya, pananagutan sa pamahalaan

Binigyang-diin ni Senator Loren Legarda na ang mga reporma sa buwis ay dapat maghatid ng ginhawa sa mga pamilyang Pilipino habang tinitiyak ang pananagutan sa paggastos ng pamahalaan. Iginiiit niya na ang mawawalang kita mula sa tax cuts ay maaaring mabawi sa pamamagitan ng pagtugon sa korapsyon, na mas malaki ang nilalamang yaman kaysa sa halaga ng mga reporma. Noong Martes, Marso 17, inilahad ni Legarda sa kanyang privilege speech ang tatlong panukalang batas sa reporma sa buwis: Senate Bill No. 1851, Senate Bill No. 1857, at Senate Bill No. 1963, na naglalayong pababain ang presyo ng pagkain, gamot, at kuryente para sa karaniwang sambahayan. "Ang halagang mawawala sa mga tax cuts na ito ay mas mababa pa sa kabuuang nalilimas ng korapsyon tulad na lang ng mga anomalya sa flood control projects na umabot sa trilyong piso," pahayag ni Legarda. Ipinaliwanag niya na bagama't ang buwis ang lifeblood ng Estado, ito ay naging dagdag na pasanin para sa mga minimum wage earners at low-income families. Kamakailan, umabot sa 2.4 porsyento ang inflation, dulot ng 1.8 porsyentong pagtaas

sa presyo ng pagkain at non-alcoholic beverages, na lalo pang pumipiga sa badyet ng mga pamilya.

"Hindi mapapatakbo ang isang bansa kung walang buwis na kinokolekta mula sa mga mamamayan. Ngunit kung ang buwis ay halos sinasaid na ang bulsa ng ordinaryong Pilipino, hindi na lifeblood ang tawag dito, dagdag pagdurusa na," saad ni Legarda.

Sa ilalim ng Differentiated VAT Rates Act, ipinanukala ang pagbaba ng VAT sa 10 porsyento para sa mga pangunahing produkto at serbisyo, habang nananatili ang 12 porsyento para sa mga luho gaya ng mamahaling sasakyan, real estate, sigarilyo, vape, at alak.

"Hindi dapat i subsidize ng minimum wage earner ang lifestyle ng may kaya," pahayag ni Legarda.

Kasama sa Murang Bilihin at Serbisyon Medikal Act ang pagtanggap ng VAT sa mga pangunahing bilihin, gamot, at serbisyon medikal. Sakop nito ang exemptions para sa over-the-counter medicines, first aid supplies, canned goods, cooking oil, instant noodles, sabon, at professional medical services. "Kaya naman, nararapat lang na wakasan ang pagpapataw ng buwis sa mga basic commodities para sa ating mga kababayan," saad ni Legarda.

Ang ikatlong panukala ay naglalayong alisin ang VAT sa mga singil sa kuryente gaya ng Systems Loss at Lifeline Rate Subsidy, na ayon kay Legarda ay hindi dapat buwisin dahil ito ay subsidies na pasanin na ng mga konsumer.

"Maganda ang adhikain, nguniit mali na tumulong ka na, nabuwisan ka pa," saad ng Senadora.

Ipinaliwanag ni Legarda na ang lahat ng panukalang ito ay inihain sa ilalim ng normal na kalagayan ng bansa dahil naniniwala siyang matagal nang dapat ipatupad ang mga pagbawas at exemptions.

"Mr. President, ang isang minimum wage worker ay nagbabayad ng buwis araw araw. May VAT sa halos lahat ng binibili niya. Buwan-buwan, lumiliit ang suweldong dapat sana ay buo niyang maiuuwi sa pamilya. Tanggapin na natin na ang kasalukuyang tax system ay regressive. Mas malaking proporsyon ang kinukuha nito sa mahihirap, kaysa sa mayayaman," paliwanag ni Legarda.

Hinimok pa niya ang kanyang mga kasamahan na isulong ang komprehensibong reporma sa buwis na nakabatay sa equity.

"Tayong mga nandito sa bulwagang ito ay dapat talakayin nang masinsinan ang usaping comprehensive tax reform, hindi bilang isang sukatan ng kita, kundi batayan

ng equity sa ating lipunan," ayon sa Senadora.

Binigyang-diin ng apat na termino na senador na dapat ding harapin ng pamahalaan ang pananagutan.

"Panahon na para tanggalin sa mga Pilipino ang pasaning ito at harapin ng pamahalaan ang pagsasaayos ng sarili nitong paggastos at integridad,"

PGC's Performance Management Team Holds SPMS Orientation for Newly Hired, Promoted, and Transferred Employees

The PGC's Performance Management Team (PMT) successfully conducted the Orientation on the Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS) for newly hired, promoted, and transferred employees on March 10, 2026 at the 2nd Floor Function Hall of the New Cavite Government Center.

Engr. Lorna R. Leyran delivered the welcome remarks and led the discussion on the introduction to the Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS). In her message, she emphasized that the orientation is not merely a procedural requirement but also an important opportunity for participants to gain a deeper understanding of the significance of SPMS and the process involved in its preparation and implementation. She encouraged everyone to actively participate in the orientation to ensure a clearer appreciation of the system and its role in promoting accountability and improving organizational performance. During the activity, Ms. Claudette Trixia M. Flores discussed the SPMS Guidebook and the key

aniya. Nanawagan si Legarda para sa agarang pagpasa ng kanyang mga panukala bilang tulay tungo sa tunay na pagbabago at konkretong ginhawa sa antas ng sambahayan. "Ang tanging hinihingi ng taumbayan ay ginhawang ramdam, pagbabago sa presyong nakikita sa resibo, at patakarang may pakinabang sa hapag kainan, hindi lang sa macroeconomic report," pagtatapos ni Legarda.

elements of the Office/Unit Performance Commitment and Review (O/UPCR). Ms. Angelica Joy A. Balanquit facilitated the session on target setting and performance standards, as well as monitoring and documentation.

Interactive workshop sessions were also conducted to guide participants in applying the concepts discussed by Mr. Niko Montenegro together with Mr. Mark Lester Carada facilitated the activities. The first workshop is all about the formulation of targets and major final outputs, and the second one is on the preparation of accomplishment reports.

Ms. Ma. Fe M. Satsatin, OPHRMO department head, also delivered a message expressing her gratitude to the participants for their active engagement throughout the orientation. She likewise extended her appreciation to the PMT Secretariat for organizing the activity, noting that initiatives like this greatly contribute to the continuous improvement and development of employees within the organization. — **OPIO**

Mobile Registration Activity Brings PSA Services Closer to Residents of Taysan, Batangas

The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Region IV-A, in coordination with the Local Government Unit of Taysan, Batangas, conducted a Mobile Registration Activity on March 16, 2026, at the Municipal Hall of Taysan.

The activity was made possible through the coordination and support of the Local Civil Registry Office of Taysan, headed by OIC Jenelyn P. Mercado. The initiative aimed to bring PSA services closer to the community, making it more convenient for residents to request and secure their civil registry documents without the need to travel to Lipa City or other service centers.

Through the Civil Registry System (CRS) Mobile Outlet, residents were able

to access on-site processing and issuance of PSA copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates, as well as Certificates of No Marriage (CENOMAR). Residents from various barangays of Taysan benefited from the accessible and efficient services provided during the activity.

Through this initiative, the Philippine Statistics Authority reaffirmed its commitment to delivering timely, accurate, and reliable civil registry services, in line with its mission to make civil registration accessible to all Filipinos.

During the program, Brigido A. Villena, Municipal Mayor of Taysan, Batangas, delivered a message expressing his gratitude to the PSA for bringing the mobile registration services to the municipality.

Editorial

Magandang ani ngayong taon

BUNSOD pa rin ng kaguluhan sa Gitnang Silangan ay isa ang pagkain sa mga pangunahing pangangailangan na sinasabing apektado. Hindi naman maikakaila na matinding sakripisyo ito para sa mga kababayan nating maralita na umaasa sa Benteng Bigas Meron program. Pagtitiyak naman ng Department of Agriculture gayunin ng Food Terminal Inc. (FTI) na

mayroong sapat na supply para sa tuluy-tuloy na serbisyo sa mga Kadiwa Stores. Nananatili ang isinasagawang refill o replacement ng National Food Authority sa kanilang mga stock bilang katugunan hinggil dito. Nauunawaan ng kagawaran ang tinatawag na panic o pangamba sa hanay lalo ng maralitang mamamayan kasabay ng anunsuyo na ang ating bansa ay mayroong sapat na buffer stock dahil sa magandang ani ngayong taon. Bilang pagpawi sa pangamba ng publiko partikular sa mga benepisyaryo ng programa ay sinasabing nananatiling available ang pamamahagi ng bigas sa ilalim nito hanggang ito ay nakarehistro sa Benteng Bigas Registry System.

No One Left Behind: PHILHEALTH REGIONAL OFFICE IV-A AND BJMP CALABARZON PARTNER FOR INCLUSIVE PDL HEALTHCARE

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was officially entered into by PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A (PRO IV-A), under the leadership of Acting Regional Vice President Edwin M. Oriña, MD and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Regional Office CALABARZON, headed by JCSUPT ISABELO V CARTIN JR, DSC, MBA, Regional Director of the Jail Bureau, to ensure the efficient reimbursement of the TB-DOTS benefit for the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) in the region.

The signing ceremony highlighted a shared commitment between PRO IV-A and BJMP CALABARZON to improve access to quality healthcare services within jail facilities, particularly for tuberculosis prevention and treatment.

During the event, Dr. Oriña also presented an overview of key PhilHealth programs, including the PhilHealth Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP), which aims to further enhance the health and well-being of PDLs across Region IV-A through expanded benefits, streamlined processes, and improved service delivery.

This partnership represents a concrete step toward the full realization of Universal Health Care. By reinforcing coordinated efforts between PhilHealth and BJMP CALABARZON, the agreement ensures that even the most vulnerable sectors—including PDLs—are provided with equitable access to essential health services, affirming the principle that no one is left behind.



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Iba 'pag kilala

MAYROONG napaulat hinggil sa paghahanda para sa eleksiyon sa 2028 ng pamilya Marcos sa Ilocos Norte.

Ang pahayag ay nagmula kay Vice Governor Matthew Marcos Manotoc. Sa kabila na malayo pa naman ay may pag-uusap na ang kanilang pamilya sa mga dapat isipin o gawin hinggil sa mundong ginagalawan sa pulitika.

Dahil last term na ni Ilocos Norte 2nd District Representative Angelo Marcos Barba kaya nararapat na ang pag-uusap.

Batid naman ng bise-gobernador na apektado sila sa usaping political dynasty pero inuuna at uunahin pa rin nila ang kapakanan ng mga tao.

'Ika nga niya na kahit nasa dinastiyang pulitikal ay maraming patunay at pagbabago sa ilalim ng liderato nila sa lalawigan.

Tungkol sa political dynasty ay nasa kamay naman ng mga rehistradong botante ang pagpili para sa kung sino

ang nais na iluluklok sa pwesto.

Kung wala pa ring batas hinggil dito ay sadyang bentahe ang mayroong pangalan sa panahon ng halalan.

Kumbaga, iba kapag kilala o tanyag ang pangalan o apelyido dagdag pa na nakakaangat sa pananalapi.

Hinggil naman sa maaga pang pag-uusap o paghahanda para sa 2028 elections ay masasabi nating ito ay normal lamang.

Ang karamihan sa mga nananalo sa eleksiyon na hindi pa man ganap na 'nag-iinit ang puwet' sa pagkakaupo sa pwesto ay kaakibat na ang paglikot ng isipan para sa susunod na halalan.

Sa kabila na maayos na ginagampanan ang tungkulin ay naroroon pa rin ang utak para sa hinaharap.

Maaaring hindi lahat subalit para sa iba na ganoon naman talaga ang takbo ng utak ay huwag ng magpakaipokrito.

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KWF Tagapangulo Atty. Marites A. Barrios-Taran, nag-courtesy call kay Mayor Emmanuel M. Abonado ng Mlang, Cotabato

Isinagawa ang isang mahalagang courtesy call ng Tagapangulo ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF), Atty. Marites A. Barrios-Taran, noong 26 Pebrero 2026 sa tanggapan ni Hon. Emmanuel M. Abonado, DVM, Municipal Mayor sa Mlang Town Hall sa

Mlang, Cotabato.

Kasama ni Atty. Barrios-Taran si Dr. Carmelita C. Abdurahman, Fultaym Komisyoner ng KWF, sa pagbisitang ito upang palalimin ang ugnayan ng ahensiya at lokal na pamahalaan.

Sa ginanap na pulong, tinalakay ang

mga kasalukuyan at hinaharap na proyekto ng KWF sa layuning mas mapalaganap at mas mapalakas ang paggamit at pagtangkilik sa wikang Filipino sa mga komunidad. Binanggit ni Atty. Barrios-Taran ang kahalagahan ng wikang Filipino bilang susi sa pambansang pagkakakilanlan, lalo na sa panahon ng mabilis na globalisasyon na madaling malimutan ang sariling kultura at wika.

Pinuri ni Mayor Abonado ang mga adhikain ng Komisyon, at ipinahayag niya ang buong suporta ng munisipyo sa mga programa ng KWF na sumusuporta sa edukasyon at pagpapalawak ng kaalaman tungkol sa wikang Filipino. Dagdag pa niya, ang kanilang tanggapan ay handang m a k i p a g t u l u n g a n upang isulong ang mga gawain na magpapalago ng kamalayan at pagmamalasakit sa wikang pambansa.

Bukod sa usapin ng wika, tinalakay din ang potensiyal na kolaborasyon sa pagitan ng KWF at lokal na pamahalaan sa mga programa na magpapalawak ng partisipasyon ng iba't ibang sektor ng komunidad sa mga seminar, workshop, at iba pang aktibidad na may layuning mapanatili at mapagyaman ang wikang Filipino sa kabataan at malawak na populasyon.

Ang pagbisitang ito ay bahagi ng mas malawak na kampanya ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino upang maseguro ang aktibong papel ng wikang Filipino sa edukasyon, pamahalaan, at pang-araw-araw na pamumuhay ng mga Pilipino. Kinikilala rin ng KWF ang malaking papel ng mga lokal na pamahalaan bilang katuwang sa pagpapaigting ng mga programa sa wika at kultura sa kanilang nasasakupan.

BMC, binuksan ang Women and Children Protection Unit nito

LUNGSOD NG MALOLOS

– Kasabay ng pagdiriwang ng Pambansang Buwan ng Kababaihan, pormal na binuksan ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Bulacan ang Women and Children Protection Unit sa Bulacan Medical Center noong Marso 11.

Hangad ng bagong tayong pasilidad na makapagbigay ng specialized medical care, psychological support, at coordinated social services sa kababaihan at mga batang nakaranas ng pang-aabuso, pagsasamantala, trafficking, at iba pang uri ng karahasan. Binigyang-diin ni Gobernador Daniel R. Fernando ang pangako ng Pamahalaang Panlalawigan na protektahan ang mga mahihina, lalo na ang kababaihan at mga bata.

“Ang pagbubukas ng Women and Children Protection Unit ay isang konkretong hakbang sa pagtiyak na ang mga biktima ng pang-aabuso ay hindi naiwanang nag-iisa sa kanilang pakikibaka. Ang pasilidad na ito ay nagsisilbing aming pangako na ang Pamahalaang Panlalawigan ng Bulacan ay patuloy na poprotektahan ang dignidad, kaligtasan, at mga karapatan ng bawat babae at bata,” anang gobernador.

Ayon sa Pinuno ng WCPU na si Dr. Jose Emiliano T. Gatchalian, idinisenyo ang pasilidad hindi lamang para protektahan ang mga biktima kundi upang masiguro ang tamang interbasyon sa mga indibidwal na kasangkot sa

pang-aabuso, na kinikilala na ang ilang mga salarin ay nakaranas rin ng trauma. Samantala, ipinaliwanag ni Dr. Violeta M. De Guzman na bukas ang center 24 oras sa isang araw, pitong araw isang linggo, upang masiguro na lahat ng biktimang darating sa ospital ay makatatanggap ng agarang nararapat na kalinga.

Ang mga pasyenteng may pisikal na pinsala ay paunang gagamutin sa emergency room ng ospital bago ilipat sa protection unit, kung saan bigyangan sila ng karagdagang medikal, sikolohikal, at sosyal na interbasyon ng mga sinanay na tauhan. Hinihikayat ang mga Bulakenyo na iulat ang mga kaso ng karahasan at pang-aabuso sa WCPU hotline na +639397624522.

Inflation sa CALABARZON, umakyat sa 2.4 percent nitong Pebrero 2026

LIPA CITY, Batangas – Umakyat sa 2.4 percent ang headline inflation sa rehiyon ng CALABARZON nitong Pebrero 2026, ayon sa ulat ni Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) CALABARZON Regional Director Charito C. Armonia sa ginanap na pulong balitaan nitong Huwebes, ika-12 ng Marso 2026.

Ito ay mas mataas kumpara sa inflation ng rehiyon noong Enero 2026 na nasa 2.3 percent at 2.1 percent noong Pebrero 2025. Sa kasalukuyan, ang average inflation mula Enero hanggang Pebrero 2026 ay nasa antas na 2.3 percent.

Ang pangunahing dahilan ng mas mabilis na pagtaas sa pangkalahatang presyo ng mga kalakal at serbisyo sa rehiyon nitong Pebrero 2026 kumpara noong Enero 2026 ay ang mas mabilis na pagtaas ng presyo ng Restaurants and Accommodation Services na may 6.4 percent inflation. Ito ay may 77.3 percent share sa pagtaas ng pangkalahatang inflation sa rehiyon.

Sinundan ito ng Recreation, Sport and Culture (5.6 percent) at Transport (0.0 percent).

Sa mga pangkat ng pagkain sa CALABARZON, nagpakita ng mas mabilis na pagtaas ng presyo ang Mais (5.4 percent); Flour, Bread and Other Bakery Products, Pasta Products, and Other Cereals (3.2 percent); Fish and other seafood (7.7 percent), partikular dito ang dilis; at Gatas, Dairy Products at Itlog (1.6 percent), partikular dito ang powdered milk.

Nagtala naman ng pagtaas ng presyo mula sa dating pagbaba nitong Enero ang mga Gulay, Tubers, at Cooking Bananas na nasa 1.7 percent inflation, partikular ang sibuyas.

Sa kabilang dako, bumagal ang pagtaas ng presyo sa ilang bilihin tulad ng Oils and fats (12.7 percent); Fruits and nuts (1.3 percent) tulad ng saging; Sugar, Confectionery and Desserts, partikular ang sorbetes (0.9 percent); at Ready-Made Food and Other Food Products not elsewhere classified (2.2 percent), gaya ng spaghetti sauce.

Nagtala naman ng pagbaba ng presyo nitong Pebrero 2026 mula sa pagtaas nitong Enero 2026 ang Meat and Other Parts of Slaughtered Land Animals tulad ng karne ng baboy, na may -2.4 percent inflation, habang ang Bigas ay nagtala ng mas mabagal na pagbaba ng presyo sa antas na -4.9 percent inflation.

Pagdating sa mga lalawigan at Highly Urbanized Cities (HUC) sa CALABARZON, limang lugar ang nagtala ng mas mataas na inflation rates kumpara noong Enero: ang Laguna (3.9 percent), Rizal (2.8 percent), Quezon (1.7 percent), Batangas (1.2 percent), at Lungsod ng Lucena (0.6 percent). Tanging ang Cavite ang nagtala ng mas mababang inflation rate na nasa 2.0 percent.

Samantala, naitala sa 76 sentimo nitong Pebrero 2026 ang purchasing power of peso (PPP) o halaga ng piso kumpara sa halaga nito noong 2018.

Wanted, nahuli sa Cavite City

ISANG wanted ang nahuli matapos ang matagumpay na joint police operation kamakailan sa Cavite City, Cavite.

Nakilala ang akusado na si alyas John, residente ng Cavite City, at nakatala bilang Regional Level Most Wanted Person.

Ang pagkakaaresto ay sa bisa ng warrant of arrest na inisyu ng Presiding Judge ng Regional Trial Court, Branch 17, Cavite City, Cavite na may petsang Pebrero 3, 2026 na walang inirekomendang piyansa.

Ito ay may kaugnayan sa Statutory Rape (Under Article 266-A of the Revised Penal Code, as amended by Republic Act 8353 and Republic Act 11648) (2 counts laban sa akusado).

Ang Warrant Personnel ng Cavite Component City Police Station kasama ang 401st Regional Mobile Force Battalion ay isinagawa ang operasyon gamit ang Body Worn Camera at Alternative Recording Device sa Barangay 57, Cavite City dakong alas- 9:00 ng umaga nitong Marso 17.

MWP, naaresto ng pulis-Rosario

NAARESTO ang isang Regional Level Most Wanted Person sa ikinasang matagumpay na operasyon ng pulisya kamakailan sa Rosario, Cavite.

Kinilala ang akusado na si alyas Rjay, naninirahan sa Barangay Sapa 3, Rosario. Ang matagumpay na operasyon ay isinagawa ng warrant at patrol personnel ng Rosario Municipal Police Station dakong alas-7:30 ng gabi nitong Marso 16 sa Barangay Silangan 1, Rosario, gamit ang Alternative Recording Device.

Inaresto ang akusado sa bisa ng warrant of arrest para sa krimen ng Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002-Sale, Trading, Administration, Dispensation, Deliver, Distribution and Transportation of Dangerous Drugs (R.A. 9165 Art. II Sec. 5) at Comprehensive Drugs Act of 2002 Dangerous Drugs Act. (R.A. 9165 ART. II SEC. 11) na inisyu ng Presiding Judge ng 4th Judicial Region Regional Trial Court Branch 16 Cavite City na may petsang Marso 10, 2026, na walang inirekomendang piyansa.

Kelot ' dinampot sa bisa ng warrant

NADAKIP ang isang 32-anyos na lalaki sa bisa ng warrant of arrest matapos ang matagumpay na joint police operation kamakailan sa Maragondon, Cavite.

Ang akusadong si alyas Win, kasalukuyang naninirahan sa General Trias City, Cavite, ay nasa talaan bilang Top 5 Provincial Level Most Wanted Person.

Siya ay dinakip sa bisa ng warrant of arrest para sa krimeng panggagahasa sa ilalim ng Article 266-A (1)(D) ng Revised Penal Code na inisyu ng Presiding Judge ng RTC Branch 19, Catarman, Northern Samar, na walang inirekomendang piyansa.

Isinagawa ang operasyon dakong alas-2:00 ng hapon nitong Marso 17 sa Barangay Pinagsanhan B, Maragondon, ng mga tauhan ng Maragondon Municipal Police Station, sa koordinasyon ng Regional Intelligence Unit 4A, PIT Cavite, CIDG Northern Samar, at Bobon Municipal Police Station, Northern Samar PPO.

Governor Edgar Aglipay expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) for the innovative technologies it continues to promote to improve the lives of Cagayanos.

Governor Aglipay conveyed his appreciation during the visit and attendance of DOST Secretary Renato Solidum at the opening of the Cagayan Innovation Hub (IHub) and the SARAI Provincial Hub at the Provincial Government of Cagayan on Monday, March 16, 2026.

In his message, Gov. Aglipay emphasized the significant contribution of science and technology in advancing innovations that create greater opportunities for the people. He noted that science and technology play a vital role in society, particularly in agriculture and tourism, as they help make work more efficient and broaden public knowledge about machinery and other strategies that enhance productivity.

"I can't thank enough Sec. Solidum for what they have done for our people here in Cagayan. I think this is a big lead to where they are now, considering that we will be using technology, robots, and artificial intelligence in providing information for our farmers to be able to produce more," Gov. Aglipay said.

Meanwhile, Secretary Solidum commended the initiatives of Gov. Aglipay's administration in advancing science and technology-driven programs that benefit Cagayanos.

According to Sec. Solidum, it is important for the government to take the lead in introducing innovative approaches, as these are essential to good governance that the public aspires to.

"Thank you for inviting me here to the Provincial Government of Cagayan and the rest of the DOST Team. It is always a privilege to stand with local governments that are committed to serving their people and strengthening their communities... We must apply science, technology, and innovation in governance, and I see it here in the province of Cagayan. Applying science, technology, and innovation in governance makes the Local Government ASTIG," Solidum said.

In line with this, Gov. Aglipay assured that his administration will continue to advance programs and projects that strengthen the science, technology, and agriculture sectors in Cagayan under his E.G.A.Y Governance Platform, aiming to achieve progress and development for every Cagayano, especially farmers and fisherfolk.

Meanwhile, DOST also presented to Gov. Aglipay

GOV. AGLIPAY THANKS DOST FOR INNOVATIONS PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO CAGAYANOS

and Provincial Government of Cagayan employees the first innovation launched by DOST and Cagayan State University's Electromobility Research and Development Center (CSU-EMRDC), showcasing various electric vehicles such as eTranvia, eBuggy, and C-Trikes.

The regular flag-raising ceremony at the Cagayan Capitol was led by Gov. Aglipay, together with Provincial Administrator Atty.

Maria Rosario Mamba-Villafior, Chief of Staff Felipe Buena Jr., Secretary Renato Solidum, DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho Mabborang, DOST Region 2 Director Virginia Bilgera, Handicappables President Amalia Decena, Board Members, consultants, and employees from various offices of the Provincial Government of Cagayan. **(Rachell Galamay/CPIO)**

PMCJ raises red flag on DA's converting agri lands for renewables, Secretary Laurel's consistent abhorrence of Philippine agriculture

Quezon City, Philippines — The Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PMCJ) vehemently reacts to the Department of Agriculture (DA) for allowing farmland conversion for renewable energy and socialized housing projects. The climate justice group states that the DA is creating another layer of problems on top of the climate crisis mess.

The DA described the exemption as a "limited carve-out" intended to balance competing national priorities, allowing critical energy and housing developments to proceed while maintaining restrictions on most farmland conversions.

"Secretary Laurel is killing Philippine agriculture and the food source of many Filipinos. From being accused of negligence for its failure to protect the 15-km municipal waters from destructive commercial fishing vessels, it has now found a stupid reason to justify the annihilation of the country's ailing agriculture. PMCJ strongly rejects this idea from the DA and warns Secretary Laurel that this is a criminal act," said Laica Rayel, PMCJ senior campaigner for Food, Land, Water, and Climate (FLWC).

Rayel emphasized that under Philippine law, specifically Republic Act (RA) No. 6657 (Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law), "illegal conversion" is a defined crime prosecuted by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Rayel says Secretary Laurel needs to be educated about climate change. While many countries are protecting their agriculture in anticipation of intense climate change impacts, the DA Secretary intentionally pushes us to vulnerability. Studies show that Philippine agriculture is already in a precarious

situation due to climate change.

A series of strong weather events, like the recent parade of typhoons, has caused huge losses and destruction to agricultural production. Compounding this is a study of a Philippine agricultural policy institute that shows irrigated rice lands are particularly vulnerable to conversion due to urban expansion. The study emphasized that agricultural land in Tarlac has decreased

PRO CALABARZON Arrests 42 Wanted Persons in 24-Hour Operations

Camp BGen Vicente P Lim – The Intelligence Units of the Police Regional Office CALABARZON, in coordination with several local police stations across the region, successfully arrested a total of forty-two (42) Most Wanted Persons and other wanted individuals in separate police operations conducted from 6:00 a.m. on March 16, 2026, to 6:00 a.m. on March 17, 2026.

The operations were carried out by joint operatives from the Regional Intelligence Division – Special Operations Unit 4A, the Regional Mobile Force Battalion 4A, and various local police stations. These coordinated efforts resulted in the arrest of six (6) Regional Level Most Wanted Persons, eight (8) Provincial Level Most Wanted Persons, two (2) City/Municipality Level Most Wanted Persons, and twenty-six (26) other wanted persons. The arrested individuals are facing charges for violations of RA 9165, also known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, as well as cases of rape, murder, and other offenses under the

DOST launches innovation and agriculture hubs in Cagayan

TUGUEGARAO CITY — The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), in partnership with the Provincial Government of Cagayan, formally launched the Cagayan Innovation Hub, the SARAI Provincial Hub, and the SciTech Philippines Awards on March 16, 2026, strengthening efforts to promote innovation, data-driven governance, and climate-resilient agriculture in the province.

The initiative is anchored on Project SARAI and aims to position Cagayan as a model

for smart and sustainable provincial development by integrating science, technology, and innovation into local planning and economic growth.

Leading the launch was DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr., who highlighted the province's strong partnership with the national government in advancing innovation-driven development. Innovation hubs are envisioned as spaces where students, researchers, startups, and communities collaborate to transform ideas into practical solutions and technology-based enterprises. At the center of the initiative is the Cagayan Innovation Hub, which will serve as a platform for enterprise incubation, modernization of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and collaborative innovation. The facility will connect industry, academe,

last year, and how it made fisherfolk's livelihood collide with our RE transition.

"One of the core reasons why we emphasize that it should be a 'just' RE transition and not just a plain RE transition, is we can't compromise other sectors' interests, let alone the marginalized communities, for the sake of RE transition. Not only are our farmers and fisherfolk responsible for securing our food, but they're also taking the frontlines in our fight for climate justice and the protection of land for food and agriculture. We call on farmers and fisherfolk to exercise their collective strength and pressure the DA to recall the order and to install and implement policies to protect the marginalized from further misery," said Tesaluna.

In the country's National Adaptation Plan (NAP), possible key provisions that indirectly support land conversion for RE and housing can be found. Those provisions on strategic land-use planning, RE transition, and climate-resilient settlements provide policy space that can be used to justify controlled land conversion for RE and socialized housing projects.

"The government is consistent with its lip service on the 'whole-of-government' approach to climate action, RE transition, food security, and many others, but remains business-driven. Because it is protecting big business, it violates the common interest and feasts on policies that destroy the planet and the people. This has to be stopped immediately. We need a government that understands the climate crisis and prepares the people on how to survive the impacts," Rayel ended.

and government to provide mentoring, technical support, and digital transformation opportunities for entrepreneurs and emerging enterprises in the province.

Supporting this effort is the Cagayan Decision Intelligence Center, a facility designed to strengthen local governance through real-time analytics and integrated data systems. The center enables provincial leaders to make evidence-based decisions, improve resource allocation, and respond more effectively to development and disaster-related challenges.

Meanwhile, the SARAI Regional Hub brings science-based agricultural information closer to farmers. Through satellite data, climate modeling, crop forecasting, and suitability analysis, the hub delivers localized advisories on crop selection, planting schedules, and risk management to help farmers improve productivity and adapt to climate variability.

The initiative comes as the Philippines continues to face increasing climate risks. The country experiences around twenty tropical cyclones annually, with the agriculture sector accounting for more than sixty percent of disaster-related economic losses. In provinces like Cagayan, where agriculture remains a primary economic driver, these challenges directly affect rural livelihoods and food security.

Cagayan Governor Edgar Aglipay acknowledged the initiative as a major opportunity to strengthen local enterprises and bring innovation directly to farming communities.

DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Sancho A. Mabborang and Virginia G. Bilgera also emphasized the strong collaboration between DOST and its partners in advancing the initiative, noting that the hubs are expected to help transform various sectors and industries in the region through science, technology, and innovation.

Together, the facilities support the vision of ONE Cagayan D.R.I.V.E.S. (Development of Rural Industries through Value Chain Enhancement and Sustainability), demonstrating how integrated science and technology systems can strengthen agriculture, empower enterprises, and enable smarter governance at the provincial level.

Through the Cagayan Innovation Hub and SARAI Provincial Hub, DOST and its partners aim to establish Cagayan as a Smart Province where data-informed decisions, innovation-driven enterprises, and science-based solutions contribute to inclusive and sustainable development. **(Nelson Santos)**

Pasasalamat: Mekeni Celebrates 40 Years by Honoring the People Behind Every Flavor

Mekeni Food Corporation celebrated four decades of success with a grand employee Thanksgiving on February 28, 2026, gathering more than 1,400 employees at the Laus Group Event Centre, City of San Fernando, Pampanga in a heartfelt tribute to the people who have built the company over the past 40 years.

With the theme “Pasasalamat: Apat na Dekadang Kwento sa Bawat Timpla,” the celebration honored the dedication, resilience, and shared stories of the Mekeni workforce, recognizing that behind every product and milestone is the commitment of its employees. “Our 40-year journey is a testament to the hard work and passion of our people,”

said Mekeni President Mr. Pruds Garcia. “Every product we make carries the story of the individuals behind it. This Thanksgiving celebration is our way of expressing our deepest gratitude to the employees who have helped build Mekeni and continue to move it forward.”

The event featured a festive evening of appreciation and entertainment, with special guest artists invited to perform and entertain employees, creating a lively atmosphere of celebration and camaraderie. One of the highlights of the evening was the Service Awards, recognizing long-serving employees whose years of dedication, loyalty, and hard work have played a vital role in Mekeni’s journey

and continued success.

The evening also marked the launch of Mekeni’s renewed Vision, Mission, and Values, which will guide the organization as it enters its next chapter of growth.

“Our new vision, mission, and values will serve as our compass as we move forward,” said Ms. Kat Gomez-Schultz, Assistant Vice President for Marketing. “As Mekeni expands and evolves, these guiding principles will ensure that we continue to stay true to the values that have shaped our company for the past 40 years.”

Adding to the celebration was a back-to-back employee appreciation initiative recognizing key individuals who were entrusted with

challenging targets and successfully delivered despite the obstacles in Fiscal Year 2025. In recognition of their contributions to the company’s achievements, they were rewarded with a celebratory Asian cruise from March 3 to 9, 2026, visiting Ishigaki, Japan, and Keelung, Taiwan.

According to Assistant Vice President for Human Resources and Exports Ms. Marilou Uy, the initiatives reflect Mekeni’s commitment to recognizing both loyalty and excellence among its employees.

“At Mekeni, we believe that our greatest strength lies in our people,” Uy said. “Through initiatives like our Thanksgiving celebration and the celebratory cruise, we aim to show our appreciation for the dedication, talent, and commitment of our employees who continue to drive our success.”

As Mekeni celebrates its 40th anniversary, the Thanksgiving initiatives served as powerful reminders that the company’s success is built not only on quality products, but on the dedication of the people behind them.

With renewed purpose and unity, the Mekeni family looks ahead to the next chapter of its journey, continuing to create stories of excellence, innovation, and shared success for the next 40 years and beyond.

business and meeting her family’s daily needs.

Despite the big waves, unpredictable weather that often limited their catch, and the many hardships of life at sea, Francisca and her family stood firm, relying on dedication and unwavering support for one another. Today, their hard work has paid off. They now own two fishing boats, allowing them to increase their catch, improve their income, and continue supporting their daughter’s education.

Reflecting on her journey, Francisca shares a message of hope, “To everyone, despite the big waves that life has thrown at us, know that with faith in God, passion, and dedication, anything is achievable. And don’t forget to thank God for everything He has given us, whether big or small.”

Francisca Pasayon’s story reminds us that no matter how rough the sea may be, determination, faith, and family can always guide us safely to shore. **(Edrian B. Banania, Junior Writer)**

Rising above the waves

Rising before dawn to prepare nets, enduring long days at sea, and stretching each day’s catch to feed the family, Francisca Pasayon, a 57-year-old mother of three from Mahinog, Camiguin Island, grew up in a household where fishing was not just a livelihood but a way of life. She has learned early on that survival often comes from perseverance and unity.

As a young girl, she spent her days by her mother’s side, selling freshly caught fish that her father brought home from the sea. Life was difficult, and financial hardship forced her to drop out of school before even completing

elementary education. Yet, instead of giving up, Francisca devoted herself to helping her parents make ends meet, carrying with her a strong sense of responsibility and determination.

When she started her own family, life at sea remained central to their survival. Her husband, also a fisherman, worked tirelessly to provide for their children. In 2021, a tragedy struck when he passed away due to a severe ulcer, leaving Francisca alone to raise their three children. In the face of grief and uncertainty, she chose courage over despair.

Despite her grief, Francisca

continued fishing, selling their catch, and taking on small livelihood activities to meet her children’s daily needs. She managed the household on her own and taught her children the value of hard work, responsibility, and perseverance, guiding them to face life’s challenges with resilience rather than fear.

Over the years, Francisca showed unwavering strength by continuing the fish-dealing business to support her family, with the help of her two sons. Her eldest son, 33, works as a fisherman, while her second son, 26, set aside his studies to help grow their fishing livelihood. Meanwhile, her 21-year-old daughter is pursuing her college education in Cebu—a dream made possible by the family’s sacrifices.

Francisca now sells a variety of fish that are staples in their coastal community, including Sulid (Round Scad), Molmol (Parrotfish), Kutob (Rabbitfish), and Tamban (Sardines). Prices range from PHP 100 to PHP 300 per kilo, depending on the type and availability of fish. Their products come from their sons’ daily catch and from other fishermen within their community, strengthening not only their family livelihood but also the local economy.

As the business steadily grew, Francisca was introduced to CARD, Inc. (A Microfinance NGO), which became a vital partner in her journey. For over five years as a client, she accessed loans ranging from PHP 10,000 to PHP 100,000, which she carefully invested in expanding her fish-dealing



Francisca Pasayon stands proudly beside her fishing boat and her son’s freshly caught fish, a daily harvest shaped by hard work, family unity, and resilience.

ARMY, it’s time to go ALL OUT for BTS! Head over to your most loved SM malls in South Luzon and be part of the Maxed Out ARMY Celebrations, where every corner turns a little more purple. From fan gatherings and photo spots to moments made just for ARMY, it’s time to celebrate the boys and the music that brought ARMYs together. Show up, sing along, and fill the mall with the energy only ARMYs can bring. Borahae! #BorahaeWithSM #GalaToTheMax #SMFandom

DOST URGES PH RESEARCHERS TOWARD RESPONSIVE, CROSS-SECTOR RESEARCH

The Department of Science and Technology urged the Filipino research community to commit to a cross-sectoral, ethical, and responsive approach to accelerate national progress during the Annual Scientific Conference and 93rd General Membership Assembly of the National Research Council of the Philippines (DOST-NRCP) held at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City, last March 13, 2026.

In his speech, DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. highlighted that progress cannot be made if “remained confined within rigid boundaries, hence reinforcing transdisciplinary and ethical practices. “[It] encourages us to cross [...] between disciplines, institutions, and even scientific expertise and lived experience in communities. It allows us to combine perspectives, deepen understanding, and produce solutions that are practical and grounded,” said Solidum.

Solidum pointed out that knowledge, when visible, cited, and utilized, reflects the “true capacity” of Filipino scientists and institutions— but it must also be translated into tangible benefits for the people.

“It must move forward— toward application, innovation, and commercialization. But, development must never come at the cost of our rights, dignity, or integrity,” Solidum said while underscoring the DOST’s Three-Horizon Science, Technology, and Innovation Economic Strategy.

DOST-NRCP President Dr. Ma. Louise Antonette de las Peñas seconded “responsible research” is not only responsive to national needs and public welfare but also upholds truth, fairness, and accountability.

“Research that is not

grounded in ethics and a genuine commitment to the common good is not progress, it is failure,” de las Penas emphasized.

The council president also reaffirmed that DOST-NRCP will help shape the ethical direction of research in the country, as well as dedicate efforts to “understand the world to improve it for the Filipino people.”

Former DOST secretary Fortunato T. de la Peña, on the other hand, stressed the need for inclusive collaboration in achieving the goals of the nation, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

“If there is no collaboration, there will be difficulty in achieving the common aspirations. There is a need for inclusive collaboration, co-creation of solutions across disciplines, capacity building, and strategizing, as well as the ethical practices that are needed,” he stated in his keynote message.

Highlighting leverage on collective effort among various sectors, de la Peña also mentioned that transdisciplinary research hones the visibility, coherence, and sustainability of national initiatives through its programs.

“When we are able to follow this transformation, then we open doors to opportunities and solutions that truly matter for our people, our nation, and our shared future,” de la Peña added.

In addition, further tracing the event’s theme, “Transdisciplinary Capacity Building and Ethical Research towards a Progressive, Unified, and SDG-Driven Nation,” five experts took turns discussing research collaborations, policy-making, and inclusive development.

Among the speakers were DOST-NRCP regular

PGC brings another leg of MDM to Brgy. Bucal, Tanza

As the Provincial Government of Cavite continues to uplift the welfare of its constituents, another leg of medical and dental mission was brought to Brgy. Bucal, Tanza on March 10, 2026, benefitting a total of 671 patients.

The medical and dental practitioners from the General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital worked hand in hand with the medical team from Dra. Olivia Salamanca Memorial District Hospital and Tanza Rural Health Unit in rendering free medical check-ups to and dental services to the residents. In addition, free X-ray,

ECG, and FBS test were provided to help the medical professionals conduct a comprehensive diagnostic for the patients’ health concerns.

The team from the Office of the Provincial Governor, then, distributed the necessary medicines and vitamins to the residents of Brgy. Bucal, Tanza.

During the course of activity, 7th District Board Member Aldrin Anacan extended his support and utmost appreciation to the provincial government for bringing the much-needed health outreach program closer to their constituents.

— **OPIO**

Cavite Career Caravan Brings Job Opportunities to GMA Residents

The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service

members Dr. Fidel R. Nemenzo, Dr. Maria Lourdes G. Rebullida, Dr. Agnes C. Rola, and Dr. Marita V.T. Reyes, along with business luminary Dr. Rosalind L. Wee.

Meanwhile, DOST-NRCP welcomed 178 new regular members and 252 new associate members during this year’s ASC and GMA, and recognized 13 researchers for their contribution to research excellence in their respective fields and national development.

The National Research Council of the Philippines is one of the attached agencies of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) aimed at providing science-based, innovative, and inclusive solutions across four strategic pillars: human well-being, wealth creation, wealth protection, and sustainability. These pillars embody the mantra OneDOST4U: Solutions and Opportunities for All. For more information, visit www.nrnp.dost.gov.ph.

(By **Karl Jerome M. del Mundo, DOST-STII**)

Manager (OPPESM) successfully conducted Cavite Career Caravan on March 11, 2026 at The Porta Mall in the Municipality of General Mariano Alvarez (GMA), Cavite, providing employment opportunities to hundreds of jobseekers in the area.

A total of 345 applicants registered during the activity, where 51 jobseekers were hired on the spot, reflecting the strong partnership between the government and private

PGC Conducts Medical and Dental Mission for Residents of Brgy. Pinagtipunan

More than 400 residents of Brgy. Pinagtipunan in Gen. Trias City benefited from a medical and dental mission conducted on March 11, 2026, through the efforts of the Provincial Government of Cavite, led by the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG) and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO).

A total of 419 residents received free medical consultations including electrocardiogram (ECG) tests for cardiac assessment. Dental services were also

provided, with tooth extraction procedures, and pre-dental screenings (PDS).

The mission was carried out in collaboration with AMIGA District Hospital, Naic Medicare, and the Rural Health Unit of General Trias City (RHU), with the assistance of Barangay Health Workers (BHWs) who helped facilitate the activity.

Present during the mission were 6th District Board Member Kerby Salazar, City Councilor Kyle Salazar, and Brgy. Captain Sonny Dulce, who expressed support for initiatives that bring essential healthcare services closer to the community.

The activity reflects the continued commitment of the Provincial Government of Cavite to promote accessible healthcare services and improve the well-being of Caviteños through community-based medical outreach programs. — **OPIO**

and improving the livelihood of Caviteños by bringing job prospects closer to the community. — **OPIO**

Mass Anti-Rabies Vaccination Conducted in Cavite in Celebration of Rabies Awareness Month 2026

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian, joined the Nationwide Simultaneous Anti-Rabies Vaccination Drive for Animals in celebration of Rabies Awareness Month 2026. A mass anti-rabies vaccination activity was successfully conducted on March 11, 2026, at the Osorio Animal Breeding Station in Trece Martires City, Cavite.

Anchored on this year’s theme, “Rabies-Free na

Pusa’t Aso, Kaligtasan ng Pamilyang Pilipino,” the activity aimed to strengthen public awareness on responsible pet ownership and highlight the importance of protecting pets and communities from rabies.

The activity provided free anti-rabies vaccination, deworming, and castration services to pets brought by residents from different localities in Cavite. The initiative forms part of the province’s continuing efforts to prevent and

control rabies, a fatal but preventable disease that poses risks to both animals and humans. By ensuring that pets are vaccinated and properly cared for, the program promotes safer households and healthier communities.

The Provincial Government of Cavite continues to encourage the public to support rabies prevention programs and participate in activities that promote animal welfare and the safety of every Filipino family. — **OPIO**



TOPS USAPANG SPORTS GUEST MANILA SWIM MEET

PANAUHIN sa unang linggo ng ng TOPS Usapang Sports Tabloids Organization in Philippine Sports, Inc. (TOPS) 'Usapang Sports' ang naging tampok na usapan sa Manila Swim Meet sa pangunguna nila (dulong kanan) Sports Organizer Darren Evangelista, (dulong kaliwa) MASCO Dale Evangelista kasama sina Anita Lim, Brand Manager Growee at Meiji See Segment Head Pedia Multivitamins. Makaraang ganapin ang pagtitipon sa VIP Room ng Rizal Memorial Sports Complex **(REY NILLAMA)**



Paanyaya ng Triathlon Philippines para sa mga Swim Clubs! Makilahok sa 2026 Pambansang Age Group Aquathlon!

Inaanyayahan ang mga swim club mula sa iba't ibang panig ng bansa na lumahok sa 2026 National Age Group Aquathlon, na gaganapin sa Mayo 17, 2026 sa Amoranto Sports Complex Swimming Pool.

Ang kapanapanabik na kaganapang ito ay tampok ang isang swim-run na porma ng karera, na nagbibigay sa mga kabataan at kalahok ayon sa edad ng isang kamanghamanghang pagkakataon upang subukan ang kanilang bilis, tibay, at kakayahan sa karera sa isang masaya at kompetitibong kapaligiran.

Isa rin itong mahusay na pagkakataon para sa mga swim club na ipakilala ang kanilang mga atleta sa mabilis na lumalaking isport ng multisport competition.

Sa mga nagnanais na makilahok nararapat lamang ang Mga swim club, SuperTrikids, mga koponang kabataan, at mga manlalangoy na ayon sa edad na nais maranasan ang karera ng aquathlon.



Dalhin ang iyong koponan, i-representa ang iyong klub, at maging bahagi ng kapana-

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pinapalago natin ang susunod na henerasyon ng mga multisport na atleta!

Mga kategoryang maaring lahukan at mga distansya para sa swim at run

Elite at Junior elite (kalalakihan at kababaihan) Swim 500m Run 2.5km

STK Aqua 6 & under swim 50m run 200km.

STK Aqua 7 to 8 swim 100m run 500km

STK Aqua 9 to 10 swim 200m run 1km

STK Aqua 11 to 12 swim 300m run 1.5km

Under 15 (13-15) Youth swim 400m run 2.5km

Sprint Age Group kalalakihan at kababaihan

Swim 500m Run 2.5km

Standard Age Group kalalakihan at kababaihan swim 1km at sa run 5km.

Para sa mga nag nanais na sumali maaring mag-sign up at mag parehistro sa: <https://register.raceya.fit/event/naga2026>

Meralco wagi sa Converge ng PBA Commissioner's cup sa Ynares, Antipolo

Binuksan ng Meralco ang kanilang kampanya sa PBA Commissioner's Cup sa isang matatag na tala matapos

talunin ang Converge na 109-88, na ginanap sa Ynares Center sa Antipolo. Bumangon ang Bolts mula

sa mabagal na simula na nagbigay sa FiberXers ng 27-22 na pangunguna sa pagtatapos ng unang kwarter at dahan-dahang lumayo sa nalalaking bahagi ng laro. Pinangunahan ni Marvin Jones ng Meralco na may 29

na puntos mula sa 12 sa 19 na tira, walong rebound, tatlong assist, at isang block.

Si CJ Cansino ay nagdagdag ng 23 puntos sa 8 na tira mula sa 9, kabilang ang perpektong 3-sa-3 sa dalawang puntos at 2-sa-2 sa apat na puntos,

walong rebounds, isang assist, isang steal, at isang block.

Nagkaroon si Javee Mocon ng perpektong debut para sa koponan nang siya ay makakuha ng 3-sa-3 mula sa field para sa siyam na puntos mula sa bench kasama ang isang rebound at dalawang steals. Nagkaroon din ng perpektong field goals si Brandon Bates na 4 sa 4 para sa walong puntos kasama ang limang rebounds at tatlong blocks mula sa bench.

Habang nanguna naman si Alec Stockton sa Converge, na ngayon ay natalo sa

magkasunod na laro, kabilang ang isang nakagugulat na laro laban sa Terrafirma, kung saan ang koponan ay walang puntos sa overtime, na may 18 puntos, isang rebound, tatlong assists, at tatlong steals. Nagdagdag si Balti Baltazar ng 12 puntos, 15 rebound, isang assist, at dalawang steal.

Nagsimula si Mikey Williams habang si Juan Gomez De Liano ay hindi nakasali sa laro dahil sa tila pinsala, ngunit nagpatuloy ang kanyang mga paghihirap sa kanyang pagbabalik sa PBA dahil nakapuntos lang siya ng lima at nakapag-assist ng apat.

Ivy Lacsina PVL Press Corps of the week

HIGIT na nagpaka tatag si Ivy Lacsina ng Akari Chargers na naging sangkap sa pagbabalik ng Akari mula sa panimulang 0-3 na rekord.

Pinangunahan ng mataas na winger ang koponan sinanay ni Tina Salak sa isang 25-21, 26-24, 17-25, 25-21, na nagpataas ng morale na panalo laban sa Creamline habang pinalawig ng Chargers ang kanilang panalo sa apat na sunod sa 2026 Premier Volleyball League (PVL) All-Filipino Conference sa

Playtime FilOil Centre sa San Juan.

Ibinagsak niya ang 20 puntos sa 18 atake, isang block, at isang ace upang tulungan si Akari na putulin ang limang panalo ng Creamline at pataasin ang kanilang tsansa na makapasok sa Top 4 sa preliminary round isang paborableng senaryo na magbibigay sa kanila ng puwesto sa Qualifying Round. Para sa kanyang mahalagang papel sa pag-angat ng Chargers, si Lacsina ay pinili nang walang pagtutol bilang PVL Press Corps Player of the Week na iniharap ng Pilipinas Live para sa panahon mula Marso 10 hanggang 14.

Sa pagpupuno sa patnubay ng kanyang mga coach, pinanatili ng taga-San Fernando, Pampanga ang kanyang emosyon upang pamunuan ang Akari tungo sa ikalawang panalo ng prangkisa laban sa 10-ulit na kampeon ng liga.

Sa kabila ng mga panalo, pinananatili ni Lacsina ang kanyang pagpapakumbaba, nag-iwan ng puwang para sa mga bagong aral habang tinatarget niya ang mas malalaking layunin sa kumpetisyong ito.

May kalamangan sina Lacsina at ang natitirang miyembro ng Chargers sa pagpapanatili ng kanilang panalo habang haharapin nila ang Farm Fresh sa Marso 21 upang tapusin ang preliminaries.

Mayo Uno Volleyball All-Star sa Candon City

Ang mga bituin ng propesyonal na volleyball sa Pilipinas ay muling magsasama-sama habang ang Volleyball All-Star Showcase ay muling magbabalik na matagal nang inaabangan sa Biyernes, Mayo 1 sa Candon City Arena. Magkakaroon ang espesyal na kaganapan ng dalawang All-Star Games na tampok ang pinakamahusay na mga manlalaro mula sa Premier Volleyball League at Spikers' Turf, na pagsasamahin ang pinakamatingkad na talento sa parehong hanay ng kababaihan at kalalakihan para sa isang gabi ng pagdiriwang at kompetisyon.

Inihayag ang opisyal na logo para sa showcase, na sumasagisag sa pagbabalik ng pambansang palabas ng liga ang una mula noong 2017 at ang kauna-unahan sa propesyonal na panahon ng PVL.

Dinisenyo nina Mark Ron Castaneda at Juan Lorenzo Navarro, ang logo ay pinaghalong mga elemento mula sa parehong liga. Ang disenyo nito ay nagsasama ng mga visual na palatandaan mula sa mga pagkakakilanlan ng PVL at Spikers' Turf, na kumakatawan sa pagkakaisa ng dalawang paligsahan sa

iisang entablado.

Sa ilalim ng logo ay isang pagpupugay sa siyudad na nagho-host, na binibigyang-diin ang Lungsod ng Candon bilang unang lokasyon para sa muling pagbuhay ng palabas, kasama ang taon ng kaganapan.

Isang kilalang tampok ng disenyo ang walong dilaw na bituin, na sumasagisag sa "koponan" sa court isang bituin para sa bawat isa sa anim na manlalaro, isa para sa libero, at isa na kumakatawan sa head coach na gumagabay sa koponan.

Ang hanay ng kulay ay direktang hinango rin mula sa branding ng parehong PVL at Spikers' Turf, pinagsasama ang mga natatanging kulay na nagtatakda sa dalawang liga at nagbibigay-buhay sa pinag-isang pagdiriwang ng All-Star. Sa pagbabalik ng All-Star na palabas matapos ang halos isang dekada, nakatakdang maghatid ang Volleyball All-Star Showcase ng isang masayang pagpapakita ng kasanayan, pagkakaibigan, at kapangyarihan ng mga bituin habang nagsasama-sama ang mga nangungunang manlalaro ng volleyball ng bansa sa Lungsod ng Candon, Ilocos Sur.



MERALCO - CHRIS NEWSOME VS KYLOR KELLEY - CONVERGE

MATIBAY na sumalaksak ng pag basket si Chris Newsome ng Meralco Bolts habang walang nagawa sa depensa ang si Converge FiberXers import Kylor Kelley sa mahigpitang paghaharap nila sa Season 50 PBA Commissioner's cup na ginanap sa Ynares Center, Antipolo City **(REY NILLAMA)**