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NAGBIGAY ng mahalagang mensahe si Gng. Socorro 'Cory' Alastoy, presidente ng Senior Citizen Association-Barangay San Sebastian, Kawit, Cavite sa masaya at makabuluhang pagdaraos ng Elderly Filipino Week nitong Oktubre 15 na ginanap sa San Sebastian Basketball Court. Sa kabila naman ng edad ay nagpamalas ng angking talento sa pagsasayaw ang kababaihan mula sa The Veraneo Subdivision. Nagpaabot ng pasasalamat ang asosasyon sa punong-bayan at punong-barangay dahil sa patuloy na pagsuporta sa naturang samahan. *(Mga kuha ni Romy S.)*



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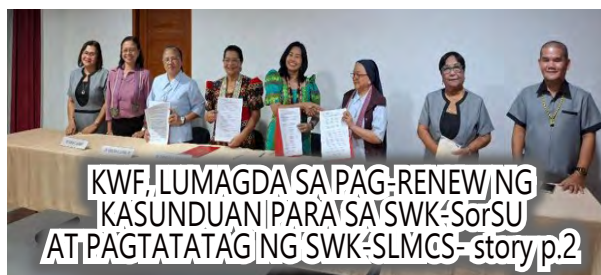


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Ilan sa naging paliwanag ni Vidal D. Villanueva III, Deputy Director General TESDA Operations, na tiyakin ang ating mga programa ay lumilikha ng mga kompetente at world-class na manggagawa," kaugnay ng ginanap na ika-8 National Quality Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Forum sa Seda Vertis North, Quezon City. *(REY NILLAMA)* story p.2



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PAGPAPLANO NG KWF PARA SA FISCAL YEAR 2027 AT 2028

Nagsama-sama ang mga opisyal, pinunò ng sangay, at kawani ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) para sa tatlong araw na aktibidad ng Pagpapalano para sa Fiscal Year 2027 at 2028 na ginanap mula 6–8 Oktubre 2026 sa Greenhills Elan Hotel Modern, Lungsod San Juan.

Binuksan ang programa sa pagpapaliwanag ni Tagapangulong Atty. Marites A. Barrios-Taran sa Limang Haligi ng Aspirasyong Pangwika na magsisilbing pangunahing balangkas at gabay para sa lahat ng panukalang proyekto. Nagpahayag din ng kanilang mga mensahe sina Dr. Benjamin M. Mendillo Jr., Fultaym Komisyoner para sa Pangasiwaan at Pananalapi at Dr. Carmelita C. Abdurahman, Fultaym Komisyoner para sa Programa at Proyekto, sa pagtatapos ng programa. Pinangunahan ni G. Kirt John C. Segui, Senior Language Researcher, ang serye ng

oryentasyon sa mga gawain at mga dapat mabatid hinggil sa pagpapalano para sa mga panukalang proyekto sa 2027 at pagbuo ng Tier 1 at Tier 2 Panukalang Proyekto para sa 2028.

Naging bahagi rin ng pagpapalano ang intensibong pagbuo ng borador at tuntúnin kasama ang mga opisina at sangay sa ilalim ng KWF: Opisina ng Tagapangulo (OT), Opisina ng Fultaym Komisyoner (OFK), Opisina ng Direktor Heneral (ODG), Sangay ng Pangasiwaan at Pananalapi (SPP), Sangay ng Lingguwistika, Publikasyon at Promosyon (SLPP), Sangay ng Leksikograpiya at Korpus ng Pilipinas (SLKP), Sangay ng Impormasyon at Multimedia (SIM), Sangay ng Salin, Yunit ng Filipino Sign Language (FSL), Sentro ng Wika at Kultura (SWK), at Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS).

8Th National Quality Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Forum

Idinaos ng Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) ang ika-8 National Quality Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Forum na may temang “Filipino Excellence in Action: Advancing Quality-Assured TVET for National Development” sa Seda Vertis North, Quezon City.

Layunin ng forum na palakasin ang quality assurance sa TVET, itaguyod ang kahusayan at katalinuhan ng mga Pilipino sa pagpapaulad ng kasanayan, at tuklasin ang mga bagong pagkakataon para sa mga manggagawang Pilipino sa nagbabagong global labor market.

Sa naturang forum, pinasalamatan ni Janet M. Abasolo, Executive Director ng Certification Office ng TESDA, ang lahat ng mga lumahok.

Sa kanyang pambungad na pananalita, pinasalamatan ni Vidal D. Villanueva III, Deputy Director General para sa TESDA Operations, ang delegasyon ng mga Muslim, mga district director, opisyal ng lalawigan, mga administrator, mga kinatawan ng DOLE at DOT, pati na rin ang mga kasosyo sa industriya.

“Ang forum na ito ay nagsisilbing plataporma para sa quality assurance ng TVET at skills development,” ani Villanueva.

Binanggit niya ang kamakailang world skills competition sa Shanghai,

China kung saan mayroong 600 face-to-face participants mula sa mga TVI at mahigit 1,000 participants online.

“Dapat nating tiyakin na ang ating mga programa ay lumilikha ng mga kompetente at world-class na manggagawa,” ayon kay Villanueva.

“Higit sa lahat, ang mga talento ng Pilipino ay dapat isagawa at hindi lamang nakasulat sa papel,” dagdag pa niya. Itinanong niya rin kung ano ang mangyayari sa inyong institusyon kung aalisin sa inyo ang subsidiya.

Ibinahagi ni Villanueva na dapat may pakikilahok mula sa impact at mga TVI upang pagkatapos ng forum, ay tila walang nangyari. “Siguraduhin nating ang mga nakuha nating insights dito ay maisasagawa,” aniya.

“Bilang mga lider at tagapagtaguyod ng TVET, dapat nating ipagpatuloy ang landas patungo sa kahusayan, ngunit hindi pa natin tuluyang naabot ang kahusayan at bakit pang-anim lamang tayo sa ASEAN?” dagdag pa niya.

Sa kanyang video message, binati ni TESDA Director General Secretary Jose Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez ang TESDA Certification Office sa pag-organisa ng porum ngayong araw.

“Hindi sapat kung ilan ang nagtapos at nakakuha ng mga sertipikasyon. Ang mahalaga ay kung handa na

PBBM appoints finance veteran Limlingan as new SSS chief

QUEZON CITY, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has appointed today finance and investment veteran Victor Alfonso A. Limlingan as the new President and Chief Executive Officer of the Social Security System (SSS). Limlingan succeeded Robert Joseph Montes de Claro, who was appointed Secretary of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).

As the new SSS Chief, Limlingan will prioritize the enhancement and expansion of member loan programs, the improvement of the investment portfolio's risk-adjusted returns, and the relaunch of the Pension Booster Program.

Limlingan previously served as a Member of the Social Security Commission (SSC), the SSS' policy-making governing body, representing the employers' group. He was appointed to the SSC on 19 November 2024 and took his oath on 25 November 2024.

As a Commissioner, Limlingan chaired the SSC's Risk Management and Actuary Committee and sat on its Investment Committee, Contribution and Collection Committee, and Corporate Governance Committee. The SSC oversees SSS policy, provides policy direction, supervises management actions and exercises quasi-judicial functions in cases involving social security coverage, benefits,

contributions and penalties under Republic Act No. 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018.

Experience in finance and public service Limlingan brings experience in finance, investments, risk management, entrepreneurship and public service. He is managing director of Regina Capital Development Corp. and previously served on the board of state-owned Development Bank of the Philippines, where he chaired the Risk Oversight Committee.

He also served as senior vice president at Small Business Corp., where he worked on financial-recovery initiatives for small enterprises and treasury-investment optimization.

Earlier in his career, Limlingan provided consultancy services to the National Economic and Development Authority and the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, which is now known as the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development.

Limlingan holds a Master of Business Administration from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, is a Chartered Financial Analyst, and earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies, majoring in history and humanities, from the Ateneo de Manila University. #

SSS assures members that their contributions are managed prudently to sustain pension fund

QUEZON CITY, The Social Security System (SSS) assures its members, pensioners, and the public that their contributions are managed with care to protect the pension fund and ensure the continued payment of benefits.

SSS invests only in companies with strong earnings track records and stable business performance and does not place members' money in risky or speculative investments. Its portfolio is diversified

ba sa trabaho ang ating mga nagtapos,” wika ni Benitez. “Sa porum na ito, mag-pokus tayo sa mga sertipikasyon at pagsunod sa mga panuntunan,” dagdag pa niya. “Sa TESDA, kayang-kaya,” ani Benitez.

across different asset types, helping reduce risk as gains in some investments can offset declines in others.

While stock prices may fluctuate, SSS continues to receive dividend income from its equity holdings, adding an estimated ₱9 billion to its net income annually. Dividends are part of the earnings distributed to stockholders. SSS clarified that a paper loss is an unrealized decline in the market value of an investment that has not yet been sold. No cash is actually lost unless the asset is sold below its purchase price. It does not mean members' contributions have been used or that pensions are at risk; market prices may recover over time. SSS' strong financial performance has enabled

KWF, LUMAGDA SA PAG-RENEW NG KASUNDUAN PARA SA SWK-SorSU AT PAGTATATAG NG SWK-SLMCS

Lumagda sina KWF Tagapangulong Atty. Marites A. Barrios-Taran at Fultaym Komisyoner para sa Programa at Proyekto na si Dr. Carmelita C. Abdurahman, bilang mga kinatawan ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF), sa pagpapanibago ng kontrata ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura ng Sorsogon State University (SWK-SorSU) at sa Memorandum ng Unawaan (MOU) para sa pagtatatag ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura ng St. Louise de Marillac College of Sorsogon (SLMCS). Isinagawa ang paglagda noong 2 Oktubre 2026 sa Boardroom ng Sorsogon State University (SorSU). Nagpahayag ng kaniyang mensahe at rasyonale ng gawain si Tagapangulong

Barrios-Taran, habang nagbigay rin ng hiwalay na mensahe si Fultaym Komisyoner Abdurahman bilang pagsuporta sa pagpapatibay ng mga programa at proyektong pampananaliksik at pangkultura sa rehiyon. Naging bahagi rin ng programa sina Dr. Evelyn C. Oliquino, Komisyoner para sa Wikang Bikol; Sr. Maria Felipa Fe C. Javen, DC, Pangulo ng SLMCS; Dr. Jhonner D. Ricafort, Pangalawang Pangulo para sa mga Gawang Akademiko ng SorSU; Dr. Leopoldo Transona, Jr., Pangulo ng Samahan ng SWK Direktor; at Dr. Felisa D. Marbella, Direktor ng SWK-SorSU.

Wanted ng CALABARZON, naaresto ng pulis-Amadeo

ISANG Regional Level Most Wanted Person ang naaresto matapos ang matagumpay na operasyon ng pulisya kamakailan sa Amadeo, Cavite. Isinagawa ang operasyon laban sa akusadong si alyas Allan dakong alas-7:35 ng gabi sa Barangay Poblacion 12, Amadeo nitong Oktubre 13. Ang operasyon ay isinakatuparan ng Warrant Section ng Amadeo Municipal Police Station.

Inaresto ang akusado batay sa isang warrant of arrest para sa dalawang bilang ng kasong rape sa ilalim ng Artikulo 266-A, Talata 1 (D) ng Revised Penal Code, gaya ng sinusugan ng Republic Act No. 11648.

Ang warrant ay inilabas noong Oktubre 5, 2026, ng Presiding Judge ng Family Court, Fourth Judicial Region, Branch 3, Tagaytay City, Cavite, na walang inirekomendang piyansa.

Pagtalon sa tulay ng batang lalaki, napigilan ng kapulisan

DAHIL sa mabilis na pagtugon at mapagpasyang aksyon ng kapulisan ay napigilan ang tangkang pagtalon sa tulay ng isang batang lalaki kamakailan sa Tanza, Cavite. Ang mga nagrespondeng pulis ay pinangunahan ni Police Corporal William Vilan kasama sina Patrolman Robert

higher benefit payouts. From January to June 2026, benefit payouts rose 19% to ₱173.45 billion from ₱145.73 billion in the same period in 2025.

SSS also implemented the second tranche of the Pension Reform Program, releasing ₱7.4 billion in additional pension benefits to 4.1 million pensioners to help them cope with inflation and higher energy costs.

SSS regularly reviews its investment strategy and strictly complies with the Social Security Act of 2018 and its internal policies to safeguard the pension fund. **PR**

Brandon Peji at Patrolman John Henry Ikan mula sa 2nd Maneuver Platoon ng Cavite Provincial Mobile Force Company.

Nabatid na dakong alas-11:46 ng umaga nitong Oktubre 13 ay nakatanggap ng ulat ang kapulisan hinggil sa isang batang lalaki na sinasabing magtatangkang tumalon mula sa isang tulay sa kahabaan ng Antero Soriano Highway sa Tanza.

Mabilis na kumilos ang mga naturang pulis at napakalma ang sitwasyon para sa katiyakan ng kaligtasan ng bata.

Pinairal ng mga pulis ang mahinahong interbensyon at mapagpasyang taktikal na pagtugon sa sitwasyong nagbabanta sa buhay kaya nailigtas ang batang lalaki na walang natamang pinsala o karagdagang insidente. Matapos ang pagsagip ay ligtas na ipinagkatiwala ang bata sa magulang nito para sa nararapat na pangangalaga, suporta, at kustodiya.

Editorial

Ika'y nauuhaw

SA paparating na Super El Niño ay inaasahan na nakaamba ang kakulangan sa suplay ng tubig bunga ng matinding tagtuyot.

Nakakaranas pa rin ng mga pag-ulan kaya ang tubig mula rito ang isa sa nakikitang alternatibong solusyon.

Ang naiipong ulan ay karaniwang nagagamit bilang pambuhos sa unidoro, carwash, at lalo na sa pagdidilig ng mga halaman o taniman.

Hindi angkop o ligtas kung ang tubig-ulan ay direktang iinumina pero maaaring mainom

kung ito ay maayos na sinala, ginagamot, at dinadalisa.

Batid ng lahat na ang mga bubong ay may pagkakataong nagkakaroon ng dumi o ebak ng kung anong hayop o kulisap subalit sinasabing ang tubig-ulan na nakolekta mula rito ay maaaring gawing ganap na angkop at ligtas inumin.

Dapat lang umano ay gumagamit ang sistema ng mahigpit at lubos na espesyalisadong proseso ng paglilinis na binubuo ng maraming yugto.

Ika'y nauuhaw, makakaya mo bang inumin ang ulan na properly filtered, treated, and purified sakaling walang ibang tubig na maiinom?

Ang pag-angat na di minadali

Ang oras ay isa ring mahalagang sangkap sa paggagawa ng tinapay, kung saan bawat sobrang segundo ay maaaring makasira sa nilulutong tinapay. Si Lennie Piñana, isang negosyanteng panadera mula sa Brgy. Laguan, Rizal, Laguna, ay nagpatunay ng ganitong kasanayan sa paglipas ng panahon sa bawat tinapay na kanilang niluluto.

Nagsimula siya bilang isang domestic worker sa Hong Kong noong 2006, kung saan karamihan sa kanyang oras ay nakalaan sa paglilingkod sa pamilyang kanyang pinagsiislahin. Bahagi ng kaniyang trabaho ang paghahanda ng pagkain para sa kaniyang mga amo, at dito niya unang natutuhan ang pagbe-bake.

Bagama't sigurado at maaasahang pangkabuhayan ang trabahong ito, pangarap pa rin ng kaniyang asawa na sila'y makabalik sa kanilang bayan upang magtayo ng sariling negosyo. Taong 2019, bago sumapit ang pandemya, napagdesisyonang nilang umuwi at manatili na lamang sa bansa. Dito rin nila napagdesisyonang simulan ang pagtatayo ng sarili nilang bakery at gamitin sa negosyo ang kanyang kasanayan sa pagbe-bake.

Gayunpaman, sa kabila ng kanyang kaalaman dito, nakita niya ring mas kailangan ng mga mamimili ang mga biskwit o matitigas na tinapay tulad ng paborita, ugoy, hakobina, at puto seko, na malayo sa mga cake at cookies na kanyang bine-bake sa ibang bansa. Upang maging posible ang pinasisimulang negosyo, kumuha siya ng limang panaderong may kasanayan na sa pagbe-bake ng mga biskwit upang maging katuwang niya sa produksyon ng mga tinapay.

Bukod dito, naging tulong din sa pagsisimula ng negosyo ni Lennie ang pinansiyal na serbisyo mula sa CARD Bank, Inc., isang microfinance-oriented rural

bank. Bilang kliyente at dahil dahil sa kaniyang pag-iipon rito mula noong taong 2013, naging pamilyar na si Lennie sa mga produktong inaalok ng nasabing bangko. Kaya naman, nag-apply at naaprubahan siya sa loan na nagkakahalagang PHP 20,000, na kaniyang ginamit bilang puhunan sa kaniyang bagong negosyo.

Sa kabila nito, batid ni Lennie na isang malaking sugal ang pagpapatakbo ng negosyo. Kaya naman, nagkasundo silang mag-asawa na magpatuloy muna sa pagtatrabaho sa ibang bansa ang kaniyang mister upang mayroon pa rin silang back-up kung sakaling hindi maging matagumpay ang kanilang negosyo.

Sa paglipas ng ilang taon, lumago at tumagal ang kanilang negosyo sa kabila ng mababang demand noong panahon ng pandemya. Ngunit hindi ito naging posible nang walang pinagdaananang mga pagsubok. Aminado si Lennie na ang kaniyang mga unang taon sa negosyo ay humarap sa mga pagkalugi at problema sa suplay. Subalit tiningnan na lamang niya ang kaniyang pagpatuloy bilang puhunan upang matiyak ang kaniyang puwesto sa merkado sa darating pa na panahon.

Upang mapanatiling nakatayo ang negosyo sa kabila ng mga suliranin, nag-iipon si Lennie sa panahong malakas at dagsa ang kanilang benta, at kumukuha naman ng loan bilang suporta sa panahong mahina ito.

Sa walong taong pagpapatakbo nito, nadagdagan na ang mga kliyente at nakakaabot na ang kanilang mga biskwit sa iba't ibang bahagi ng Laguna, probinsya ng Rizal, Quezon, at ilang bahagi ng Metro Manila. Nabalanse ni Lennie ang pag-usbong at paghina ng kaniyang negosyo sa bawat panahon, inayos at napagbuti

ang kaniyang produksyon, at napagtapos sa kolehiyo ang kanilang anak sa tulong din ng ilang loans niya mula sa nasabing bangko.

Kasalukuyan pa ring nagtatrabaho sa kaniyang bakery ang limang panaderong kasama niya mula umpisa, bukod pa sa mga part-time na tauhan na kanila ring kapitbahay. Kadalasan sa mga ito ay mga nanay na nabibigyan ng pagkakataong kumita nang hindi lumalayo sa kanilang lugar. Para kay Lennie, isa rin itong paraan ng pagbibigay-oportunidad sa kanilang komunidad.

Sa kabila ng kaniyang mga narating, nananatiling mapagpakumbaba at maingat sa paghawak ng pera si Lennie, isang katangian na minsan ay nalilimutan ng ibang negosyante.

Para sa kaniyang simpleng payo sa mga nais ding magnegosyo: "Hindi siya one click lang; mahabang panahon ang kakailanganin; kailangan

siyang pagtiyagaan."

Ang oras ay mahalagang sangkap sa paggawa ng tinapay. Ilang segundo lamang na sobra ang kailangan upang masira ang isang magandang tinapay, ngunit ilang taong pagbubuno ang kailangan upang makapagtayo ng isang matatag na panaderya. Ang karanasan ni Lennie ay isang paalala na ang tagumpay ay nangangailangan ng mahabang panahon, katulad ng kung paano niya itinayo at pinagtibay ang kaniyang bakery sa ilang taong mahabang pasensya, kasanayan, at tuloy-tuloy na pagtiya-tiyaga.

Sa pamamagitan ng pagiging bukas sa pagbabago sa mga panahon ng kagipitan, matagumpay na nabuo ni Lennie ang isang negosyong patuloy na nagtataguyod sa kaniyang pamilya at sa kanilang komunidad.

(Freddie Rick Nathaniel Manalo, Corporate Planning Officer)



Si Lennie Piñana sa kanilang panaderya sa Rizal, Laguna, na kaniyang itinayo sa loob ng ilang taong pagpagsikap at pagbalanse sa bawat kondisyon ng kanilang benta.

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'Harinawa, wala ng sisikat pa'

MASIKAT Gun-for-Hire Group, sinasabing ang grupong ito ay 2015 nagsimula ng paghahasik ng lagim o karahasan. Ang mga kriminal na aktibidad ay ang pagsasagawa ng mga serye ng robbery at iba pang mararahas na krimen sa Cavite hanggang 2020.

Isto ng grupo ang p a n s a m a n t a l a n g pagtatago upang makaiwas sa pagtugis ng mga awtoridad habang mainit pa ang sitwasyon at kapag medyo malamig-lamig na ay muling kikilos. Gayunman ay hindi tumitigil ang kapulisan sa pagsusumikap para sa ikadarakip ng mga miyembro ng grupo.

Taong 2020 ay isang kasapi ang bumagsak sa kamay ng mga awtoridad habang tatlong miyembro naman noong 2021 ang naaresto.

Umaga nitong nakalipas na Oktubre 9 ay isa na namang miyembro ng grupo ang nasukol sa Barangay Payatas, Quezon City.

Batay sa rekord ng pulisya, ang nadakip na ito ay ang huling natitirang miyembro ng grupo.

Bukod sa pagiging huling miyembro ng MASIKAT Gun-for-Hire Group ay nasa talaan siya bilang Rank No. 1 Regional

Most Wanted Person sa CALABARZON at iniuugnay sa mga gawaing gun-for-hire at illegal drugs sa Silang, Cavite.

Nagbunga ng tagumpay ang ikinasang manhunt operation ng pinagsanib na pwersa ng Warrant Tracker Team ng Kawit Municipal Police Station, Police Intelligence Unit Cavite, Regional Intelligence Unit 4A, at Police Station 13 ng Payatas-Bagong Silangan Police Station ng Quezon City Police District.

Ang pagkakadakip sa kanya ay sa bisa ng limang warrant of arrest na inilabas ng mga hukuman sa Tagaytay City, Cavite.

Regional Trial Court Branch 18 noong Hunyo 10, 2016 at Hulyo 3, 2017, kapwa para sa robbery with homicide; RTC Branch 134 noong Enero 18, 2021 para sa robbery with homicide; RTC Branch 133 noong Marso 5, 2021 para sa robbery with homicide; at RTC Branch 18 noong Mayo 18, 2021 para sa murder.

Lahat ng limang kaso ay walang inirekomendang piyansa ang mga korte.

Harinawa ay wala ng sisikat pang panibagong katulad ng naturang grupo.

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PSA CALABARZON holds 37th NSM Exhibit and Open House Day

PSA CALABARZON brings statistics to life through its 37th National Statistics Month (NSM) Exhibit and Open House Day held on 08 October 2026, providing the public with access to official statistics, statistical products, and information on PSA programs and services. Held in celebration of the 37th NSM, the activity carried the theme “Tuklas Pilipinas: Statistics as Beacon Towards Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable Tourism,” highlighting the power of statistics in understanding tourism and guiding inclusive, resilient, and sustainable development in CALABARZON and the Philippines. The NSM Exhibit featured tourism-related statistics and data products highlighting key indicators and developments in CALABARZON’s tourism sector. Meanwhile, the Information Dissemination Program oriented participants on the PSA’s mandate, programs, and services, particularly the National ID and Vital Statistics. An interactive game for clients availing of National ID and Civil Registration services was also conducted to promote engagement and awareness. Adding to the experience was the Open House Day, which featured One-Stop Information and Service Booths on Civil Registration, National ID, Legal Advice, Statistical Products, and Careers at PSA, complementing the exhibit by providing a venue for the public to inquire about PSA programs, products, and services. The Civil Registration and National ID booths catered to inquiries on civil registration services and the National ID, complementing the existing CRS Outlet and National ID Registration Center at the regional office. Individuals requiring actual transactions were directed at the appropriate service points. As part of the Open House initiative, selected transacting clients from CRS and National ID were given the opportunity to receive the document free of charge, subject to applicable requirements and availability. The initiative aimed to make civil registration documents more accessible and help reduce the cost of securing records needed for education, employment, and other personal, legal, and government transactions. The Legal Advice Booth provided guidance on civil registration concerns,

including correction of clerical errors and related matters. The Statistical Products Booth featured PSA publications and other statistical resources, while the Careers at PSA Booth provided information on career and employment opportunities in the agency. Information materials and audio-visual presentations further introduced PSA programs, products, and services to the public, making the Open House an opportunity to explore, ask, learn, and connect with PSA. More than an exhibit, the 37th NSM Exhibit and Open House Day brought statistics closer to the people—showing how data can serve as a beacon for informed decisions, stronger communities, and a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable future.

Peace Through Science & Technology DOST XII brings life-changing innovations closer to MNLF communities

Peace is more than the absence of conflict — it’s the presence of real opportunities for healthy, productive, and dignified lives. On September 22, 2026, the Department of Science and Technology SOCCSKSARGEN (DOST XII) made this vision real during the Service Caravan in Maasim, Sarangani Province. Held at the Municipal Gymnasium and organized by the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) through the MNLF Peace Process Office, the event marked National Peace Consciousness Month and the 30th Anniversary of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement between the Philippine Government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF). Through the DOST Provincial Science and Technology Office — Sarangani and General Santos City (PSTO-SarGen), the agency brought practical food technologies developed by the DOST-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) directly to the people: Iron-Fortified Rice — fighting iron deficiency and anemia Enhanced Nutribun — nutritious bread packed with local vegetables Brown Rice Nutty Fruity Bar — a ready-to-eat snack with brown rice, nuts, seeds, dried fruits & honey Nutricookies — delicious, nutrient-rich cookies

Local Products in Glo-cal Market: DOST and Lazada PH, Join Forces to Advance Digital Transformation of Local MSMEs

To strengthen the capabilities of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in e-commerce, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and Lazada philippines continue to expand their collaboration for the digital transformation of local businesses in the country. In the recently held TechnoPreSyensya Episode 16 on September 10, 2026, Mr. Justin N. Madrid, Science Research Specialist II of DOST Ilocos Region, discussed the “Expanding Digital Opportunities for MSMEs” initiative to establish concrete steps in introducing local products within and outside the country with the help of Lazada PH. Mr. Madrid emphasized

that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two institutions is a comprehensive ecosystem aimed at helping DOST-assisted MSMEs become competitive. Through this collaboration, business owners receive free onboarding training, digital marketing knowledge, customer engagement, and supply chain management, as well as access to logistics and payment systems from Lazada. He explained that this initiative provides a fair opportunity for producers in Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, and Pangasinan to reach customers in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao without going through large distributors in Metro Manila. One of the key challenges discussed was the lack of “digital confidence” or the hesitation to enter online selling due to the lack of knowledge in using smartphones, computers, or running a digital store. Mr. Madrid clarified that it is not necessary to be tech-savvy right away before starting, as the most important thing is the willingness to learn. With the help of training from Lazada University, MSMEs will be taught from creating seller accounts, taking good product photos, and writing clear product descriptions, up to processing orders and inventory. In addition to training on using the platform, the DOST Ilocos Region also provides support in preparing products to be attractive online. Through various Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) interventions, the agency helps food and processed products with food safety, packaging and labeling, shelf-life testing, and laboratory analysis, while manufacturing and handicraft sectors are

productive enterprises... from dependence to empowerment. DOST XII continues to prove that Science, Technology, and Innovation are powerful partners in peace and development. Through CEST and its ongoing collaboration with OPAPRU, DOST XII remains committed to making S&T accessible and relevant, turning local potential into lasting opportunities for sustainable, empowered, and resilient communities.

supported by equipment upgrading and process improvement. Mr. Madrid emphasized that since customers do not personally see the products, proper product presentation and packaging are crucial while on the road. The agency also emphasized that having these documents should not be feared, but rather seen as an opportunity to properly establish the business foundation, branding, and identity of the business. The agency is committed to guiding entrepreneurs and engaging with other government agencies and local government units (LGUs) to complete the necessary documents. To ensure the sustainability or continued growth of the initiative, Mr. Madrid emphasized that the success of the project is not

measured by the number of online accounts engaged, but by the actual increase in sales and expansion of the business. Through continuous learning from customer feedback, improving pricing strategies, and increasing production capacity, local businesses in the region will gradually grow with the help of DOST’s technical expertise and Lazada’s infrastructure. As a conclusion, Mr. Madrid left an important challenge and call to all business owners in the region to be bold in trying and not limit their market. The DOST Ilocos Region invites all MSMEs to visit the nearest Regional Office or Provincial Science and Technology Offices (PSTOs) to help them transition to the digital platform and jointly bring local products to the national and international market.

PSA RSSO IV-A Lights the Beacon, Opens the 37th National Statistics Month

City of Calamba, Laguna —The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Regional Statistical Services Office IV-A officially opened the 37th National Statistics Month (NSM) in CALABARZON carrying the theme “Tuklas Pilipinas: Statistics as Beacon Towards Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable Tourism.” The opening ceremony was graced by Dir. Charito C. Armonia, Regional Director of PSA IV-A; Mr. Mario R. Daga, Assistant Regional Director of DOT IV-A; Ms. Cynthia R. Mamon, PhD, Chief Operating Officer of Enchanted Kingdom; and Dir. Carmel P. Matabang, RSC Chairperson

and Regional Director of DEPDev IV-A, together with representatives from partner agencies and stakeholders. The highlight of the ceremony was the Lighting of the Beacon, which marked the official start of the 37th NSM and symbolized the role of statistics as a guiding light toward inclusive, resilient, and sustainable tourism. The ceremony also featured messages emphasizing the importance of statistics in tourism and regional development, as well as activities highlighting the value of data in understanding and promoting CALABARZON.

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late RYAN CARCUSIA RUEDA who died on September 27, 2026 at **CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS DOCTORS MEDICAL CENTER, INC, BRGY. MANGGAHAN, CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS CAVITE, PHILIPPINES**, died intestate without leaving any Last Will and Testament, and without any outstanding debts; left the following bank account maintained at Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation

Account Number	Amount	RCBC BRANCH
0000 0075 8964 6848	PHP 96,744.39	STARMALL EDSA SHAW
0000 0090 3726 4380	PHP 1,510,458.76	STARMALL EDSA SHAW
0000 0090 4383 1777	USD 1,027.52	CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS CAVITE

was the subject of the sole heir, executed before Notary Public Atty. Hazel B. Pantig as per Doc No. 765; Page No. 96; Book No. XXII; Series of 2026.

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL
FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND),
Mortgagee,

FNC-2023-775
-versus- For: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
Real Estate Mortgage under Act
3135, as Amended by Act 4118

ERLINDA RAMIREZ COLLAO,
Mortgagor.
X ----- X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by *Mortgagee, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG-IBIG FUND)*, a government financial institution duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679 with principal office and place of business at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement (“MORTGAGE”) executed and notarized on April 26, 2018 by *Mortgagor, ERLINDA RAMIREZ COLLAO*, single, of legal age, Filipino Citizen, with postal residence and postal address at **BARRIO SIKAT, TEJEROS CONVENTION, ROSARIO, CAVITE**, in favor of the *Mortgagee*, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2018040767** of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors in the amount **FOUR HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR PESOS & 68/100 (P419,834.68)** inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges as of **November 15, 2023**, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru his deputy, Janelle V. Lagadon, will sell at public auction on **November 10, 2026 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the Office of the Ex-Officio Sheriff at the Hall of Justice formerly Mayor Macario B. Pena Memorial Hall, Naic, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. 057-2018040767

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED *that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF SABANG (FORMERLY TIMALAN) MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:* **LOT NO: 7, BLOCK NO: 80, PLAN NO: PSD-04-246096/ PORTION OF: SUBD. OF LOT 2937, FLS-986-D, NAIC ESTATE (VS-04-000597); LRC RECORD NO.: 8340 LOCATION: BARANGAY OF SABANG (FORMERLY TIMALAN) MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON**

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SW	LOT 8, BLOCK 80, PSD-04-246096
2-3	NW	ALLEY LOT 45, PSD-04-246096
3-4	NE	LOT 6, BLOCK 80, PSD-04-246096
4-1	SE	LOT 21, BLOCK 80, PSD-04-246096

TIE POINT: MON. NO. 17, NAIC ESTATE, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	S. 40° 20' E	2714.22 M.
1-2	N. 29° 26' W	8.00 M.
2-3	N. 60° 34' E	3.50 M.
3-4	S. 29° 26' E	8.00 M.
4-1	S. 60° 34' W	3.50 M.

NLEX-C5 Northlink Section Nears Completion, Enhancing Road Connectivity

Motorists from North and Central Luzon and western Metro Manila can look forward to faster, more convenient access to Quezon City as the NLEX-C5 Northlink Mindanao Avenue to Quirino Highway section nears completion, with construction now at 96% on the 2-kilometer section. The new all-weather elevated expressway is designed to give motorists with a safer and more convenient travel experience. It will be equipped with CCTV and speed management systems; advanced RFID readers and Neology antennas for toll collection; roadway lighting, traffic signs, pavement markings, and protective barriers and reflective safety devices to enhance road safety, visibility, and traffic management. The segment will extend NLEX eastward to Quirino Highway, providing motorists with a direct alternative to Mindanao Avenue. With construction now in its final stages, work is focused on finishing the installation of concrete barriers and expansion joints along the mainline, completing the westbound and eastbound Quirino Highway on- and

off-ramps, and carrying out the remaining civil works needed to prepare the new segment for operations. Once operational, the new segment will operate 24/7, accommodate all vehicle classes, and serve approximately 11,000 vehicles daily. It will provide motorists from Quirino Highway access to NLEX via the NLEX-C5 Northlink, with onward connections to the NLEX Connector toward Manila, the University Belt, and Makati, or northbound on NLEX toward Central and North Luzon. The new segment will provide an additional route option for motorists traveling between Quezon City and these destinations. NLEX President and General Manager Luis S. Reñon said the company is accelerating construction to deliver infrastructure that will help motorists save both time and travel costs amid unpredictable fuel prices. “We want to give motorists greater freedom not only in how they travel, but also in how they spend their time and money. While fuel prices and other travel-related costs are beyond

our control, we can provide reliable road infrastructure that helps people reach their destinations more efficiently. That is the value we aim to deliver through this project,” Reñon said. The 2-kilometer Segment 8.2 Section 1A is part of the 11.3-kilometer NLEX-C5 Northlink Project, which will connect Mindanao Avenue to C5/C.P. Garcia

near Katipunan Avenue, strengthening links between Metro Manila and Central and North Luzon through the NLEX network. NLEX Corporation is a subsidiary of the Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), the toll road arm of the Metro Pacific Investments Corporation (MPIC).

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1.Philippine Tripartite Accreditation for Health Facilities, Inc. (PTAHF);
2.Philippine Council on

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AREA: TWENTY EIGHT SQUARE METERS (28), MORE OR LESS

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **November 17, 2026** without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2018040767** encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Naic, Cavite, Philippines, October 1, 2026

(Sgd)
JANELLE V. LAGADON, MBA
Sheriff-in-Charge

WARNING:

IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AUCTION SALE UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW.

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BARRIO SIKAT, TEJEROS CONVENTION, ROSARIO, CAVITE
LOT 7 BLOCK 80 PHASE 2 PASINAYA HOMES, BRGY. SABANG
(FORMERLY TIMALAN), NAIC, CAVITE

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT
OF ESTATE WITH SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that CESLITO SANCHEZ (the "Decedent") resident of Rosario, Cavite, died intestate on October 25, 2025, leaving several parcels of land in Rosario, Cavite described as follows:

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1281346

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1281346 registered under the name of Leila S. Sanchez, of legal age, Filipino, Married to Ceslito S. Sanchez. The Certified True Copy along with its technical description TOTALLING AN AREA OF FORTY-FOUR (44) SQUARE METERS.

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1281347

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1281347 registered under the name of Leila S. Sanchez, of legal age, Filipino, Married to Ceslito S. Sanchez. The Certified True Copy along with its technical description TOTALLING AN AREA OF FORTY-FOUR (44) SQUARE METERS.

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-988346

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-988346 registered under the name of Leila S. Sanchez, of legal age, Filipino, Married to Ceslito S. Sanchez. The Certified True Copy along with its technical description TOTALLING AN AREA OF FIFTY-FIVE (55) SQUARE METERS.

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-906783

Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-906783 registered under the name of Leila S. Sanchez, of legal age, Filipino, Married to Ceslito S. Sanchez. The Certified True Copy along with its technical description TOTALLING AN AREA OF FORTY-ONE (41) SQUARE METERS, was extrajudicially settled by the surviving heirs, executed before Notary Public Atty. Alexander Abraham p. Colina as per Doc No. 183; Page 37; Book 1; Series of 2026.

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Mekeni Supports Clark Food and Music Festival, Celebrates Culinary Talent in Pampanga

CLARK, PAMPANGA — Mekeni Food Corporation joined leading hotels, restaurants, resorts, industry partners, culinary professionals, and students in celebrating food, music, and local talent at the recently concluded Clark Food and Music Festival and 11th Cook Off Challenge of Hotels, Restaurants, Resorts and Partners in Pampanga (HARRPP), held on October 3-4 at the Clark Parade Grounds.

As one of the event's major sponsors, Mekeni brought its commitment to supporting the local

food and hospitality industry to the festival through its Mekeni Specials 4Cheese Sausage and Hungarian Sausage with Cheese, giving festival-goers and participants an opportunity to experience two of its premium sausage offerings.

The two-day 11th Cook Off Challenge brought together culinary talents from across Luzon, with students competing on the first day and professional chefs representing hotels and restaurants taking center stage on the second day. The competition provided a platform for aspiring and

seasoned culinary professionals to showcase their creativity, skills, and passion for food.

Mekeni also set up a sampling and selling booth at the Clark Parade Grounds, where visitors were able to taste and purchase the Mekeni Specials 4Cheese Sausage and Hungarian Sausage with Cheese. The activation allowed the brand to engage directly with consumers while highlighting the versatility and premium taste of its sausage products.

Adding excitement to the festivities was the Mekeni Sausage Eating Contest, which drew enthusiastic participants and spectators and brought an extra layer of fun to the festival. The activity highlighted Mekeni's products in a lighthearted and engaging way while encouraging guests to join in the celebration.

Beyond the culinary competition, the festival also featured live bands that filled the Clark Parade Grounds with music, creating a lively atmosphere for families, food enthusiasts, industry professionals, students, and festival-goers.

For Mekeni, its participation in the Clark Food and Music Festival reflects its continuing support for initiatives that bring together the food industry, local communities, and the next generation of culinary talents.

As Mekeni celebrates its 40th year, the homegrown Pampanga brand continues to grow its presence while staying rooted in the communities and industries that have been part of its journey, from its beginnings in Pampanga to becoming a Filipino food brand now reaching markets in more than 20 countries.



Coverage of Person with Disability to the National Health Insurance Program(NHIP)

Another Good news partner employers and members!

Starting October 2026 applicable period, qualified employed Person with Disability included in the PWD Registry may no longer have to pay their own share of PhilHealth premium contributions.

PhilHealth Circular No. 2026-0017 on the Coverage of Person with Disability to the National Health Insurance Program, provides that qualified person with disability in the formal sector—or those who are employed—will no longer be required to pay the employee share of their PhilHealth premium contributions, as this will be subsidized by the National Government while the employer share will still be paid by their employer.

Employed PWD must accomplish the PhilHealth Member Registration Form (PMRF) and attach a copy of the front and back portions of their valid PWD ID. These documents shall be submitted to their Human Resource Department which shall issue a certification confirming their employment status. Please see attached Annex A of the Circular which shall certify that the member is a person with disability.

The accomplished PMRF, copy of the valid PWD ID, and employer certification shall be submitted to the nearest PhilHealth office through the employer's PhilHealth Employers' Engagement Representative (PEER) who will

PARA SA ATING MGA PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

Sagot at Alaga Ka ng PhilHealth!

May trabaho man o wala, automatic ka nang protektado!

Para sa mga Persons with Disability na walang trabaho:

Ang premium contribution mo ay sagot ng National Government.

Para sa mga Persons with Disability na may trabaho:

Ang iyong employee share ay sasagutin na rin ng National Government, habang ang employer share naman ay mananatiling sagot ng iyong kumpanya.

Siguraduhing rehistrado ka sa Philippine Registry for Persons with Disability (PRPWD) o sa Unified Persons with Disability ID System (UPWDIS) sa PhilHealth.

Para sa mga urgent concerns, bukas ang aming 24/7 Hotline:

(24/7) 02 8662-2588
(02) 8879971 / 02-8884870 / 0917-1275827 / 0917-101882

coordinate with the PhilHealth Accounts Information Management Specialist (PAIMS).

Once processed, the employee share in the EPRS will automatically set to zero (0).

The privilege for zero employee share starts from the time that the member updates their record with PhilHealth. Paid employee share from previous month shall not be refunded.

Rulls offers smartphones and mobile essentials at SM Marketmall Dasmariñas



Customers can explore a range of smartphones and mobile essentials at Rulls, located at SM Marketmall Dasmariñas, offering tech options for everyday communication, entertainment, and connectivity.

Whether looking for a phone upgrade or essential mobile accessories, shoppers can check out available products suited to their daily needs.

Visit Rulls at SM Marketmall Dasmariñas and discover mobile technology and essentials for everyday use.

Taters brings satisfying snack favorites to SM City Trece Martires



Mallgoers can make their shopping trips more enjoyable with Taters at SM City Trece Martires, offering delicious popcorn and snack favorites perfect for a quick break or an on-the-go treat.

Whether enjoying a movie-inspired snack or simply satisfying cravings while exploring the mall, customers can drop by Taters for a flavorful and convenient snack experience.

Taters is located at the Lower Ground Floor of SM City Trece Martires, ready to serve mallgoers looking for a tasty treat during their visit.

Scorched at SM City Tanza launches "Eat. Stamp. Win!" promo

Scorched at SM City Tanza is giving customers more reasons to enjoy their favorite meals with its "Eat. Stamp. Win!" promotion, running from October 1 to December 31, 2026.

Customers can earn one stamp for every qualifying meal purchase and collect a total of 21 stamps to complete their stamp card. This includes seven Rice Meal stamps, seven Overload Meal stamps, and seven Groufie Meal stamps.

Customers who complete their stamp card will receive a free Scorched tumbler and an engraved voucher.

The promotion is available for both dine-in and takeout transactions, allowing customers to enjoy their favorite Scorched meals while collecting stamps toward exciting rewards.

With every qualifying purchase bringing them closer to completing their stamp card, customers can make their next meal at Scorched at SM City Tanza even more rewarding.

SCORCHED SMOKEHOUSE

EAT, STAMP, AND WIN!

PURCHASE ANY RICE MEAL SET. OVERLOAD MEAL SET AND GROUFIE MEAL SET GET YOUR FREEBIE

BUY 7 OF ANY RICE MEAL, OVERLOAD MEAL, GROUFIE MEAL TO GET STAMP (EXCEPT RAB7 & PULLED PORK BUNDLES)

COLLECT ALL STAMPS

GET YOUR FREE SCORCHED TUMBLER AND ENGRAVED VOUCHER!

AVAILABLE FOR DINE IN AND TAKE OUT

PROMO RUNS FROM OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026 ONLY.

SM CITY TANZA

Mekeni Brings the Taste of Home to Taiwan as It Celebrates 40 Years of Filipino Flavor

From the Filipino community in Taipei to local consumers at the Pingtung Fair, the homegrown brand marks a milestone in its four-decade journey of bringing families together through food.

TAIWAN — For Filipinos living and working thousands of miles away from home, the familiar taste of a favorite Filipino food can bring back memories of family gatherings, childhood breakfasts, and meals shared around the table. For Mekeni Food Corporation, a homegrown Filipino food brand from Porac, Pampanga, bringing these familiar flavors to Taiwan is more than an opportunity to expand its reach. It is a chance to reconnect Filipinos abroad with a taste of home while introducing the flavors of the Philippines to a wider international audience. As Mekeni approaches the culmination of its 40th anniversary celebration, the company marks another meaningful milestone through its presence in Taiwan, connecting with the Filipino community during its launch at the OWWA OFW Global Center in Taipei, Jesus is Lord Olympics and Food Festival in the South of Taiwan and engaging Taiwanese consumers at the 2026 World in Pingtung - International Market in Kaoshiung. Together, these initiatives reflect Mekeni's continuing journey of bringing Filipino food, culture, and shared experiences beyond Philippine shores.

For President Mr. Pruds Garcia, the initiative reflects the deeper meaning behind Mekeni's growth as a Filipino brand.

“As we celebrate 40 years of Mekeni, we are reminded that our success is rooted in the families and communities that have welcomed us into their lives. Bringing our products closer to Filipinos in Taiwan is our way of making them feel that, even when they are far from home, a familiar taste can still bring them closer to the people and memories they cherish.”

A Taste of Home for Filipinos Abroad

For many overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), familiar food offers a comforting connection to home. The taste of hotdogs enjoyed during childhood, the aroma of tocino prepared for breakfast, and the flavors shared during family celebrations can evoke memories that remain vivid even across borders.

Mekeni's engagement with the Filipino community at the OWWA OFW Global Center in Taipei brought this connection to life, giving Filipinos in Taiwan an opportunity to rediscover familiar products and enjoy a taste of home

away from home.

The launch also underscores the significance of making Filipino food more accessible to overseas communities, allowing them to maintain a connection to their roots through the meals and flavors they grew up with.

Through its products, Mekeni hopes to bring more than food to Filipino families abroad. It seeks to create meaningful moments that remind them of home, family, and the traditions they carry wherever life takes them.

Winning Hearts Beyond the Filipino Community

Beyond connecting with Filipinos, Mekeni's participation in the 2026 World in Pingtung - International Market opened another opportunity to introduce its products to Taiwanese consumers.

The brand showcased its Filipino flavors in a setting where people could discover and experience products from another culture, creating opportunities for cross-cultural appreciation through food.

The warm reception from fairgoers, including local Taiwanese consumers, highlighted the potential of Filipino food to reach audiences beyond the Filipino diaspora. What may be a familiar household favorite for Filipinos can also become an exciting discovery for consumers encountering these flavors for the first time.

From its well-loved Picnic Hotdogs to its Classic Tocino and other Filipino food favorites, Mekeni's presence at the fair demonstrated how food can serve as a bridge between cultures, encouraging people to discover the Philippines through its flavors. For Ms. Marilou Uy, Mekeni's AVP for Human Resources and Exports, the Taiwan initiatives represent an important step in sharing the brand's story with a wider market.

“Our participation in Taiwan allows us to bring Filipino food closer to our kababayans while introducing our products to new consumers. We see this as an opportunity to build meaningful connections, understand the market, and share the quality and flavors that Filipino families have come to know and love. We hope that every product experience becomes an invitation for more people to discover what Mekeni and Filipino food have to offer.”

The experience also reinforces the importance of bringing Filipino brands into international markets, not only to serve Filipinos living abroad but also to introduce the country's food heritage to a broader global audience.

Four Decades of Bringing

Families Together

Founded in 1986 in Porac, Pampanga, Mekeni has grown from its local roots into a Filipino food brand serving families in the Philippines and international markets. Today, the company has established its presence in more than 25 countries, bringing Filipino flavors to communities across different parts of the world. Over the past four decades, the company has built its identity around food that brings people together, carrying forward the legacy of its founders, Felix and Meding Garcia, while continuing to explore opportunities for growth and innovation.

Its Taiwan initiatives hold special significance as the company celebrates its 40th anniversary under the theme, “May Kwento sa Bawat Timpla.” The theme reflects the stories, memories, and meaningful experiences that food creates across generations.

From Filipino dining tables to communities overseas, every product carries the potential to become part of someone's story, whether it is a familiar meal that eases homesickness or a new flavor that introduces another culture.

Mekeni's expanding international presence also supports its vision of becoming a globally trusted Filipino brand that nourishes families across generations.

Taking Filipino Flavor Further

As Mekeni approaches the culmination of its anniversary celebration, its activities in Taiwan serve as a reminder that the story of a Filipino brand does not end at home. It can travel with Filipinos, find new audiences, and create meaningful connections across borders.

The launch at the OWWA OFW Global Center in Taipei and the brand's participation in the Pingtung Fair represent complementary opportunities: one reconnecting overseas Filipinos with familiar flavors, and the other introducing Filipino food to a wider community.

Both reflect a shared ambition, to make Filipino food more accessible, more appreciated, and more present in the everyday lives of people around the world.

Forty years after its founding, Mekeni continues to carry the stories of Filipino families into new markets, bringing with it the flavors and traditions that have shaped its journey.

And as the brand looks toward the next chapter, its message remains rooted in the same simple yet enduring idea: wherever Filipinos may be, there will always be a place for the taste of home.

DAP-RLDP BAGANI brings Kidlat Tahimik's art, Filipino Culture, and development to DAPCC

TAGAYTAY CITY — What can Filipino culture teach us about development?

The Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), through its Rising Leaders Development Program (RLDP) BAGANI, invites the public to explore this question through DAP-Ayan ng Sining: INDIOTENIUS, an art exhibition featuring the works and creative world of National Artist Kidlat Tahimik at the DAP Conference Center (DAPCC) in Tagaytay City.

Mounted in conjunction with the BAGANI Rising Leaders Development Program, the exhibition highlights indigenous cultural identity, artistic expression, and national heritage, while creating a space to reflect on the connections among culture, leadership, identity, community, and development. Running until October 31, 2026, the exhibition brings together portraits, installations, and other works that offer visitors a deeper look into Filipino identity, indigenous knowledge, creativity, heritage, and the cultural dimensions of development.

For more than five decades, artists have created portraits and caricatures of Kidlat Tahimik. The collection, however, offers more than representations of one artist. For Kidlat, it also presents an opportunity to examine how artists choose to see, interpret, and represent their subject.

“At the center of that is this kubo,” Kidlat said, referring to his installation “Kubo ng isang babaylan o mumbaki,” which draws from the traditional role of the mumbaki or healer and incorporates indigenous forms and symbols. The installation also serves as a metaphor for creativity and the ability to continue creating despite the blocks and challenges that

artists may encounter.

Beyond the individual artworks, the exhibition opens a wider conversation: How much of who we are as Filipinos do we carry into the way we understand and pursue development?

For Kidlat, one answer lies in kapwa—a Filipino value centered on recognizing and relating to others as fellow human beings and part of a shared community. He describes kapwa as an “embracing culture” that encourages people to help one another and work toward a shared destination.

“We have to go back to the Kapwa culture because it can be a strong

ingredient in development,” Kidlat said

This perspective connects culture with the broader work of development. The values, knowledge, traditions, and narratives that shape communities also influence how people understand their place in society, relate to one another, and envision the future they want to build.

It also provides a meaningful context for DAP-RLDP BAGANI, a leadership development initiative of the Academy that seeks to develop young leaders for public service and nation-building. Through the exhibition, BAGANI creates another space for reflection on the relationship among leadership, identity, culture, community, and development. For emerging leaders, understanding development also means understanding the people and communities they seek to serve. It means recognizing that progress is shaped not only by policies, institutions, and technical solutions, but also by the values, histories, identities, and knowledge systems of communities.

Kidlat likewise emphasizes

the importance of “rediscovering” rather than simply “discovering” Filipino cultural knowledge.

“Rediscover is a better word than to discover,” he said.

He points to the many talents, knowledge, beliefs, and traditions that have been obscured over generations, including indigenous knowledge and practices that reflect communities' relationships with one another and with the natural environment.

Ultimately, the exhibition invites visitors to look beyond the artist himself and reflect on how culture shapes the way Filipinos see themselves, understand their communities, and imagine their future.

The DAP Conference Center provides a fitting venue for this encounter. As a space for learning and development, DAPCC brings together the exhibition's artistic and cultural reflections with DAP's broader work of developing people and institutions.

Through the exhibition, DAP-RLDP BAGANI underscores that culture is not separate from development. The stories people tell, the knowledge they preserve, the values they uphold, and the identities they carry can all shape how communities define progress and envision a better future.

As visitors encounter Kidlat Tahimik's portraits, installations, and reflections, the exhibition leaves a question worth carrying beyond the gallery:

In a rapidly changing world, how do we move forward without losing sight of who we are?

Visit DAP-Ayan ng Sining: INDIOTENIUS

The public is invited to experience Kidlat Tahimik's installation artworks in person at the

DAP Conference Center in Tagaytay City.

Exhibition: DAP-Ayan ng Sining: INDIOTENIUS

Featured Artist: National Artist Kidlat Tahimik

Venue: DAP Conference Center, Tagaytay City

Exhibition Period: Until October 31, 2026

Viewing Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Admission: Free, with RSVP required

Walk-ins: Not allowed

Reserve your spot: RSVP Form

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PSA RSSO IV-A, PSO Batangas Bring Civil Registration Services Within Reach of Mabini Residents

Bringing essential civil registration services closer to local communities, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Regional Statistical Services Office (RSSO) IV-A joined the Civil Registration System (CRS) Mobile Outlet initiative of Provincial Statistical Office (PSO) Batangas in Mabini, Batangas on 08 October 2026.

The activity served 124 clients and recorded 236 document transactions.

Led by the CRS Mobile Outlet

team of PSO Batangas, the initiative offered residents a more convenient way to obtain civil registry documents and avail themselves of related services within their locality.

Through collaboration between its regional and provincial offices, PSA CALABARZON continues to bring vital civil registration services directly to communities, helping make essential documents more readily available to the people they serve.



NPC PRESIDENT MIKE BARREDO

MGA KAMPEON NG PUSO! Ipinahayag nina NPC National Paralympic Committee President Mike Barredo at Coach National Gershon Bautista ang buong tiwala sa mga tsansa ng delegasyon ng Pilipinas sa darating na Asian Para Games sa Nagoya, Japan, na gaganapin mula Oktubre 18 hanggang 24, ayon sa kanilang pahayag sa kanilang pagdalo sa lingguhang PSA Forum sa PSC Media Room, Rizal Memorial Sports Complex. **(REY NILLAMA)**

Mga Atletang Pilipino, Handa na sa Ika-5 Asian Para Games sa Nagoya

Sa kabila ng mga malalaking pagsubok, buwang-tapang at buong-pusong iwaygwayay ng mga mandirigmang para-athletes ng bansa ang bandila ng Pilipinas sa kanilang pagtapak sa ika-5 Asian Para Games sa Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

Sa ginanap na Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) Forum, nagbigay ng nakaka-insipirong panawagan si National Paralympic Committee (NPC) President Mike Barredo. Binigyang-diin niya na nananatiling matatag at hindi natitinag ang laban ng bansa sa kabila ng mga pagbabago sa kompetisyon.

Ang darating na paligsahan, na gaganapin mula Oktubre 18 hanggang 24, ay magiging isang mabigat na pagsubok para sa delegasyon ng Pilipinas. Ito ay lalo pang tumindi dahil sa hindi inaasahang pagtanggap sa tradisyonal na pinagkukunan ng ginto ng bansa tulad ng chess. Sa harap ng mga mamamahayag sa palakasan, kinilala ni Barredo ang mga naging hakbang ng mga opisyal ng sports na muling nagtakda ng makatotohanang layunin na apat hanggang limang gintong medalya, habang hinihimok ang buong koponan

na samantalain ang bawat pagkakataon. Ipinahayag din ni National coach Gershon Bautista ang kahalagahan ng puspusang pisikal at mental na paghahanda ng pambansang koponan upang mapaliit ang agwat sa pagitan nila at ng mga higanteng bansa sa Asya. Aniya, mas pinaigting pa ang kanilang mga eheerisyo na nakatutok sa pagpapatalas ng teknik, pagpapalakas ng stamina, at pagpapatatag ng kaisipan ng mga atleta laban sa mga panlabas na hamon, kabilang na ang mga paalala sa kalusugan bago ang biyahe.

lisa ang naging mensahe nina Barredo at Gonzales: na ang bawat miyembro ng 69-kataong pambansang delegasyon ay hindi lamang lumalaban para sa medalya—dala rin nila ang hindi natitinag na puso ng manggagawang Pilipino na patuloy na lumalaban sa kabila ng mga pagsubok.

Habang naghahandang lumipad patungong Nagoya ang pambansang delegasyon para sa maringal na paligsahan, nanawagan ang pamunuan ng sports sa buong bansa na suportahan ang ating mga para-

Bangladesh tinalo ng U17 Women's National Football Team sa AFC Women's Asian Cup

TASHKENT—Nag-qualify ang Philippine Under-17 Women's National Football Team (Filipinas U17) sa AFC U17 Women's Asian Cup sa ikatlong sunod na pagkakataon matapos walisin ang Group H ng 2027 qualifying tournament sa pamamagitan ng 3-0 panalo laban sa Bangladesh sa Do'stik Stadium Training Pitch 1.

Nauna nang tinalo ng Pilipinas ang host na Uzbekistan, 4-0, noong Oktubre 5.

"Ang mag-qualify minsan ay isang tagumpay. Ang mag-qualify nang tatlong beses nang sunod-sunod ay nagsasabi sa atin na ang trabaho sa likod ng programang ito ay sustainable. Ang bawat batch ng Filipinas U17 ay nagtayo sa kung ano ang nauna rito, at ipinagmamalaki namin ang bawat manlalaro, kawani, at tagasuporta na nagposibleng mangyari ito," wika ni PFF President John Anthony Gutierrez.

Pinigilan ng Bangladesh na makapuntos ang Pilipinas sa loob ng 72 minuto. Na-save ni goalkeeper Meghla Rani Roy ang sipa sa unahan ni Noelle Granger sa ika-5 minuto, at ang sipa naman ni Ariyanna Capsa mula sa kaliwa sa ika-6 na minuto.

Nasalo rin ang lob ni Ariana Enderes mula sa itaas sa ika-16 na minuto, pati na rin ang tumatakbangong sipa ni Granger mula sa kanang bahagi sa ika-24 na minuto.

Nakagawa rin ng sariling mga pagkakataon ang Bangladesh bago mag-half-time. Ang header ng defender na si Mousumi Akter mula sa kaliwang corner ay bahagyang lumihis sa ika-44 na minuto, at ang lob ng striker na si Alpi Akter mula sa labas ng box ay tumama sa crossbar sa stoppage time ng unang hati.

Nabutas ng Pilipinas ang depensa sa ika-73 minuto. Naipasok ng right back na si

athletes. Ang kanilang tapang, disiplina, at wagas na dedikasyon ay patuloy na nagbibigay-inspirasyon sa milyun-milyong Pilipino sa tahanan.

Maya Rose Bascara ang bola sa pamamagitan ng tap sa gitna ng siksikan matapos ang isang corner sa kaliwa. Pinanatili naman ni goalkeeper Abigail Garcia na ligtas ang kalamangan sa ika-79 na minuto sa pamamagitan ng pag-save sa one-on-one counterattack ni Alpi Akter.

Sinelyuhan ni Granger ang resulta sa huling bahagi ng laro. Sa ika-90 minuto, nakapuntos siya mula sa front right matapos ang magandang midfield through ball mula sa pumalit na manlalaro na si Ariana Gementiza.

Hindi pa nagtagal ay nakumpleto ni Granger ang kanyang brace wala pang isang minuto ang lumilipas, at muling nakapuntos sa pamamagitan ng running strike matapos ang interception at long ball ni Savannah Chheng. Sa pagdating ni Florida Gator ay umiskor ng limang layunin sa dalawang qualifying games, matapos ang kanyang hat-trick laban sa Uzbekistan.

Ang resultang ito ay nagpapatuloy ng sunod-sunod na Asian Cup qualifications ng Filipinas U17, at ang mga manlalaro mula sa mga naunang batch ay bahagi na ngayon ng senior Filipinas squad.

Sina Alexa Pino, Jael Guy, at Ariana Markey ng Batch '24, pati na rin sina Aiselyn Sia, Tea Pidding, at Leah Bradley ng Batch '26, ay mga regular na miyembro na ngayon ng pambansang koponan. Naglalayon ang senior Filipinas ng ikalawang sunod na paglahok sa FIFA Women's World Cup sa susunod na taon.

"Ang sustenableng kahusayan ay nangangahulugan na ang isang batang manlalaro ay makakakita ng landas mula sa U17 team patungo sa senior national team. Sina Alexa, Jael, Ariana, Aiselyn, Tea, and Leah ay mga halimbawa ng landas na iyon, at tinutulungan nila ang Filipinas habang hinahabol ng senior team ang ikalawang sunod na World Cup. Nais naming sundan sila ng bawat bagong batch, at nakakakita kami ng malaking potensyal sa kasalukuyang U17 Filipinas," ani Gutierrez.

Sinabi ng Team manager na si



U17 WOMEN'S NATIONAL FOOTBALL TEAM

Nagdiwang ang defender na si Maya Rose Bascara (14) matapos basagin ang tabla sa ika-73 minuto.

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Selu Lozano na ang tagumpay ng kwalipikasyong ito ay ibinabahagi ng buong koponan. "Ang kredito ay para sa ating mga manlalaro, coach, staff, at sa lahat ng sumuporta sa paglalakbay na ito," aniya.

Pinasalamatan din niya ang dating head coach ng Filipinas na si Alen Stajic para sa kanyang gabay sa buong torneo.

"Higit sa kanyang karanasan sa Olympics at World Cup, ang pinapahalagahan ko nang husto ay ang kanyang tunay na malasakit sa Pilipinas at sa ating mga batang babae. Bilang isang tagapayo, coach, at kaibigan, napakahalaga ng kanyang kontribusyon," pahayag ni Lozano.

Ayon kay Lozano, hindi nagbabago ang direksyon ng programa anuman ang maging resulta. "Ang resultang ito ay nagbibigay sa amin ng lakas ng loob, ngunit manalo man kami o matalo, nananatili ang aming pangmatagalang direksyon," aniya.



Letran panalo kontra JRU sa NCAA Season 102 men's basketball

Nakaligtas ang Letran sa dikit na laban kontra sa Jose Rizal University, 70-66, sa NCAA Season 102 men's basketball tournament sa San Juan Arena. Wala man ang kanilang panguanahing playmaker na si Titing Manalili, tinapos ng Knights ang apat na sunod na ratsada ng Heavy Bombers upang iangat ang kanilang rekord sa 5-3 sa Group B.

"Sa'min naman, 'di namin ginawang reason 'yong wala si Jonathan (Manalili), nagstep-up 'yong mga kasama namin, lahat, kahit 'yong mga nasa bench," ani Aaron Buensalida, patungkol sa naging problema ng koponan dahil sa knee sprain ng kanilang bituin. "'Yong key point dito aside sa offense namin ay 'yong defense namin. 'Yon 'yong pinakabunga ng game na 'to para manalo."

Hawak ng JRU ang manipis na kalamangan kontra sa Knights sa huling yugto, 58-57, bago kumawala ang Letran sa pamamagitan ng 6-1 blitz na tinapos ng maikling tira ni Denzil Walker upang ibigay sa kanyang koponan ang kalamangan na 64-58 may 5:31 na lamang ang natitira sa laro.

Nagawang makalapit ng Heavy Bombers sa huling bahagi ng laro, at ibinaba ang kanilang pagkakalayo sa dalawang puntos, 67-65, matapos ang basket ni Jay Garupil sa 3:03 mark ng yugto. Gayunpaman, pumanig ang suwerte sa Letran.

Naipasok ni Nat Montecillo ang isa sa kanyang dalawang free throw upang ibigay sa Knights ang 68-65 na bentahe may 17 segundo na lamang ang natitira.

Pinilit ng JRU na makuha ang laro sa pamamagitan ng pilit na tres ni Chris Hubilla sa huling bahagi ngunit hindi ito pumasok, dahilan upang bumaba ang Heavy Bombers sa rekord na 6-2 sa

Group A. Nanguna si Chad Gammad para sa Letran na may 21 puntos mula sa apat na tres. Nagtala si Walker ng 11 puntos habang nag-ambag si Kevin Santos ng 10 puntos sa panalo.

Huling-huli sa double-double si Mangubat na may 18 puntos at walong rebound sa pagkatalo ng JRU. Nagdagdag din si Sean Salvador ng 11 puntos para sa Heavy Bombers.



KEVIN SANTOS - LETRAN VS JRU - JAMHIR ELIGADO

Rizal Memorial Baseball Stadium inihahanda para sa East Asia Cup 2026

Muling maririnig sa makasaysayan Rizal Memorial Baseball Stadium (RMBS) habang ang Maynila ang magiging host ng East Asia Cup 2026, na inihahandog ng Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) mula Disyembre 7–13. Sa loob ng isang linggo, anim na bansa—sa pangunguna ng host na Pilipinas, Singapore, Hong Kong, at Thailand—ang magtitipon sa kabisera, at gagawing sentro ng kompetisyon at sports tourism ang makasaysayang pasilidad na ito.

Sa kauna-unahang pagkakataon mula nang ito ay buksan noong 1934, sumailalim ang Rizal Memorial Baseball Stadium sa isang malaking pagpapaganda, isang pagbabagong nangangakong ibalik ang dating

kariktan nito at iangat ang baseball ng Pilipinas sa pandaigdigang pamantayan.

"Ang ating layunin ay matapos ang pagpapaganda sa lalong madaling panahon at dalhin ang estadyum sa pandaigdigang pamantayan," wika ni PSC Chairman Patrick Gregorio, at idinagdag na ang grandstand ay retrofitted upang umpupo ang 10,000 manonood, kasama ang isang digital scoreboard sa makasaysayang dingding sa outfield at all-weather artificial turf na ginawa ayon sa internasyonal na pamantayan "Ito ay tungkol sa pagbibigay sa baseball ng Pilipinas ng isang tunay na tahanan na karapat-dapat sa kasaysayan at kinabukasan nito," dagdag pa ni Gregorio.

Kaagad pagkatapos makumpleto, gagamitin ang estadyum para sa East Asia Cup na inorganisa ng Philippine Amateur Baseball Association (PABA) at pinahintulutan ng Baseball Federation of Asia (BFA).

"Ang renobasyong ito ay isang mahalagang punto ng pagbabago para sa baseball ng Pilipinas," giit ni PABA Secretary General Mike Asuncion. "Ang pag-host ng East Asia Cup sa isang world-class na estadyum ay magbibigay-inspirasyon sa ating mga atleta at magpapakita sa rehiyon na seryoso tayo sa pakikipagkompetensya sa pinakamataas na antas."

Idinagdag ni Asuncion na ang pagpososyong ng PSC at PABA ay tumutugon sa RMBS, na may mga planong magtayo ng mga karagdagang palaruan ng baseball sa buong bansa upang mag-alaga ng mga batang talento at palawakin ang grassroots development.

Ang RMBS ay isang bantayog sa pandaigdigang pamana ng baseball. Sa inaugural exhibition game nito noong Disyembre 1934, si Lou Gehrig ang tumira ng kauna-unahang home run sa estadyum, na sinundan ni Babe Ruth para sa pangalawa. Ang kanilang mga tagumpay ay nananatiling nakaukit sa mga dingding ng estadyum, mga alaala ng lugar ng Maynila sa kasaysayan ng baseball.

Ang Hataw Pilipinas, ang opisyal na bansag sa 24-man na pambansang koponan ng Pilipinas na nagwagi ng gintong medalya sa Southeast Asian Games laban sa host na Thailand, ay papasok sa East Asia Cup nang may kumpiyansa.

Ang team captain at pitser na si Romeo Jasmin, na malapit nang ipasa ang responsibilidad sa susunod na henerasyon ng mga manlalaro ng baseball sa Pilipinas, ang mangunguna sa laban, tiyak



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