# Pagkakaisa at husay sa palakasan, binigyang-diin sa 2025 ATI Luzon Cluster B Sportsfest; ATI CALABARZON.

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> chief assumes office SMC, Petron, Ginebra named among TIME's Top 500 Companies in Asia-Pacific

SMC Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang welcomes TIME's recognition of San Miguel Corporation and its subsidiaries, Petron Corporation and Ginebra San Training Miguel Inc., in its list of top 500 companies in Asia Pacific. San Miguel Corporation (SMC) and its subsidiaries, Petron Corporation and

in Bay, Ginebra San Miguel Inc. (GSMI), have been recognized in TIME and Statista's 2025 Lagunaranking of the top 500 companies shaping business in the Asia-Pacific region.

SMC ranked No. 85, making it the second highest-ranked Philippine company, while Petron placed No. 216 and GSMI, No. 345. Their inclusion was based on employee satisfaction, financial performance, and sustainability transparency, which are key indicators of long-term business viability and ethical leadership.

SMC Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang welcomed the recognition

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Following its re- ty efforts is focused on exhibiting its commitment to safety, health and well-being of our workforce. We are



est safety standards and in continuing to improve our practices to provide A-class customer service to our employees and motorists alike" said MPT South Officer-in-Charge Ms. Flnora D. Rumawak. About MPT South

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# **EDITORYAL:**

## **Welcome downturn** EARLIER this month, the Department of

Health blasted the siren on the rising number of den-: que cases in the country, particularly those in Metro Manila Calabarzon and Central Luzon On Feb. 17, the DOH said there were eight

other local government units that have logged "a: concerning rise" in the number of patients with denque, with Quezon City announcing a dengue outbreak after 10 died from the viral infection in recent . weeks.

Dengue is a viral infection spread by mosquitoes that causes fever, muscle and joint pain, and . rash. It can range from mild to severe, and sometimes fatal.

The first reported dengue outbreak in the 5 Philippines was in 1906, and the first epidemic of severe dengue was in 1953. Authorities now say denque has become endemic in the Philippines and is a: major public health problem.

In the Philippines, children and adolescents are at the highest risk of dengue infection. In the study of 2.103 hospitalized pediatric cases of suspected dengue, 86.1 percent were laboratory confirmed, and over 80 percent were considered severe

It appears the government's 4S campaign 3 - "Search and Destroy" mosquito breeding places, : "Secure Self Protection" from mosquito bite, "Seek Early Consultation" when signs and symptoms of dengue occur, and "Say Yes to Fogging" as a last: resort when there is an impending outbreak – is on: the success roll ..

From Jan. 5 to 18, the DOH said it recorded 15.904 new cases, which dropped to 15,134 from: Jan. 19 to Feb. 15

The DOH attributed this improvement to heightened public awareness, intensified cleanup efforts, and strengthened vector control measures.

While there is this short-term decline, the \* overall dengue burden remains significantly higher than last year

From Jan. 1 to Feb. 15, 2025, the country recorded 43,732 cases, a stark increase from 27,995 in the same period in 2024.

The highest number of cases have been reported in CALABARZON (9,113), the National Capital Region (7,551), and Central Luzon (7,362), : with 17 local government units identified as dengue hotspots, the health department stated.

However, the agency stated that the case 3 fatality ratio decreased to 0.38 percent from 0.42: percent last year, indicating improved case manage-

LGUs have themselves launched intensive vector control measures and clean-up drives to eliminate mosquito breeding sites," it added.

The slight downturn has been attributed to heightened public awareness resulting from intensified information campaign by the government against the deadly mosquito-borne disease.

#### BIR ...

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to digital tax systems.

"The digitization program is one of the priority projects of our Commissioner Romeo 'Jun' Lumagui Jr., so we had a massive campaign to use our online services, which are available on the BIR website", Tan

The director expects that the digitization program of the bureau will reduce red tape and lessen the amount of time spent waiting and transacting in their of-

This initiative aligns with the BIR's commitment to streamlining services and minimizing paperwork, making tax compliance more convenient for individuals and businesses alike. (PIA)

# Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge: A landmark project under President Marcos Jr.

infrastructure development, one that promises to revolutionize travel and connectivity between the provinces of Bataan and Cavite: the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge. This ambitious project, spearheaded under the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., represents a substantial investment in the country's future, aiming to alleviate traffic congestion, boost regional development, and significantly reduce travel times between two key

#### **Project Overview**

The Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge is envisioned as a four-lane cable-stayed bridge, with two lanes dedicated to each direction of travel. Spanning an impressive 32.15 kilometers, it will stretch from Barangay Alas-asin in Mariveles, Bataan, across the waters of Manila Bay, and terminate at Barangay Timalan in Naic, Cavite. This monumental structure will not only serve as a vital transportation link but also stand as a symbol of engineering prowess and national progress.

#### **Current Status and Timeline**

As of the latest reports, the Detailed Engineering Design (DED) phase of the project is nearing completion, with a reported 99.80% progress. This crucial stage, which commenced in November 2020, is scheduled for completion in December 2024. The DED phase has already incurred a cost of P3 348 million, funded through Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan No. 3886-

Following the DED phase, the construction work (CW) is slated to begin in March 2025 and is projected to conclude in March 2030. This phase carries a significantly larger price tag, estimated at a colossal P219.31 billion. Funding for the construction will be secured through a combination of sources, including ADB Loan No. 4432-PHI and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Loan No. LO724A

#### **Socio-Economic Impact**

The Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge promises to deliver significant socio-economic benefits. The most immediate impact will be a dramatic reduction in travel time between Bataan and Cavite. Currently, the journey takes approximately five hours. The bridge is expected to slash this time down to a mere 45 minutes, revolutionizing commuting and freight transport.

This substantial time saving will translate into increased efficiency for businesses, improved accessibility for residents, and a considerable boost to regional economic activity. The reduction in travel time will facilitate easier movement of goods and services, fostering trade and investment opportunities in both provinces. The bridge will also alleviate the strain on existing roadways, particularly in Metro Manila, by providing an alternative route and reducing traffic congestion.

The project's strategic location will also serve as a crucial link between the North and South Luzon gateways, enhancing connectivity and promoting regional integration. Furthermore, the bridge will facilitate the development of seaports in both Bataan and Cavite. enhancing their capabilities as important maritime hubs. The project's estimated Economic Internal Rate of Return (EIRR) of 30.87% further underscores its potential for significant economic returns.

#### **President Marcos Jr.'s Vision**

The Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge is a pivotal element of President Marcos Jr.'s comprehensive infrastructure development agenda, which is designed to reshape the Philippines' economic landscape and enhance the overall quality of life for its citizens. This ambitious project not only embodies his administration's commitment to modernizing the country's infrastructure but also emphasizes the importance of sustainability and

resilience in the face of ongoing environmental challenges. By investing in such transformative infrastructure, the administration aims to foster an environment that encourages economic growth while prioritizing ecological balance and sustainable practices.

President Marcos' vision extends beyond the mere construction of bridges and roads; it encompasses a holistic approach to national development that integrates various sectors, ensuring that infrastructure proiects serve as catalysts for broader economic opportunities. The Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge exemplifies this vision by enhancing connectivity between key regions. thus facilitating trade, promoting tourism, and attracting foreign investment. This interconnectedness is crucial for unlocking the full potential of the Philippine economy, enabling communities to thrive and empowering local businesses to expand their reach

Moreover, the successful completion of this project will serve as a testament to the administration's dedication to progress, showcasing its ability to deliver on promises and drive meaningful change. It will illustrate the government's resolve to address long-standing infrastructure deficits that have hampered development and hindered access to vital services. As the bridge links Bataan and Cavite, it symbolizes the unification of regions, fostering collaboration and cooperation among local governments, businesses, and citizens alike.

In the broader context of President Marcos Jr.'s vision for the Philippines, the Bataan-Cavite Interlink Bridge represents an adherence to a future where economic growth is inclusive, equitable, and sustainable. It underscores the administration's aim to create a resilient infrastructure framework that can withstand the challenges of the 21st century, including climate change. rapid urbanization, and evolving economic dynamics. Ultimately, this project will not only enhance the physical landscape of the Philippines but also contribute to a shared sense of national pride and identity, as citizens witness the tangible benefits of infrastructure development in their daily lives. The bridge stands as a beacon of hope, signaling a united and prosperous future for all cont. on page 6

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# of LGU services

of Information and Com- government services is munications Technology crucial in driving economic (DICT) assured local government units (LGUs) of robust connectivity support as they adopt the country's digitization efforts.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency-Calabarzon during the eGovPH app launch and e-LGU Kick-off on February 19, DICT Government Digital Transformation Bureau Director June Vincent Manuel Gaudan assured that it will prioritize the readiness of LGUs to adopt e-government platforms.

"First and foremost, we will assess the readiness of LGUs in onboarding to our eLGU [platform]. Second, if they are not yet ready and will need more training, we will provide training. We also have various services such as free cloud services and data center co-location."

Designed to help digitalize the Business Permit and Licensing System (BPLS) and other government transactions, the eLGU system is developed to streamline and improve government services such as business permits, community tax,

The Department sized that digitizing local development in the coun-

> "Studies have made it clear that internationally, if the LGU is highdigitalized, economic development will also come in. I think there's no denying that if we encourage our mayors [that] it's time for us to digitalize."

He added "We are preparing various phases to continue this launching to an actual integration and adoption of your [LGU] system. Your DICT is here to help you, and of course, we will combine our strengths." DICT Region

IV-A will roll out several free WI-FI sites to support seamless internet connectivity and sustain its e-government efforts. Meanwhile. Felix

Tabanao, Jr., DICT Region IV-A Regional Director urged LGUs to support the national government's push for more accessible and convenient public transactions

"We are calling vour kababavans here in Batangas, and the entire CALABARZON, let's support this program that the government is providing, through the DICT." Gaudan empha- (PIA)

# DICT to support digitization DTI and CMDI Launch 2025 with Livelihood Training



Bay, Laguna — On February 19, 2025, the CARD-MRI Development Institute, Inc. (CMDI), in collaboration with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna Provincial Office, launched their inaugural livelihood training program for the year. Held at CMDI's campus in Purok 3, Brgy. Tranca, Bay, Laguna, the event attracted over 30 micro-entrepreneurs from various parts of CALABARZON, all clients of CARD.

Compliance and Work- as the legal procedures place Efficiency: Registration, Licensing, and 6S" aimed to equip participants with vital skills to enhance their business operations. This initiative is part of the ongoing partnership between CMDI and DTI, dedicated in supporting micro, small, and medium enterprises through comprehensive training and (Shine), Seiketsu (Stan-

Participants tain), and Safety—to proseminar entitled "Business delved into topics such mote workplace efficiency and safety. Interactive sessions enabled attendfor business registration ees to practically apply and licensing in the Philthese principles within ippines, with a particular their micro-enterprises. emphasis on the advantages of formal business registration, especially Business Name registration The seminar also in-

Resource speakers Ms. Avegail D. Agojo (Negosyo Center Business Counselor in Bay) and Ms. Dianne M. Piamonte (Negosyo Center prise sector not only in La-Business Counselor in Calauan) shared their expertise on navigating the Laguna).

complexities of business compliance.

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Implementing the 6S methodology can significantly enhance micro-enterprises by fostering a well-organized and efficient workplace. This approach not only streamlines operations but also cultivates a safer environment, leading to increased productivity and profitability. Studies have demonstrated that adopting 6S principles improves workplace safety and efficiency, contributing to overall business success.

Moreover. structured and orderly workspace positively influences employees' mental health. Agojo further mentioned to the participants, "Masarap magtrabaho kapag malinis ang paligid. Mas nakaka-motivate Research supports this perspective, indicating that a clean and organized environment reduces stress and enhances focus, leading to improved job satisfaction and morale.

This training marks the first of many initiatives planned by CMDI and DTI for 2025, aiming to continuously support and uplift the micro-enterguna but throughout CAL-ABARZON (ADAgojo, DTI

### FOOD SECURITY EMERGENCY SHOULD ONLY LAST UP TO 3 MONTHS. PRIORITIZE LOCAL FARMERS IN BUFFER RICE STOCK REPLENISHMENT - AGRI PL

Representative Manoy Wilbert Lee is calling on the Department of Agriculture (DA) to effectively implement food security emergency for a maximum of three months and prioritize purchasing rice from local farmers to replenish the National Food Authority's (NFA) buffer stock, which was released following the government's declaration of a food security emergency

According to DA's Department Circular No. 3, the food security emergency will remain in effect "until lifted or withdrawn" by the Agriculture Secretary.

While Lee supports the declaration of a national food emergency to address the surging market price of rice, he said that such measure is only a short-term solution.

"Maganda layunin nitong food security emergency para mapababa ang presyo ng bigas sa merkado. Pero dapat mailatag dito ang malinaw na timeline kung paano achieve food security and tives, and other stakeholdmatutulungan ang mga lokal na magsasaka. Hindi naman pwedeng nasa ilalim tayo ng 'emergency' sa mahabang panahon," he stressed.

"The NFA's man-

date should also prioritize our own rice farmers. Kawawa ang ating mga magsasaka kung mas iaasa na naman sa importasyon and pag-replenish sa mga stock ng bigas. Dapat bilhin ng gobyerno ang palay ng mga lokal na magsasaka sa presyong tiyak ang kanilang kita, para ma-engganyo silang taasan ang produksyon, na magpapababa ng presyo sa merkado," he

AGRI Party-list, who is running for reelection in the 2025 National and Local Elections, has been consistently pushing for the protection of livelihood and more support to farmers, fisherfolk and local food producers whom it considers "food security soldiers" to boost local production, cheaper basic commodities.

AGRI is the principal author of Republic Act No. 12022 or the "Anti-Agricultural Economic Sabotage Act" which imposes harsher penalties on individuals or entities involved in illegal activities that disrupt the agricultural sector, including large-scale smuggling, hoarding, and price manipulation.

"Food security emergency would be ineffective unless the government takes decisive action against cartels and individuals artificially inflating rice prices. Kailangan nang may masampolan at mai pakulong. Balewala itong mga short-term solution ng gobyerno kung sa huli. namamayaqpaq pa rin ang mga demonyo at kriminal na pumapatay sa kabuhayan ng ating mga magsasaka," AGRI said.

According farmers' groups, coopera- it added. PR

ers to effectively address their needs and concerns. saving "there is a need for comprehensive strategies and long-term solutions that address both supply chain inefficiencies and market manipulations to achieve sustainable food security."

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"Bukod sa dagdag na suporta sa post-harvest facilities, tulad ng mga cold storages, dryers, rice mills, dapat ding paramihin at gawin nang permanente ang mga Kadiwa stores nationwide na nakakatulong sa ating mga local food producers at consumers." "Habang ipinapa-

tupad ang short-term solutions, dapat na ring gawin ang mga pangmatagalang solusyon para maisulong ang tiyak na kabuhayan at murang pagkain kung saan panalo ang mga magsasaka, mangingisda, local food the party-list, DA and NFA producers, consumers, at should work closely with ang sambayanang Pilipino,"

# books to Isabela libraries The National Li- throughout the country.

National Library donates

brary of the Philippines (NLP) recently assessed and evaluated public libraries in Isabela, and donated various books to support local learning.

Michael Revno from the NLP explained that the visit aimed to enhance the services and programs offered by public

"This initiative involved providing valuable resources, such as books and reference materials, to benefit the public," he

Reyno emphasized that the donated books would enrich the local libraries' collections and offer essential learning resources, particularly for young learners and students in Isabela and

Maria Cristina R Simon, supervisor of the city's library, expressed her gratitude to the National Library of the Philippines for the generous donation.

She mentioned that the books would be added as reference materials for learners, college students, and research

"On behalf of our hardworking and visionary City Mayor, Josemaries L. Diaz, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the National Library of the Philippines for their invaluable support in strengthening our public library services, fostering a culture of learning, and making knowledge more accessible to the llagueño community," Simon said.

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# Enchanted Kingdom spreads the magic of love with the Forever Enchanted Love Stories, a Valentine's celebration



Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, celebrates the season of love with the Forever Enchanted Love Stories, a magical Valentine's celebration this February.

As part of EK's 30th anniversary festivities this 2025, guests with their loved ones can immerse into the enchanting shows, fun activities and treats around the Park made with love by Eldar the Wizard.

Last February 15, several lucky Park guests were given the chance to share their own Forever Enchanted Love Stories at the Bandstand during the annual Hug-A-Palooza event. Eldar and Princess Victoria also joined the crowd for the event's highlight — the hugging tradition.

After the Hug-A-Palooza, the featured guests received special giveaways and were led to an intimate Valentine's dinner treat at EK's very own restaurants Amazon Grill and Launch-

Further spreading the Valentine vibe, violinist Dominique Casacop serenaded everyone at the Victoria Park last February 21 and 22. Sparkle GMA Artist Center stars Sofia Pablo and Allen Ansay also spread more kilig at the Park on their grand fans day last February 23 at the Bandstand.

With the Forever Enchanted Photowall, park goers can capture their magical memories with their loved ones at this colorful installation located near the Rialto 4D.

At nighttime, scroll along the streets of the Brooklyn Place and fall in love with the vibrant display in sync with classic romantic ballads at the Forever Enchanted Love Symphony during Fridays to Sundays.

To complete your romantic EK itinerary, EK brought back Forever Love: Enchanting Dinner in the Sky for all weekends in February. This iconic

a unique dining experience for groups and couples while riding the Wheel of Fate ride.

#### ENCHANTED HEARTS: A VALENTINE'S DAY PROMO

Create more Forever Enchanted memories filled with thrill and fun only here at EK with the Enchanted Hearts Promo

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For more information and updates regarding these and EK's other upcoming treat, enjoy four additional events and offers, visit https://www.en-Skill Games Tickets when chantedkingdom.ph and EK's official social you book this limited-time media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph offering via the EK Online for Facebook and Tiktok, and @ek\_philippines for Twitter and Instagram.







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tion of the Mortgagors/Borrowers in the amount of THREE

HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED

SEVENTY TWO PESOS AND 92/100 (Php382,572.92)

inclusive of interest and other charges, as of January 6,

2025 the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy. Oliver

N. Mendoza, will sell at public auction on April 24, 2025

at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the

New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder,

for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency,

the following property with all its improvements thereon to

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF

TITLE NO. (T-852946) 25700

Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite

uated in the Mun of Silang Prov of Cavite bounded and

plan Pcs-04-014042, being a portion of the cons. of Lot

8036, Cad. 452-D, Silang Cadastre, and Reserved Area of

Pcs-04-012899, LRC Rec. No.), situated in the Brgy. Tar-

taria, Mun. of Silang, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the NE.,

along line 1-2 by Lot 26 Blk. 2; on the SE., along line 2-3

by Rd. Lot 2; on the SW., along line 3-4 by Lot 22; on the

NW., along line 4-1 by Lot 23 both Blk. 2, all of the cons./

subd., plan: Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being S.

67 deg. 30°E., 5122.48 m. from BLLM No. 1, Cad. 456-D,

Silang Cadastre; thence S. 23 deg. 45 E., 12.08 m. to pt.

2: thence S. 63 deg. 23'W., 4.51 m. to pt. 3: thence N. 23

deg. 45'W., 12.17 m. to pt. 4; thence N. 64 deg. 25'E., 4.51

m. to pt. of the beginning, containing an area of FIFTY FIVE

(55) SQ. METERS. All pts. referred to are indicated on the

plan and are marked on the ground by PS. Cyl. conc. mons.

15x60cm; bearings true; date of orig. survey & that of the

cons./subd. survey, June 1-3, 1998 and was approved on

described as follows:

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land sit-

A parcel of land (Lot 24 Blk. 2 of the cons./subd.

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act

EJF NO. TG-25-010

For: Extra Judicial Foreclosure

Of Real Estate Mortgage under Act

No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118

Aug. 21, 1998

Is registered in accordance with the provisions of the Property Registration Decree in the name of" MARYLOU P. LIQUIDO, married to Eulogio A. Liquido, both of legal age, Filipino"

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on May 6, 2025 without further notice

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. (T-852946) 25700 the encumbrances thereon, if any there be

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, February 20, 2025.

(SGD) ATTY. APRIL GRACE M. TENORIO Clerk of Court V/OIC

(SGD) OLIVER N. MENDOZA

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

Copy Furnished: HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as Pag-IBIG Fund) The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue,

MARIA VICTORIA D. CAPIRAL C/O ATTY. JULIUS VOLTAIRE ROMMEL C. CUBELO 24K ACCOUNTS CONSULTANT INC. Representative of Mortgagee 3F Fass Inteli college Bldg. No. 11 Pittsburgh St., Brgy. Silangan, Cubao, Quezon City

MARYLOU P. LIQUIDO married to EULOGIO A. LIQUIDO Mortgagors (1) #44 Pulong Sta. Cruz, Sta. Rosa, Laguna (2) Lot 24 Blk. 2, Rancho Imperial De Silang, Brgy. Tartaria, Silang, Cavite

**DATELINE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS:** Mar. 03, 10 & 17, 2025

## SMC...

company's commitment to excellence in business and social responsibility that extend to its subsid-

This is the latest in a string of global awards for SMC. In 2024, it was named among the World's Best Companies by TIME (No. 463) and Forbes' Best Employers (No. 89), the highest-ranked Philippine firm in the latter's top

SMC continues to lead in nation-building through its diverse portfolio of businesses, with major initiatives in infra- to prove that Filipino comstructure, energy, and the environment

PH project has removed business," Ang said. PR

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even as he reiterated the over 8 million tons of waste from nine river systems in and around Luzon, while its infrastructure network including expressways and airports, strengthen connectivity and economic

> SMC also supports food security through partnerships with local farmers and operates Better World community centers that address hunger, education, and healthcare

"This recognition sets the stage for an even stronger 2025. It continues panies can compete on the global stage and make Its Better Rivers meaningful impact beyond

## Cayetano ...

Senator Peter Cayetano has but stressed the need for called for a shift from the "utak-kotse" mentality in addressing the country's traffic woes, urging the government to prioritize rail and subway systems instead of relying on more

Cayetano's statement comes on the heels of the appointment of the Department of Transportation's new chief. Secretary Vince Dizon.

highways.

The senator argued that building more highways addresses only the symptom rather than the root cause, which is over-reliance on cars and

#### Instead, he proposed expanding rail networks.

"Why not a railway rather than a highway? Kasi nga ang problema, utak-kotse tayo," he

'50s "Noona '40s, nangunguna tayo, may railway tayo everywhere. Pero napabayaan natin y'un and then we went the American way na panay kotse," he added.

Cayetano noted the struggle of workers commuting from provinces just to reach Metro Manila, where most of the better economic opportunities are located.

"Not only hirap, v'ung tama sa katawan, but y'ung oras talaga na nasasayang. and then of course y'ung gastos," he said as he described the difficulties many people face.

The senator commended the ongoing MetFrom Page 1

ro Manila Subway project continuous transport planning and execution.

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"Dapat bago pa matapos 'yan, pina-plano

na ang susunod," he said. "Kasi it takes six or seven years para mata-

pos. By the time matapos, ilan na ang kotse, ilan na ang tao, tapos panay sa Metro Manila. So may ginagawa ba to extend that out?" he continued.

He pointed to Hong Kong as a model for long-term infrastructure

"Since early or

mid-1980s, wala akong punta sa Hong Kong the resulting traffic con- na nakita kong walang ginagawang subway. So by now, makikita n'yo kahit saan ka pumunta sa Hong Kong, halos buong Hong Kong malalakad n'yo sa ilalim in most of the areas. Kasi nga, gawa lang nang gawa," he said.

> The senator ex pressed optimism that Dizon's experience as the previous head of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) will translate into a proactive approach and much-needed improvements in public transportation, especially in railways.

"I'm hoping y'ung kind ng 'get it done' attitude magagawa ngayon sa airports, seaports, buses and railways," he said.

Cavetano has long advocated for decongesting Metro Manila by connecting it to the provinces through an efficient railway network, as well as creating more economic opportunities outside the capital. **PR** 

#### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ES-TATE OF THE LATE GEORGE SOLIS ES-TRADA HAS BEEN EXTRA-JUDICIALLY SETTLED BY HIS HEIRS THRU EXTRAJU-DICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER OF SHARES AS PER DOC. NO. 124; PAGE NO. 26; BOOK NO. 41; SERIES OF 2025. BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. STEVE B. DELA REA JR.

**Dateline Weekly Newspapers:** Mar. 03, 10 & 17, 2025

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG IBIG), Petition/Mortgagee

File No. FC.-DC-1655-25

-Versus-

For Extra-Judicial Forclosure of Real Estate Mortgage under Act No. 3135 as amemded by Act No. 4118

MARY ANN M. ARBOLEDA married to LOVEN ALLE A. ARBOLEDA Respondents/Mortgagee

#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-Judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No.4118 Filed by the petitioner/mortgagee. HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG IBIG FUND) a government financial institute duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679. With postal address at The Petron Mega Plaza Building No. 358 Sen. Gil Puvat Avenue, Makati City, in favor of PLANTER DEVELOP-MENT BANK, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines with principal place of business at 314 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City against the respondents/mortgagors, MARY ANN M. ARBOLEDA married to LOVEN ALLE A. ARBOLEDA with postal address at Lot 7, Block 20 Golden City Subdivision, Imus, Cavite; Lot 1 Block 14, Dexterville Classic, Sabang, Dasmariñas, Cavite for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 20 December 2024 amounts to TWO HUNDRED TWENTY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVEN PESOS and 98/100 (P229,207.98), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on April 25, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Court Room of Branch 90, Regional Trial Court, Ground Floor, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Burol 1, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, for the highest bidder and for CASH and CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit;

#### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. T- 772217

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in Municipality of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 1 Blk. 14 of the cons. /subd. plan PCS-04-011646, being a portion of the cons. of Lot 3187, Imus Estate & Lots 3185-E & 3185-D. PSD-66049 L.R.C. Rec. NO. ) situated in Brgy. of Sabang, Mun. of Dasmariñas, Prov. of Cavite. Bounded on the S., along line 1-2 by Lot 3 Blk. 14; on the W., & NW., along lines 2-3-4 by Road Lot 11; on the NE., along line 4-5 by Road Lot 8; and on the E., along line 5-1 by Lot 2, Blk. 14, all of the cons./subd. plan. Beginning at a pt. marked "1" on plan being S. 85 deg. 10'E., 237.21 m. from Mon. 139, Imus Estate; thence N. 88 deg. 05'W., 8.00 m. to pt. 2: thence N. 1 deg. 55'E., 3.76 m. to pt. 3: thence N. 48 deg. 32'E., 4.00 m. to pt. 4; thence S. 84' deg. 56'E., 5.10 m. to pt. 5: thence S. 1 deg. 50'W., 6.23 m. to point of beginning. containing an area of FORTY SEVEN SQUARE METERS & FIFTY SQUARE DECIMETERS (47.50).

All referred to are indicated on the plan and marked on the ground by PS. Cyl. Conc. Mons. 15x40 cms.; bearings true, date of orig. survey, July 27, 1905 - June 11, 1908 & of the cons. /subd. survey April 27-May 10, 1996 and was approved on July 30, 1996

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are herby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if any there be,

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

In the event publication auction should not take place on the said date and time it shall be held on May 9 2025 at the same time and place without further notice notice

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, February 19, 2025.

(sad.) GERALD A. FARGAS

(SGD.) ATTY. MARCELA A. BAYBAY Clerk of Court VI & Fx-Officio Sheriff

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (PAG IBIG FUND The Petron Mega Plaza Building

No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City Atty. Amely D. Agmata c/o Paulino E. Cases. Jr.

Attorney-in-Fact, c/o Cases Chun & Associates Law Offices 6th Floor, JELP Business Solutions Bldg., 409 Addition Hills Shaw Blvd Mandaluvong City

MARY ANN M. ARBOLEDA LOVEN ALLE A. ARBOLEDA Lot 7, Block 20 Golden City Subdivision, Imus. Cavite Lot 1 Block 14, Dexterville Classic, Sabang, Dasmariñas, Cavite

Notice Posted at:

- The Bulletin Board of Regional Trial Court
- Dasmariñas City, Cavite The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Hall
- The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Post Office The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City public Market

**Dateline Weekly Newspapers:** Feb. 24, Mar. 03 & 10, 2025

> REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT CITY OF IMUS. CAVITE

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG FUND) Mortgagee,

FC Case No. 19315-25

EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT 3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

versus-

IVY JOY P. PASTORES,

Mortgagor

#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 ended by Act 4118 filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund), mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against IVY JOY P. PASTORES, mortgagor, with residence and postal address at Lot 39 Block 47, Phase 2, Greengate Homes, Bo Malagasang 2, Imus, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of January 25, 2024 amounts to THREE HUN-DRED SIXTY ONE THOUSAND THIRTY TWO PESOS and 91/100 (P 361.032.91) Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees, and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on March 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC - Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all the improvements therein, to wit;

#### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-1356304

"A parcel of land (Lot 39, Block 47 of the cons.subd. plan Pcs-04-023999, being a portion of the cons. of

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Conclusion

an-Cavite Interlink Bridge, more than just a concrete structure spanning water, stands as a powerful symbol of progress, a testament to Filipino ingenuity and engineering prowess, and a cornerstone of the Philippines' ambitious infrastructure development plan under President Ferdinand R Marcos Jr Its construction represents a significant investment in the nation's future, promising to revolutionize travel. stimulate economic growth across regions. and dramatically improve the quality of life for countless Filipinos. The bridge's completion anticipated in March 2030, will mark a pivotal moment, not merely in infrastructure development, but in the nation's overall trajectory toward a more interconnected and prosperous future. This transformative project will facilitate seamless connectivity between

ern regions, significantly reducing travel times and transportation costs. The resulting economic ripple effects are projected to be substantial, boosting trade, tourism, and investment, and creating numerous employment opportunities. Moreover, the bridge's strategic location will foster greater regional integration, strengthening economic ties between previously geographicalisolated communities The project's success will serve as a powerful catalyst for further infrastructure development, inspiring confidence in the government's commitment to modernization and national progress and ultimately solidifying the Philippines' position as a dynamic and thriving nation in the Asia-Pacific region. The anticipated completion date of March 2030 is not just a date on a calendar; it is a beacon of hope, signifying a brighter and more connected fu-Luzon's central and west- ture for the Philippines.

Lots 1846-B, Psd-28429, 1848-B-2, (LRC) Psd-358499 & Lots 1847 & 1849, Imus Estate, L.R.C. Rec. No. 8843), situated in Bo. of Malagasang 2, Mun. of Imus, Prov. of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 37, Blk. 47 on the NW., along line 2-3 by Road Lot 32; on the NE., along line 3-4 by Lot 41, Block 47 and on the SE., along line 4-1 by Lot 40, Blk. 47 all of the cons./subd. plan. x x x containing an area of THIRTY SIX (36) SQUARE METERS. more or less.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the under signed on the above stated time and date

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 01, 2025 without prior

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

Imus, Cavite, Philippines, February 11, 2025.

(SGD) ISRAEL S. MEDINA Sheriff IV

APPROVED (SGD) ARMIE A FRANCISCO Clerk of Court VI

Copy Furnished Home Development Mutual Fund (otherwise known as Pag-Ibig Fund) The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City

IVY JOY P. PASTORES Lot 39 Block 47, Phase 2, Greengate Homes Bo. Malagasang 2. Imus. Cavite

ATTY. SIMEON P. MADRID 5th Floor Bedrock Building, Kayumanggi Center. Commonwealth Ave., Matandang Balara, Quezon City

**DATELINE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS:** February 24, Mar. 03 & 10, 2025

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**Gatchalian: High schools for arts.** sports to rise in Baguio City Senator Win Gatchalian hailed the passage of new

laws that would establish high schools for the arts and sports in Baguio City.

Republic Act No. 12118 establishes the Bagu-City High School for the Arts, while Republic Act No. 12119 creates the Baguio City Sports High School. As Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Gatchalian pushed for the passage of these laws in the upper chamber.

The Baguio City High School for the Arts is mandated to implement a general secondary education curriculum, as prescribed by the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013 (Republic Act No. 10533) or the K to 12 law, to learners with considerable potential in the arts. The school's curriculum shall emphasize the development of talents, skills, and exceptional diffedness of learners to nurture potential artists while preserving and promoting Filipino heritage

The Department of Education (DepEd) shall administer and supervise the Baguio City High School for the Arts in close coordination with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), which shall provide

Calabarzon...

ers in Calabarzon are set

to receive higher take-

home pay beginning

March, following the ap-

proval of a wage increase

by the Regional Tripartite

Wages and Productivity

Board IV-A (RTWPB IV-A).

wage order, domestic

workers across the region

will see a salary increase

ranging from ₱750 to

₱1.750. Specifically, the

minimum monthly salary

for domestic workers in

cities and first-class mu-

nicipalities will increase

from ₱6,000 to ₱6,750,

while those in other mu-

nicipalities who previously

earned ₱5,000 per month

will now receive a mini-

mum of ₱6,750. The wage

increase will take effect on

Calabarzon stated that the

increase was determined

after a series of consulta-

tions and a review of so-

review and evaluation of

the results of the consul-

tation and public hearing,

existing socio-economic

conditions in the region,

the needs of the domestic

workers and their families

as well as the employers'

cioeconomic factors.

The Wage Board

"After a thorough

March 7, 2025

Domestic work-

Under the new

policy direction and technical assistance to the school.

The Baguio City Sports High School will implenent a general secondary education curriculum as prescribed by the K to 12 law to learners with considerable potential in sports. The school's curriculum shall emphasize the development of learners' athletic skills through physical education and sports subjects.

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The DepEd shall administer and supervise the Baguio City Sports High School in close coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission and the National Academy of Sports (NAS). The NAS System's policies, guidelines, and criteria shall guide the Baguio City Sports High School's operations.

<sup>"</sup>Binabati ko ang mga taga-lungsod ng Baguio dahil magkakaroon na sila ng sarili nilang mga high school para sa sining at sports. Ang Baguio ay tahanan ng mga mahuhusay na alagad ng sining at mga atleta, at sa pamamagitan ng kanilang mga bagong paaralang ito, mahuhubog natin ang maraming mga kabataang magbibigay dangal sa ating bansa," Gatchalian said.

#### Gatchalian: Baguio City magkakaroon ng high school para sa arts, sports

Ipinagbunyi ni Senador Win Gatchalian ang mga bagong batas na magtatatag ng mga high school para sa sining o arts at sports sa Lungsod ng Baguio.

Itatayo ang Baguio City High School for the Arts sa ilalim ng Republic Act No. 11218, samantalang itatayo naman ang Baguio City Sports High School sa bisa ng Republic Act No. 12119. Bilang Chairman ng Senate Committee on Basic Education, si Gatchalian ang nasa ilalim ng pagsulong ng mga batas na ito sa Senado.

Mandato sa Baguio City High School for the Arts and pagpapatupad ng general secondary education

curriculum alinsunod sa Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013 (Republic Act No. 10533) o and K to 12 law Mga mag-aaral na may potensyal sa sining ang papasok sa naturang paaralan. Bibigyang diin ng curriculum ang paghubog sa mga talento at kakayahan ng mga mag-aaral na ito habang itinataguyod ang kalinangan

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Ang Department of Education (DepEd) ang mamumuno sa Baguio City High School for the Arts sa tulong ng National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) at ng Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP). Magbibigay ng direksyon sa polisiya at technical assistance ang dalawang ahensya sa paaralan.

Magpapatupad naman ang Baguio City Sports High School ng general secondary education curriculum alinsunod sa K to 12 law. Mga mag-aaral na may potensyal sa sports ang magiging mag-aaral ng naturang paaralan. Bibigyang diin ng curriculum ang paghubog sa kakahayan ng mga mag-aaral bilang mga atleta sa pamamagitan ng physical education at mga subjects sa sports.

Ang DepEd ang mamumuno at magpapatakbo ng Baguio City Sports High School sa tulong ng Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) at National Academy of Sports (NAS). Ang mga polisiya, pamantayan, at criteria ng NAS System ang magsisilbing gabay sa operasyon ng Baguio City Sports High School.

"Binabati ko ang mga taga-lungsod ng Baguio dahil magkakaroon na sila ng sarili nilang mga high school para sa sining at sports. Ang Baguio ay tahanan ng mga mahuhusay na alagad ng sining at mga atleta, at sa pamamagitan ng kanilang mga bagong paaralang ito, mahuhubog natin ang maraming mga kabataang magbibigay dangal sa ating bansa," ani Gatchalian.

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Antonieta J. Arceo ang

mga medalya at tropeyo

sa bawat kalahok na

nagsilbing halimbawa ng

kahusayan sa kanilang

larangan team work at

Itinanghal na kampeon sa Chess (men category) ang ATI CAL-ABARZON at ATI Bicol (women category). Sa larong Scrabble, nanaig ang ATI Bicol (men category) at ATI MIMAROPA (women category). Hindi rin nagpahuli ang ATI Bicol sa larong Amazing Race na nagbigay ng kakaibang excitement at hamon sa mga kalahok. Sa larong ito, kailangang kooperasyon ng bawat miyembro gayundin ang talino, bilis,

manlalaro sa Darts kung

saan hinirang na kampeon

ang ATI ITCPH (men cat-

kanilang liksi at husay sa pagpalo ng bola sa larong Table Tennis kung saan ipinakita ng manlalaro ng ATI Bicol (men category) at ATI ITCPH (women category at mixed doubles category) and galing sa pagkontrol ng palo sa bola. And mabilis na paggalaw sa court at matinding focus ang naging susi ng ATI ITCPH para makuha ang kampeonato sa tatlong kategorya ng larong Badminton (men,

pangkat.

The wage board imum wage, citing impli**Pagkakaisa...** ng pag-iisip ng mga kala-

capacity to pay, the Board deemed it necessary to increase the prevailing minimum wage rates for domestic workers in the region." the board stated.

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The new wage order applies to all domestic workers, whether in live-in or live-out arrangements, including but not limited to house helpers, nannies (yaya), cooks, gardeners, laundry personnel, and any worker regularly performing domestic duties in a household

The RTWPB IV-A emphasized that wages must be paid in cash at least once a month, with deductions except those mandated by law.

Additionally, to further improve productivity, household employers and their domestic workers may voluntarily and mutually agree to implement a competency-based pay scheme, allowing for salary adjustments above the applicable minimum

encourages household employers to comply with the newly prescribed mincations enumerated under the Republic Act 10361 or the Domestic Workers Act. (PIA)

egory) at ATI MIMAROPA (women category).

Matinding aksyon ang nasaksihan ng mga manood sa ikatlong araw ng kompetisyon para sa finals ng larong Basketball, kung saan matagumpay na nasungkit ng ATI MIMAROPA ang parehong kampeonato (men at women category). Matitinding

spikes naman and maririnig at malakas na hiyawan sa bawat makapigil-hiningang saves ang natunghavan sa finals ng Vollevball kung saan nakuha ng ATI CALABARZON ang koordinasyon ng bawat kampeonato (men category) at ATI MIMAROPA Ininakita naman (women category). mga manlalaro ang

Sa huling dalawang bahagi ng paligsahan, nagmistulang concert ang buong CBSUA Student Atrium, Ipinakita ng mga kalahok sa Bovband/Girlband Competition ang kanilang galing sa pagkanta, pagtugtog ng instrumento, at karisma sa entablado, kung saan itinanghal na pinakamahusay ang ATI MIMAROPA. Namangha naman ang mga manonood ng Dancesports kung saan ipanawomen, at mixed doubles malas ng ATI CALABARcategory). Matinding kon-ZON ang kanilang husay sa saliw ng musika. sentrasyon at diskarte rin Sa pagtatapos ang ipinamalas ng mga

ang iginawad ng Assistant

second runner-up ang ATI 2026.

sportsmanship. Itinanghal na back-to-back champion ang ATI MIMAROPA. Nakuha naman ng ATI ITCPH ang first runner-up finish:

runner-up naman and AT Bicol. Nagtapos and paligsahan sa pamam-

CALABARZON: at third

agitan ng pagpapasa ng sportsfest torch ni Bb Elsa Parot kay G. Pat Andrew B. Barrientos ng ATI MIMAROPA bilang susunod na host ng Luzon Cluster B Sportsfest sa

# BIR opens e-Lounge to help taxpayers in digital transactions

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) has unveiled its new e-Lounge in various regional and district offices to assist taxpayers with digital transactions, making tax services more accessible and convenient.

BIR LaQueMar Regional Director Attv. Dante Tan explained that the e-Lounge is made for taxpayers who lack familiarity with BIR's digital platforms

"As for those who are not techy, we can teach them. We have what is called an e-l ounge in each District Office where there are computers and printers which they can use for free. There are also BIR staff who will asng kompetisyon, masay- sist them to teach them how to use, how to access Director ng ATI na si Bb. our online services," Tan

With the increasing shift to online transactions, BIR recognizes that some taxpayers may

struggle to adapt to digital platforms. The e-Lounge serves as a bridge to assist individuals and businesses in making this transition. The e-Lounge

aims to provide on-thespot assistance for taxpayers who need help navigating BIR's online services, including the Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS) eBIRForms, and online business registration.

With more transactions moving online, the e-Lounge ensures that individuals and businesses receive proper quidance and education in adapting