

CHAMPIONING SUSTAINABILITY: MPCALA HOLDINGS INC. CELEBRATES DOUBLE GREEN AWARD WIN

Santa Rosa City, Laguna—MPCALA Holdings Inc., concessionaire of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX) and a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation, has been awarded two Green Awards this year, marking its third consecutive year of recognition in the esteemed program organized by the City Government of Santa Rosa last August 15, 2025.

The Santa Rosa City Green Awards is a platform that acknowledges outstanding efforts and initiatives in promoting sustainability and environmental protection. In this year's Green Awards, MPCALA received two notable recognitions, one of which was a Plaque of Appreciation as a Sustainable Development Partner; this award is presented to organizations and

individuals who have actively contributed to Santa Rosa City's environmental conservation efforts and have demonstrated meaningful participation in its green programs. MPCALA earned this recognition for its outstanding commitment to foster a culture of conservation and environmental awareness in the areas it serves through programs like clean-up drives, various tree planting activities, and its active participation in the annual International Coastal Cleanup.

The second award presented to MPCALA was the Earth Hour Advocate Award, recognizing its utmost support in the global Earth Hour movement, encouraging communities and industries along the expressway corridor to participate in the global movement to switch off non-essential lights, underscoring the importance of energy conservation in mitigating the effects of climate change. In addition to these, MPCALA continues to advance sustainable and eco-friendly practices in infrastructure development, living up to its vision of being a green expressway. Its design integrates renewable energy technologies and nature-inspired features that not only reduce its carbon footprint but also provide a more pleasant driving experience.

"These recognitions are more than just honors; they are responsibilities that we embrace wholeheartedly. These awards affirm the direction we've taken in ensuring that our expressways are built with the environment and the communities in mind. It fuels our motivation to further expand our sustainability efforts, to craft even more impactful programs that care for the environment while uplifting lives," said Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management, MPCALA Holdings Inc.

"We recognize everyone's vital contribu-

tions through the Gearing towards Robust, Engaging, and Eco-friendly Nature or "GREEN" Awards, spearheaded by our CENRO. These awards are not just accolades; they are a celebration of your commitment to sustainable development. As we mark the 21st year of Santa Rosa as a city, and the 14th anniversary of the enactment of our environment code, we also embrace this year's green awards theme: Ending plastic pollution: #beatplasticpollution. Plastic pollution remains one of the most pressing environmental challenges of our time. It threatens not only our ecosystem, but also our health and future generations. As a city that values innovation and responsibility, we must lead by example, in reducing plastic waste through policy, practice, and personal action. Environmental protection is not a responsibility of a few. It is a shared duty. Every act of conservation, every step away from single-use

plastics is a step towards a greener and healthier future," said Hon. Arlene B. Arcillas, City Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, Laguna.

The awards received by MPCALA Holdings Inc. reflect its continued efforts to promote sustainability not only within its expressway but also in the communities it serves.

About MPCALA Holdings Inc.

MPCALA Holdings Inc. is a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC), the largest toll road developer and operator in the country. Aside from the CAVITE-LAGUNA Expressway (CALAX), MPTC's domestic portfolio includes concessions for the Manila-Cavite Toll Expressway (CAVITEX), North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), NLEX Connector Road, Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), and Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) on the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX).



The Green Awards for MPCALA Holdings Inc.



Turnover of Green Awards to MPCALA Holdings Inc. with Santa Rosa City Government Officials (From left: Santa Rosa CENRO HEAD Engr. Maria Amor Salandanan; MPCALA Holdings Inc. representatives; from right: Congressman Roy Gonzales, Lone District of Santa Rosa, & Mayor Arlene B. Arcillas, City of Santa Rosa, Laguna)



MPCALA Holdings Inc. with the Sustainable Development Partner and Earth Hour Advocate awards

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EDITORIAL:
'Complete failure'

IF MALACANANG has described Vice President Sara Duterte's tenure as chief of the Department of Education (DepEd) from June 22 to June 2024 as "a complete failure," is it a reasonable conclusion based on facts?

For context, the Palace reaction came after the Vice President said during a program in Kuwait that while other countries have modernized their education systems, the Philippines has remained stuck in a paper-and-pencil stage.

She added that students abroad are already engaged in robotics and coding, while the Philippines continues to struggle to catch up.

But the Palace countered that VP Duterte had the opportunity to lead DepEd for two years and implement the very reforms she is now urging, and that whatever she is complaining about should have been accomplished during her time.

Duterte served as education secretary from June 2022 to June 2024. She claimed she resigned "out of genuine concern for our teachers and the Filipino youth," without clarifying her statement.

If Philippine education is in such a sorry state at present, it is partly because of Duterte's mismanagement of the vital government agency during her term.

In 2023, DepEd with Duterte at the helm completed only 192 out of 6,379 targeted new classrooms, or just few percent of the goal. Classroom rehabilitation also lagged, with only 208 of 7,550 projects completed. Thousands more did not even enter the procurement phase.

The DepEd Computerization Program recorded "zero percent" accomplishment in delivering thousands of laptops and e-learning tools in 2023. This included over 12,000 laptops for teachers and thousands of smart TVs and e-learning carts that were never distributed.

A congressional report revealed that DepEd's disbursement rate for its textbook program was just 17 percent in 2024, and only 11 percent the year before.

Sara Duterte also prioritized spending millions in confidential funds for projects that had little to do with fulfilling basic educational needs like textbooks and feeding programs.

The teacher's party-list group in Congress even labeled Duterte "the worst DepEd secretary ever," citing her failure to deliver on basic educational services.

While Duterte did make efforts to engage with educators and students, conducted school visits and listened to teachers' concerns firsthand, she acknowledged that many DepEd initiatives remained incomplete and urged her successor to prioritize curriculum reform.

Sara Duterte's time as DepEd Secretary was marked by ambitious rhetoric but limited execution.

While she raised valid concerns about the state of Philippine education, her administration struggled to deliver tangible improvements in infrastructure, technology, and basic learning resources.

The wasted opportunities to reform the basic education system in the country during Duterte's stewardship of DepEd for two years now compel her successor, Education Secretary Sonny Angara, to work double time and to turn failure into better educational opportunities for our youth.



BSP...

CARD SME Bank, a thrift bank under CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), was recognized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) as one of its 18 outstanding institutional partners during the 2025 Outstanding BSP Stakeholders Appreciation Ceremony (OBSAC) held on July 18, 2025. The award underscores the bank's ongoing commitment to financial inclusion and empowering MSMEs through responsive banking services.

Started in 2004, OBSAC is BSP's initiative to honor institutions that significantly contribute to its advocacies that include financial inclusion, price stability, and a secure financial system. CARD SME Bank's recognition shows its support for these advocacies through its effective and efficient banking programs for MSMEs.

PURO KALUSUGAN OFFERED
COMMUNITY WELLNESS AND
CARE IN BAILEN

The Department of Health IV-A collaborated with the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, in spearheading the PuroKalusugan program at General Emilio Aguinaldo (Bailen) Town Plaza, on August 19, 2025.

The town plaza was transformed into a venue filled with services promoting the health and well-being of Baileños, demonstrating the province's continued commitment to making healthcare services more accessible to local communities.

In his opening message, Dr. Nelson C. Soriano, Provincial Health Officer I, welcomed stakeholders and highlighted the objectives of the program. He emphasized the important role of local government units in identifying and prioritizing the health services most needed by their constituents.

"Kayo po ang mag-a-identify ng ipa-prioritize na programang pangkalusugan sa inyong barangay", he remarked.

Dr. Soriano also expressed his appreciation for the extension of the program to the province and its planned rollout to every purok and baran-



Present during the Outstanding BSP Stakeholders Appreciation Ceremony held on July 18, 2025, were (from left to right) CARD SME Bank President Julius Adrian Alip and CARD SME Bank Senior Adviser Mary Jane Perreras.

ing programs for MSMEs.

"This award reflects our dedication to providing inclusive and responsible banking. Whether reaching MSMEs in far-flung areas or introducing digital financial tools, we remain steadfast in serving Filipinos with integrity," said CARD SME Bank

President Julius Adrian Alip.

Founded in 2011, CARD SME Bank provides savings, deposits, and loan services. In addition to offering financial products, the bank promotes financial literacy and discipline to empower individuals and businesses toward

achieving long-term success.

To learn more about CARD SME Bank's programs and how it supports communities through inclusive banking, visit www.cardmri.com/cards-mebank or follow them on Facebook at @CARDS-MEBankOfficialPage. **PR**



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GENTRI...

CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS (PIA) — The General Trias Component City Police Station is visiting schools across the city to educate students on the dangers of drug use through its newly launched Project R.E.A.D.Y. (Resistance Education Against Drugs for the Youth) program.

According to Police Master Sgt. Ressie Hernandez, who is leading the education drive, the initiative forms part of the Philippine National Police's (PNP) broader campaign to build a drug-free and safer future for Filipino youth.

Project R.E.A.D.Y. emphasizes that small, everyday actions, such as saying no to peer pressure or encouraging a friend to make better choices, can make a big difference. It's about building a generation that stands united against drugs, grounded in values, and guided by resilience," Hernandez explained.

Along with lectures, Hernandez said they also provide real-life insights on the harmful effects of drugs and other risky behaviors among young people.

"Through powerful stories and practical advice, students learn that being ready goes beyond simply avoiding drugs. It's about being aware, making smart decisions, and

actively looking out for their peers, families, and communities," the police officer added.

The General Trias Component City Police Station targets to cover all schools in the city to ensure that every student is equipped with the knowledge and values to resist negative influences and make responsible choices.

Beyond the school-based initiative, the police are also strengthening their community engagement by visiting barangays to conduct crime prevention lectures and gather suggestions from residents on ways to further enhance peace and order.

"Barangays, being the primary partners of the police force, play a crucial role in maintaining peace and order at the grassroots level," the General Trias Component City Police Station stated.

The station further emphasized that active participation and strong coordination between the PNP and barangay officials are vital to effectively addressing crime and public safety concerns.

It also expressed full support for future joint activities such as community outreach programs, information campaigns, and intensified anti-criminality operations.

ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publication of NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE filed by HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND versus SHIRLY SHENE BERTO HERNANDEZ published in DATELINE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS dated AUG. 04, 11 & 18, 2025. The name of the Mortgagor should be read as SHIRLY SHENE BERTO HERNANDEZ married to JOJIT AGUINALDO HERNANDEZ; in the tech. terms 11th line, should be read as PATHWALK 53; 16th line should be read as PSD-04-248986; 17th line should be read as TIE POINT; name of GEODETIC ENGINEER should be read as ELMERITO C. ROBLES and name of the outsource should be read as ATTY. MELANIO A. BADENAS JR., and not as published.

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CAYETANO...

In a diplomatic move, Senator Alan Peter Cayetano on Monday withdrew his nomination to the Commission on Appointments (CA) to resolve the deadlock over the Senate's representation in the powerful constitutional body, which confirms or rejects key Presidential appointees.

Cayetano emphasized the need for diverse representation in the CA and proposed his withdrawal as a temporary solution to allow further discussions.

"May I propose this temporary measure just so that we'll have more time to discuss the representations in the CA and the interpretation of the Supreme Court (cases). May I ask that my name be withdrawn

as a nominee for the CA," the senator, a former diplomat, said during the August 18, 2025 plenary session.

His decision came after a heated debate between Senate Majority Leader Joel Villanueva, who moved to elect 10 Majority senators in the CA, and Senate Minority Leader Vicente Sotto III, who questioned the selection process.

Cayetano's gesture broke the deadlock, prompting Sotto to withdraw his objection to defer the election of Senate CA members.

This paved the way for the Senate to elect the CA contingent, namely Senators Ronald "Bato" dela Rosa, JV Ejercito, Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada,

Christopher "Bong" Go, Rodante Marcoleta, Imee Marcos, Raffy Tulfo, Joel Villanueva, and Mark Villar. Three more senators from the Minority block will be included in the panel.

Senate President Francis Escudero commended Cayetano and Sotto for the diplomatic compromise.

"We thank Senator Cayetano for his magnanimity and as well as thank the distinguished Minority Floor Leader Sotto for his understanding and patience," Escudero said.

CA gets secretaries on track
Amid the deadlock, Cayetano stressed the importance of CA in keeping secretaries accountable.

"My appeal is for

the Secretaries of Energy and DENR (that are important). We all know that it's not only the DPWH and flood control projects ang nag-cause ng baha. We all know that whether it's the issue of reclamation, kulang ng Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), o mga ilog na tinambakan, (problema ng) DENR iyan. We also know na ang laki ng problema sa kuryente in some parts of the Philippines," the veteran senator said.

"The CA is such a powerful tool to get the secretaries on the right track. Kung hindi sila dapat i-confirm o kung ico-confirm, through our collective effort, I think itong flooding at kuryente madi-discuss ng maaga," he added.

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cupancy homes. This effort reflects, once again, our commitment to the national housing agenda of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. under a Bagong Pilipinas."

Pag-IBIG Fund already offers its acquired assets under discounted terms, but through this special promo, discounts have been increased across all payment modes. Occupied properties now receive an additional 10% discount, while unoccupied units enjoy an extra 5%.

For example, for occupied properties under negotiated sale, cash purchases now receive 40% off, up from 30%. Short-term installment payments come with 30% discounts, up from 20%, while purchases through Pag-IBIG housing loans are now offered at a 20% discount, double the previous 10%.

Unoccupied properties have also become more affordable, with discounts raised to 35% for cash buyers, 25% for short-term installment buyers, and 15% for those using Pag-IBIG housing loans.

The Super Sale is open to all buyers, whether Pag-IBIG Fund members or non-members, including current occupants of foreclosed units. Eligible Pag-IBIG members, particularly minimum- and low-wage earners and Overseas Filipino Workers, may also avail of the Pag-IBIG Housing Loan under the Expanded 4PH Program, which features a subsidized 3%

interest rate for the first five years of the loan term. This makes it even more affordable to purchase acquired assets, provided the net selling price falls within the ₱850,000 ceiling for house-and-lot units and ₱1.8 million for condominium units.

Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Marilene C. Acosta affirmed the agency's commitment to its mandate of providing affordable home financing for members.

"By offering larger discounts through our Pag-IBIG Acquired Assets Super Sale, we are giving more Filipino workers even more opportunities to finally own a home," Acosta said. "This is also the best time for current occupants of our foreclosed properties to settle with Pag-IBIG Fund and become legitimate homeowners. We will issue them with invitations to purchase or lease the property they currently occupy, so that they can legalize their tenure and finally gain peace of mind in having a home to call their own. And, if they are unable to

purchase the property even with the discount we offer, they may still opt to lease the property for up to three years."

To promote transparency and broaden participation, Pag-IBIG Fund has also launched its Centralized Online Public Auction platform, enabling interested buyers to browse, bid, and purchase properties entirely online.

"Just in time for the Super Sale, we have enhanced our auction system to make the process fully digital," Acosta added. "Members can now browse property listings, submit bids, and complete purchases through a fast, transparent, and user-friendly platform. New batches of properties will be posted every week until December 14, giving more Filipino workers the chance to participate." Interested buyers may access the full list of properties and participation details through Pag-IBIG Fund's online platform at www.pagibig-fundservices.com/Online-PublicAuction.



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RURAL BANK OF SOLANO (N.V), INC.,
Petitioner/ Mortgagee,

File No. FC-DC-1882- 25
For: Extra-Judicial Fore
closure of Real Estate Mort
gage under Act No. 3135
as amended by Act No.
4118

-versus-

SPS. DANILO S. BULABON and JOCELYN
M. BULABON represented by AKEELA
MARIE RITA M. BULABON and CRESENTE
M. CALMA Jr. as their Attorney-in-Fact,

Respondents/ Mortgagors.

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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, **RURAL BANK OF SOLANO (N.V), INC.**, a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of Republic Act No. 9679, with postal address at Maharlika Highway, Brgy. Poblacion South, Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, against the respondents/ mortgagors, **SPS. DANILO S. BULABON and JOCELYN M. BULABON represented by AKEELA MARIE RITA M. BULABON and CRESENTE M. CALMA Jr. as their Attorney-in-Fact**, with postal address at Purok 4, Brgy. Banggot, Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya: Blk. 12 Lot 43, Ilang-Ilang Street, St. Anthony Village, Brgy Salitran 3, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of **25 July 2025** amounts to **ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE PESOS & 12/100 (Php 1,199,331.12)**, exclusive of legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **October 17, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter at the Ground Floor Lobby, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
No. (T-147571) 057-2025005862

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in Bo. of Salitran, Municipality of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of Land (Lot 43 Blk 12 of the cons. and subd. plan, (LRC) PCS-20146, being a portion of the cons. of Lots 3782, 3783, 3784, 6143, & 6144, Imus Estate, L.R.C Rec. No. 8843), situated in the Bo. of Salitran, Municipality of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the NE., points 1 to 2 by Lot 44; on the SE., points 2-3 by Lot 45, both Blk 12; on the SW., points 3-4 by Street Lot 12; on the NW., points 4 to 1 by Lot 41, Blk. 12, all of the cons. and subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan being N.13 Deg. 41'W., 1832.76 m. from MON. 137, Imus Estate; Thence S. 21 Deg. 59'E., 15.00 m. to point 2; thence S. 68 Deg. 01'W., 15.00 m. to point 3; thence N 21 Deg. 59'W., 12.00 m. to point 4; thence N. 68 Deg. 01'E., 15.00 m. to the point of beginning; containing an area of **ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (180) Square Meters, more or less.**

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **November 7, 2025** at the same time and place without further notice.

Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite, August 20, 2025

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Gatchalian wants firms previously owned by politicians banned from government projects

Senator Win Gatchalian is set to file a bold legislative measure that would ban companies previously owned by politicians from undertaking government infrastructure initiatives, including flood control projects.

If enacted into law, the measure would lead to sweeping reforms in the implementation of government projects and is expected to effectively curb corruption, the senator said.

"A contractor or company previously owned by politicians will be barred from joining government contracts," Gatchalian said, pointing out that divestment has long been a convenient excuse for politicians to continue participating in government projects.

Reports have surfaced that some politicians act as contractors for their own government-funded infrastructure projects, raising renewed concerns about persistent conflicts of interest and corruption in the national budget process.

"May mga ulat na ilang politiko ay sangkot o nasa likod ng mga ghost projects o ang tinatawag kong 'ampaw' projects. We must examine what their connection is to these anomalous undertakings," Gatchalian said.

The Senate Finance Committee Chair acknowledged the scale of the challenge: "We're talking about 9,000 projects and these are just flood-control projects. We're not even counting roads, highways, and other infrastructure works," he added.



SIGNING OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF DASMARIÑAS AND THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD



Present during the signing with City Mayor Jennifer A. Barzaga were Engr. Madelaine M. Lara- City

Administrator; Commo Christopher M. Meniado PCG- Commander, CGS Coast Guard District NCR- Central Luzon;

and Capt. Charity G. Copiaco PCG- Station Commander, CGS Cavite and it was HELD AT 5TH FLOOR CON-

FERENCE HALL OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC BUILDING, NEW CITY HALL, DASMARIÑAS CITY.



ABiding with Caviteños By Abigail C. Gomez

Voices into Action: Raising the Bar for the Youth

When we talk about youth, people often think of mere "youngsters." Those beyond their thirties are simply called adults. But in the Philippines, the law is clear. Republic Act 8044, which established the National Youth Commission and the National Comprehensive and Co-ordinated Program on Youth Development in the Philippines, defines youth as those between 15 to 30 years old. The Philippine Statistics Authority even breaks this down: child youth (15-17), core youth (18-24), and adult youth (25-30). Within these age groups are diverse sectors — in-school youth, out-of-school youth, working youth, and many organized groups that reflect the diversity of the Filipino youth experience.

But youth is not just about age or categories. It is about experiences — social and moral responsibilities, the desire to serve, and the courage to speak up.

This was evident at the 7th Youth Leaders' Summit held last August 29, 2025, at the Child and Youth Development Center in Imus, Cavite. With the theme "Local Youth Actions for SDGs and Beyond," student leaders from various schools gathered to ask: How can the youth help address the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

Beyond the formal sessions, what struck me most was the Board of Dreams, where young leaders wrote their promises. Their words spoke volumes:

1. For the love of service.

2. We perform for Him, not for others. Even the little things

matter too.

3. It's not just about being a leader, but being a true leader.

4. Lahat ng gapos ay makakalas. Tayo ang lakas ng kasalukuyan at pag-asa ng bukas.

5. I promise to do better as a leader for my fellow students. I promise not only to be a good leader but also to uplift and create leaders who will uplift others.

6. I am not fond of promises, so I will strive to be a good leader, uplift others, and serve my fellow youth.

7. Lagi't laging para sa kabataan, para sa bayan.

8. From micro efforts to macro effects.

9. Lead by heart, not by position.

10. I promise I will lead with care through small but intentional acts that say, "You are not alone, I see you, and I am with you." Because leading is carrying a lantern in the dark — not to stand alone, but to light the path so no one walks alone.

11. I am a leader, and I transform others by bringing heart, hope, and humility altogether.

During the discussion, one question stood out: "Kung ang kabataan ang pag-asa ng bayan, sino naman ang pag-asa ng kabataan?" And the answer came naturally: "Kami din ang pag-asa ng bawat isa."

Indeed, activities like this Summit empower youth voices, reminding us that opinions matter and that two cents can be worth gold when shared with sincerity. But let us be honest: voices should not remain small whispers. They must become louder and stronger through collective actions.

So how do we move from voices to action?

Invest in your

own learning. True problem-solving must start from within, not just because it's required by an organization.

Live with authenticity. Even on social media, be genuine, not plastic. Influence with integrity.

Go beyond books. Real education is also in the community — in service, projects, and experiences.

Commit to sustainable initiatives. Trainings, community projects, and knowledge-sharing must not be one-time efforts. They should ripple and be passed on.

Be part of and be involved in the system. Change does not only come from the sidelines. Youth must engage in governance, policy discussions, and community decision-making.

Embody the right attitude. As the saying goes, attitude reflects your altitude. With the right mindset, small steps can create big leaps.

The SDGs may feel global, but they begin with local acts. Cleaning rivers, mentoring classmates, starting youth-driven eco-projects, promoting mental health awareness, standing against misinformation online — these are everyday ways to advance the same goals the United Nations envisioned.

The youth are not just tomorrow's hope. They are today's strength. And beyond mere age or numbers, youth is a force — a mindset of courage, responsibility, and service. Let the voices of Caviteños not only resonate, but also transform into action that lights the way forward.



Patunay ng Tagumpay: SLAC, Maghahandog ng F1 Piglets sa 11 Kooperatiba sa CALABARZON

Patunay ng patuloy na pag-unlad ng Silang Livestock Agriculture Cooperative (SLAC) sa Silang, Cavite ang nakatakdang pamamahagi nito ng tigma-10 F1 piglets sa 11 kooperatiba sa rehiyon sa ilalim ng Koop Kapatid Program ng Cooperative Development Authority (CDA).

Ang SLAC ay benepisyaryo ng Integrated National Swine Production Initiatives for Recovery and Expansion (INSPIRE) Program ng DA-Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) CALABARZON.

May kabuuang 110 F1 piglets ang ilalaan ng nasabing kooperatiba na ipamamahagi simula Oktubre ngayong taon, upang palakasin ang produksyon ng baboy at mag-ambag sa pagpapangatili ng mga lokal na kabuhayan sa pag-aalaga at pagpaparami nito.

Kabilang sa mga kooperatibang pagkaka-looban ang: 1.Balayan Agriculture Cooperative - Balayan, Batangas 2.Piña Taysan Agriculture Cooperative (PITAC) - Taysan, Batangas 3.Agribusiness Society Agriculture Cooperative (ABSAC) - Lopez, Quezon 4.Masikap Na Magniniyog Agriculture Cooperative (MAMACO) - San Narciso, Quezon

5.Lingkod Bana-haw Multi-Purpose Cooperative - Candelaria, Quezon 6.San Nicolas Farmers Agriculture Cooperative - Macalelon, Quezon 7.Mabuhay Golden Harvest Agriculture Cooperative - Baras, Rizal 8.Jala Jala Farmers Marketing Cooperative - Jalajala, Rizal 9.Native Animals Farmers Agriculture Cooperative (NAFAC) - Baras, Rizal 10. Corazon de Jesus Multi-Purpose Cooperative - Baras, Rizal 11. Bukluran sa Kaunlaran ng Tibig Multipurpose Cooperative - Cavite.

Kaugnay ng inisyatibang ito ang paglagda sa Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) sa pagitan ng SLAC at ng 11 mga kooperatiba. Nakapaloob sa kasunduan ang magkakatuwang na pagpapatupad ng mga gawaing magpapabilis sa pagpaparami at pagpapalago ng alagang baboy—mula sa pagkuha at pamamahagi ng biik, tamang pagpapakain at pangangalaga, hanggang sa pagmomonitor ng kalusugan at pagsunod sa mga pamantayan ng biosecurity.

"Sa pamamagitan nito, naipapasa ang lakas at karanasan ng mas matatag na kooperatiba tungo sa mga nag-

sisimula at lumalago pa lamang," pahayag ni G. Lynill Torres, pangulo ng SLAC.

Dagdag pa ng SLAC, ang paglalaan ng F1 piglets ay inaasahang magbubukas ng mas maraming pagkakataon sa pagnenegosyong pang-agrikultura na patuloy na bumabangon at sumasabay sa pangangailangan ng pamilihan.

Samantala, ang Koop Kapatid Program ay isang makabuluhang inisyatiba ng CDA na layong pagtibayin ang ugnayan ng mga kooperatiba at isulong ang pagpapaulad ng kaniilang mga kayahan at kabuhayan.

Bilang pagsuporta sa nasabing gawain, aktibong nakibahagi at nagbigay ng mensahe sina Dr. Rolando Manin-gas, Center Director ng DA-ATI CALABARZON; Dir. Salvador Valeroso, Regional Director ng CDA CALABARZON; at PGen. Edward Carranza, alkalde ng Silang.

Sa kabuuan, ang pamamahaging ito ng SLAC, kalakip ang suporta ng DA-ATI CALABARZON at paggabay ng CDA, ay konkretong hakbang sa pagpapalakas ng lokal na suplay ng karne ng baboy, pag-angat ng kita ng mga magbababoy, at pagpapatibay sa mga kooperatiba bilang sandigan ng mas inklusibo at matatag na agrikultura sa CALABARZON.

