

NEW ERA BEGINS: CALTEX BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW SERVICE STATION AT CALAX

Biñan City, Laguna—Chevron Philippines Incorporated (CPI), marketer of the Caltex brand of fuels and lubricants, held its groundbreaking ceremony of its newest and first-ever service station located along the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), last August 19, 2025. This new facility underscores its commitment to expanding access to top tier fueling services and modern amenities for motorists down south.

The groundbreaking ceremony was attended by Chevron Philippines executives, and partners from MPCALA Holdings Inc., concessionaire of CALAX, marking a significant milestone in Chevron's ongoing expansion strategy. The new station is designed to offer a convenient, efficient, and safe fueling experience, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, clean amenities, and a wide range of products and is the first fuel service station at CALAX.

"We are proud to bring the very first Caltex station along the CALAX corridor, further supporting the needs of motorists traversing this strategic expressway," said Mr. Pongtorn Tangmanuswong, General Manager, Chevron Philippines Inc. "Our commitment is to provide quality, cleaner, and ever reliable

fueling options that meet the evolving demands of our customers."

"As concessionaire and operator of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway, it is an honor to witness this important milestone—the groundbreaking of our very first toll service facility in partnership with Caltex. This project represents more than just new infrastructure; it is a symbol of strong collaboration between our organizations, with one shared goal: to provide motorists with a safe, clean, and reliable place to rest and refuel along CALAX," said Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of CALAX.

The new CALAX Caltex service station is expected to open by March 2026, promising to become a vital stop for travelers, logistics operators, and residents alike.

About CALAX

CALAX is a toll road concession of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation. MPTC's domestic portfolio includes the concessions for the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX), North Luzon Expressway (NLEX), the NLEX Connector Road, the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEX), and the Cebu-Cordova Link Expressway (CCLEX) in Cebu.



Sidelines of the Caltex CALAX Groundbreaking ceremony (from left to right) Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President of Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South; Pongtorn Tangmanuswong, CHEVRON General Manager; and Dr. Anthony Jose M. Tamayo, President of University of Perpetual Help System DALTA, engage in a meaningful discussion during the groundbreaking event.



New Era begins for Caltex CALAX (from left to right) Andrew E. Dimaano, Vice President of Treasury, Risk, Insurance, and Commercial Management of MPT South; Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President of Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South; Roel Faustino, Lubricants Sales Manager; Raphael Melo, Asset Optimization Lead; Pongtorn Tangmanuswong, CHEVRON General Manager; Larry Tiglao, CHEVRON Retail Fuels Manager; LTC Richard Antonio M. Tamayo, President of Perpetual Help Medical Center Las Pinas; and Arnold Jose P. Tamayo, Property Development Officer of the University of Perpetual Help, at the CALTEX CALAX Groundbreaking Ceremony.



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Malayan Insurance hosts Charity Golf Cup to celebrate 95th Anniversary

Malayan Insurance celebrated its 95th anniversary with the theme of "Love, Malayan" by hosting the Malayan Charity Cup. The fundraising golf tournament, held at the Ayala Greenfield Golf and Leisure Club, was a success, bringing together partners and supporters to raise over Php1.3 million for beneficiary families of Sulong Batangas.

By partnering with AY Foundation, the social development arm of the Yuchengco Group of Companies, the proceeds from the golf fundraiser will go to the Sulong Batangas Hous-



ing Project. This is a government-led initiative aimed at providing secure housing for hundreds of families who lost their homes due to Typhoon Kristine.

"For 95 years, Malayan has been part of the everyday lives of Filipinos, and we are thankful for that privilege. At this year's

anniversary, we want to celebrate by giving back to the community that supported us for nearly a century. This housing project will help provide homes for the affected Filipino families," said Paolo Y. Abaya, Malayan Insurance President and Chief Executive Officer.

The official turn-

over of the funds will take place in the latter part of 2025. The substantial amount raised by Malayan Insurance is expected to make a significant contribution to the housing initiative.

The Malayan Charity Cup was strongly supported by 35 companies and individuals who spon-

sored, donated, and gave in-kind contributions. Most of these companies and individuals have been long-time partners of Malayan and they share Malayan's vision of giving back to the community. In particular, Malayan wishes to thank Gallagher Re, Assist America, Tokio Marine Asia,

the Marriott Group, AON, Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC), Swiss Re, ARB Reinsurance, SAS Institute, Pointwest, Mapua University, and AC Energy.

As one of the country's leading non-life insurance firms, Malayan Insurance integrates corporate social responsibility (CSR) into its core operations through its GameChangers program. This initiative champions projects aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly those focused on poverty alleviation, quality education, and reduced inequalities.

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Pagsasanay ng DA-4A RCPC, tugon sa lumalaganap na Rice Yellowing Disease

PHILHEALTH REGIONAL OFFICE IV-A RELEASES 132M PHP CAPITATION FOR QUEZON PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER NETWORK (QPCPN)

PhilHealth Regional Office IV-A, headed by Acting Regional Vice President Edwin M. Oriña, MD, endorsed to Quezon Governor Doktora Angellina "Helen" Tan the Capitation Performance of Quezon Primary Care Provider Network (QPCPN) for CY 2023-2024.

The QPCPN is composed of 49 facilities providing primary care services to Quezonians.

The Php 132,303,325.89 capitation released is the remaining money value performance of the network, of which 2 frontload capitations were already given to QPCPN



in 2023 and 2024. Of the total 800,000 registered Quezonians to a primary care provider under the network, 313,477 underwent First Patient Encounters, and 140,418 with health consultations.

The 132M includes the remaining Phil-Health Konsulta payment for the 49 facilities for the 1st semester of CY 2023, prior to the implementation of the primary care provider network.

DILG's community garden, solid waste management initiatives gain ground

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Online gambling transactions down 50% after Cayetano's pressure on BSP



Kaunlaran Caravan goes to Palompon, Leyte

Hosted by CARD RBI on its fourth run this year, CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions' (CARD MRI) Kaunlaran Caravan was held in Palompon, Leyte on July 16, 2025.

The Kaunlaran Caravan is an initiative of CARD MRI, aimed at bringing community development programs to different provinces across the Philippines.

"Through this initiative, we aim to assist



Kalabasa chips making was one of the activities held during the Kaunlaran Caravan in Leyte on July 16, 2025.

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EDITORIAL: Beyond lifestyle checks

ECHOES of the presidential order to subject all government officials to a lifestyle check continue to vibrate in the cerebrums of an angered and nearly hopeless population, whose kin and friends are staggering from unchecked rising floodwaters.

Press Undersecretary Claire Castro has said the President's directive covers the entire executive department, starting with the Dept. of Public Works and Highways, the agency implementing and overseeing the multi-billion-peso projects he wanted investigated for alleged irregularities.

On the board, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has accepted the resignation of DPWH Secretary Manuel Bonoan, appointed to the post on June 30, 2022, effective Sept 1, 2025, who expressed support for the President's call for accountability, transparency and reform within the DPWH.

Immediately, President Marcos appointed Transportation Secretary Vince Dizon as the new DPWH Secretary, tasked him to conduct a full organizational sweep of the Department and ensure that public funds are used solely for infrastructure that truly protects and benefits the Filipino people.

Like many Filipinos, we hold our breath while watching this rigodon in the high echelons of government, while we wait, rather eagerly, what will happen when the sound bites die down and the Independent Commission to Investigate Flood Control Anomalies shall have gone beyond the pre-heat stage and gear up for work.

Under the President's directive, this body will conduct a comprehensive review of projects, identify irregularities, and recommend accountability measures to ensure public trust in infrastructure spending.

These decisions are aimed at reflecting the administration's firm resolve to clean up corruption, strengthen institutions, and deliver honest and effective public service.

We see the lifestyle check as a widening critical inspection of failed flood-control projects which have become "ghost projects" when successive typhoons lashed wide areas north and south of the capital and the capital itself in recent weeks.

A preliminary inquiry in August suggested the Philippines spent P545 billion (\$9.5 billion) on flood management since 2022. when President Marcos began his Constitutionally-permitted term of six years, with 20 percent of the budget for flood control projects awarded to only 15 contractors nationwide.

The funds despite, several provinces, including the national capital region Metro Manila, were deluged in deep floodwaters in July, with over a month's worth of rainfall recorded in the capital region of 13 million people in just four days.

We have seen President Marcos visit areas outside the capital where, in front of cameras, he flashed his "anger" over failed flood control projects and warned of "economic sabotage" charges against those involved in what turned out to be ghost projects.

The people have heard enough. And they want results straight away.

And they are waiting and watching how the independent body of investigators will give flesh and bones to the President's directive to gather those accountable and punish them with sanctions under existing laws.

DILG's...

ment of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) IV-A's Local Government Monitoring and Evaluation Division (LGMED), said that the Kalinga at Inisay-tiba sa Malinis na Bayan (KALINISAN) and the Halina't Magtanim ng Prutas at Gulay (HAPAG) greatly benefited barangays by providing better access to cheaper and organic fruits and vegetables.

"The HAPAG has opened up opportunities for bayanihan in the barangays and has provided a great mechanism to provide access to free and cheaper vegetables and healthy meals," he added in an interview with the Philippine Information Agency CALABARZON.

Tumamac noted

that more than 95 percent of the region's 3,993 barangays established their own community gardens on idle lands, allowing residents to freely plant and harvest fresh produce.

"Others have expressed concerns about the ownership of idle lands in their barangays. On that part, LGUs must step up."

In addition to promoting livable communities, the KALINISAN program also supports local government-led initiatives for solid waste management and road clearing.

According to the DILG, several local government have successfully implemented their own sustainability programs,

such as Biñan City, Laguna's ecobricks project and Teresa, Rizal's Integrated Solid Waste Management Facility.

"It's important that our kababayans support these initiatives. Because if we are not doing our part in cleanliness and the community, [like] removing obstructions in our public roads, the risks [of accidents] will definitely be higher."

Launched in 2024, the KALINISAN sa Bagong Pilipinas program pushes for cleaner, safer, and healthier communities.

The HAPAG program aims to improve food security by promoting community-based agriculture. It pushes for the

creation of barangay community gardening, where households and communities are encouraged to produce fresh, healthy, and affordable fruits and vegetables from their backyards and other open spaces.

Meanwhile, the Accountable Green Barangay Governance initiative empowers barangays in environmental management, through the Barangay Ecological Solid Waste Management Committees (BESWMC) and the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) committee. The DILG has launched a social media campaign to gather support from the barangays for the program and participation from the community.

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CAYETANO...

Online gambling transactions plunged by half after the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) ordered e-wallet providers to take down gambling site links, days after Senator Alan Peter Cayetano grilled central bank officials in a Senate hearing over their delayed action.

During the August 14 Blue Ribbon Committee hearing on online gambling, Cayetano slammed the BSP for its 'lack of political will,' questioning why it waited until the day of the hearing to issue the order when it had already consulted e-wallet operators as early as July.

He also questioned the 48-hour grace period granted to e-wallet firms, saying as a regulator, BSP should have acted immediately.

"We're giving them 48 hours na hindi naman nila kailangan? DICT just said it can be done in an instant. Wala ba kayong ITs sa Central Bank or nasasayangan kayo sa two days?" Cayetano pressed BSP Deputy Governor Mamerto Tangonan.

"Kung may matatay [within] 48 hours kasi nalulong doon, OK lang sa atin or kasi sayang kita?" he added.

That same day, Tangonan issued BSP Memorandum No. 2025-29, which instructed e-wallet platforms to remove in-app features that promote or provide access to e-gambling sites.

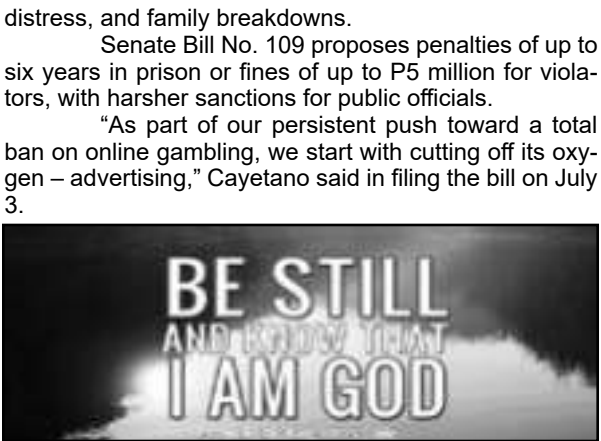
The order also applied to banks, payment apps, and other financial institutions under BSP supervision.

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (Pagcor) later reported that online gambling activity fell by 50% following the memo's enforcement.

Even before the hearing, though, Cayetano had pointed out that any intervention would go to waste if online gambling advertisements remain rampant.

He has filed the Anti-Online Gambling Advertisement Act of 2025, which seeks to ban all forms of ads, marketing, and promotions for online gambling across television, radio, internet, social media, print, and outdoor platforms, including company sponsorships of sports and cultural events.

The measure is part of Cayetano's broader campaign to curb online gambling, which he says fuels addiction, financial



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NEW 12-CLASSROOM SCHOOL BUILDING OPENS AT SALINAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BACOR: A TESTAMENT TO CITY'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

Salinas Elementary School, Bacoor City – September 2, 2025 – A new 12-classroom school building was inaugurated at Salinas Elementary School today, highlighting the City Government's commitment to education. The project, spearheaded by Mayor Strike B. Revilla and the City Government in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd), aims to provide a better learning environment for students.

The event was attended by Mayor Strike

B. Revilla, Vice Mayor Rowena Bautista-Mendiola, and City Councilors Karen Sarino Evaristo, Noly Galvez, and Levy Tela. Also present were DepEd officials led by Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Babylyn M. Pambid, school principal Feliciano F. De Vera Jr., Barangay Captains Nicamor D. Espiritu (Salinas 1) and Mark G. Torno (Salinas 2), and Bishop Erik Santos, who led the invocation. During the ceremony, a special tribute was given to the late

Councilor Victorio "Toto" Guerrero Jr. for his unwavering support of the school during his lifetime. The recognition was received by his children, Mr. Victorio "Rio" Guerrero III and Ms. Vina Guerrero-Gandia.

The ceremony included remarks from key officials, a ribbon-cutting, and the unveiling of a marker. This new building symbolizes the city's dedication to investing in the future of its youth by providing them with quality educational facilities.



BIR...

SAN PABLO CITY, Laguna (PIA) – The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Revenue Region 9B LaQueMar reaffirmed its commitment to good governance and transparency by upholding the "Four Pillars of Good Governance" as the foundation of its operations and reforms.

BIR LaQueMar Regional Director Atty. Michael Remir Macatangay said personnel are guided by the principles introduced by BIR Commissioner Romeo Lumagui Jr., which include: Fearless and Aggressive Enforcement Activities; Excellent Taxpayer Service; Integrity and Professionalism of the Institution and its Employees; and Digitalization.

M a c a t a n g a y stressed that these pillars are crucial in curbing corruption, noting that digitalization minimizes red tape and reduces reliance on the "palakasan" system in government transactions.

"Through those four pillars, the chances of corruption are reduced, because in the past corruption or red tape only happened when the system was not efficient and sufficient."

He added that the bureau is pursuing international audit certifications to further ensure efficiency and effectiveness in its processes.

"It is not yet perfect, but we are working to improve our digitalization until it becomes almost perfect, because with less or no human intervention, the process becomes faster and the opportunity for corruption is eliminated."

On enforcement, BIR LaQueMar reported a total collection of Php1.4 billion from operations this year, including Php26.8 million under the 48-Hour Notice and 5-Day VAT Compliance Notice of the Oplan Kandado program. 36 cases have also been filed under the Run After

Tax Evaders campaign.

"Our approach is to assist, educate, and monitor businesses before we enforce. We help them comply rather than immediately resort to closure or penalties," Macatangay explained.

To strengthen taxpayer service, the BIR continues to promote digital platforms such as the Electronic Filing and Payment System (eFPS), eBIRForms, and other accredited online payment channels. E-Lounges have also been established in various offices to assist taxpayers with digital transactions and provide guidance in adapting to online systems.

Macatangay reiterated that taxpayers and the BIR are not enemies but partners in ensuring compliance, emphasizing that the real challenge lies with tax evaders. He stressed that tax collection is a shared national responsibility for the benefit of all Filipinos.

Cvsu...

In a field dominated by challenges and steep learning curves, Justine Grace Aleman has carved her name into Cavite State University - Imus Campus' history by becoming the first-ever Certified Financial Management Specialist (CFMS) from the esteemed alma mater. But behind the monumental achievement lies a story of quiet determination.

From aspiring accountant to financial management major, student leader, and now, a certified finance specialist, Justine's journey is not just about passing an exam but is about proving that excellence knows no boundaries, even in the most underrated corners of academia.

Justine Grace Aleman never set out to make history.

In fact, when she first walked through the gates of Cavite State University - Imus Campus, her goal was simple: study accountancy, finish strong, and find her place in the world of finance. But fate, as it often does, had other plans.

"Actually, ang original plan ko talaga na program is Accountancy," she said, looking back. "Pero sa campus natin, hindi siya ino-offer. So pinili ko yung pinakamalapit which is Financial Management." It was a detour she never anticipated, but one that would quietly prepare her for a future no one, not even Justine, saw coming.

Finding her foundation

In the beginning, Justine was just another FM student trying to navigate college life but as semesters passed, the world of finance stopped feeling like a Plan B and started to feel like purpose.

"Mas lumawak 'yung knowledge ko about finance. Hindi basta-basta napupulot kung saan ang mga ganung kaalaman," she reflects, emphasizing the crucial role her professors played in helping her

learn in ways that were clear and efficient.

The Decision to take the leap

Passing the CFMS exam was no easy feat and doing it as the first from CvSU-Imus added an extra layer of pride.

"Hindi ko expected na ako 'yung first," Justine admits. "Gusto ko lang talaga na hindi masayang 'yung mga natutunan ko sa mga professors ko."

Unlike traditional review sessions, Justine's preparation was self-driven. "Sa CPACE (Center for Professional Advancement and Continuing Education), module lang ang binibigay. No live lessons. So self-study talaga," she recalls.

With just a month to prepare and strict Zoom exam protocols, she leaned heavily on the foundation built by her instructors. "Hindi ko sinabi sa professors ko na kukuha ako ng exam. Pero lahat ng tinuro nila—lumabas sa exam. Doon ko nakita 'yung halaga ng edukasyon sa CvSU."

Passing the exam didn't just affirm her skills and also challenged the perceptions of others. "Super underrated 'yung campus natin sa mga big companies," she says. During her internship, she was offered a position even before completing her required hours. "Nagulat sila na galing ako sa school na hindi nila kilala, pero kaya kong gawin 'yung mga ginagawa nila. Doon nila na-realize na may ibubuga ang mga esudyante ng CvSU-Imus."

Leading from within

Throughout her college years, Justine didn't just shine academically. She also took on the role of Treasurer for the Central Student Government (CSG), a position that added weight to her already full plate. It was her first time as a student leader, and the learning curve was steep.

"Ang dami kong kailangang i-grasp agad," she admitted. "But I relied

on what I knew. And of course, may mga mentors din like Doc Ching, who really helped me understand how to execute proper financial statements."

Leadership

Leadership taught her more than budgeting and reports but it taught her humility. "There was a time may nagpatulong sa akin na treasurer, and I couldn't answer their question," she said. "Doon ko narealize na hindi pwedeng ako yung nakakata-as pero hindi ko sila matulungan. I had to do better."

Finding balance amidst pressure

Juggling academics, leadership, internship, and CFMS preparation required tough choices. Justine eventually filed a Leave of Absence from CSG duties to focus on her internship and exam prep. "Naramdaman na lang ako ng CSG virtually," she recalls with a laugh, relying on her committee to execute plans while she gave instructions remotely.

Leaving a legacy

As graduation approaches, Justine reflects on how far she's come and what lies ahead. "Kung kaya kong gawin 'to, baka sa iba pang bagay mas kaya ko pa," she says with a smile.

Her message to fellow graduates and future Financial Management students is one of perseverance and self-belief: "Keep moving forward. Huwag kayong titigil sa paggawa ng mga bagay na makakabuti sa inyo."

Justine Grace Aleman is more than a top student or a first-time CFMS passer. She is a testament to what CvSU students can achieve when equipped with determination and mentorship to defy limits.

In her own quiet, powerful way, she has raised the bar not just for herself, but for every student who dares to dream beyond the ordinary. **Written by Carlos Pilar, Staff Writer**



Cavite...

In marking the diversity and harmony of the rainbow community, the Provincial Government of Cavite successfully hosted a two-leg Pride Month Caravan, dubbed "Pride Without Borders", on August 16 and 26, 2025 in the municipalities of Amadeo and Maragondon, bringing together multifaceted members of LGBTQIA+, leaders, and advocates.

The Pride Month Caravan began its first-leg in Brgy. Dagatan Covered Court, Amadeo, with Mayor Jose "Jojo" Domingo Jr., Councilor Michelle Ricalde, Barangay Chairperson Joel Panganiban, and Ms. Precyl Ramos from the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer graced the event, putting forward their shared goals of fostering inclusivity and acceptance for the sector.

Mr. Paul John Profeta, Amadeo LGBTQIA+ President, set the tone with his message, stressing the value of respect and empathy shown to every gender.

Likewise, Hon. Jojo Domingo expressed his hope for openness and understanding among his constituents, saying "Sana po sa bayan ng Amadeo, magkaroon po tayo ng openness. Bigyan ng panahon ang mga sarili para makilala ang isa't isa". He, then, acknowledged and lauded the contributions of the LGBTQIA+ sector in their municipality.

Following, Dr. Melinda Villanueva of Amadeo Rural Health Unit provided a lecture on Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), tackling the phases and prevention,

and dispelling the myths and misconceptions about its transmission. She also added the importance of community awareness and support in combating the virus.

"Para sa mga kabataang LGBTQIA+ at mga nangangarap, hindi ninyo kailangang baguhin ang inyong sarili para magtagumpay. Hindi ninyo kailangang pilitin ang sarili sa kung anuman. Hindi ninyo kailangang itago ang katotohanan. Kailangan ninyong maging mata-pang upang maging ikaw", Mr. Vidallo emphasized.

On the second leg, held at Maragondon Municipal Covered Court, the program commenced with Mr. Mark Reden Digma, Officer-in-Charge of MSWDO-Maragondon, appreciating the presence of everyone at the event that made the celebration possible. It was followed by Municipal Councilor Carlo Gestlada's message of gratitude for the collective effort of the province in creating a space of inclusivity for the LGBTQIA+ members.

Subsequently, on behalf of Governor Abeng Remulla, Ms. Ekeiko Sadang, Division Chief of Community Based Operations Division, conveyed an inspirational message, reminding everyone of their worth regardless of their gender.

"It to ay isang pag-papatunay na ang ating kasarian ay hindi hadlang upang tayo ay magkaroon ng importansya sa

ating bayan. Make your presence felt and known", she stressed as she encouraged the members to actively participate in such programs.

Ms. Haydelisa Maderazo, Provincial HIV Program Coordinator, then, discussed the HIV, AIDS and STI presentation, raising awareness of its differences, prevention and control. She also encouraged the participants to take the screening test to ensure the health and wellness of everyone, even those outside the LGBTQIA+ sector.

Another success story was featured with Mr. Lorraniel Chris Victoriano, a LGBTQIA+ member working as a government employee at the MSWDO-Maragondon, sharing his journey towards success and inculcating a sense of courage in the participants in pursuing their desired dream.

"Ang pagiging successful natin has no gender, no boundaries, no orientation. Success is possible for anyone who dares to dream and works for it", he stated.

The two-leg caravan was an avenue of inclusivity, acceptance and equality. It offered various services from various agencies, including the Department of Trade and Industry-Cavite, Office of the Provincial Health Officer, Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer, Office of the Provincial Legal Officer and Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, to empower all genders in the province of Cavite. - J. Reyes

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interest in electrified mobility.

Having been actively involved in the company's efforts to modernize operations and enhance the customer experience, he is well-prepared to lead the brand into its next chapter of growth.

"Jacob's leadership and fresh perspective will help us further strengthen BMW's presence in the Philippines," said Ramon S. Ang, Chairman of SMCACD. "We have built a strong

foundation over the years, and with his energy and vision, I am confident he will take the brand further and create even more value for our customers."

"This is an exciting time for our industry and for BMW in the Philippines," said Jacob Ang. "My priority is to build on what we do best — drive innovation in how we serve our customers, and strengthen BMW's position as the leader in premium mobility in the country."



Are you in or out?

By: Leslie Anne Nuestro-Gatdula

The line "Am I In or Out?" was in trend way back early 2000, in a song by Ms. Sandra Park.

A question of "belongingness", a statement of confusion at some point.

Are you in or out? This is a question addressed to parents who are raising children in today's era of innovation and technology. According to Oxford Dictionaries, generation gap is the differences of outlook or opinion between people of different generations. We parents might wonder what is the meaning of TOTGA, Situationship, GOAT and the like. But will this really be a hindrance for good parenting?

Researches show that parenting in today's generation require a lot of patience, discipline, love and trust. Parents are designed to be authoritative because we were created and trusted to raise children with good and modest character. As a solo parent, I want to share some of my learnings while I am raising my "Gen Z" son, yes you have read it right "some of my learnings" because until now, though my son is already 17, I am continuously discovering who he is, what he wants and what might not be good for him.

Let me start with the first ingredient - PATIENCE. Patience and understanding go hand in hand I may say. When the child is still being formed in their mother's womb, the waiting season was flavored with a lot of patience, counting days, weeks, months to hold those cute little fingers and linger that small nicely shaped nose and kissable lips, yet, it did not stop there- their birth is the start of a more patience-driven life. Newborn babies

are very fragile; they are like jellies that demand a cautious action from their parents. When they cry, mumble, weep or smile, we need to understand what do they practically mean, right? Patiently we wait as they grow, their young sponge-like minds are creative enough to be curious and adventurous, they keep on asking whys all the time and when they are grown up, we thought we can pay less attention. But in reality, their puberty stage needs more of our patience and understanding. We need to extend our tolerance and understanding as they change "shoes".

Next is DISCIPLINE, in Proverbs 22:6 (ESV) says, "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old, he will not depart from it." This is a very clear explanation of discipline, start them young. Teach them the how's, show them the practical ways of living, tell stories how we were raised, explain things in a manner they will comprehend. Learn to say no sometimes and learn to tap them in a right time. Let them cry, let them feel hurt sometimes, let them speak up, let them shout their feelings aloud, and we, we need to listen to them. Hear their cries, hurts and feelings. Make them see and feel the love through discipline.

LOVE, a very complex word but a very valuable character. We are created out of love and we are created to love- including our children. In a busy world of today, the new way to spell love is T-I-M-E, (TIME). Yes, show love by giving your time to your children. Do not exercise the attitude of giving them the least of your attention. Exert more effort to talk to them, build a bridge not walls by trying

to connect with them even it seems hard because of that so-called 'generation gap'. Extend love by allotting more time with them, our children will indeed appreciate it. If they are excited to be with their peers, they are more interested to be with us, their parents.

Last ingredient I want to share is TRUST. While I am raising my son, I learn that it is very important for him to know and feel that I trust him. When our sons or daughters ask our permission, allow them with a seal of trust. If they say, they will go in this place, with these people and be back at this time, hear them out and let them feel you are trusting them. Today's generations are considered 'sensitive', 'pusong- mamon'; and to ease these, let us be their torch igniting their joy by showing that we trust them. Colossians 3:20 (ESV) "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger..." One reason why our children might get angry is that we lose or fail to give them our full trust. Avoid to set them in the pit of doubts, let them feel they are valued and trusted. Another important thing about trust is that, we trust the Lord fully as we raise our children. May we keep on asking Him to give us wisdom how we will be a guide to them by living in patience, discipline, love and trust.

And for us, who also children to our parents, keep this in our hearts: "Children, obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:20 (ESV).

Parenting should not be hindered by any generation gaps nor differences in lifestyle, but parenting should be overflowing with humility, joy and graceful sacrifices. Salute to all parents and children!



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Kaunlaran...

better Filipinos, especially economically challenged individuals and their families. We hope that through offering free community development programs and other essential services, we can contribute to CARD MRI's mission of poverty eradication," said CARD MRI Rizal Bank President Ms. Lyneth Derequito.

Event Highlights One of the highlights during the program was the mass wedding where six couples officially legalized their union. This effort by CARD MBA aimed to help its members officially recognize their partners as legal dependents.

CARD MRI Publishing House facilitated a storytelling session featuring the storybook Ang Magic Alkansiya ni Carding, attended by 35 children. The activity aimed to promote financial literacy and teach the value of saving.

A livelihood training on Kalabasa Chips making was attended by 35 participants, aiming to empower the community by teaching them valuable skills to generate additional income and improve their livelihoods.

Furthermore, a total of 365 attendees benefited from free medical, dental, and optical check-ups, while 75 received massages, 60 had haircuts, and 55 were treated to manicures and pedicures, all for free. To combat hunger, the event also included a feeding program, serving champorado to over 100 people.

Kaunlaran Caravan is a CARD MRI initiative that brings various community development services to different areas, with the goal of uplifting and empowering local communities. The fifth leg of the caravan is set to take place in Polomolok, South Cotabato, on August 20, 2025

DTL...

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ANTIPOLLO CITY, RIZAL | The DTI Rizal through the Philippine Trade Training Center – Global MSME Academy (PTTC-GMEA), in partnership with BPI Foundation and BPI Direct Banko, proudly brings the SEAL-BETA Project (Small Enterprise Acceleration Lab – Business Expansion thru Training & Application) to the Province of Rizal on August 5–8, 2025 at the Ynares Event Center, Antipolo City.

The SEAL-BETA Project is an integrated training program designed to assist micro enterprises that have been affected by the pandemic and natural disasters. This initiative aims to help entrepreneurs build resilience, recover, and thrive in today's competitive market.

Through SEAL-BETA, participants will gain access to:

- Business training and mentoring to strengthen operations,
- Financing opportunities to support expansion,
- Product roadshows to boost market

reach, and

- Grassroots support and networking to build stronger business communities.

A highlight of the event was the successful mini trade fair held at Sumulong Park, Antipolo City. The trade fair provided a platform for local micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to showcase their products and connect with potential buyers and partners, further boosting local entrepreneurship.

Over four days, participants engaged in workshops, networking sessions, and business pitch competitions, gaining valuable insights and opportunities for growth.

The event not only highlighted Rizal's vibrant business community but also reinforced its role as a hub for innovation and development.

The success of SEAL BETA 2025, including the mini trade fair, paves the way for more initiatives aimed at empowering entrepreneurs and strengthening the local economy.



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Regional Trial Court Of Cavite
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New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue,
Kaybagal South, Tagaytay City

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,
Applicant-Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-25-060

FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of
the Real Estate Mortgage under Act
No. 3135, as amended
(TCT No. 076-2018003998)

-versus-

SPOUSES RICHARD R. GATELA AND
MARIA ALICIA TABLIZO GATELA,
Debtors-Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No.4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee-Assignee, **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK (PNB)**, a banking corporation duly organized and existing under the law of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at PNB Financial Center, Pres.Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on June 15, 2016 by Debtors-Mortgagors, **SPOUSES RICHARD R. GATELA AND MARIA ALICIA TABLIZO GATELA**, Filipino citizens, both of legal age, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 818-H, Balagtas St., corner Shaw Blvd.,Mandaluyong City; (2) 393, Block 28, Welfareville Compound, Addition Hills, Mandaluyong City; and (3) Lot 5, Block 15, Phase 1, Kohana Grove, Paliparan-Silang Road, Brgy. Sabutan, Silang, Cavite and (4) Lot 5 Block 15, Phase 1, Poinsettia Street,Kohana Grove, Paliparan-Silang Road, Brgy. Sabutan, Silang, Cavite, represented by **MARIA ALICIA TABLIZO GATELA** as per Special Power of Attorney executed and notarized on May 25, 2016, in favor of the Mortgagee-Assignor, **PNB SAVINGS BANK**, which assigned its loans by virtue of Deed of Assignment executed and notarized on August 28, 2020 in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee-Assignee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2018003998** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Debtors-Mortgagors in the amount of **SEVEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY PESOS AND 44/100 (Php7,213,720.44)** inclusive of interest, penalty and other charges, as of April 30, 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 October 9, 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 wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2018003998
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF SABUTAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, more particularly bounded and described as follows: A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 5, BLK. 15 OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-028109, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 2651-A, 2651-B, 2651-C, 2651-D, 2651-E, 2651-F, 2651-G, 2651-H, 2651-I, 2651-J CSD-04- 028969-D), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF SABUTAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 6, BLOCK 15; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY ROAD LOT 10; ON THE

NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 4, BLOCK 15 ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN.; AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINES 4-5-1 BY LOT 2647, CAD. 452-D, SILANG CADASTRE.

BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING N. 24 DEG. 28'E., 4287.07 M. FROM BLLM NO. 1, CAD 452-D, SILANG CADASTRE.

THENCE S. 02 DEG. 39' W., 10.00 M. TO POINT 2;
THENCE N. 87 DEG. 21' W., 8.00 M. TO POINT 3;
THENCE N. 02 DEG. 39' E., 10.00 M. TO POINT 4;
THENCE S. 87 DEG. 21' E., 7.62 M. TO POINT 5;
THENCE S. 87 DEG. 21' E., 0.38 M. TO THE POINT OF

BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF EIGHTY (80), SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S., CYL. CONC. MONS 15X40 CMS; BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: DEC. 7, 1973 TO DEC. 4, 1975 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION SURVEY EXECUTED BY AIBRAHAM O. MALING, GOEDETIC ENGINEER, ON SEPT. 19-OCT. 27, 2012 AND WAS APPROVED ON MARCH 25, 2013.

is registered in accordance with the provision of Section 103 of the Property Registration decree in the name of

Owner: **SPOUSES RICHARD R. GATELA AND MARIA ALICIA T. GATELA, FILIPINOS**
Address: 393 BLOCK 28 WELFAREVILLE COMPOUND, ADDITION HILLS, MANDALUYONG CITY"

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on October 16, 2025 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2018003998**, 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, August 18, 2025.

(SGD) **ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA**
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

(SGD) **OLIVER N. MENDOZA**
Sheriff-In-Charge

W A R N I N G :

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:

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DATELINE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS:
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Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
Dasmariñas City, Cavite

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/ Mortgageors.

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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/ mortgageors, **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.**

All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S., CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X60 cm; Bearings true; Date of the original survey Feb. 19-20, 1973, and that of the cons-subd. survey,

executed by AGERICO R. SISON, G.E. on June 8-28, 1975.

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

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

(SGD.) GERALD A. FARGAS
Sheriff IV

(SGD.) ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

Copy furnished:

RURAL BANK OF SOLANO (N.V), INC.
c/o Catherine F. Tupasi
Maharlika Highway, Brgy. Poblacion South,
Solano, Nueva Vizcaya

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Notice Posted at:

- 1.The Bulletin Board of Regional Trial Court
Dasmariñas City, Cavite
- 2.The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Hall
- 3.The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Post Office
- 4.The Bulletin Board of Dasmariñas City Public Market

DATELINE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS:
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Bacoor...

CITY OF BACOR (PIA) — The city government of Bacoor has sought the national government's intervention in addressing the city's flooding problem, citing clogged waterways and outdated drainage infrastructures as behind the flooding.

In a letter to Malacañang, Bacoor Mayor or Strike B. Revilla requested funding support for the city's drainage and

flood control plan through foreign-assisted programs such as the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) or the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund (NDRRMF). Direct intervention by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for



Gatchalian maintains
push for smartphone ban
in schools

Following South Korea's looming ban on smartphones in classrooms, Senator Win Gatchalian is seeking a similar prohibition for the country's public and private schools.

Gatchalian originally filed the Electronic Gadget-Free Schools Act during the 19th Congress and refilled the proposed measure upon the opening of the 20th Congress. Under the proposed measure, the Department of Education shall promulgate guidelines on prohibiting the use of mobile devices and other electronic gadgets during class hours. The ban shall apply to teachers and learners from Kindergarten to Senior High School.

The bill, however, provides for exceptions: those related to learning, such as classroom presentations; health and well-being, such as specific conditions that may require electronic gadgets; and the management of risks, such as activities outside schools or emergencies.

"Isinusulong nating ipagbawal ang mga smartphones sa oras ng klase upang hindi maabala ang ating mga mag-aaral. Nais nating paigtingin ang pagtutok ng ating mga mag-aaral sa kanilang aralin," said Gatchalian, Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education

large-scale dredging were among the assistance sought.

"The dams and rivers that once protected us are now clogged with silt and debris. Without immediate support from the national government, thousands of lives and homes remain at risk," Revilla said in a statement.

The appeal also includes the immediate desilting of rivers and canals in Bacoor, especially in flood-prone barangays according to the City Engineering Office

Under the Bacoor Drainage Plan, the city government proposed main strategies that include: the JICA Master Plan (2022), developed with assistance from JICA, and a supplementary plan from the DPWH, including the Draft Final Master

Plan Report from Certeza Infosys Corporation and a feasibility study for the Bacoor River Improvement Project.

"Despite our ongoing requests to agencies such as the NIA for the transfer of the Molino dams, there has been no clear response. The delays in administrative processes have significantly hampered our ability to act," Revilla added.

The city expressed its readiness to implement and take responsibility for any assistance provided by the national government, in close coordination with relevant agencies.

Revilla stressed the urgency for immediate action, warning that every day of delay increases the risks to residents and property.



ABlding 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.

PAGSASANAY...

Bilang tugon sa lumalaganap na Rice Yellowing Disease sa CAL-ABARZON, nagsagawa ang Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) Regional Crop Protection Center ng pagsasanay para sa mga farmer technicians mula sa Rizal noong ika-27 hanggang ika-29 ng Agosto sa Antipolo City.

Katuwang ang DA-4A Rice Program at Regional IPM Task Force, layunin ng pagsasanay na paigtingin ang kakayahan ng mga tekniko sa pagtukoy at pamamahala ng mga peste at sakit sa palay tulad ng rice leafhopper (maniniklop), rice bug (atangya ng palay), armyworm, rice blast, at ang

kasalukuyang binabantayan na Rice Yellowing Disease na dulot ng Rice Ragged Stunt Virus (RRSV) at Rice Grassy Stunt Virus (RGSV).

Tinalakay din ang Integrated Pest Management (IPM) upang maiwasan ang pagkalat ng sakit at mapanatili ang produksyon ng palay sa rehiyon. Bahagi rin ng pagsasanay ang pagpatibay ng koordinasyon sa mga extension partners para sa mas epektibong rice pest reporting system. Layunin nitong mapabilis ang pag-uulat at pagtugon sa mga insidente ng peste at sakit sa palayan.

Sa gitna ng lumalawak na banta ng Rice

Yellowing Syndrome, itinuturing ng DA-4A ang ganitong pagsasanay bilang unang linya ng depensa hindi lamang upang protektahan ang ani, kundi upang tiyakin din ang seguridad sa pagkain at kabuhayan ng mga mag-sasaka sa CALABARZON.

Ayon kay Dr. Isagani Serrano, Municipal Agriculturist ng Rodriguez, Rizal, mahalaga ang tamang diagnosis para mabigyan ng tama at angkop na solusyon ang mga problema sa ating palayan. Ang mga itinuro sa pagsasanay ay dapat maibahagi sa nakararami upang mas mapagandaan at maagapan ang sakit na ito. PR

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Cavite bags several awards during the
closing ceremony of Regional Science
and Technology Week

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region IV-A (CALABARZON) successfully concluded the 2025 Regional Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (RSTW), held from August 14 to 16 at the Ynares Events Center in Antipolo City.

With the theme "Building Smart and Sustainable Communities," the three-day event brought together innovators, educators, students, and entrepreneurs to celebrate and showcase emerging technologies and sustainable solutions that promote development across the CALABARZON region.

The RSTW 2025 culminated in a closing and awarding ceremony

on August 16, where outstanding participants were recognized for their exemplary performance in various competitions and project exhibitions. This year includes 16 awardees from the province of Cavite, who took home accolades across multiple categories. Their accomplishments underscored the strong commitment of Cavite's academic and scientific community to pushing the boundaries of research, innovation, and science communication.

The DOST Cavite Provincial S&T Office expressed pride in the achievements of these individuals, hailing them as role models for youth, MSMEs, and communities in science and technology.

This year's RSTW featured various highlights, including the launch of innovation hubs, robotics tournaments, natural dye painting competitions, and conferences focused on building smart and resilient communities. It served not only as a platform for knowledge-sharing but also as an opportunity to empower young minds and local innovators across CALABARZON.

As the curtains closed on this year's celebration, DOST IV-A reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a culture of innovation and scientific excellence, paving the way for a smarter and more sustainable future for the region. PR

