

# MPT South Recognized as Key Tourism Partner at Cavite Tourism Excellence Awards 2025

Metro Pacific Tollways South (MPT South), a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corp. (MPTC), has once again been recognized as a valued tourism partner by the Office of the Provincial Government of Cavite during the Cavite Tourism Excellence Awards 2025, held last September 30, 2025, at the Cavite Provincial Capitol, Trece Martires City.

The Cavite Tourism Excellence Awards serves as a platform to recognize individuals and organizations whose invaluable contributions help shape the province's tourism landscape and promote Cavite as a thriving cultural and travel destination.

MPT South received a Plaque of Appreciation from Cavite Tourism, marking its second consecutive year of recognition for its strong partnership and contribution to the province's tourism initiatives.

Through its tourism advocacy program, Biyaheng South, MPT South has actively collaborated with the Department of Tourism Region IV-A (DOT

IV-A) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) IV-A on various initiatives that spotlight Cavite's rich heritage and culture.

Some of these initiatives include the following: Cavite Tourism Passport, Tara! Let's Explore Cavite, Tara! Let's Explore Manila, Biyaheng South Summer Tour and Experiential Tour, and various trimestral tours that have encouraged travelers to rediscover the beauty of the south, made accessible through Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) and Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX).

"This recognition inspires us to continue bridging communities through our expressways and initiatives that celebrate the culture, people, and destinations of the South. Together with Cavite Provincial Tourism Office, we aim to keep driving tourism forward," said Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management of MPT South.

This recognition



MPT South receives the plaque of appreciation at the 2025 Cavite Tourism Excellence Awards (From right) Rozelle Sangalang, Provincial Tourism Officer, Province of Cavite; MPT South led by Arlette V. Capistrano, Vice President for Communication and Stakeholder Management

follows MPT South's recent win at the 21st Philippine Quill Awards, where it earned an Award of Merit for its Biyaheng South tourism advocacy program, underscoring the company's growing impact in promoting local travel, culture, and sustainable mobility.

MPT South remains steadfast in its mission to promote sustainable tourism and inclusive growth in Southern Luzon

by providing motorists with safe, convenient access to the region's thriving destinations and cultural landmarks.

About Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation

MPTC is the leading toll road developer and operator in the Philippines and the holding company of premier tollways, including NLEX, SCTEX, CAVITEX, CALAX, NLEX Connector, and CCLEX in Cebu.



The Plaque of Appreciation honored to MPT South for being a valued tourism partner by the Provincial Government of Cavite

## Figaro Foundation Strengthens Commitment to Reviving Batangas' Coffee Heritage with Annual Coffee Tree Planting Drive



Lipa City, Batangas – September 13, 2025 – The Figaro Foundation marked the second year of its annual Coffee Tree Planting: From Crop to Cup 2025 by donating and planting 1,000 coffee seedlings in Purok 6, Sitio Bagbag, Brgy. San Isidro, Lipa City, Batangas. The initiative, joined by over 200 dedicated volunteers, highlights the Foundation's mission to preserve and revitalize Batangas' long-standing coffee cul-

ture while empowering local farming communities.

As part of its long-term commitment, the Figaro Foundation has pledged to conduct biannual maintenance and cleaning of the planting sites for the next two years to ensure that the seedlings thrive and contribute to sustainable coffee production. This effort underscores the Foundation's dedication to not only planting trees but also creating lasting impact on the

environment and the local economy.

"This tree planting program is more than just a one-day initiative—it is about cultivating the roots of Batangas' coffee heritage for generations to come," said Mary Joy Herrera, Administrator of the Figaro Foundation. "By engaging our volunteers, partners, and communities, we are building towards a future where local coffee farming continues to flourish."



The milestone event was strengthened by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by key partners: Mary Joy Herrera (Figaro Foundation Administrator), John Christopher Laderas (Figaro Coffee Group Brand Manager), Mr. Ric Pesa (lot owner), and Hon. Tasiano Mea (Barangay Captain). This agreement formalizes support and partnership in sustaining the initiative's environmental and community-driven goals.

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like this, Figaro Foundation continues to demonstrate its commitment to both environmental stewardship and socio-economic upliftment by supporting local coffee growers. The program ensures that Batangas, historically known as a cradle of Philippine coffee, retains and enhances its reputation as a center of coffee excellence.

About FIGARO COFFEE GROUP, INC

Figaro Culinary Group Inc. (FCG) was incorporated on July 6, 2018 as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Carmetheus Holdings, Inc. primarily to process, manufacture, package all kinds of food products, and establish,

invest, develop, operate and maintain restaurants, coffee shops and refreshments parlors, among others.

FCG has one subsidiary, Figaro Coffee Systems, Inc. (FCSI), through which it operates and/or franchises a network of retail restaurants. These include Figaro Coffee, a coffee shop chain with domestic and international branches; Angel's Pizza, a pizza store chain; Tien Ma's, a Taiwanese cuisine restaurant chain; Koobideh Kebabs, a casual-dining kebab chain; and Café Portofino, a cloud-kitchen outlet which primarily serves a variety of food and pastries.

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To further enrich and preserve arts, culture, and heritage, the National Commission on Culture and the Arts, through Regional Development Council Sub-Committee on Culture, in partnership with the Provincial Government of Cavite and Cavite State University, officially opened the doors to the SCC Exhibit, banner the theme "Hibla ng

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EDITORIAL: Shaky ground

It turns out that the magnitude 6.9 earthquake on the evening of Sept. 30 in Bogo, Cebu, which was felt in many other areas around it, was just the beginning.

Over the next few days, other tremors were felt in many places in the country. On Friday, Oct. 10, a doublet earthquake struck off Manay, Davao Oriental: a magnitude 7.4 at 9:43 a.m., and a magnitude 6.8 at 7:12 that evening.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology says doublet earthquakes are distinct or different earthquakes occurring in almost the same area "with two (or more) main shocks that have slight difference in magnitude." The two earthquakes resulted from movements of the Philippine Trench.

On Saturday, Oct. 11, a magnitude 5.0 quake struck Cabanga, Zambales at 5:32 in the afternoon. PHIVOLCS says the quake had a depth of 100 kilometers.

And then, at 10:32 that night, a 6.0 quake hit off Cagwait, Surigao del Sur – another tectonic movement some 24 kilometers deep.

Thousands of aftershocks have been recorded and felt as a result of these quakes.

Some people have been ascribing a more-than-scientific significance to the string of earthquakes. This is heaven's way of punishing the Philippines, they say, because of the avarice and shamelessness of our public officials. Others read the quakes as disapproval of the actions and decisions of those in power.

But what kind of compassionate, merciful Supreme Being will punish the hapless many for the sins of a greedy few?

If we go by this logic, we may as well also remember that disgraced televangelist and self-proclaimed son of god to just yell at the top of his lungs to make the shaking stop

There is no need to see things for more than they actually are. But there is an urgency to act on the things that are within our control.

We have always known that our country lies on a part of the globe that is vulnerable to geological events. Earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are common, and anticipating their occurrence is always wiser than wishing they would not happen. In the same way, we are just by a vast ocean from where weather systems originate; such weather systems are made even more intense, frequent, and erratic by the warming of our planet. These are things that are beyond our reach.

But there remain areas on which we can act. On the individual and family level, we could prepare ourselves for emergencies by knowing beforehand what to do in case such disasters strike. The go-bag – a set of items that include basic needs we would need in case we need to leave our homes temporarily – is a concrete manifestation of this.

It is difficult to stay calm and not panic during an emergency, but prior knowledge and planned arrangements, such as where family members could converge amid chaos, would help us make better decisions.

On a larger scale, the onus lies on the government, both on the local and national levels. They are the ones making disaster preparedness decisions. They are the ones approving the construction of buildings, roads, bridges, and other infrastructure. They are the ones supposed to periodically monitor these structures' soundness.

Alas, we have been seeing how their greed has greatly compromised the people's benefit and safety. Citizens should assert control: we should remain vigilant, follow investigations to their rightful conclusion, hold these officials accountable for their actions. And, most importantly, never vote for them again.

It's all science and common sense. While we cannot do anything about the science, we can come to our senses and hold ourselves steady even as the ground shakes underneath our feet.



ONE GOAL...

Kasama ang mga katuwang institusyon, nakibahagi ang DA-ATI CALABARZON sa National Extension Conference 2025 upang higit pang patatagin ang extension system at palakasin ang ugnayan ng mga tagapaghatid ng serbisyo sa agrikultura at pangisdaan.

Sa pagbubukas ng unang Plenary Session, nagsilbing discus-sant si Ms. Sherylou C. Alfaro, Assistant Center Director ng DA-ATI CALABARZON, sa temang "Food Systems Resilience and Economic Adaptation."

Samantala, na-

halal bilang Vice President for Luzon ng Philippine Extension and Advisory Services Network (Phil-EASNet) Board of Directors si Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, Center Director ng DA-ATI CALABARZON.



Kinilala rin bilang Best Presenter si Ms. Janine L. Cailo, Information Officer III, sa parallel session na may temang "Extension for Community Development and Resilience and Improved

Education Delivery," sa pamamagitan ng kanyang presentasyon na "Steering Digital Transformation to LSAs and PAF-ESPs through Agri360."

Gayundin, ang Agricultural Training Institute ay kinilala bilang isa sa may pinakamaraming delegado mula sa mga national agencies.

Ang aktibong partisipasyon ng DA-ATI CALABARZON ay patunay ng patuloy nitong pagtutok sa pagpapalakas ng extension services at pagpapatibay ng ugnayan sa mga katuwang institusyon sa larangan ng agrikultura at pangisdaan.

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BEYOND...

"Even though I'm young, I can still make a difference."

At 13, Klouie Susosco, an exemplary child beneficiary of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps), proves that her age doesn't define what she can do. But through her determination, academic excellence, and community involvement, she can be an inspiration for others to hope and dream for a better future.

Hailed as the representative of Calabarzon in the National Child Con-

gress, she embodies the program vision of 4Ps—a role model for 4Ps children who excel academically but also have community participation and influence.

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at school with her teacher's permission, where she was able to save up some money.

Through the family development session (FDS), 4Ps beneficiaries learned practical knowledge in life and guided their family.

"Through the FDS, we learn a lot that shapes our future, from saving money, family values, proper discipline, and even the importance of family bonding," Susosco said.

Her high hopes

are her driving force to persevere in achieving her dream for her family—a better future.

"I do have a lot of dreams; one of those is to build my parents a house, to have a successful life, and to rise from poverty," she said.

For Susosco, her 4Ps journey is more than a financial grant but a strong hope for the future.

"Ang 4Ps ay hindi lang pinansyal na tulong sa amin, isa itong tulay at paalala at pag-asa." (KA PIA4A)

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SM Supermalls Dominates International Business Awards with All Community-Centric Wins

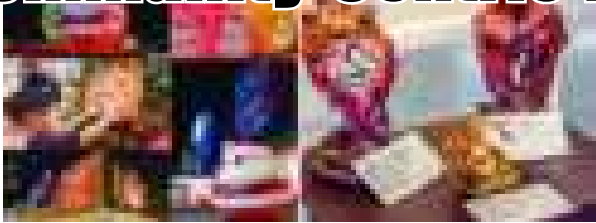
SM Supermalls once again proved its global excellence and heart for community as it clinched seven major awards at the 2025 International Business Awards (IBA) held in Lisbon, Portugal — an unbeatable victory that shines a spotlight on its community-driven programs and campaigns.

The awards reaffirm SM Supermalls' purpose-driven commitment to uplifting communities through meaningful initiatives that combine creativity, compassion, and innovation.

A clean sweep of community-centered honors

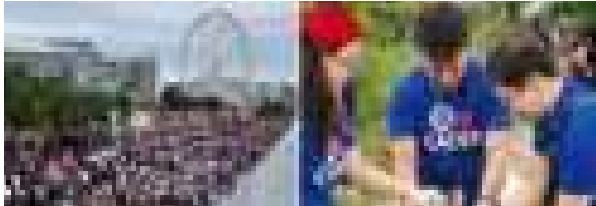
SM Supermalls bagged top honors across multiple categories, winning two Gold, four Silver, and one Bronze trophies — all dedicated to its social good and sustainability efforts.

SM Supermalls earned Gold Awards for its 100 Days of Joy campaign, recognized as the Branded Content Campaign of the Year, and for SM Art Market, which won Art, Entertainment & Public – Art Event of the Year.

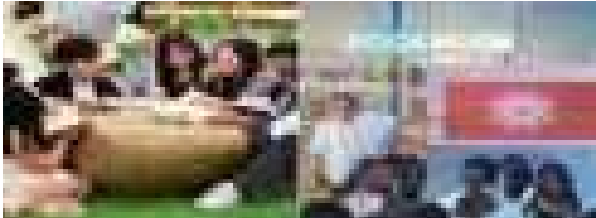


The company also took home Silver Awards for Building a Greener Philippines under Sustainability Leadership in Asia, Australia, and New Zealand; SM Cares' Mall for All as CSR Program of the Year; SM

Cares' Coastal Cleanup for Sustainability Initiative of the Year in Asia, Australia, and New Zealand; and Tribe Marketing Revolution and Its New Era of Consumer Connection for Best Use of Data to Drive Brand Strategy.



Rounding out the wins, SM Supermalls received a Bronze Award for SM Cares' Book Nook under Achievement in CSR.



Celebrating community through purpose and impact. The all-community-centered win underscores SM Supermalls' belief that business success is best measured by the positive impact it makes on people's lives. From championing sustainability and inclusivity to

San Miguel Beer Rocks Okada with a Grand Oktoberfest Kick-off Party

There is no party like a San Miguel Oktoberfest party. The most-anticipated beer festival kicked off at Okada Manila last September 20 to 21, 2025. As San Miguel Beer celebrates its 135th year of serving great beers around the world, San Miguel Brewery Inc. (SMB) brings back the fiesta vibe that made the event an iconic spectacle.

Over 8,000 revelers flocked Okada Manila's Crystal Pavilion during the two-day event filled with an array of specially crafted beers paired with top-notch food offerings over pulse-pounding music from a powerhouse lineup of top local acts.

The festivities were opened with a toast led by SMB President Carlos M. Berba, San Miguel Pale Pilsen Brand Ambassador Coco Martin, and Okada Manila Vice Chairperson Takako Okada. The event kicked off a series of San Miguel Oktoberfest Events which will happen at the Paseo de Santa Rosa in Santa Rosa, Laguna on October 18, 2025 and at the Queensland Manor in Cebu City on October 31.

SMB lit up the famed integrated resort as guests were treated to complimentary beer samplers curated from San Miguel Beer's global portfolio of brews as well as exciting new brews including India Pale Ale, Fruity Wheat Ale, Summer Ale and Specialty Lager.

Pop-ups lined the Crystal Pavilion's signature winding walkway with gourmet restaurants Las Flores, Café Fleur by Chef Sau, Flipside Burgers, and Purefoods Deli setting up shop while SMB's new Draft Beer Mobile Bar Truck added more to the overflowing beer at the venue. Party-goers also took home plenty of limited-edition San Miguel Beer merchandise to remember the



San Miguel Pale Pilsen brand ambassador Coco Martin gets beer fresh from the tap during the kick-off party of the San Miguel Beer Oktoberfest at Okada Manila.

epic event.

The San Miguel Oktoberfest party rocked to some of the country's top acts including Rico Blanco, Lola Amour, December Avenue, Maki, Arthur Nery, Brownman Revival, The Dawn, Autotelic, The Juans, Over

October, The Cohens, Paprika, DWATA, Carousel Casualties, It All Started in May, Magiliw Street, Sean Archer, Acapellago, DJ Chelsea, and DJ Rammy. More good vibes went around when recently crowned PBA All-Filipino Cup Champions, the

San Miguel Beermen, shot hoops with Oktoberfest party goers. Billiards legends Efen "Bata" Reyes and Francisco "Django" Bustamante also played an exhibition match and challenged revelers who dare to showcase their pool table skills.



empowering local creatives and promoting data-driven connections, SM continues to lead with purpose at every level.

"These awards are a reflection of our deep commitment to serving communities beyond retail," said SM Supermalls Executive Vice President for Marketing Joaquin L. San Agustin. "Every program we create is

rooted in our core mission — to bring joy, care, and positive change to every Filipino we reach."

The International Business Awards is one of the world's most prestigious business recognition programs, celebrating organizations that demonstrate excellence, innovation, and social impact.

Through its sweeping victory in Lisbon, SM Supermalls reinforces its standing as a global leader with a heart — proving once again that when business and purpose come together, communities thrive.

To learn more, visit [www.smsupermalls.com](http://www.smsupermalls.com) and follow @SMSupermalls on social media for the latest updates.





# ABiding with Caviteños

By Abigail C. Gomez

## Literacy—or are we ‘LATE’ to real literacy?

Just last week, Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chairperson Dr. Shirley Agrupis called out what many of us have silently observed—and perhaps even accepted: English communication remains the country’s weakest skill. She emphasized the importance of strengthening competencies among students, professionals, and government employees.

When the story hit social media, one netizen asked: Was it really a

good idea to dub American TV shows in Tagalog? We may have gained accessibility, but did we lose an everyday chance to hear, learn, and absorb the rhythms of English?

Pondering this, I checked the numbers and found that Caviteños boast a 99.7% literacy rate—described as “generally high.” But do these figures tell the whole story? Why, in higher education, do I still encounter students who struggle to comprehend com-

pound sentences or wrestle with thought-provoking questions? Are we late in literacy?

What literacy are we really talking about? Is it simply the ability to read and write—or something deeper: critical thinking, the capacity to understand nuance, to question, to make meaning? Where does it begin? At home? In school? Perhaps it needs the collective effort of both.

Here are five ways families can nurture literacy—both in Filipino and English—right from home:

1. Read aloud every day. Share stories—picture books for children, news articles for teens.

2. Talk about what you read. Ask “why” and “how” questions to build comprehension and critical thinking.

3. Model curiosity. Let children see you reading and asking questions of your own.

4. Switch languages with ease. Use both Filipino and English naturally in conversations.

5. Celebrate expression. Praise not just correct grammar but also thoughtful ideas and creativity.

Literacy is more than a statistic; it is a living, breathing practice. For Caviteños, that proud 99.7% means little if we cannot engage with complex ideas or express our-

selves clearly.

For college students, the challenge is different: drop the net—at least for a while—and pick up a book again. Read beyond your course handouts. Explore both languages. A moving Filipino novel, an inspiring English biography, even well-crafted fiction—each strengthens not only vocabulary but also the mind’s ability to imagine, reason, and empathize.

True literacy isn’t measured by our gadgets or our grades. It grows when we read deeply—in Filipino and in English—and let those words shape how we think and live.

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## CAYETANO...

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano on Tuesday said building more community-based health facilities is one way to address the worsening congestion in public hospitals, after the Department of Health (DOH) admitted that hospitals nationwide are operating far beyond capacity.

During the organizational meeting of the Senate Committee on Health and Demography on September 23, 2025, DOH officials revealed that government hospitals are running at 136 percent occupancy, with an authorized bed capacity of more

than 118,000 but only around 28,000 actually in use, leaving a shortage of about 90,000 beds.

Cayetano said many patients are forced to seek hospital care for minor illnesses and preventive services that could otherwise be managed at the community level.

“It can help ease the burden on patients who would otherwise need to travel to distant hospitals for basic treatments or consultations,” he said.

The senator is pushing his Super Health Centers in All Cities and Municipalities Act (SB 420), which mandates at

least one 24/7 facility in every city and municipality to provide outpatient services, stock essential medicines and vaccines, and deliver preventive care.

He is also battling for his Health Centers in All Barangays Act (SB 421), which requires every barangay to establish its own health center within three years, noting that only 26,500 of the country’s 42,011 barangays have one, leaving more than 15,000 communities without basic healthcare.

“As the saying goes, prevention is better than cure. Chronic medi-

cal conditions can be prevented through accessible healthcare and early detection. This underscores the importance of investing in making primary healthcare accessible, available, and affordable,” he said.

Cayetano pointed to Taguig City’s three Super Health Centers, which operate round the clock, as proof that these models are viable.

“Taguig is proof that it works. Kung kaya sa Taguig, we should do it in all our cities and municipalities,” he said.

Both measures are among his top priority bills in the 20th Congress.

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## SCC EXHIBIT...

Kamalayan,” on October 2. The event kicked off at CvSU Historical and Cultural Museum in Indang, Cavite, displaying flamboyant visual arts alongside the museum’s collection of diverse crafts that mirrors the expression and identity of the artists behind.

In her opening remarks, Dr. Ma. Agnes Nuestro, CvSU President, shared how deeply connected the event is to their goals and to the province’s cultural landscape. “This exhibit is especially meaningful here in Cavite, a province not only rich in vibrant traditions and artistic expression, but also known as the historical capital of the Philippines.”, Dr. Nuestro said. She also highlighted the vital role of cultural understanding in strengthening community engagement and ties.

Hon. Ivee Jayne Reyes, 5th District Board Member and Committee Chair on Tourism, Arts, Heritage, and Public Information, likewise, extended her heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed guests and lauded the SCC members. BM Reyes also acknowledged the support being extended by the NCCA to the local artists, providing them with an opportunity to reach a larger scale and platform to promote their arts and expressions.

As she ended her keynote message, she reaffirmed the continued commitment of the PGC in nurturing arts, culture and heritage, on behalf of Governor Francisco Gabriel “Abeng” Remulla.

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“Manatili tayong makakultura, makabansa. Sabi nga po, maging proud sa kung saan tayo nagsimula.”, she reminded.

Subsequently, Ms. Marichu Tellano, NCCA Deputy Executive Director, underscored in her message of support that these creative works resonated with the artists’ “expression of passion, of identity.”

The Artist Talk followed, with Mr. Noel San Andres, Executive Member of the National Committee on Visual Arts, sharing his insights and expertise on photography and mentioned the things that people need to consider to capture visually favorable output. As Mr. San Andres concluded his speech, he outlined that “Photographers first and most enduring role is as a cultural anchor.”

Mr. Joether Francisco, Associate Professor III and Chair of CvSU Historical and Culture Committee, warmly welcomed everyone to their museum, and emphasized their commitment and full support to the PGC’s initiatives and endeavors in enriching the culture and heritage. On a serious note, he extended their gratitude for “celebrating identity, creativity and pride in our shared heritage.”

Afterwards, a Ribbon-cutting Ceremony was held to officially mark the opening of the exhibit, inviting the attendees to explore the lineup of the well-curated arts and crafts of the local artists. - J.Reyes



ing local communities by supporting innovation and entrepreneurship. The collaborative effort between DOST and the City Government of Imus highlights the importance of partnerships in driving sustainable economic growth

This event was a testament to DOST Cavite’s commitment to empower-

engaged and inspired, exposing them to entrepreneurial opportunities and encouraging them to explore business ventures in the future.

Junior and senior high school students were

This initiative aimed to provide direct, one-on-one consultations between selected national government agencies and both aspiring and existing entrepreneurs in the city. Participants included MS-MEs, aspiring business owners, and junior and senior high school students from Imus, showcasing the city’s dedication to promoting inclusivity and fostering entrepreneurial growth.

As a key resource partner, DOST CAVITE

powering them to expand their ventures. The activity also fostered strong collaboration between stakeholders, creating a more robust entrepreneurial ecosystem in the city.

### REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION NAIC CAVITE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF

HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (HDMF)  
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WENNA JOY GONZALEZ MATRIZ  
*Respondents-Mortgagors.*

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#### NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

WHEREAS, upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by the Act No. 4118, filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (HDMF)** Mortgagee, with postal address at Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against **WENNA JOY GONZALEZ MATRIZ** with postal address at **BLK. 10, LOT 30, SAN ROQUE ST. BRGY. HOLY SPIRIT QUEZON CITY METRO MANILA**, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of October 9, 2023, amounted to **THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE PESOS & 61/100 PESOS (P 384,825.61)** Philippine Currency, excluding penalties, Attorney’s Fees and expenses of the foreclosure, the undersigned authorized Sheriff IV, will sell at public auction on **November 11, 2025 at 9:00 in the morning** or soon thereafter at the Regional Trial Court, Naic, Cavite, to the highest bidder in **CASH** or **MANAGER’S CHECK** and in Philippine Currency the property with all the improvements thereon, to wt.

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A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 7 BLOCK 36 OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-025578, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 5-A-1, PSD-04-210290: LOT 2962-A-1, PSD-04-0210292; LOT 2965-A-1, PSD-04-210291; LOT 2963 AND 2966, NAIC ESTATE, (VS-04-000597), L.R.C. RECORD NO. ), SITUATED

#### TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

BARANGAY TIMALAN, MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SW ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 6 BLOCK 36: ON THE NW ALONG LINE 2-3 BY FOOT-PATH 2; ON THE NE ALONG LINE 3-4 BY PARKS & PLAYGROUND 1, ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN AND ALONG LINE 4-5 BY EXISTING ROAD LOT (15.00 M. WIDE) AND BEYOND LOT 5-A-2, PSD-04-210290; AND ON THE SE ALONG LINE 5-1 BY LOT 6 BLOCK 36 OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING S 51 DEG. 34'E, 2448.73 M. FROM MON. 17 NAIC ESTATE, THENCE N 45 DEG. 50 W, 9.00 M. TO POINT 2; N 44 DEG. 10' E, 6.50 M. TO POINT 3; S 45 DEG. 50 E, 6.97 M. TO POINT 4; S 19 DEG. 39 E, 2.26 M. TO POINT 5; S 44 DEG. 10 W, 5.50 M. TO POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF FIFTY SEVEN (57, 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. BEARING TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: JAN. 1907: APRIL 21, SEPT.26-30, OCT.23, 1998 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN EXECUTED BY EDGARDO A. AGBADA, GEODETIC ENGR. ON JUNE 1-30, 2009 AND WAS APPROVED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2009.

Prospective bidders So the encumbrance exist-

ing thereon, if any there be.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned 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 **November 18, 2025** at the same time and at the same place mentioned above without further notice.

Municipality of Naic, Province of Cavite, October 1, 2025

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## MAYOR AA...

Pormal na nanumpa si City Mayor Alex "AA" L. Advincula bilang Auditor ng League of Cities of the Philippines (LCP) 2025–2028 National Executive Board sa isinagawang Oath-taking Ceremony sa Malacañang Palace noong Oktubre 9, 2025.

Ang nasabing Oath-taking Ceremony ay pinangunahan ni Pan-

gulong Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr.

S a m a n t a l a , nanumpa bilang LCP National President si San Juan City Mayor Francis Zamora.

Ang pagkakahalal ni Mayor AA ay patunay sa kanyang liderato at malinaw na pananaw para sa mas matatag na ugnayan ng mga lungsod tungo sa pambansang kaunlaran.

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## CARDBANK...

Makati City, Philippines — In a strategic collaboration that brings together inclusive finance and responsible real estate development, the CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI) (composed of CARD MBA, CARD, Inc., CARD MRI PROPERTY MANAGEMENT and CARD EMPC) and Cadence Properties, the ICCP Group’s newest company, signed a joint venture agreement on August 6, 2025, at the Makati Sports Club. The partnership marks the formal establishment of a new company: Cadence-CARD Property Ventures, Inc. (CCPV).

In line with its goal to help reduce the national housing backlog, CCPV aims to develop thoughtfully planned, affordable, and high-quality residential communities for more Filipino families, beginning with its inaugural project in Bay, Laguna.

Guillermo D. Luchangco, Chairman and CEO of The ICCP Group, shares, “We are honored and very happy to now be able to collaborate with CARD MRI, which is known for its success for building grassroots economic empowerment. There are only very few organizations that are able to accomplish this. For me, today’s partnership between CARD MRI and Cadence Properties embodies a shared resolve to raise the standard of living and nurture sustainable communities for more Filipinos.”

Leonardo B. Dayao Jr., President and CEO of Cadence Properties and current Chairman of the Subdivision and Housing Developers Association (SHDA) also underscored the significance of the agreement. “This project will expand homeownership opportunities for

the underserved income deciles, including CARD MRI members and beyond. We’re very eager to be able to help more families realize their dream of owning their own home.”

Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip, CARD MRI Founder and Chairman Emeritus, also attests to the partnership’s importance. “This is our first time working on a housing project—a dream come true not only for CARD MRI, but for many of our clients. A safe and secure home is more than just four walls and a roof—it is one of the foundations to break free from poverty. With it, families can dream bigger, work harder, and build a future filled with hope.”

With over 36 years of experience, The ICCP Group is a respected Philippine diversified conglomerate engaged in investment banking, venture capital, exhibition halls operations and management, and residential and industrial estate property development. Cadence Properties, its newest real estate arm, brings to the partnership deep expertise in building livable, sustainable communities.

CARD MRI, a mission-driven organization with a long track record of empowering Filipino families through microfinance, microinsurance, and livelihood programs, expands its reach through this collaboration—bridging social development with accessible housing. The organization currently has nearly 10 million clients across its various institutions.

Rooted in shared principles of nation-building, long-term value creation, and inclusive progress, CCPV reflects a forward-thinking approach to community development—one that carefully balances commercial viability with social impact.



**SSS...**

QUEZON CITY – In response to the 8 September 2025 directive issued by Department of Finance Secretary and Social Security Commission ex-officio Chair Ralph G. Recto to roll out faster services to pensioners and members, the Social Security System (SSS) has officially launched the MySSS Card – designed to transform the way Filipino workers, pensioners, and their beneficiaries access their social security benefits and financial services.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph Montes De Claro stated that the MySSS Card fulfills two purposes. It acts as an official ID, replacing the long-standing Unified Multi-Purpose Identification (UMID) card. It also operates as a fully functional debit card linked to a savings account.

De Claro noted that the card is equipped with an EMV chip. It is integrated with the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys) eVerify and biometric authentication. This provides a safe and convenient way for members to access SSS benefits and loans, as well as manage their daily financial transactions.

It merges social security benefits with digital banking, offering members a comprehensive way to access benefits, loans, and pensions quickly and conveniently. The card can also be used for shopping, public transport fares, and online purchases, De Claro explained.

The card will be issued exclusively through SSS partner banks. Issuance will start with Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) and will later include other banks such as Asia United Bank (AUB), China Bank, and Union Bank of the Philippines.

De Claro said the MySSS Card will automatically serve as the main disbursement account for SSS members. "Once members apply for the MySSS Card, we will link their partner bank savings accounts to SSS for

benefits, loans, and other proceeds. They no longer need to enroll the MySSS Card in the Disbursement Account Enrollment Module (DAEM)."

He stated that starting today, 1 October 2025, SSS will accept applications for the MySSS Card. RCBC, through its digital arm DiskarTech, will be the card's first implementer.

"The SSS and RCBC partnership marks a significant milestone in the digital transformation of government services," he continued. "The MySSS Card's rollout will expand as more partner banks join the program. This will provide more options for card issuance and banking features."

How to Apply for the MySSS Card

The MySSS Card is available to all SSS members, pensioners, individual claimants, beneficiaries, and representative payees who meet the following requirements:

- Possess a permanent SS number;
- Have an active account on the My.SSS Portal with updated personal details, including local address, mobile number, and email; and
- Be registered with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) under the National ID system,

## ONE MERALCO...

Ciudad De Strike Multi-purpose, October 7, 2025 – The City Government of Bacoor, led by Mayor Strike B. Revilla, partnered with One Meralco Foundation to bring assistance to the residents of Ciudad De Strike. The event saw the donation of school bags to students of Ciudad De Strike Integrated School by One Meralco Foundation, coupled with the distribution of relief goods by the Bacoor LGU to the community. Notably, Ciudad De Strike became the first community in Bacoor to launch Meralco's Kuryente Tipid Load program, aimed at providing more affordable electricity options.

The event was graced by the presence of Mayor Strike B. Revilla, LNB Vice President Randy Francisco, Kap Jeo "Boying" Dominguez and the Barangay Council of Barangay Molino 1, along



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## LESgoPositive Cavite

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### Unity: A Secret to Victory

Lately, our beloved country has been facing different issues which affect our economy, social statuses and even our identity. Yes, our identity- Filipinos are known to be resilient, happy spirited, hospitable and united. But, what about now? What about tomorrow?

When I was a child, I always wonder about a painting I saw in my grandmother's house- a painting of a nipa hut being held by men and they seem so joyful while carrying a big nipa hut. The painting has a title on it: &quot;Bayanihan&quot;. Then during my Sibika at Kultura subject, I learned more about this &quot;-bayanihan&quot;;, and I learned that it is one of our traits as Filipino people.

According to researches, this concept of unity is a recurring theme in Philippine history, particularly evident during times of crisis. Filipino unity is often most visible during national crises, whether of a political, social or natural calamity crises, name it we have it. Well, not just in crisis that we show our unity, even with the traditional celebrations we have: weddings, birthdays, celebrations, festivals and the like. We show our unity, we show our love, we extend our help because we are Filipinos.

Fast forward, 2025, are we still proud of this so-called unity? Are we still showing the best smiles in our faces while we are seeing and hearing different negative issues of our beloved country? What happened in the symbolic tradition of "bayanihan" that is now being lived as "bayan nating iniivan" "bayan nating hinuhugahan" where is

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## RAISING...

The Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A successfully conducted the Regional Judging and Evaluation for the Calabarzon Cacao Quality Award 2025 on October 7-8, 2025 at Flor and Daisy Agricultural Farm, Sariaya, Quezon. The activity was conducted in partnership with the Department of Agriculture 4-A, the University of the Philippine Los Baños-Institute of Food Science and Technology, and the Calabarzon Cacao Industry Federation, Inc., with support from the Offices of the Provincial Agriculturists in Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Quezon and Rizal. The



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## Gatchalian Backs PCG; Pushes for Higher Subsistence Pay Amid West PH Sea Tensions

Senator Win Gatchalian is pushing to boost the Philippine Coast Guard's (PCG) capabilities and operations amid continuing tensions in the West Philippine Sea.

Gatchalian said he would look into the possibility of increasing the PCG's subsistence allowance, noting that Coast Guard personnel currently receive only ₱150 per day compared to ₱350 for other uniformed personnel.

He emphasized the importance of maintaining high morale among PCG members, considering the harassments and challenges they face while patrolling the West Philippine Sea.

"Kahit na challenging ang situation, ang importante ay ma-sustain natin ang high morale ng ating mga kasamahan sa Coast Guard," Gatchalian said at a recent Senate budget hearing on the PCG's proposed 2026 budget.

"Let me express my appreciation, commendation, and full support to the PCG. Whenever you patrol the West Philippine Sea, not only do you risk your life, but you also assert our sovereignty," the senator said.

Gatchalian emphasized that the PCG's mission extends beyond national borders. "Ang trabaho ng PCG is not only for the Philippines but also for ASEAN. Anything that happens in the West Philippine Sea affects the entire region, even North Asia," he said.

## ENCHANTED...

Enchanted Kingdom (EK), the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, proudly marks its 30th Anniversary with a grand celebration on October 18 and 19, Saturday and Sunday. The premier theme park is working their magic to celebrate three decades of magical memories with an unforgettable concert series and festive surprises that promise to leave everyone forever enchanted.

The two-day festivities will feature the EK's first-ever projection mapping show, Wheel of Fate: The Magical Journey of Eldar the Wizard. Guests will also enjoy the Echoes of Enchantment Grand Parade, a special showcase of EK's beloved Storyverse characters led by the iconic Eldar the Wizard. These nighttime spectacles will start at 6:00 in the evening.

**Gabi ng Saribuhay: An Enchanting Filipino Concert**

On the night of October 18, Enchanted Kingdom proudly welcomes

homegrown talents back to its stage for a star-studded anniversary celebration.

Returning is former EK performer who has made her mark in the entertainment industry—powerhouse vocalist Gigi de Lana. Adding more magic to the evening is acclaimed singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Rob Deniel who will captivate guests with his music. The night will be made even more enchanting with the majestic performance of the Manila Philharmonic Orchestra, one of the country's premier orchestras.

Also joining the celebration are Maue Francisco and Mitzi Casacop—both former EK performers as well and now GMA Sparkle artists—who will give a special performance in an exclusive event.

The first night of the celebration will end with a grand The Magic of Saribuhay: A Pyromusic Spectacle.

**The Next Chapter of Enchantment**

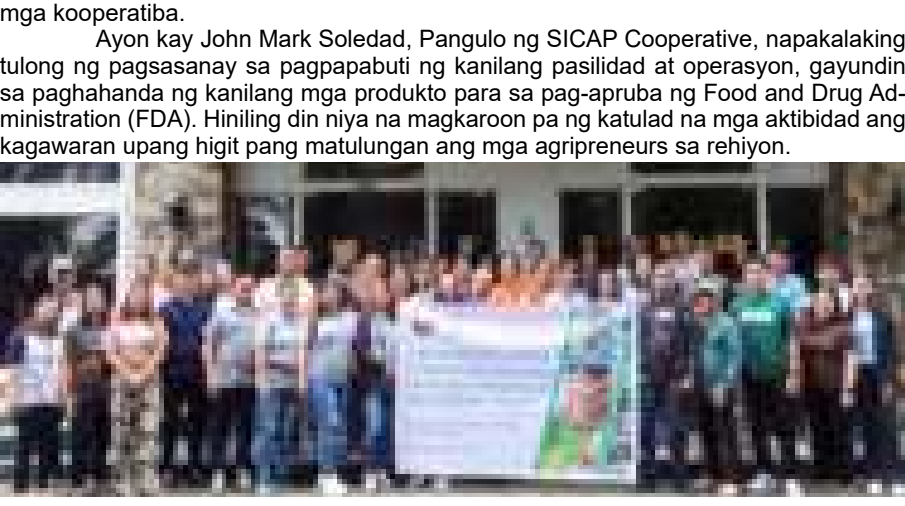
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## PAGSASANAY...

Sampung Farmers' Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) ang sinanay ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division (AMAD) sa Phase 2 ng Capacity Building on Support for Food Processing/Manufacturing for Agri-Enterprises noong ika-17 hanggang ika-19 ng Setyembre sa Los Baños, Laguna.

Layunin ng pagsasanay na ito na palakasin ang kaalaman ng mga FCAs sa pagnenegosyo partikular na sa proseso sa packaging, labeling, branding, traceability, mga pamantayan sa sanitasyon, at pamamahala ng mga kagamitan.

Katuwang din sa aktibidad ang Department of Science and Technology (DOST) CALABARZON na nagbahagi ng mga makabagong pamaraan at teknolohiya tulad ng paggamit ng biodegradable o bio-based packaging gaya ng compostable trays, mangkok na gawa sa bagasse, pouch na yari sa abaka, at plant-based bioplastics na makatutulong sa pagpapabuti ng operasyon ng mga kooperatiba.



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## CVSU...

Representatives from Cavite State University Naic Campus, namely Dr. Sherrlyn M. Rasdas, Dr. Michelle C. Tanega, and Mr. Edriane E. Serrano, participated in the 2025 National Extension Conference held on October 8–9, 2025 at the International Convention Center, Cavite State University, Indang, Cavite.

Jointly organized by PhilEASNet, PAEPI, and Cavite State University, the national event gathered extension professionals and practitioners from government agencies, higher education institutions, and the private sector to foster dialogue, promote knowledge sharing, and strengthen collaborations toward advancing food and nutrition extension policies.

In line with Presidential Proclamation No. 75, which declares October as National Agriculture and Fisheries Extension Services Month, this Conference served as a significant platform for advancing extension programs that contribute to community transformation and the economy of the future.

Highlights of the two-day conference included plenary discussions, scientific paper presentations, and recognition of outstanding extension research initiatives. Faculty from various CvsU campuses, including Naic and Bacoor, presented their extension papers during the parallel sessions on October 8, 2025, demonstrating the University's continued commitment to community transformation and sustainable.

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guests an educational and fully immersive journey through an enhanced film that showcases the Philippines' rich biodiversity and natural wonders.

"SARIBUHAY is more than just an experience—it is a powerful call to action," said Dr. Cynthia R. Mamon, Chief Operating Officer of Enchanted Kingdom. "Beyond its mission to promote the beauty of the Philippines and drive tourism, AGILA reminds us of the urgent need to conserve the environment and protect our wildlife."

Dr. Mamon also emphasized that admission to the majestic flying theater is already included in the park's regular day pass, as part of EK's Education Program. "Enchanted Kingdom welcomes 600,000 students each year as we offer EK as an alternative classroom where they can learn through our Physics Behind the Rides and our Botany in the Park, among others. With AGILA the EKsperience: SARIBUHAY, we want to be able to contribute in ensuring

that our next generation of leaders are equipped with awareness on the importance of protecting biodiversity," she furthered.

Plus, thrill-seekers have even more to look forward to as the iconic Space Shuttle makes its highly anticipated comeback this October—now reimagined with an immersive thematic experience and enhanced ride system technology, ensuring an even safer, smoother, and more exhilarating adventure with every twist and turn.

**Enchanting New Songs**

True to its aspiration in cultivating Filipino talent, EK's homegrown P-pop girl group, SMS has released their new original song, Forever Enchanted. EK's premier all-male vocal group Kingsmen has also released their own music, Enchanting Memories.

**New Anniversary Merchandise and Food Offerings**

As part of its 30th Anniversary celebration, Enchanted Kingdom will

also delight guests with exclusive food offerings crafted especially for this milestone year. Families and friends can look forward to indulging in limited-edition treats such as Agila Pops macarons, PanSisig crispy noodles, Biggie Burrito, Soy Good Chicken, and the playful Dino Surprise.

EK has released commemorative shirts featuring the park's iconic rides, as well as new AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY merchandise. The beloved prehistoric-themed concept store for kids, Stone Age, is also back - giving guests more ways to celebrate and bring home a piece of Enchanted Kingdom magic.

For more information and updates regarding EK's 30th Anniversary Celebration along with EK's other forever enchanting offerings, visit <https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph> and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and TikTok, and @ek\_philippines for Instagram.