

ENCHANTED KINGDOM TREATS FILIPINOS WITH MAGIC AND FAMILY FUN AT ELDAR'S EASTER ADVENTURE



Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, introduces yet another magical twist to the classic tradition of egg hunting at Eldar's Easter Adventure on April 20, Sunday.

As part of The Enchanted Story of Eldar the Wizard campaign from April and June, guests will embark on a fun-filled quest with EK's beloved characters — Eldar the Wizard, Benny, T-Tops, and Ogg — as they search for special egg stickers through exciting activities around the park.

Aside from trying out rides, attractions and spectacular shows, kids and the young-at-heart can channel their wit and creativity through edu-FUN, EK's very own educational and fun activities.

Exciting prizes and surprises await the

lucky participants who will be able to complete Eldar's Easter Adventure. Those who stood out in their best on-theme attire will also receive special treats from the theme park's jolly and wise wizard.

In order to unlock this whole magical experience, avail the Eldar's Easter Adventure bundle, inclusive of Park access and event pass. Enjoy early bird rates when you book this limited-time offering at the EK Online Store on or before April 19, Saturday.

Early bird rates include: Regular Day Pass for kids 48 inches and taller at Php 1,300;

Junior Day Pass for kids 32 to 47 inches at Php 900; and EKsperience the Magic Card (EKMC) for Php 3,800. Existing EKMC members will also get access to this enchanting event with a special rate of Php 300. Walk-in guests can avail the event bundle for its regular rate, subject to slot availability.

For more information and updates regarding Eldar's Easter Adventure and EK's other upcoming events and offers, visit <https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph> and EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and Tiktok, and @ek_philippines for Instagram.



SMC EXPRESSWAYS ALL SET FOR HOLY WEEK RUSH

SMC Infrastructure said it has rolled out preparations for the anticipated surge in vehicular traffic along its expressways beginning Monday, April 14, as thousands of Filipinos leave Metro Manila and head to the provinces for the observance of Holy Week.

The company said it has put in place traffic management plans for its tollways, namely the Southern Tagalog Arterial Road (STAR), South Luzon Expressway (SLEX), the Skyway System, NAIA Expressway, and the Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEX), and coordinated this with various local government units.

The company said it anticipates heavy traffic particularly at interchanges linking its tollways to national highways and other expressways, and has advised motorists

to plan their trips well for the upcoming holidays.

"Our instruction to our operations personnel is to make sure that our traffic management plans are in sync with the different towns and cities so that traffic flows smoothly along public roads. When public roads are congested, motorists along our carriageways are also affected as traffic can extend to the exits and onto the main line," explained SMC chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang.

"We hope that through close and constant collaboration with traffic management teams of LGUs, we can help reduce traffic buildups especially at critical points of convergence within our towns and cities," he added.

The company's contingency measures include increasing the deployment of tollway per-

sonnel such as patrollers and emergency responders, to assist those in need.

It also reminded motorists of measures they can take to contribute to the overall improvement of the traffic situation along expressways. This includes ensuring their Autosweep RFID accounts are topped, to avoid unnecessary queueing at toll plazas. Reloading Autosweep RFID accounts is widely available through online banking apps, e-wallets, over-the-counter desks, and payment kiosks.

For motorists who have yet to register for an Autosweep RFID account, the company reiterated that stickers remain free of charge, and users can load the exact amount of toll they will use. Replacement of stickers which have deteriorated over time also remain free

of charge.

The company also advised cash-paying motorists to switch to Autosweep RFID electronic toll collection, as this is a much faster, more convenient method of payment that also contributes to shorter queueing times at toll plazas.

Meanwhile, SMC Infrastructure stopped all roadworks and construction activities at expressways to help ensure traffic flow will not be disrupted. This started 12:00 PM of Friday, April 11, and will end at 10:00 PM of Monday, April 21.

Further enhancing Holy Week preparations on major expressways is Petron Corporation's Lakbay Alalay program, the country's longest-running motorist assistance initiative.

Petron will provide free motorist assistance, clean restrooms,

and limited freebies from brand partners at Petron Marilao (NLEX), Petron San Pedro (SLEX), and Petron TPLEX northbound on April 16 and 17.

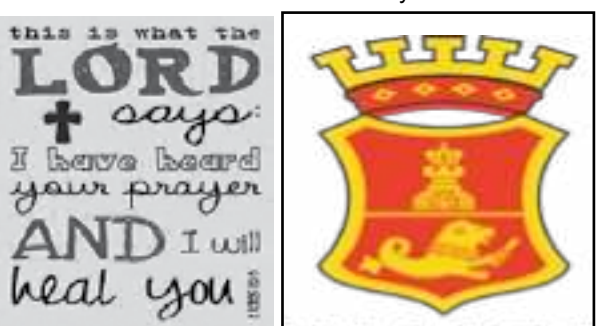
On April 20, Lakbay Alalay will be at Petron Bocaue (NLEX), Petron KM 44 northbound, and TPLEX southbound.

To help mitigate any other possible delays to their trips, SMC Infrastructure also called on motorists to ensure their vehicles are roadworthy, with tires properly inflated and engines thoroughly checked before traveling.

Motorists are

also reminded to adhere to speed limits along expressways, as well as to keep a safe braking distance, and to always wear their seatbelts.

SMC's at-grade or ground-level expressways have a maximum speed limit of 100 kph for Class 1 vehicles, and 80 kph for Classes 2 and 3 vehicles. Elevated expressways such as the Skyway System and NAIA Expressway have a maximum speed limit of 80 kph, except at curved portions of the carriageway which have a 60 kph speed limit for safety reasons.



CALABARZON WORKERS GET A BOOST AS 2ND TRANCHE OF WAGE HIKE TAKES EFFECT

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EDITORIAL: Telling it like it is

A navigation app's use of "West Philippine Sea" to refer to waters off the west coast of the country should leave no more room for doubt that this part of the world belongs to the Philippines.

The platform's use of WPS reflects a growing global acknowledgment of the Philippines' sovereignty over the waters as affirmed by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in its 2016 ruling on our claim.

The name change, however, should give Filipinos further impetus to assert our sovereignty amid continued bullying and harassment by China.

On Monday, April 15, a vessel of the China Coast Guard sailed dangerously close to a vessel of the Philippine Coast Guard near Scarborough Shoal.

The Chinese vessel even blocked the route of the Philippine vessel.

PCG Spokesperson Commodore Jay Tarriela said the incident highlights the CCG's non-compliance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. "It reflects a blatant disregard for safety at sea."

And then, on Tuesday, the Philippine Coast Guard detected a Chinese research vessel off Batanes, some 78 nautical miles northeast of Itbayat.

The PCG issued a radio challenge to the vessel, saying its presence was a violation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and that it had no authority to conduct research within the Philippines' EEZ. There was no response from the Chinese ship.

This is just the latest in a string of provocative acts by the Chinese in various parts of Philippine territory. The list of infractions is long, the maneuvers audacious.

To be sure, the Philippines has been protesting within the appropriate diplomatic channels.

Last week, even before the two latest incidents, the Philippines raised these concerns during the meeting of the joint working group on the Implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea.

Specifically, the Philippines highlighted incidents that endangered its vessels and personnel as well as actions that infringed on its sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction.

The joint working group is undertaking negotiations between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) and China for a Code of Conduct.

The difficulties created for the Philippines by China's actions in waters established as ours are as much a defense and security issue as they are economic.

Therefore, Philippine officials must be unrelenting in their protest and uncompromising in their position.

They have the support of the people behind them, because the issue strikes at who we are as a people.

The use of "West Philippine Sea" in an online map may be a small thing. Still, the first step to addressing an issue is recognizing it and giving it an apt name.

Our next steps should go beyond names; they should reflect a diplomatic but firm assertion of what is ours, basic respect for each nation's boundaries, and adherence to international law.

"DIGITAL BAYANIHAN"...

As the count-down begins to the 2025 National and Local Elections, the battle lines are being drawn not just at the ballot box, but across cyberspace.

In a decisive move to protect the integrity of the Filipino ballot, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Secretary Henry Aguda convened the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Advisory Council (CAC) on April 15, 2025, in Taguig City. One of the primary action items is to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process against an evolving array of online

harms.

"We must be proactive, not reactive," Sec. Aguda emphasized during the meeting. "The threats are evolving. From fake news to deepfakes and organized troll armies—our election system must be ready to face them head-on."

Recognizing the growing influence of social media platforms in the elections, the CAC welcomed the decisive stance of tech giants—TikTok, Google, and Meta—who pledged to ban paid political ads on their platforms. Google has implemented the ban since the start of the official campaign peri-

od, a move that supports the shared goal of a clean, fair, and credible election.

The CAC, composed of representatives from government, academe, ICT professional organizations, and non-government electoral reform organizations, regularly discuss timely issues concerning the elections.

Key topics tackled during the meeting include updates on the recent COMELEC briefing, recommendations for the use of digital and automated election systems, and proposed timeline for submitting inputs to COMELEC, among others.

DICT's Role in the 2025 Elections

As the tech vanguard of the 2025 elections, DICT is collaborating closely with COMELEC on several key initiatives to enhance the technological infrastructure of the elections. These initiatives include the establishment of Configuration Hubs, where DICT personnel will assist in managing the hubs during the election process, as well as the development of online services such as the Precinct Results Finder, Registration Status Verifier, and Election Results Website, all aimed at en-

hancing transparency and providing real-time access to election data.

In adjournment, the Sec. Aguda emphasized: "Every vote matters, and so does every byte of information. Let's work together to secure both."

As the digital threats to democracy grow more complex, so too does the response. The DICT will ensure that through digital bayanihan—with all stakeholders united—we harness the power of technology to protect the Filipino vote.

To ensure peace and order, PRO4A continues to conduct election checkpoints at various locations and boundaries throughout the region to prevent any threats to security during the election period and to ensure public compliance with the nationwide gun ban, which is in effect from January 12 until June 11.

Lucas also called for public participation in maintaining safety and order during the election, urging everyone to report any suspicious activities and remain vigilant throughout the election period.



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DOST-CALABARZON participates in LBSCFI's 16th Syensaya Science Festival



Organized by the Los Baños Science Community Foundation, Inc. (LBSCFI), the 16th Los Baños SyenSaya Science Festival showcased events, competitions, and exhibits that featured member-agencies' science, technology, and innovation (STI) programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) and services last March 11-13, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-CALABARZON participated in the festival, at the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), Laguna.

DOST-CALABARZON's programs, projects, and services

Anchored to the DOST's National Science, Technology, and Innovation Week (NSTW), the festival adopted the theme "Teknolohiya at Inobasyon: Kabalik at Matatag, Maginhawa, at Pana-tag na Kinabukasan." One of its highlights was the Wonderama Exhibit, which showcased STI PPAs designed to engage and inspire high school students.

As part of the celebration, DOST-CALABARZON featured several innovative programs, projects, technologies, and services, under the following focus areas:

Food Security and Sovereignty

Revitalization of the Makapuno Industry in CALABARZON

Leveling-Up of Quezon's Bagsakan Agri-Processing Capability Through Adoption of the Smart Food Value Chain Framework Project

Fabrication of Prototype Deployable Mushroom Growing House as Complementary Technology to Enhance Livelihood and Food Security Project

Resilience and Sustainability

Solar Isotropic Generator of Acoustic Wave (SIGAW)

Boat Box : Cost-Effective Tracking and Distress Message Sending System for Local Small Fish-ing Vessels (SFV)

Future Communities and Institutions

Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly-Operated Kiosks (STAR-BOOKS)

Scholarship Programs and Services

One Health Invisible Threats: The Power of Clean Hands in Food Safety

DOST-CALABARZON's Laboratory Testing and Calibration Services

STI Collaboration and Innovation

"Syensaya is more than just an annual celebration of science, technology, and innovation (STI) in Los Baños—it serves as a regional platform that strengthens collaboration among LBSCFI's 25 member-agencies. Through partnerships, we not only promote STI but also enhance its practical applications for the benefit of communities," said Engr. Francisco R. Barquilla III, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Operations of DOST-CALABARZON. He emphasized

the importance of partnerships in advancing research and technology, stating, "Collaboration is a cornerstone of progress, and through LBSCFI, a DOST-certified science foundation, we can work together not just to popularize STI but to ensure its meaningful impact to and for the people."

Awarding and Closing Ceremony

The celebration concluded during the Awarding and Closing Ceremony on March 13 at the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) Umali Auditorium where Dr. Jose V. Camacho, Jr., Chancellor of UPLB and President of LBSCFI, expressed his appreciation to all member-agencies for their contributions to the event's success.

Furthermore, the winning research of the Youth Science Awards (YSA) and the M.S. Swaminathan Outstanding Research Award were recognized, after which was followed by an acknowledgment of member-agencies that participated in this year's Wonderama Exhibits.

The event also recognized outstanding research contributions, including winners of the Youth Science Awards (YSA) are following: first place is the Vehicle Accident Alert and Prevention System of students from the Bucal National Integrated School (BNIS); second place is the Citrus Peel Essential Oils (CPEO) Spray System of

students from The Mabini Academy (TMA); and third place is the Safety Electrical Outlet, also from students from BNIS.

Additionally, Rhowell N. Tiozon, Jr., Alisdair R. Fernie, and

Nese Sreenivasulu from the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) were awarded the M.S. Swaminathan Outstanding Research Award.

Dr. Camacho then officially closed the

celebration by recognizing participating LBSCFI member-agencies which contributed to the Wonderama Exhibit and to the general program of the SyenSaya Science Festival. PR

DTI-LAGUNA HIGHLIGHTS MSMEs PRODUCT THROUGH THE SUCCESSFUL CONDUCT OF KADIWA NG PANGULO



Alaminos, Laguna — On February 7, 2025, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) demonstrated its support for the Kadiwa ng Pangulo (KNP), which was held in front of the Alaminos Municipal Hall.

The KNP initiative eliminates market levels and allows farmers to sell directly to customers. Additionally, the initiative intends to connect micro, small, and medium enterprises in agriculture, manufacturing, retail, and services directly with consumers. By strengthening distribution channels, they may optimize their earnings, so boosting economic growth.

The local government unit of Alaminos has decided to conduct KNP twice a year, and the current one is the first KNP being conducted for this year. It was successfully launched through the combined efforts of the Department of Agriculture and its partners—the Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of the Interior and Local Government, as well as relevant departments within the Alaminos Local Government Unit.

As part of DTI Laguna's commitment in supporting the initiative, a

Diskwento Caravan was organized in partnership with Puregold-Alaminos, Laguna, and Generika. Additionally, three micro-entrepreneurs took part in the trade fair: 3A Footwear, EFF Footwear and Mywill Food Products.

Some of the customers included employees of the Alaminos Municipal Hall, members of the Bureau of Fire Protection, students and teachers from nearby schools, as well as local residents of Alaminos. Moreover, shoppers who visited after hearing about KNP's presence in the area were also spotted onsite

(MOCalongalong, DTI-Laguna).

SHOW OF READINESS AND COMMITMENT: SM SOUTH LUZON 2 TEAMS GEAR UP FOR SAFETY



SM City Das-mariñas proudly hosted the Joint Tactical Inspec-tion for SM South Luzon 2, showcasing the disci-pline, preparedness, and teamwork of security per-sonnel and maintenance teams from SM City Das-mariñas, SM City Trece Martires, and SM Market-mall. The event highlights SM's strong commitment to safety, operational ex-cellence, and ensuring a secure environment for all shoppers and tenants across the region.

Gracing the event were key leaders and partners in safety and operations: Mr. Rafael T. Te-jada – AVP for CRS, Ms. Minabel Llanes – Regional Operations Manager SM South 2, Mr. Charleston M. Tan – SAVP for SM Re-tails, Mr. John Jason T. Te-renal – SAVP for SM South Region, PLTCOL Rejeno Onate – OIC CCPS Das-mariñas City, Mr. Almus J. Alabe – Head of Security Affairs, SM Prime Holding Inc., Ms. Marjorie P. Ore-

liano – AVP for Customer Relations Services HO, and Ms. Katleen Briones – President of Combined Blue Dragon Security Agency. Their presence underscored the shared commitment to safety, op-erational excellence, and continued service to the community. The event also highlighted the commend-able work and dedication of these frontliners in en-suring safety and order within the malls.



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HERMINDA T. VALLE,
Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-24-144
FOR: Application for Extra-judicial
Foreclosure of Mortgage
(Under Act No. 3135, as Amended
by Act No. 4118)

-versus-

FELICIANO C. FRANCISCO and
VIRGINIA E. FRANCISCO,
Mortgagors.

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SECOND NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **HERMINDA T. VALLE**, of legal age, Filipino, widow, and a resident of No. 170 San Enrique St., Ayala, Alabang, Muntin-lupa City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") executed and no-tarized on August 19, 2021 by Mortgagors-Debtors, **FELI-CIANO C. FRANCISCO and VIRGINIA E. FRANCISCO**, of legal ages, Filipinos, husband and wife, residents of No. 20 Eugenio St, Parada, Valenzuela City, Philippines, represent-ed by JOYCELYN R. PAMERON as per Special Power of Attorney executed and notarized on May 15, 2021, in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over a real estate properties in-cluding improvements thereon, described in and covered by **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES OF TITLE NOS. (2015000445) 076-2024000210 and (2015000147) 076-2024000209** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors-Debtors in the amount of ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (Php1,800,000.00) inclusive of legal interests, taxes and fees and other expenses, as of August 30, 2024, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Re-gional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Alex E. Martinez, will sell at public auction on May 21, 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.

**ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. (2015000445) 076-2024000210**
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"Court:
Land Registration LRA Record No. N-77488
Case No. TG-1013
DECREE NO. N-233904

The Judgement rendered in the above-numbered case having become final in accordance with law, it is hereby decreed that
Owner: FELICIANO C FRANCISCO, MARRIED TO VIRGINIA E FRANCISCO, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO CITIZEN
Address: 20 EUGENIO STREET, PARADA ROAD, VALENZUELA CITY
is/are the legal owner/s in fee simple of certain land/s situ-ated in BARANGAY OF GUINHAWA, TAGAYTAY CITY, IS-LAND OF LUZON, more particularly described

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION
LOT NO: 8 **PLAN NO:** CCS-04-004393-D
PORTION OF: CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 10970 AND 10971, CAD. 355, TAGAYTAY CADASTRE IDENTICAL TO LOTS 10908-B AND 10908-C, CSD-04-009770-D
LR CASE NO. TG-1013, LRA RECORD NO. N-77488)
LOCATION BARANGAY OF GUINHAWA, TAGAYTAY CITY, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES		ADJOINING LOT(S)
LINE	DIRECTION	
1-2	SE	LOT 7 = LOT 17404, CAD. 335, CCS-04-004393-D
2-3	SW	LOT 17 = LOT 17414, CAD. 335 (ROAD), CCS-04-004393-D
3-4		LOT 9 = LOT 17406, CAD. 355, CCS-04-004393-D
4-5	NE	LOT 3 = LOT 17400, CAD. 355, CCS-04-004393-D
5-1		LOT 2 = LOT 17399, CAD. 355, CCS-04-004393-D
TIE POINT: BLLM NO. 1, CAD. 355, TAGAYTAY CADASTRE		

TO CORNER	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
	1	S. 85° 57' W	7034.48 M.
	1-2	S. 62° 08' W	16.94 M.
	2-3	N. 28° 13' W	11.80 M.
	3-4	N. 62° 08' E	16.94 M.
	4-5	S. 28° 00' E	1.80 M.
	5-1	S. 28° 14' E	10.00 M.

AREA: TWO HUNDRED (200) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.
DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS: ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND PS CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X60 CMS.
BEARINGS: TRUE
DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: JANUARY 12, 1964-JANU-ARY 24, 1968
NOTE: LOT 8=LOT 17405, CAD. 355, TAGAYTAY CADAS-TRE."

**ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. (2015000147) 076-2024000209**
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

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TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION
LOT NO: 9 **PLAN NO:** CCS-04-004393-D
PORTION OF: CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 10970 AND 10971, CAD. 355, TAGAYTAY CADASTRE IDENTICAL TO LOTS 10908-B AND 10908-C, CSD-04-009770-D
LR CASE NO. TG-1013, LRA RECORD NO. N-77488)
LOCATION BARANGAY OF GUINHAWA, TAGAYTAY CITY, ISLAND OF LUZON

BOUNDARIES		ADJOINING LOT(S)
LINE	DIRECTION	
1-2	NE	LOT 3 = LOT 17400, CAD. 355, CCS-04-004393-D
2-3	SE	LOT 8 = LOT 17405, CAD. 335, CCS-04-004393-D
3-4	SW	LOT 17 = LOT 17414, ROAD, CCS-04-004393-D
4-5	NW	LOT 13 = LOT 17410, CAD. 355, CCS-04-004393-D
5-1	NE	LOT 4 = LOT 17401, CAD. 355, CCS-04-004393-D
TIE POINT: BLLM NO. 1, CAD. 355, TAGAYTAY CADASTRE		

TO CORNER	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
	1	S. 85° 46' W	7042.59 M.
	1-2	S. 28° 15' E	8.20 M.
	2-3	S. 62° 08' W	16.94 M.
	3-4	N. 28° 11' W	16.75 M.
	4-5	N. 75° 29' E	17.43 M.
	5-1	S. 28° 12' E	4.53 M.

AREA: TWO HUNDRED (200) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS.
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BEARINGS: TRUE
DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: JANUARY 12, 1964-JANU-ARY 24, 1968
DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY: APRIL 8, 2000
NOTE: LOT 9 IS EQUIVALENT TO LOT 17406, CAD. 355, TAGAYTAY CADASTRE."

In the event of the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on January 15, 2025 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **ORIGINAL CER-TIFICATES OF TITLE NOS. (2015000445) 076-2024000210** and **(2015000147) 076-2024000209** the encumbrances thereon , if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, November 7, 2024

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

(SGD) ALEX E. MARTINEZ
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late ROMUALDO BILUGAN, consisting of a parcel of land known as Lot No. 5240, of the subd. Plan, situated at Urdaneta, Magallanes, Cavite. Bound-ed on the North: (NW) Creek and 18 Sec.005 (Lot No.5281) San Agustin; on the East:23 (Lot 5282) and Brgy. Road; on the South (SE) 20 (Lot No.5236); and on the West: (SW) Creek and 18 Se.005 (Lot No.5281) San Agustin xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx containing an area of FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUN-DRED FIVE (47,305) SQUARE METERS, which is embraced and covered by Transfer Certificate of Tit-le No. T-1049011 of the Register of Deeds of Cavite, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate of the Deceased Romulado Bilugan Among the Legal Heirs as per Doc.No.114; Page No.24; Book No. XXV and series of 2025 of Notary Public Jameswell M. Resus of Naic, Cavite.

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AGRI RENEWS CALL TO PROBE P11-B EXPIRED MEDICINES, VACCINES IN DOH WAREHOUSES, HEALTH FACILITIES

AGRI Party-list Rep. Wilbert Lee reiterated his call for an investigation into the P11 billion worth of expired medicines and vaccines in Department of Health (DOH) warehouses, following a recent Senate resolution by Senator Joel Villanueva.

Lee emphasized that the expiration of essential drugs, including over 7 million vials of COVID-19 vaccines, is a clear case of negligence and misuse of public funds.

Lee, who filed House Resolution No. 2117, highlighted the importance of accountability and efficient use of health resources. He also called on the DOH to submit a comprehensive report on the expired supplies and the steps taken to address the issue.

AGRI Party-list continues to push for free medicines and healthcare services for all Filipinos, stressing the need for proper government action to ensure public health resources are used effectively.

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The Bicolano lawmaker renewed his call after Senator Joel Villanueva recently filed Senate Resolution No. 1326 to probe the said issue.

"Buo ang suporta natin sa panawagang ito ni Senator Joel Villanueva para imbestigahan din sa Senado ang malaking kapabayaang at malaking kasalanan na ito sa taumbayan," Lee said.

"Such negligence is both unacceptable and unlawful. Pondo ito na nasayang at serbisyonang ipinagkait para sa kalusugan ng mga Pilipino," he added.

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PH MULLED AS SITE FOR ASEAN CENTRE FOR MSME DEVELOPMENT

With its dynamic MSME sector, the Philippines is being positioned as the site of the ASEAN region's first hub for MSME Development.

ASEAN Business Advisory Council-Philippines (ASEAN BAC PH) chair Joey Concepcion recently met with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Usec.

Allan Gepty to seek the DTI's support and guidance for the establishment of an ASEAN Centre for MSME Development, which will be a regional government and private sector initiative.

The ASEAN Centre for MSME Development is envisioned to serve as a physical center for entrepreneurship mentors, a hub for capacity-building, and a way to help expand the network of MSMEs while increasing their knowledge of best practices.

AGRI Party-list, which is running for reelection in the 2025 National and Local Elections underscored the importance of probing this issue to hold the involved officials and personnel accountable, identify underlying systemic issues, and ensure that public health resources are utilized efficiently, properly accounted for, and distributed in a timely and effective manner.

It also called on the DOH anew to submit a comprehensive report to Congress detailing the status of all expired supplies, including COVID-19 vaccines, and the steps taken to address the situation.

Through Lee's leadership, AGRI Party-list was the first to expose that the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) had billions of available funds in September 2023, which then led to the implementation of PhilHealth's increased benefits after over a decade that it was not updated and no longer responsive to the hospitalization cost of the beneficiaries.

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Buhay at kabuhayan ang nakataya dito," AGRI Party-list stated. PR



LTO, PDEA REACTIVATE DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM AHEAD OF LENT

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – Law-enforcement agencies continue the roll-out of Oplan Harabas Ligtas Biyahe operations to ensure the safety of all road users amid the expected surge of travelers in the Calabarzon region for the Holy Week.

The program is led by the Land Transportation Office (LTO), in cooperation with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), Philippine National Police (PNP), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

On April 11, Oplan Harabas operations are conducted in Calamba City and San Pedro City, Laguna, where 229 bus drivers and conductors have undergone a random drug test, three of them tested positive for the presence of dangerous drugs.

The three drivers who tested positive are currently in the custody of PDEA for confirmatory testing using chemical analysis, while their licenses were turned over to LTO for proper filing of appropriate penalties.

Proponents of the initiative will next present the concept, and once approved, will secure a declaration from ASEAN leaders.

Previous Oplan Harabas operations in the region were done during All Saints' Day, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

CALABARZON...

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Private workers across Calabarzon are now set to fully benefit from the wage hike approved by the regional wage board last year, as the second tranche of the increase takes effect.

With the latest adjustment, workers in the non-agriculture sector in component cities and first-class municipalities will receive an additional ₱20, raising their daily minimum wage from ₱520 to ₱540.

Meanwhile, non-agriculture workers in fourth, fifth, and sixth-class municipalities will receive a ₱30 increase, elevating their daily minimum wage from ₱420 to ₱450.

The Wage Board added that workers in the

Albert and ASEAN BAC PH Executive Director Gil Gonzales.

Concepcion, who is also the founder of the non-profit Go Negosyo which has advocated for entrepreneurship among Filipinos for 20 years now, said that the cooperation between government and private sector in MSME development puts the country in an ideal position to host the center.

If realized, the center will be the Philippines' second such regional center for excellence, the other being the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity.

The Philippines chairmanship in 2026 is seen as an opportune time for the Philippines to launch the center as it aligns with the DTI's priority agendas.

The centre will be one of the legacy projects of the Philippines chairmanship in 2026, along with initiatives in food security and women entrepreneurs.

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SUCCESS ONE STEP AT A TIME

When one is passionate about what they do, they tend to overcome all the challenges that lie ahead of them.

"I've experienced numerous losses in my business due to unpredictable circumstances. However, CARD SME Bank always provides me with a solution to bounce back," said Sonia Torino, 44, from Dasmariñas, Cavite, owner of a thriving sari-sari store.

Among the six siblings, Sonia stands out as the one with a natural knack for business.

Since childhood, she has shown a keen interest in selling a variety of products, a passion inherited from her mother and nurtured over the years.

Initially from Batangas City, she thought of moving to meet her sister in Cavite after graduating from high school.

There were days when their earnings were minimal, and at times, none.

"The income was very unstable at first. But because I put my mind into it, I never once thought of stopping. I know this is my passion, this is what I want to do in life," Sonia said.

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envisioned its potential for growth. She made the decision to join CARD SME Bank, Inc., a full-fledged thrift bank dedicated to extending financial support to micro, small, and medium enterprises.

"I first learned about CARD SME Bank from friends. I was hesitant to join because the center meetings were held weekly, and I was reluctant to leave my children. However, when the opportunity struck again, I immediately applied for clientship," she said.

From a small sari-sari store, Sonia has gradually expanded its offerings to cater a wider range of products for customers.

Through her dedication, she is able to send her three children to school and construct a home for her family.

Presently, Sonia's sari-sari store is flourishing and continues to operate successfully.

Looking ahead, she and her husband are planning to further expand their business by transitioning it into a grocery store in the coming years.

"Just focus on the business and devote your heart to it.

Losses are there, they happen.

What you need to learn is how to pick yourself up to keep going," Sonia's advice to aspiring entrepreneurs," advised Sonia to aspiring entrepreneurs.

She persevered, relying on the financial assistance provided by



Gatchalian Confident Economic Benefits Can Outweigh Possible Tax Collection Dent

Senator Win Gatchalian said he is confident that the economic benefits of the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises to Maximize Opportunities for Reinvigorating the Economy (CREATE MORE) Act will far outweigh any potential downside risks to the government's revenue collection efforts.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) had earlier expressed concerns about the potential impact of CREATE MORE on tax collection.

"CREATE MORE gives us a competitive advantage in attracting foreign direct investments. The economic benefits that we will generate from such investments will not only lead to job creation, but also increased export competitiveness and overall economic development, which would then lead to increased revenue collection for the government," said Gatchalian, principal author and sponsor of the measure.

Republic Act 12066, also known as CREATE MORE was enacted into law in November last year and provides a more targeted set of incentives to attract more foreign direct investments into the country.

"Sa pagkakaroon ng mas maraming pamuhunan sa bansa, inaasahan ang pagdami ng trabahang kalaunan ay magpapataas sa koleksyon ng buwis," he reiterated.

With the implementation of CREATE MORE, the government is hoping to bring back the country's foreign direct investments to its level prior to the pandemic, he added.

Foreign direct investments into the country inched up by 0.1 percent to reach \$8.93 billion in 2024.

ABOITIZPOWER RECEIVE LOCAL DISASTER RESILIENCY COMMENDATION

AP Renewables Inc. (APRI), the geothermal subsidiary of Aboitiz Power Corporation, together with the Aboitiz Foundation, was recognized by the National Resiliency Council (NRC) as esteemed partners in its Adopt-a-Municipality project. In collaboration with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Office of Civil Defense, the project links the public and private sectors to partner in capacitating the disaster resilience of local government units. APRI and the Aboitiz Foundation adopted the local government of Tiwi, Albay in 2019, supporting and funding a multi-year program that saw risk assessments and mapping, capacity-building workshops, and other forms of technical assistance. Pictured are APRI President and COO Jeffrey Estrella (5th from left), together with Tiwi Mayor Jaime "Ami" Villanueva (5th from right), receiving plaques of recognition from NRC President and Chairman Hans Sy (4th from right) and DENR Undersecretary Marilou G. Erni (3rd from right) during an NRC conference in Pasay City. APRI operates the Tiwi-Makban geothermal facilities located in the provinces of Albay, Laguna, and Batangas.

