

MPTC GEARS UP FOR UNDAS 2025



MPTC 'Biyaheng Arangkada' Motorists Assistance Program Undas 2025

Enhanced traffic management, shoulder lane regrading, and motorist assistance set across MPTC expressways Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) is reactivating its "Biyaheng Arangkada" Motorists Assistance Program to ensure safe and convenient travel during the Undas season. With an expected surge in traffic across NLEX, SCTEX, NLEX Connector, CALAX, CAVITEX, and CCLEX, MPTC is intensifying operations through increased personnel deployment, 24/7 traffic monitoring, and quick-response teams. Free towing for Class 1 and Class 1M

(for CCLEX) vehicles to the nearest exit will be available from 6:00 AM of October 30 to 6:00 AM of November 3 to assist motorists, while roadworks will be suspended from October 29 to November 3, except for emergency repairs, to keep traffic flowing smoothly. To reduce bottlenecks, NLEX Corporation has regraded shoulder lanes in key areas to support counterflow operations. Motorists are advised to plan their trips ahead and avoid peak hours, particularly during the following periods: Afternoon of October 29 Afternoon of October 30 to evening of

October 31 Morning of November 1 Afternoon of November 2 Morning until noon of November 3 Around 2,000 traffic, toll, and emergency personnel will be on duty across MPTC expressways, in coordination with the PNP, LGUs, and key agencies. At CAVITEX, "Biyaheng Arangkada" will be implemented with PEA Tollway Corporation, a subsidiary of the Philippine Reclamation Authority. Motorists can use the MPT DriveHub app for real-time traffic updates, RFID reloading, and assistance.

As part of the MVP Group's efforts, Maynilad will provide free bottled water, while Smart Communications will offer free Wi-Fi and charging stations in select areas. MPTC encourages motorists to ensure their vehicles are in good condition and RFID accounts are sufficiently loaded before traveling. For updates, follow @NLEXexpressways, @OfficialCALAX, @CaviteXpressway, and @CCLEXexpressway on Facebook, or call 1-35000 for 24/7 assistance. MPTC is the tollways infrastructure unit of the Manuel Pangilinan-led Metro Pacific Investments Corporation.

Agri Trucks, PUVs to Enjoy 90-Day Toll Reprieve as CAVITEX Implements New Rates

CAVITEX NEW TOLL FEES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 28, 2025				
Vehicle Type	Old Rate	New Rate	Old Rate	New Rate
ROAD ROLL				
Light	19.00	17.00	35.00	34.00
Medium	127.00	88.00	88.00	35.00
Heavy	127.00	88.00	124.00	124.00
Special ROLL				
Light	76.00	76.00	254.00	76.00
Medium	254.00	176.00		253.00
Heavy	76.00	76.00	252.00	
ROAD ROLL				
Light	117.00		364.00	114.00
Medium	381.00	264.00		379.00
Heavy	114.00	114.00	379.00	

MANILA, October 24, 2025 — The Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) has approved the toll rate adjustments for the Manila-Cavite Expressway (CAVITEX) following petitions filed by joint venture partners CAVITEX Infrastructure Corporation (CIC) and Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) in 2020 and 2023. The new rates will take effect on October 28, 2025. To help ease the impact of the toll increase, CAVITEX' "Abante Program" will be reactivated — a toll reprieve initiative allowing registered public utility vehicles (PUVs) and agricultural trucks to continue paying old toll rates for 90 days from implementation. Transport groups not yet enrolled may contact 1-35000 or email customercare@mptc.com to know more about the program and how to avail. "We appreciate the government's affirmation to honor its contractual obligations with the Private Investors and Toll Operators," said CAVITEX management". While the rate adjustments are necessary to ensure continued maintenance, safety, and

improvement of the expressway, we also recognize the need to support sectors most affected by rising transport costs. The toll reprieve initiative seeks to strike a fair balance between infrastructure sustainability and public welfare. New Toll Rates The TRB resolution grants the 2020 and 2023 petitions, authorizing the implementation of provisionally approved toll rates to support ongoing upgrades and maintenance activities. CAVITEX R1 Portion (Seaside to Zapote) – VAT-inclusive rates effective October 28, 2025: Class 1: P35 → P39 Class 2: P70 → P78 Class 3: P104 → P117 CAVITEX R1 Extension Segment 4 (Zapote to Kawit): To moderate the impact on motorists, the rate adjustment will be implemented in two tranches (2025 and 2026). First tranche rates are as follows: Class 1: P73 → P88 Class 2: P146 → P176

Class 3: P219 → P264 Infrastructure Improvements CIC and PRA completed major infrastructure projects to ensure the expressway's safety and efficiency, even prior to the approval of toll petitions, including: Expansion Joint Replacement at the Parañaque Segment Bridges and Imus Viaduct, enhancing ride comfort and structural reliability Upgraded RFID systems and installation of Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) technology for faster and more seamless transactions Ongoing pavement rehabilitation works in critical portions of both the Kawit and Parañaque segments CIC and PRA reaffirm their commitment to deliver safe, reliable, and efficient expressways that support economic growth and regional connectivity. Note: Due to adjustment at CAVITEX R1 portion, CAVITEX C5 Link Segment 2 (Sucat Interchange) toll rate will also be adjusted accordingly to the new VAT-inclusive rates: P38 (Class 1), P76 (Class 2), and P114 (Class 3).

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DOST-Cavite joins Cavite Province in Celebrating Cooperative Month 2025



The Department of Science and Technology – Cavite Provincial Science and Technology Office (DOST-Cavite) joined the province-wide celebration of Cooperative Month 2025, carrying the

theme "Cooperatives United in Purpose and Action, Sharing Prosperity to Build a Better World." Held on October 10 at the Strike Gymnasium in the City of Bacoor, the event was organized by the Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO) and the Provincial cont. on page 2



Cavite hosts 4th CALABARZON Culture Summit

DOE



SSS is proud to be recognized as Outstanding Performer in Complaints Resolution and Compliance (FY 2024 to 1st Semester 2025) under the Contact Center ng Bayan (CCB) Partner Recognition Program by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) during the Pasasalamat Ceremony held on 17 October 2025 in Quezon City. This recognition, given in celebration of the 125th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary (PCSA) with the theme "Bawat Kawani, Lingkod Bayani: Puso, Dangal, at Galing Para sa Bayan," affirms our commitment to deliver efficient, responsive, and caring public service for every Filipino.

Cayetano: CHED 2026 budget should promote data-driven and accountable education reform



EDITORIAL: Enhancing regional security cooperation

HEARTENING, that the Philippines and Japan have agreed to strengthen their security co-operation following an "agreement in principle" to have the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement, or ACSA. This emerged during a meeting between President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and newly elected Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi on Sunday, on the sidelines of the 47th Association of Southeast Asian Nations Summit in Kuala Lumpur.

Neither side provided a timeline for the signing of ACSA, under negotiation since April, during a visit to Manila by former Japanese Prime Minister Ishiba Shigeru, which follows the Reciprocal Access Agreement or RAA, in force since last month after Manila and Tokyo signed it on July 8, 2024 – ratified by the Philippine Senate last December and the Japanese Diet last June.

The five-day inaugural activity ending on Oct. 11, the "Doshin-Bayanihan 5-25," a combined training exercise between the Philippine Air Force and Japan Air Self-Defense Force focused on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, the Dept. of National Defense said. The RAA, which facilitates the mutual movement of military forces for joint exercises and other activities, provides a legal framework for the visiting forces of Japan and the Philippines to be present in each other's territories for specific cooperative activities like joint training and exercises.

This is expected to be enhanced by ACSA, which allows the exchange and provision of logistics, like fuel, food, transportation, and medical services, between the two countries' armed forces.

The meeting between President Marcos and Japan's PM Takaichi underlines what the former said earlier that the Philippines, continuously harassed by its giant neighbor China in the West Philippine Sea, is ready to deepen cooperation with other nations to confront "unpredictable" security challenges in the Indo-Pacific.

The 68-year-old President Marcos has repeatedly emphasized Manila will never compromise its sovereignty even as it strengthens alliances with friendly neighboring nations. This puts Manila's role "at the forefront" of regional tensions, citing daily harassment faced by Philippine vessels and fisherfolk in the West Philippine Sea, within the country's 200-mile exclusive economic zone.

"Today, the most significant threat to the peace and stability we strive for is right here in our own neighborhood, here in the Indo-Pacific region. And this is not just an opinion. It is a fact," President Marcos had said. The Philippines and China have been locked in a long-standing maritime dispute over parts of the West Philippine Sea, part of the vast South China Sea which Beijing claims entirely as its own, although a 2016 arbitral tribunal has ruled in favor of Manila and invalidated Beijing's expansive claim.

President Marcos said collective action is now "absolutely essential" as he described today's challenges as "not bound by borders."

DOST-Cavite...

Cooperative Development Council (PCDC). The celebration featured a trade fair and exhibits highlighting the products and services of local cooperatives.

A highlight of the program was the King and Queen of Koop-Munity 2025, where DOST-Cavite Provincial Director Gilda

DTI...

The Department of Trade and Industry Region 4-A successfully concluded the CALABARZON Cacao Quality Award (CCQA) 2025, a regional initiative recognizing excellence in fermented cacao bean production, through a two-part event held in Quezon Province this October. The initiative was carried out in partnership with the University of the Philippines Los Baños, the Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Office 4-A, the CALABARZON Cacao Industry Federation, Inc., the CALABARZON Cacao Industry Council, and the Offices of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAs) of Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Quezon, and Rizal.

The activity began with the Regional Technical Evaluation and Judging on October 7–8, 2025, at Flor and Daisy's Agricultural Farm in Sariaya, Quezon, followed by the Awarding Ceremony

DOE...

CALAMBA CITY (PIA) – Barangays in CALABARZON hosting energy sources and power-generating facilities will receive additional benefits starting January 2026.

Under Department Circular No. 2025-10-0023 signed by Energy Secretary Sharon Garin, barangays that host power plants and other power-generating facilities will enjoy increased financial benefits from Php0.01 to Php 0.03 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) of electricity generated and sold.

In a press release, Garin noted the directive as a 'major turning point for energy-hosting communities'.

"We are shifting our approach to focus on empowering people and giving them a greater stake in our country's energy growth.

By reinvesting the benefits of power generation back into local areas, we are building shared prosperity and a stronger foundation for a sustainable future."

Under the ER 1-94 program, the funds allocated to host commu-

nities will increase to 2.5 centavos per kWh. The DOE said barangays can use the additional funds to support projects tailored to their locality's needs, such as livelihood development, environmental protection, healthcare, and educational initiatives.

The strengthened ER 1-94 framework promotes community-driven planning by empowering host local government units (LGUs) and indigenous cultural communities or indigenous peoples (ICCs/IPs) to identify and approve priority projects through their respective local council resolutions.

The CALABARZON region hosts a long list of power plants that provide provinces with a wide variety of sources, including coal, solar, and agro-solar power, catering to residential communities, industrial and commercial spaces alike.

Most recently, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. led the ceremonial switch-on of Citicore Solar Batangas 1 Power Plant in Tuy, Batangas, the country's first agro-solar power plant.

their postharvest practices and prepare them for the Philippine Cacao Quality Award (PCQA) 2026.

The culmination of the process took place during the Awarding Ceremony on October 22. The four regional winners were: Florencio Flores, Romeo Manalo, Luz C. Gusto and Paulino Sulibit. They were formally recognized for producing the best fermented cacao beans in CALABARZON. The event honored the outstanding efforts of farmers, cooperatives, and associations who have demonstrated excellence and sustainability in cacao production.

Distinguished guests who graced the awarding included DTI 4-A Assistant Regional Director Revelyn A. Cortez, DA 4-A Regional Executive Director Fidel M. Libao, Quezon Provincial Administrator Manuel Butardo, RCFI President Mr. Florencio A. Flores, Provincial Agriculturist Ana Clarissa S. Mariano, 2nd District Chairperson & Committee on Agriculture Hon. Vinnette E. Alcalá-Naca, and HVCDP Undersecretary Cheryl Marie N. Caballero.

The program fea-

tured congratulatory messages, the presentation of plaques and certificates to winners and partners, and a photo session to celebrate the region's milestone in advancing cacao quality.

"Local cacao products are more than just ingredients for delicious chocolates - they hold a promise of a brighter sustainable future for our farmers and the entire cacao industry", shared ARD Revelyn Cortez.

This gathering celebrates not only the progress of the cacao industry but also the promising development of Calabarzon in shaping its bright future", said DA-HVCDP Usec Cheryl Marie N. Caballero.

Through the CALABARZON Cacao Quality Award, the DTI 4-A and its partners reaffirmed their commitment to promoting quality standards, fostering government-academe-industry collaboration, and building the competitiveness of local cacao farmers. The initiative marks another step toward positioning CALABARZON as a leading contributor to the country's growing cacao industry.

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CAVITE POLICE GEAR UP FOR SAFE, ORDERLY UNDAS

IMUS, Cavite (PIA) — The Cavite Police Provincial Office is all set to ensure a smooth, safe, and peaceful observance of Undas 2025 as part of the nationwide "Ligtas Undas" operational plan of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

The Cavite PPO, led by Acting Provincial Director Police Colonel Ariel Red, has mapped out comprehensive security and public assistance measures in anticipation of the influx of visitors to cemeteries and memorial parks across the province from October 29 to November 4, 2025.

According to police estimates, around 451,300 people are expected to visit 116 cemeteries (54 public and 62 private sites) as well as five columbariums throughout Cavite.

To mitigate public safety risks and hazards, 2,422 personnel will be deployed in Cavite—comprising 1,250 PNP officers, 176 augmentation units, and 996 force multipliers from various community

groups and organizations. Red said force multipliers will be crucial in the operation, with 996 volunteers helping in different roles.

These include Barangay Tanods maintaining order in cemeteries and nearby communities; Barangay Peacekeeping Action Teams (BPATs) managing crowd control and public information; traffic enforcers directing vehicle flow;

security guards protecting private cemeteries and establishments; radio groups supporting communication; and volunteer organizations, including civic and faith-based groups, assisting visitors.

Cavite Police will also establish 117 Police Assistance Desks (PADs) and 23 Motorist Assistance Centers (MACs), supported by 19 Blue Teams that will conduct continuous patrols and monitoring.

Deployment highlights include 311 personnel for Police Assistance Desks (PADs), 68

personnel for Motorist Assistance Centers (MACs), 189 roving officers, 200 traffic marshals for major roads, 191 personnel for checkpoint and Oplan Sita operations, 87 officers for firewall operations, 34 personnel at transport terminals, and 167 personnel in areas of convergence.

Red emphasized that even with the public safety plans of his office, public cooperation remains crucial to the success of the operation.

"Our goal is not only to ensure a safe and orderly Undas but also to uphold peace and discipline among citizens.

Let us work together to remain vigilant and responsible for the safety of our families and communities," he said.

He further stressed that Ligtas Undas 2025 will only be successful through the continued collaboration between the police, local government units, and the public—ensuring that this year's commemoration of Undas in Cavite is peaceful, organized, and meaningful.

DATING FISH VENDOR NA LOLA, KINILALA BILANG CAVITEÑA CENTENARIAN

Isang dating fish vendor na tinaguriang Caviteña Centenarian ang pinarangalan at niregaluhan ng ₱100,000 mula sa lungsod ng Cavite ngayong araw, Oktubre 28, 2025.

Kinilala ang dating fish vendor na Lola na si Marina Dela Cruz Bonilla, ipinanganak sa Ternate Cavite, at kasalukuyang residente ngayon ng Dra. Salamanca Road, Brgy. 42-A, San Antonio, Cavite City.

Halos dalawang dekada ring nagtinda ng isda si Lola Marina sa Ciudad de Mercado ng Cavite. Kaya't marami sa kanya ang nakakakilala, na tunay ngang nagmarka na sa kanyang mga suki ang kagandahang loob ni Lola sa pagtinda nito ng isda. Dito niya binuhay ang kanyang 9 na anak.

Kasalukuyang may sakit sa high blood si Lola Marina at hindi na makalakad dahil sa aksidenteng pagkakatumba nito sa kanilang bahay.

Sa panayam ng may akda sa pang-walong anak ni Lola Marina na si Rodelio Bonilla, paboritong ulam diumano nito ang sinigang at adobong baboy.

Hindi rin nagpapahuli si Lola sa mga pelikula ni Nora Aunor na siya umanong paborito nitong artista.

Ngayong araw, Oktubre 28 2025 ay biniyang-pugay at kinilala ng lokal na pamahalaan ang mga naiambag ni Nanay Marina sa loob ng 100 taon ng kanyang buhay sa komunidad.

Isang daang libong piso at isang magarang cake ang handog at regalo

ng lokal na pamahalaan sa kaarawan ni Lola Marina.

Sa ilalim ng Republic Act 10868, o ang Centenarians Act of 2016, ang mga senior citizens na sasapit sa edad na 100 ay bibigyan ng parangal at makatatanggap ng PHP100,000 bilang "centenarian gift."

"Nawa'y patuloy kayong pagpalain ng malakas na pangangatawan, malinaw na isipan, at marami pang biyaya sa mga darating na taon", mensahe ng LGU.

Nagpasalamat naman ang kanyang mga kapamilya sa natanggap na centenarian gift, na ayon sa mga ito ay malaking tulong sa mga pangangailangan ni Lola Marina.

| Sid Samaniego
Cavite Press

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Profriends and LBP Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Property Company of Friends, Inc. (Profriends) and Land Bank of the Philippines formally signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), marking the beginning of a new collaboration aimed at providing accessible financing facilities for homebuyers.

Present during the event are key officers of both institutions led by Danny Bautista, Profriends Vice President and Head of Client Relations and Kristine Marie Cuevas, Land Bank First Vice President and Head of Retail Banking Group.

"We are grateful to Land Bank for the partnership and the support extended to our cli-



ents, especially in making homeownership more attainable," said Danny. Land Bank, in turn, welcomed the alliance and thanked Profriends,

"We're looking forward to develop our collaboration before this year ends, as we anticipate the

delivery of the accounts," said Kristine.

This partnership underscores both institutions' shared commitment to creating opportunities for families to realize their dream homes, while contributing to community development and growth.

ONE SPOT FOR ALL YOUR CRAVINGS: SM FOOD COURT OPENS IN TRECE MARTIRES



October 29, 2025, Trece Martires, Philippines-Cavite, ready na ba kayo? Your favorite mall finally has an SM Foodcourt! SM Foodcourt just launched at SM City Trece Martires and its giving unstoppable foodtrip. This spot is basically the new "G" for barkada hangouts, family bonding, and all the sudden cravings you shouldn't ignore. One roof, one mission: be full before you get home

The roster brings together all the right picks for every kind of Caviteño foodie. Japanese cravings? Nagomi Zakura got you. Korean hype? Mr. Kimbob and Leo Dosirak said "Annyeong, let's eat." Fruits is also available for your fresh and fruity

glow-up. Siomai Balai for quick-lakad snacks, plus Kanlungan Café repping Cavite with proud hometown energy.

Turks in the house, because there is basically no wrong time for juicy wrap. Kain keeps the Filipino comfort food energy alive, Tops Sizzling brings the hot-and-sizzling drama to your plate, and

the Crunch Express guarantees crispy happiness every single time.\

SM Foodcourt at SM City Trece Martires is officially the new tagpuan for every Caviteño in and out of Trece Martires! Spread the word, because this foodie hotspot is too good to stay lowkey. Find SM Foodcourt at level 2, SM City Trece Martires.

CAYETANO...

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano called for a more data-driven and accountable approach in higher education budgeting, saying the Commission on Higher Education's (CHED) 2026 proposal should reflect long-term reforms that improve student access and institutional performance.

"The CHED should be guided by science and be data-driven. Let's get the data and see what we can do together," he said, urging the agency to use reliable data in crafting its programs that will translate into measurable outcomes for learners.

During the Senate budget hearing on October 17, 2025, lawmakers raised concerns over CHED's P32.49-billion budget for next year, citing declining allocations for student financial assistance programs such as the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) and Tulong Dunong Program (TDP).

The programs have seen repeated fund-

ing cuts despite growing demand and enrollment in both public and private higher education institutions.

CHED commissioner Shirley C. Agrupis said the agency's 2026 plan focuses on state universities and colleges (SUCs), scholarships, and research support. However, she admitted challenges in sustaining the coverage of scholars under the Free Higher Education Law (RA 10931), especially those studying in private schools.

Senators also pointed to low fund utilization and delays in project implementation among SUCs, along with Commission on Audit (COA) findings on slow liquidation of scholarship funds and inconsistent monitoring of school performance.

Cayetano, who previously chaired the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education, said these issues highlight the need for performance-based budgeting

and stronger accountability mechanisms in CHED and its attached institutions.

He earlier backed CHED's "ACHIEVE" 7-point agenda, which promotes access, quality, and institutional resilience among higher education institutions.

Cayetano also renewed his call for the creation of the Third Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM III), which seeks to review and align the country's education system from basic to higher and technical learning to ensure that policies and budgets promote employability, innovation, and inclusive growth.

"If we are to produce a globally competitive workforce and make education the true driver of national development, we need decisive, coordinated action," he said.

"By laying the groundwork for a truly cohesive and responsive education system, we aim to transform the nation by building the right foundations," he added. PR

Cavite...

The Province of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Tourism Officer, hosted the 4th CALABARZON Culture Summit dubbed as "Hibla ng Kamalayan" – Paghabali ng Malikaing Diwa: Weaving the Creative Spirit of CALABARZON" on October 23, at the International Convention Center, Cavite State University, Indang, Cavite.

The annual summit gathered hundreds of participants from various local government units, the academe, and other cultural stakeholders across Region IV-A, all united in their commitment to preserve, promote, and enrich the region's diverse cultural heritage.

The event formally open through the welcome remarks delivered by Dr. Ma. Agnes P. Nuestro, President of Cavite State University, expressing her gratitude to the Provincial Government of Cavite and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) for choosing CvSU as the venue of this year's gathering. She highlighted the importance of academic institutions in safeguarding culture and heritage,

emphasizing that universities play a vital role in nurturing the next generation of culture bearers and creative leaders.

This was followed by the opening remarks delivered by Ms. Caroline B. Mizal, Head of NCCA Planning and Policy Office, on behalf of Ms. Marichu G. Tellano, Deputy Executive Director of the NCCA. In her message, Ms. Mizal, underscored the significance of the summit as a platform for collaboration, innovation, and dialogue among

culture and arts advocates in the region. She noted that weaving the creative spirit of CALABARZON is not just about preserving traditions but also about strengthening the region's identity through shared stories and artistic expressions.

Representing Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel D. Remulla, Ms. Elinia Imelda Rozelle Sangalang, Provincial Tourism Officer delivered the message of support, extending the Governor's appreciation to all participants and partner institutions for their active role in advancing Cavite's and the region's cultural agenda. She also reaffirmed the Provincial Government's continuous commitment to promoting cultural awareness, creative industries, and heritage preservation across Cavite and beyond.

The summit featured a rich lineup of lectures and discussions led by distinguished experts and cultural advocates who shared valuable insights on Filipino culture, heritage, and development. The speakers included Prof. Felipe "Jun" De Leon, Jr., former NCCA Chairperson; Ms. Caroline B. Mizal; Ms. Ricamela Palis, Chairperson of Artist, Inc.; Mr. Phillip Norbert Ahmad L. Medina, President of the Silang Historical Society; EnP. Lorenz G. Palec of Palec and Amigos Urban Enviro; Mr. Joether A. Francisco from Cavite State University; Mr. Guillermo Ramos, Jr., Managing Director and Founder of the Ugnayan Center for Filipino Gastronomy; and Dr. Carlos P. Buasen, Jr., Regional Director of NCIP IV-A. An engaging open forum followed, allowing participants to interact and

exchange perspectives with the speakers.

Another exciting highlight of the event was the announcement of winners for the Digital Photography and Logo-Making Contests, which showcased the creativity and cultural passion of CALABARZON's artists. Mr. Jeffrey Sandoval won the grand prize in the Digital Photography Contest for his entry "Mga Kamay ng Pamanang Buhay", while Christopher Macer-in emerged as the grand prize winner in the Logo-Making Contest for his design that captured the spirit of cultural unity and creativity across the region.

The summit also featured vibrant cultural intermissions that added color and rhythm to the event, with captivating performances by the CvSU Chorale Ensemble, CvSU Cultural Dance Group, Las Cuerdas Caviteños-Rondalla, ARTIST, Inc., and some Indigenous Peoples from Tanay, Rizal.

One of the event's most anticipated moments was the turnover ceremony of hosting responsibilities to the Provincial Government of Laguna, which will serve as the next host of the CALABARZON Culture Summit.

The program concluded on an inspiring note with Mr. Edward Perez, CALABARZON SCC Co-Chairperson, leading the closing segment, capped off by a heartfelt performance from ARTIST, Inc. The event truly embodied the summit's theme—weaving the creative spirit of CALABARZON—celebrating the region's shared heritage, creativity, and collective cultural pride. — OPIO

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Ang business plan ay isa mga pangunahing pangangailangan para maging kwalipikado ang isang samahan sa mga tulong pinansyal, teknikal, at makakuha ng interbensyon mula sa pamahalaan.

Ayon kay Jicelle Verdadero mula sa Tanggapan ng Panlalawigang Beterinaryo ng Batangas, malaking tulong ang natutunan niya sa pagbuo ng business plan para mapadali ang paggagawa

Layon ng pagsasanay na palakasin ang kakayahan ng mga teknikal na kawani bilang frontliners sa pagtulong sa mga Farmers' Cooperatives and Associations (FCA) sa pagbuo at pagpapaulnad ng kanilang mga enterprise.

Tinalakay ang mahahalagang bahagi ng business plan tulad ng organisasyon, merkado, operasyon, konsyumer, kakumpitensya, at pananalapi.

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PAGGAMIT...

Sa layuning lalo pang maisapanahon ang kakayahan ng mga lingkod-bayan ng LGU Valenzuela, aktibo silang lumahok sa Seminar sa Korespondensiya Opisyal (SKO) sa pangunguna ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) noong 15–16 Oktubre 2025. Dinaluhan ito ng higit sa 30 kinatawan mula sa iba't ibang opisina gaya ng City Agriculture Office, Cultural Affairs and Tourism Development Office, Cooperative Development Office, Population Management Office, Valenzuela City Emergency Hospital (VCEH), City Health Office, Housing and Resettlement Office, Local Economic Development and Investment Office, Office of Senior Citizens Affairs, Valenzuela City People's Park, Persons with Disability Affairs Office, Public Employment Service Office, Valenzuela City Command and Coordinating Center, Valenzuela City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, Veterinary Service Office, City

Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO), Finance Offices City Assessor's Office, Geographic Information System-Data Management Office, City Budget Office, Digital Communications Office (DCO), Public Information Office, Motorpool Office, Public Sanitation and Cleanliness Office, Public Sanitation and Cleanliness Office – Flood Control Division (PSCO-FCO), Public Sanitation and Cleanliness Office – Waste Management Division (PSCO-WMD), Public Order and Safety Group (POSG) Traffic Management Division (TMD), Higher Education Pamantasan ng Lungsod Valenzuela, Valenzuela City Technological College (ValTech), Livelihood Office, People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB), Valenzuela Anti-Drug Abuse Office, at Valenzuela City Library Office.

Naging tagapang-ayam sina Bb. Kirsteen D. Abustan sa Korespondensiya Opisyal, Dr. Wilbert M. Lamarca sa Or-

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tograpiyang Pambansa, at G. Jomar I. Cañega sa Introduksiyon sa Salin. Kasama rin sa nagbigay ng pagsasanay at lektura si Dr. Joel B. Lopez hinggil sa Pinagayamang Baybayin.

Ang programang ito ay pagtalima sa Atas Tagapagpaganap Blg. 335 na humihimok sa mga ahensiya ng pamahalaan na gamitin ang wikang Filipino bilang opisyal na wika ng komunikasyon at korespondensiya sa serbisyo publiko. PR

Mahigit...

Mahigit 40 kawani mula sa Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A), Tanggapan ng Panlalawigang Beterinaryo, Panlalawigang Agrikultor, at mga lokal na pamahalaan sa rehiyon ang sinanay ng DA-4A Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division (AMAD) sa paggawa ng business plan at pagsusuri ng mga enterprise noong ika-8 hanggang ika-10 ng Oktubre sa Tagaytay City, Cavite.

Aboitiz Group Highlights Leadership In Malaysia Carbon Market-Forum-2025



Aboitiz Equity Ventures Chief Reputation and Sustainability Officer Ginggay Hontiveros-Malvar shares the Philippine perspective on building credible, inclusive carbon markets during a high-level panel discussion at the Malaysia Carbon Market Forum 2025.

Aboitiz Group strengthened its role as a leading advocate for environmental stewardship and carbon market development in the region through its participation in the 3rd Malaysia Carbon Market Forum (MCMF 2025), a flagship regional event organized by the

Bursa Carbon Exchange.

Ginggay Hontiveros-Malvar, AEV's Chief Reputation and Sustainability Officer and President of Aboitiz Foundation, spoke at a high-level panel discussion on advancing collaboration for the ASEAN Common Carbon Framework (ACCF), underscoring the importance of collaboration in developing an inclusive and credible carbon market in the Philippines.

"The Philippines is well-positioned to contribute to and help shape regional carbon markets, especially in nature-based credits," Hontiveros-Mal-

var said. "Through active collaboration between the public and private sectors, we are working to establish a high-integrity framework that supports both environmental goals and community development."

She shared key policy milestones driving the development of the country's carbon market, including a proposed executive order that would designate a lead agency for carbon market governance, and the Low-Carbon Investment Economy Bill currently pending in Congress, which aims to institutionalize a national regulatory framework for

carbon trading.

Another major step forward is the forthcoming Department Administrative Order (DAO) from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on forest carbon projects. This draft policy is being shaped through close collaboration with the Car-

bon Coalition and NBS Industry Group, an alliance of Philippine companies—including the Aboitiz Group—advocating for nature-based solutions, carbon market readiness, and sustainable business practices.

"The draft DAO is an example of how government, industry, and civil

society can work together to create science-based, transparent rules that will guide how carbon credits are generated, traded, and verified," Hontiveros-Malvar said. "These pilots must be informed by stakeholder dialogue to ensure trust, inclusivity, and practical implementation."



Members of the CarbonPH Coalition, led by Aboitiz Equity Ventures Chief Reputation and Sustainability Officer Ginggay Hontiveros-Malvar, met with DENR Secretary Raphael Lotilla to discuss policy developments on forest carbon projects and the operationalization of the Philippines' carbon market framework.

She also highlighted the growing momentum among Philippine stakeholders in building the institutional foundations for carbon trading—such as the establishment of a national carbon registry, a monitoring, reporting, and verification (MRV) system, and pilot programs in the energy, forestry, and blue carbon sectors that will inform future market design.

Hontiveros-Malvar said the Philippines' chairmanship of ASEAN in 2026 presents a strategic opportunity to deepen regional collaboration and strengthen voluntary carbon markets (VCMs) across Southeast Asia.

She noted that scaling VCMs can help build readiness ahead of compliance systems, unlock natural capital, and mobilize climate finance for high-integrity projects.

Aboitiz Group's participation in the forum underscores the Philippine private sector's crucial role in shaping Southeast Asia's carbon future.

Through leadership, innovation, and partnership, the Group continues to champion the integration of policy, technology, and sustainability—advancing both climate action and inclusive development across the region.

Chinabank affirms commitment to governance excellence



From left: CBC Corporate Secretary Atty. Leilani Elarmo, CBC Chief Compliance and Governance Officer Atty. Aileen Paulette de Jesus, Securities & Exchange Commission Chairman Francis Lim, SM Investments Corporation Chairman and Former BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr., CBC Deputy Chief Compliance Officer Rhoel Reyes, and CBC Corporate Governance Officer Bryan Servando.

Chinabank was again recognized for its unwavering commitment to global governance standards, earning the Four-Golden Arrow Award

from the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD).

Since 2019, ICD has consistently distinguished Chinabank's governance excellence,

reinforcing the bank's reputation for transparency, accountability, and beyond compliance approach. ICD is the domestic ranking body for the ASEAN

Corporate Governance Scorecard (ACGS), the basis for the coveted award. The latest award cycle used the revised

ACGS, which introduced

enhanced criteria and more rigorous measurement standards aligned with global best practices.

At the 2025 Golden Arrow Awards ceremony on October 23 at Okada Manila, Chinabank and seven other SM Group companies were honored, underscoring the entire conglomerate's commitment to world-class governance: Pacific Online (Two-Golden Arrow Award), APC Group and Atlas Mining (Three-Golden Arrow Award), BDO Unibank and Belle Corporation (Four-Golden Arrow Award), and SM Investments Corporation and SM Prime Holdings (Five-Golden Arrow Award).

Developed by the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum (ACMF), the ACGS

is an assessment tool for corporate governance performance, evaluating publicly listed companies on key principles such as the Rights and Equitable Treatment of Shareholders, Sustainability and Resilience, Disclosure and Transparency, and the Responsibilities of the Board.

For achieving consistently high scores in the ACGS, Chinabank earlier this year was named an ASEAN Asset Class by ACMF for the second time, cementing the bank's reputation for governance excellence across the Southeast Asian region.

This designation signals to international investors that Chinabank is an attractive investment due to its proactive, transparent, and ethical practice.

SMC RAISES P48.86 B IN PREFERRED SHARES, PIONEERS FIRST EXCHANGE OFFER BY A PHILIPPINE FIRM

San Miguel Corporation (SMC) listed a combined P48.86 billion worth of preferred shares at the Philippine Stock Exchange, marking the country's first-ever preferred share exchange offer by a private company alongside a public offer.

The conglomerate's P18.86 billion exchange offer covered its Series 2-P, 2-Q, and 2-R preferred shares, allowing holders of its Series 2-J and 2-K shares to swap their investments on a one-for-one basis instead of waiting for redemption.

The move introduces greater flexibility and liquidity for investors, an innovation in the local capital markets traditionally limited to straightforward redemptions.

A total of 251.47 million shares were tendered under the exchange offer, comprising 173.76 million Series 2-J and 77.71 million Series 2-K shares.

The remaining 92.91 million Series 2-J and 106.19 million Series 2-K shares will be redeemed on October 29 and December 10, 2025, respectively.

At the same time, SMC launched P30 billion public offer of preferred shares—Series 2-S, 2-T, and 2-U—consisting of a

Tinapang Salinas: A Cultural Treasure and Booming Industry in Cavite

ROSARIO, CAVITE (PIA) — Every year, the coastal town of Rosario bursts with color and celebration as it holds the Tinapang Salinas Festival, a joyful tribute to the sea's abundant harvest.

The annual festivity, filled with lively performances and traditional rituals, also coincides with the 180th founding anniversary of the Diocesan Shrine and Parish of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Reina del Caracol—a testament to the town's deep faith and vibrant heritage.

A Legacy of Smoke and Flavor

The tinapa (smoked fish) industry has long been the lifeblood of Rosario. Passed down through generations, the art of smoking fish has transformed from a humble livelihood into a thriving local enterprise recognized across the country and even abroad.

For many families, tinapa has not only brought sustenance but has also paved the way for better education and improved living conditions.

Though the smoky aroma of burning wood is ever-present in the air, locals say it's a scent of hard work—and even believe the smoke drives away diseases and pests.

It symbolizes perseverance, pride, and hope for a better future for their children.

The Town that Smokes Prosperity

Rosario, formerly known as Salinas, is home to the largest fish port in Region IV and a growing industrial hub thanks to the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) located within its borders.

Yet amid modernization, traditional tinapa-making remains a cornerstone of community life.

Prominent families have long sustained this craft. In Barangay Bagbag-I, families like Ayot Saysay, Baby Reyes, Katche Mata, and Nancy Patiga are well-known for their smoky kilns. Over in Bagbag-II, the families of Aida Delos Santos and the Palag clan continue to keep their fires burning, while in Ligdong-IV, other tinapa makers proudly uphold the trade.

Among the most prominent are Corazon C. Concha, Melinda C. Guijo, Gemma Villanueva, Mayeth Caballero, Rebecca Mosse, Liberty Alvarez, Benigno Pascual, Elena Alfaro, Chona Convento, Evelyn Mendoza, Nita Molina, Rosario Guevarra, Hermie Torres, Florinia Cayarian, Victor Francisco, Jorma Castillo, and Aling Carmen Barrera, who owns the town's largest tinapa factory.

The Secret of Salinas

The town's old name, Salinas, comes from the Latin word for

Sowing Success



Niño de Guzman, 38, a proud CARD SME Bank client and agripreneur from General Santos City, stands on his flourishing asparagus and corn farm. It is his living testament that hard work and perseverance can turn small dreams into reality.

In Barangay San Jose, General Santos City, lives a man whose story proves that success is not born from wealth; it is grown through hard work, faith, and perseverance. Niño de Guzman, a vocational graduate, husband, and father of three, has transformed his humble beginnings into a thriving agribusiness that not only changed his life but also uplifted those around him.

His journey from a sari-sari store owner to a successful agripreneur is a story worth telling and one that is truly inspiring.

Humble Beginnings

Born into a family that relied on agriculture as its primary source of livelihood, Niño was raised with a deep respect for the land and the value of perseverance. From a young age, he was immersed in farming and fishing life, helping his parents and learning how to make a living from the soil and sea. These early experiences would ultimately shape his future.

Before fully committing to farming, Niño explored various livelihood opportunities. He sold fish and engaged in multiple income-generating activities to support his growing family. For two years, he worked at an automotive company while his wife managed their modest sari-sari store. However, it was always agriculture that drew him.

With a small dream and limited capital, Niño started a modest farming venture. Over time, that small seed blossomed into a thriving agribusiness focused on high-value crops such as asparagus, sweet and purple corn, and more.

"In doing business, it's important to separate personal matters from business," Niño shares, highlighting one of the key principles that helped him succeed.

Weathering the storms

Agriculture, while fulfilling, is not without its challenges. Natural calamities often pose threats to crops and disrupt operations. But Niño's resilience shines in these moments. His approach is grounded in preparedness and smart financial management.

"In times of calamities, it is essential to have savings, so you have something to use when things get tough," he advises.

Through a positive mindset and a commitment to sustainable farming practices, Niño has been able to sustain and grow his business even through adversity.

A crucial part of Niño's growth was made possible with his six-year clientship with CARD SME Bank, a thrift bank under CARD MRI. With a modest loan of PHP 3,000, he reached a total of PHP 350,000, which he reinvested to improve operations and expand his agribusiness.

people of Rosario—from the salty air of the past to the smoky prosperity of today.

Tinapang Salinas remains not just a delicacy but a symbol of Caviteño culture, craftsmanship, and community pride.



Gatchalian wants SPES to boost job readiness, help senior high school students

Senator Win Gatchalian is urging the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) to ensure that the Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES) will contribute to senior high schools' job-readiness.

Gatchalian cited a 2020 report by the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation, which found that the SPES does not impact academic outcomes or work readiness in the medium term. The DOLE, alongside local government units (LGUs), implement the SPES to give the youth temporary employment during school breaks. For 2026, P800 million is allotted for the program.

"If we can link the SPES to our senior high school students, we can give them work and help them gain experience," said Gatchalian, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance.

According to Labor Undersecretary Carmela Torres, the DOLE is working to ensure that students' work assignments give them practical work experience, life skills, and exposure to real-world work environments.

Gatchalian also pointed out that helping senior high school students through the SPES can help address Filipinos' dissatisfaction with senior high school.

In 2024, the DOLE assisted 84,745 beneficiaries of the SPES.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ESTATE OF THE LATE ROSALIE RAFAEL TAPAR SITUATED AT BRGY. PASONG KAWAYAN, GENERAL TRIAS, CAVITE HAS BEEN EXTRA-JUDICIALLY SETTLED BY HER HEIRS THRU EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF SALE WITH ASSUMPTION OF MORTGAGE / DEED OF TRANSFER / WAIVER / RELINGUISHMENT OF RIGHTS AND SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY AS PER DOC. NO. 427; PAGE NO. 87; BOOK NO. 51; SERIES OF 2025, BEFORE NOTARY PUBLIC ATTY. STEVE B. DELA REA JR.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
AND EX-OFFICIO SHERIFF
CAVITE CITY

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

- Versus -

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. REM 19-25

RESTY M. TUKODLANGIT, A.K.A
RESTY MAGTIBAY TUKODLANGIT,
Respondent/s-mortgagor/s-Borrower/s,
x-----x

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee, BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLAND with office address at BPI Buendia Center, 27th Floor, BPI Buendia Center Bldg., 372 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati City, against the respondent/s-mortgagor/s-Borrower/s, RESTY M. TUKODLANGIT A.K.A RESTY MAGTIBAY TUKODLANGIT, with residence and postal addresses at 128 Itaas Street, Capipisa, Tanza, Cavite; Lot 14, Block 17, Almonte Street, Costa Verde Residential Estate, Tejeros Convention, Bo. Tejero, Rosario, Cavite, and 128 Narra Street, Capipisa, Tanza, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of September 10, 2025 amounts to TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN PESOS & 21/100 (Php 2,700,767.21), exclusive of interest, penalties and other charges plus all legal costs incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned will set at public auction on November 21, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice Building, Plaza Soledad St., Samonte Park Area, Cavite City to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.057-2011032293

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 14, BLK. 17 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN PCS-04-020630, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOT 2, PCS-04020406 & LOT 2, PSD 04-170824, LRC REC. NO.) SITUATED IN BO. TEJERO, MUN. OF ROSARIO, PROV. OF CAVITE, IS. OF LUZON X X X X X X, CONSTAINING AN AREA ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) SQUARE METERS. X X X X X X X X.

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on November 28, 2025 without further notice.

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

Cavite City, October 16, 2025.

(sgd) **HENRY M. CRUZ**
Sheriff IV

APPROVED BY:

(sgd) **VICTOR S. AUTRIA**
Clerk of Court VI and Ex-Officio Sheriff

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WARNING: It is absolutely prohibited to remove, deface or destroy this NOTICE of Extra Judicial Sale on or before the date of Sale

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Ateneo...

Ateneo de Manila University has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with GT Capital Holdings, Inc. (GT Capital) for the establishment of a new Ateneo campus in Riverpark, a flagship township development of Federal Land, Inc., GT Capital's wholly owned property subsidiary, located in General Trias City, Cavite.

The signing ceremony was held on October 24, 2025, at the GT Tower International Penthouse in Makati City. The signatories representing GT Capital were its Vice Chairman Alfred Ty and President Carmelo Maria Luza Bautista, while the signatory representing Ateneo de Manila University was its President Fr Roberto Yap SJ.

Also present during the ceremony were Ateneo de Manila University Board of Trustees Chairperson Bernadine Siy, Federal Land Vice Chairman and FNG President William Thomas Mirasol, FNG Vice Chairman Yusuke Hirano, and Federal Land President Jose Mari Banzon.

To rise on a 15-hectare property within Riverpark, the new Ateneo campus will bring holistic, world-class Jesuit education closer to learners and families in Cavite and neighboring provinces.

"The new Ateneo campus in Riverpark allows us to extend our mission and provide more families in Cavite and nearby provinces with access to quality education rooted in our Jesuit tradition," said Yap. "This expansion reaffirms Ateneo's enduring commitment to be a force for good—forming persons who are not only competent but also compassionate, ready to lead and serve in a rapidly changing world."

For GT Capital, the partnership with Ateneo represents a shared vision of nation-building and sustainable development.

"Ateneo's presence in Riverpark not only strengthens the educational landscape of Cavite but also uplifts the lives of the communities we serve," said Ty. "Our investment in this campus reflects our long-term commitment to creating sustainable value for generations of Filipinos, anchored on the values of excellence and service."

"We can finally say that the eagle has landed," Ty added.

Designed as a smart and sustainable community, Riverpark is envisioned to be the Next-Gen City of the South. With the inclusion of Ateneo de Manila University, Riverpark is poised to become a hub for growth, innovation, and holistic living—a fitting home for an institution committed to shaping leaders ready for tomorrow.

ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publication of Notice of Sheriff's Sale filed by **RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION** versus **GIRLIEJANE S. MACROHON** published in Dateline Weekly Newspapers dated July 21, 28 & Aug. 04, 2025. In the tech. terms. 5th line, PSD-04-1880531 should be changed to PSD-04-188053 and in 15th line, DEC. 08'W should be changed to DEG. 08'W and not as published.

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