

SMC's Northern Cement Corp. wins at Asian Water Awards 2025

Large-scale water savings through a rainwater harvesting system, and advanced wastewater recycling facilities, earned top honors for Philippine firm, Northern Cement Corporation (NCC), at the 2025 Asian Water Awards.

NCC, a subsidiary of San Miguel Corporation (SMC), earned the "Water Conservation Initiative of the Year" award for conserving a total of 212,000 cubic meters of water and reusing 22.7 million liters of treated wastewater last year. The company's water savings, which generated over US\$4.7 million in savings, was largely due to effective use of its 200,000 cubic meter Rainwater Harvesting Pond, and advanced wastewater treatment facility at its Pangasinan operations.



Its potable water system sourced 54.9% of drinking water from harvested rainwater, generating US\$35,396 in savings. But more than just generating water savings, NCC's initiatives have also benefitted surrounding communities and the environment. Apart from supplying water for its operating needs, NCC's Rainwater Harvesting Pond has also helped communities in flood miti-

gation and supports biodiversity. Native aquatic species such as edible shells, freshwater crabs, and dragonflies thrive in restored bodies of water, while terrestrial ecosystems benefit from improved forest hydration. An avifauna inventory recorded 42 bird species within the concession area, alongside the Philippine long-tailed macaque. NCC has also

collaborated with local schools and farmers' groups on water-saving efforts. It has installed rainwater catchment systems and provided tanks to 12 sites under the National Greening Program. The company also mobilizes over 200 volunteers for creek clean-up drives and processes plastic wastes through its co-processing system. NCC's water conservation program

complies fully with RA 9275, the Philippine Clean Water Act, and holds ISO 14001:2015 certification. Its efforts have also been recognized by the government, which has awarded the firm the Presidential Mineral Industry Environmental Award in 2024, the DENR-MGB Region I Best Performing Mining Contractor awards for 2024 and 2025, and the DENR-EMB Region I Outstand-

ing Environmental Partner awards. The Asian Water Awards highlights innovative water projects, initiatives, and organizations that contribute to improved water management, conservation, and sustainability in the Asian region. It aims to promote best practices, foster knowledge sharing, and encourage collaborations across the industry. PR

ATI CALABARZON to Stage 2025 Coco Fiesta, Techno Gabay Program Summit

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite—The Department of Agriculture–Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) CALABARZON will stage two major events that will champion the innovative and empowering coconut industry this November 2025—the 2025 Coco Fiesta and the annual Techno Gabay Program (TGP) Summit.

Coco Fiesta

The Coco Fiesta 2025 will take place on November 18-22, 2025, at the third level of SM City Trece Martires, Cavite. Anchored on the theme "Transforming Communities, Advancing Sustainability: Toward a Modernized Coconut Agriculture and Agribusiness Sector," this five-day event aims to provide a platform for local exhibitors and innovators to market coconut-based products, technologies, and services—thereby ex-



panding market access and income opportunities. It also seeks to empower farmers, cooperatives, and the public on emerging innovations and value-adding endeavors related to the coconut industry development. This celebration will feature exhibitor booths showcasing coconut-based products, technologies, and services from smallholder coconut farmers and associations across CALABARZON, alongside a technology forum with over 50 participants per session. Topics to be discussed include homemade coconut value addition for health and hygiene, innovative uses of coconut waste for handicrafts, processing of functional coco-based

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SM City Dasmariñas officially kicked off the holiday season with A Beary Merry March Christmas! Standing tall at 10 feet, the Big Bear Drummer Band welcomes shoppers with festive beats and beary merry charm, while a majestic 45-foot Christmas Tree lights up the mall atrium in dazzling splendor. Guests are invited to experience the music, magic, and heartwarming sights of the season only at SM City Dasmariñas! #BearyMerryMarchAtSMDasma #ChristmasFestivitiesAtSM #EverythingsHereAtSM #FeelGoodAtSMDasma #DASHinDasma

SSS extends calamity loans to Tino-affected members in Cebu Cavite's Ugnayan sa Barangay makes another stop in Indang

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Cavite host 4th CALABARZON Culture Summit

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY OF WALTERMART MALL LANCASTER

Pinangunahan ni Imus City Mayor Alex L. Advincola at Profriends President and Chairman of Profriends Mr. Gerry Choa and Waltermart Management ang groundbreaking ceremony ng Waltermart Mall Lancaster sa Barangay Alapan 2-A kamakailan. Sa tulong ng proyektong ito, mas marami pang maibibigay na oportunidad sa trabaho at kabuhayan para sa mga kababayang Imuseño at karatig lugar.



Cayetano on DPWH mess: 'I don't want a revolution, I want a revival'



On October 28, the Provincial Government of Cavite's Ugnayan sa Barangay program made another stop in Indang, Cavite, visiting residents of Tambo Munti Kulit to strengthen community engagement and foster closer collaboration between the provincial government and local residents.

Joining Governor Abeng Remula were Vice Mayor Ram Revilla Bautista, Mayor Virgilio Fidel and Vice Mayor Ferdinand Papa along with 7th District Board Members Aldrin R. Anacan and Camille V. Del Rosario. Apart from the governor's updates on development programs for the benefit of Caviteños and messages of support from the provincial leaders, BM Del Rosario also invited Indangefios to participate in the Free Medical Mission to be held in Indang on November 5, in celebration of her birthday month. - F. Tamio

DTI RIZAL HOLDS FOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEBINAR THRU ITS LOCAL MENTORING PROGRAM

PANANALIKSIK NA MAGPAPALAKAS NG SERBISYONG PANG-AGRIKULTURA, HANDOG NG DA-4A AT AFRREDN

LAUNCHING OF CLASS E ELECTRIC JEEPNEYS



Nalalapit na ang pagpasada ng 30 modernong unit ng E-Jeepneys ng PERJODA Transport Corporative sa lungsod ng Gen. Trias sa paglunsad kamakailan nito sa City Park. Sa pakikiisa ng lokal na pamahalaan sa ilalim ng pamumuno nina Mayor Luis Jon-Jon Ferrer, Vice Mayor Jonas Labuguen at ng opisina ni Congressman Ony Ferrer sa pagsulong nito ng modernisasyon ng transportasyon sa bansa. Kasama rin ang mga opisyal ng e-Future Motors PH, Inc. at Department of Transportation partikular na sa PUV Modernization Program na siyang nagbigay-daan sa mga karagdagang E-Jeep units na ito na tatahakin ang rutang Rosario at Dasmariñas via Gen. Trias.

EDITORIAL:

Read, write, comprehend, think

A CHANGE in the definition of “functional literacy” in the Philippine Statistics Authority’s Functional Literacy, Education, and Mass Media Study has caused the number of illiterate Filipinos to nearly double to 24.8 million this year, according to the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM2).

In 1993, EDCOM1 found that there were around 14.5 million functionally illiterate Filipinos.

FLEMMS is a national survey that gathers information on basic and functional literacy rates, as well as educational skills qualification of the populace. The previous definition automatically confers functional literacy on all high school graduates or junior high school completers.

But the 2024 definition says functional literacy includes higher-level comprehension skills that go beyond basic reading, writing, and numeracy.

Illiterate individuals are often described as “no read, no write.” Unfortunately, basic reading and writing do not get anyone far if one is not able to understand what one is reading, much less compose one’s thoughts coherently to put it in writing.

International large-scale assessment tests determining Filipino students’ proficiency in basic subjects, as well as in critical and creative thinking, have yielded dismal results. And while Filipinos are almost chronically online, specifically on social media, many Filipinos are not able to distinguish facts from disinformation. They tend to fall prey to propaganda and blind worship.

Getting to the root of this problem is always a daunting task. EDCOM2 said it was concerned the DepEd, instead of focusing on its core mandate of basic education, is also involved in at least 261 inter-agency bodies. More than 150 new laws and executive issuances in the past 24 years have increased teachers’ responsibilities. The additional non-teaching tasks have caused teachers to be overworked, affecting the quality of instruction.

Reforms have been recommended and we hope those in authority heed them. The current public outrage against corruption should also make us ensure that education funds are used precisely for that purpose.

Let’s we drown in the details of all proposed solutions, however, it is always good to remind ourselves of the kind of population we desire to have. We want to have students know how to read and write and count, yes, but also understand what they read beyond the literal level, connect and integrate ideas, and then form their own opinions from the information they have on hand.

Only then can we begin to imagine a society where people are not duped by scammers or politicians, and who can carve out a good life for themselves and make democratic decisions as a result of genuine understanding and critical thinking.

Carmona residents benefit from free medical and dental mission in Brgy. Milagrosa

A total of 482 residents of the City of Carmona received free medical consultations, dental check-ups, X-ray and ECG services in the Medical and Dental Mission conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite in Barangay Milagrosa on October 24, 2025.

The vital healthcare services were provided by health professionals from General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital.

Patients also received free prescribed medicines from the Office of the Provincial Governor- Medical mission team, ensuring they could continue their recovery and treatment even after consultation.

Carmona City Mayor Dahlia Loyola and 5th District Board Member Ivey Jayne Reyes graced the activity together with City Councillors, express-

SSS...

QUEZON CITY – The Social Security System (SSS) announced that its members in Cebu affected by Typhoon Tino may avail of the Calamity Loan Program (CLP) starting today 6 November 2025 up to 5 December 2025 providing immediate financial relief as recovery efforts continue across the province.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph Montes de Claro said that the CLP provides qualified SSS members in Cebu with immediate access to emergency funds for their essential needs in tandem with recovery efforts undertaken by national and local government.

“We understand how life-changing the devastation brought by Typhoon Tino is to workers

and their families in Cebu. Our priority is to provide immediate, accessible support to help them get back on their feet,” De Claro said.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) has placed all 53 cities and municipalities in Cebu under a state of calamity after Tropical Cyclone Tino struck the province last 4 November 2025.

NDRRMC estimates show more than 200,000 families and 700,000 individuals were affected, with more than 200,000 pre-emptively evacuated and more than 400,000 displaced.

CLP terms and eligibility Under the CLP, qualified members may borrow up to P20,000 at 7% interest rate with

repayment period of 24 months. Applications can be submitted online via My.SSS facility.

De Claro said that once approved, loan proceeds will be credited directly to their enrolled disbursement account.

Major qualification requirements are:

Residing or working in an area declared under State of Calamity;

Have at least 36 monthly contributions – six of these must be posted within 12 months preceding the month of filing. Individually paying members must have paid at least six contributions under their current membership type;

Have an online account with SSS (My.SSS) to file an online application;

No past due loan

accounts and no outstanding restructured loans; Not have been granted any final benefit;

Of legal age and under 65 years of age at the time of the loan application; and

Have not been disqualified due to fraud committed against the SSS.

In addition, SSS also activated a separate CLP for members who were affected by Tropical Storm Ramil in Roxas City and in the Municipality of Sigma in Capiz. Qualified SSS members who live or work in these areas may apply for calamity loan from 5 November 2025 up to 4 December 2025.

De Claro emphasized that calamity loans act as bridge for affected members to tide them over and hasten recovery.

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(STAARRDEC) will spearhead the TGP Summit 2025 on November 19-21, 2025, at CvSU, Indang, Cavite.

The TGP Summit will gather implementers from across the region to strengthen collaboration, exchange best practices, and recognize outstanding contributions to the program. Guided by the principles of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—particularly SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)—the Summit will emphasize inclusive and sustainable agricultural transformation through innovation and multi-sectoral partnerships.

It also aims to recognize the achievements of Farmers’ Information and Technology Services (FITS) Centers and Magsasaka Siyentista who have embraced agricultural technologies, digital innovations, and farmer-led extension systems. By bringing together key stakeholders and promoting collaboration, the summit strengthens the capacity of local actors to respond to current challenges and contribute

to the long-term goal of a resilient, inclusive, and modern coconut industry.

Gracing the program are anticipated guests from various implementing agencies of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) and Mr. Apl. De.Ap, international artist and founder of the Apl. De.Ap Foundation, who recently launched his project to plant 100 million

coconut trees—symbolizing a united front for sustainable coconut industry growth.

Through these back-to-back events, the DA-ATI CALABARZON reaffirms its commitment to building resilient, sustainable, and forward-looking agricultural communities that thrive through innovation, partnership, and shared purpose. PR

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DSWD CALABARZON INKS NEW AGREEMENTS TO SUPPORT 4PS BENEFI

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CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Calabarzon has signed new partnership agreements to strengthen the implementation of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) in the region.

According to DSWD Field Office IV-A, four new partners namely: the Global Peace Foundation, Joy-Nostalg Foundation, Fast Logistics Group, and Quezon National Agricultural School signed an agreement with the agency on October 27 to help improve the lives of 4Ps beneficiaries.

“As part of the partnership agreement with the DSWD, all these

partners target to provide different interventions addressing the needs of 4Ps households and communities in their respective areas of coverage,” DSWD IV-A said in a statement.

Fast Logistics Group and Quezon National Agricultural School will focus on providing livelihood support through job fairs, employment help, and skills training.

Meanwhile, the Global Peace Foundation and Joy-Nostalg Foundation will offer community-based projects such as installing solar and street lights in off-grid communities (Global Peace Foundation) and holding sessions on responsible homeownership and financial literacy (Joy-Nostalg

Foundation).

To date, there are 44 external stakeholders, including civil society organizations, non-government organizations, academic institutions, and private sectors, which have existing partnerships with the DSWD Field Office IV-A.

“These partners work together with the DSWD in addressing gaps hampering the improvement of the level of well-being of 4Ps beneficiaries in the region,” the agency stated.

According to DSWD IV-A, there are about 309,000 active 4Ps beneficiaries in Calabarzon receiving health, education, and financial assistance to help improve their quality of life.

NNC, DOST, AND LETRAN CALAMBA COMPLETES TRIAL RUN FOR NUTRISYS PH

The NutriSys PH Project marked another milestone on 30 October 2025 with the successful conduct of its Pilot Testing at Colegio de San Juan de Letran Calamba. The activity was led by the Letran Calamba NutriSys PH Team, with representatives from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Calabarzon and the National Nutrition Council (NNC) Calabarzon, headed by Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator (RNPC) Ms. Lourdes Bulante-Orongan, in attendance.

The activity commenced with a brief Statement of Purpose from Dr. Floricon V. Encabo, Project Leader of NutriSys PH and Vice President for Academics of Letran Calamba. Dr. Encabo revisited the project’s background, objectives, and the day’s expected outcomes. This was followed by an overview of the system’s development by Dr. Lorie E. Ferrera, NutriSys PH Project Staff and Dean of the School of Computer Studies and Technology.

Subsequently, the NutriSys PH Team provided a comprehensive system walkthrough, demonstrating the regis-

tration process, the interface of all five (5) system modules, as well as all the data entry fields. Ms. Kyla C. Guarda, Nutrition Officer II of NNC Calabarzon, tested the system and gave preliminary feedback on its functionality and usability. The session also involved actual data entry of sample nutrition data from Calabarzon to assess the system’s real-time performance.

After the initial testing, another walkthrough and feedback session ensued, with both NNC and DOST Calabarzon representatives sharing observations and suggestions for improvement. The Letran Calamba Team took note of all inputs for system refinement.

The pilot testing was graced by Rev. Fr. Roman L. Santos, O.P., Rector and President of Letran Calamba, who expressed his appreciation for the collaborative effort among Letran, NNC, and DOST.

He emphasized the importance of innovative solutions like NutriSys PH in addressing malnutrition and thanked everyone for their contributions before leading the group in a short prayer.

In her message

of appreciation, RNPC Bulante-Orongan acknowledged the collective efforts of all stakeholders and reaffirmed NNC Calabarzon’s commitment to enhancing the system. Science Research Specialist II Ms. Maria Teresa A. Pamplona of DOST Calabarzon delivered the closing remarks, reiterating their agency’s continued partnership in the development and further implementation of the project.

Following the pilot testing, NNC Calabarzon, DOST Calabarzon, and Letran Calamba are set to reconvene before the year ends to review the system updates based on the feedback gathered.

With steady progress and strong collaboration among partners, NutriSys PH continues to show great promise as an innovative tool for collecting, organizing, and analyzing nutrition data in Calabarzon.

Once fully implemented, it is expected to support NNC Calabarzon, the Regional Nutrition Evaluation Team (RNET), and Local Government Units (LGUs) in developing data-driven solutions to improve nutrition outcomes across the region.

LANDBANK Q3 income climbs 42% year-on-year to P.35.65 B, reflecting strong financial momentum

LANDBANK achieved a significant 42% jump in net income to P35.65 billion as of the third quarter of 2025, already surpassing its full-year earnings of P35.36 billion in 2024, and underscoring the Bank’s robust financial trajectory and performance above historical averages.

Total assets expanded to a record P3.45 trillion, supported by growth in loan and investment portfolios. This solidifies LANDBANK’s position as the country’s second-largest universal and commercial bank in terms of assets.

“LANDBANK’s strong performance as of the third quarter underscores our prudent management, operational efficiency, and continued investments in digital innovation. We remain steadfast in our mission to drive inclusive growth, empower the agriculture sector, and deliver innovative financial solutions for all Filipinos,” said LANDBANK President and CEO Lynette V. Ortiz.

The Bank’s loan

portfolio is now at its peak at P1.70 trillion, propelled by the higher volume of loans across all segments. Deposits rose to a new high of P3.07 trillion, demonstrating continued trust from both government and private sector depositors.

LANDBANK’s digital transformation continued to accelerate, processing 550.73 million digital transactions valued at P3.14 trillion as of September 2025. This represents a 51% increase in volume from the previous quarter.

The state-run Bank remained steadfast in its developmental mandate, with outstanding loans to Agriculture, Fisheries, and Rural Development (AFRD) reaching over P812 billion, accounting for over 47% of LANDBANK’s total loan portfolio.

Under LANDBANK’s flagship AGRI-SENSO Plus Lending Program, the Bank has extended P1.95 billion in loans as of September 2025 to over 12,300 borrowers since its launch

DICT LEADS “STARTUP” ECOSYSTEM MAPPING AND ROADMAP DEVELOPMENT IN CAVITE

City of Bacoor, Cavite (PIA) The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), in partnership with the City Government of Bacoor, spearheaded last Friday, October 24, the “Startup Community and Locale Enhancement (SCALE)” activity aimed at strengthening Cavite’s startup ecosystem through mapping and roadmap development.

The event gathered key stakeholders from the ICT industry, academe, and government to collaborate on designing programs that will nurture local startups and foster innovation-driven growth.

According to Mayor Revilla, the City Government of Bacoor remains committed to supporting initiatives that promote local innovation and digital entrepreneurship.

“This collaboration underscores our shared vision of building a future-ready Bacoor

ties beyond major urban centers.

Among the participants were Mayor Strike B. Revilla, Engr. Kenneth Benedicto (DICT CALABARZON), Mr. Dave Del Rosario (DLSU Animo Labs), and Dr. Alvin Jason Virata (St. Dominic College of Asia). Representatives from DITO Telecommunity, PLDT, Smart, University of Perpetual Help Molino Campus, CAISO-Bacoor Campus, PEZA-Cavite Economic Zone, RAISE ATBI Project in Southern Tagalog, DTI Region 4A, DTI Cavite, PIA Cavite, TESDA, and DICT Region IV-A staff also took part in the discussions and workshops.

Through this joint effort, Bacoor City aims to position itself as a rising innovation hub in Cavite, paving the way for more sustainable, inclusive, and technology-driven economic growth in the region.

DTI Rizal ...

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CARDONA, RIZAL | DTI Rizal through its Collaborative Harnessing Assistance for Mentoring Program for SMEs (CHAMPS) held its Food Safety Awareness module on October 22, 2025 and was attended by 75 attendees, consisting of CHAMPS Beneficiaries and other existing and potential MSMEs. Negosyo Center Cardona Business Counselor Johanna Faye R. Javier facilitated the session, while Ms. Charo Ola, President of SARAP, Inc., delivered the welcome remarks highlighting the vital role of food safety in sustaining customer trust and business success. Ms. Niña Sherylle Giron, Supervising Science Research Specialist from DOST–Rizal, served as the resource speaker. She provided a detailed discussion on the meaning, importance, and practical applications of food safe-

DA-4A ...

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Pinulong ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) Research Division ang mga bumubuo ng Agriculture and Fishery Resources Research Extension for Development Network (AFRREDN) para sa patuloy na pag-aaral at pananaliksik sa mga serbisyong magpapalakas sa sektor ng agrikultura sa rehiyon, noong ika-16 ng Oktubre sa Lipa City, Batangas.

Naging pokus dito ang pagtukoy ng mga programa, aktibidad, o proyekto na maaari pang makapagpataas sa produksyon ng walong prayonidad na commodity sa rehiyon, partikular ang manok, baboy, lowland vegetables, niyog, palay, yellow corn, kakaw, at kape.

Dito ay hinati sa limang grupo para sa limang probinsya sa rehiyon ang mga partisipante



ty—from understanding types of food hazards to implementing control measures that reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses. Ms. Giron encouraged participants to adopt good manufacturing practices and consistent sanitation protocols in their daily operations. For her parting words, Ms. Giron stressed that “Food Safety is a shared responsibility” to remind participants that everyone – from farmers, manufacturers, to the final consumers is responsible in safeguarding the quality and integrity of the food that we serve and consume. Now on its sixth year, the Collaborative Harnessing Assistance for Mentoring Program for SMEs (CHAMPS) Rizal is a local mentoring program designed to groom Rizal-based MSMEs to qualify for flagship programs of DTI such as Kapatid Mentor ME and OTOP Next-Gen.

mula sa Research Division ng DA-4A, mga katuwang na ahensya, State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), at pribadong sektor.

Bahagi ito ng layon ng AFRREDN na paigtingin ang pagtutulongan ng mga institusyon na nagpaparating sa mga magsasaka at mangingisda ng mga serbisyo ng Kagawaran batay sa pananaliksik.

Ayon kay Research Division Chief Eduardo Lalas, ang aktibidad ay bahagi ng pakikipagtutungan sa DA-Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) na nagpopondo sa mga project proposal na isinusulong ng mga researcher sa bawat regional office ng DA. Kaya naman aniya ang pagpupulong ng AFRREDN ay silbing pagbibigay direksyon sa mga Research for Development and Extension (R4DE) sa rehiyon.

Cavite...

The Province of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Tourism Officer, hosted the 4th CALABARZON Culture Summit dubbed as “Hibla ng Kamalayan” – Paghabing ng Malikhaing 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

Cayetano...

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano on Monday urged the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to take the lead not only in building infrastructure but also in restoring integrity and accountability within the agency, starting with a strong crackdown on ghost projects.

“I don't want a revolution, I want a revival. Many revolutions did not bring the reforms that were promised. Do you agree with me na dapat yung low-lying fruit, y'ung obvious na obvious, iyon y'ung [dapat] unahin?” Cayetano asked DPWH Secretary Vivencio “Vince” Dizon during the DPWH budget briefing on October 20. Cayetano described ghost projects as the clearest and most blatant form of corruption and said these should be the department's

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 Digi-

stration,” he said.

Dizon agreed, saying that more than 400 suspected ghost projects have already been identified by a validation team. He gave assurance that those involved will be held accountable.

Hearing the figure, Cayetano urged the department to act quickly on these cases and use the documents already in its possession as evidence.

“Anything that's also obvious, we would appreciate action on it. Whether you refer it to the ICI [Independent Commission for Infrastructure] or the Ombudsman. Ang point ko lang naman, nasa inyo ang papeles,” he said.

He also suggested a simple way to verify ongoing and completed

tal 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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projects by requiring district engineers (DEs) and local officials to take and submit photos of project sites.

The senator said this would help ensure transparency and prevent ghost projects from slipping through the cracks.

“Is it possible that you ask your DEs or the lowest level whatever, kunan lang ng picture... para at least may reference ka,” Cayetano told Dizon.

Cayetano said the effort to clean up the DPWH should not be seen as a political purge but as a moral and institutional revival to rebuild public trust.

“Reform doesn't come from tearing things down but from rebuilding them right,” he said. “That's the kind of revival our country needs. PR

Aboitiz Equity Ventures' Earnings Jump 71% in Q3



Aboitiz Foods, through its producer brands Pilmico and Gold Coin, continues to deliver strong performance and expand its portfolio, contributing to Aboitiz Group's solid third-quarter results

Aboitiz Equity Ventures Inc. (AEV) gained strong momentum in the third quarter of 2025, reporting a consolidated net income of ₱8.9 billion — a 71% increase from the previous quarter. This improvement was driven by stronger performance across most of its business units, underscoring the group's resilience and continued progress toward becoming the Philippines' first techglomerate — a future-ready conglomerate powered by innovation, sustainability, and collaboration.

For the first nine months of 2025, AEV posted a net income of ₱17.3 billion, lower than ₱18.8 billion during the same period last year, as the strong third quarter helped offset a softer first half. The rebound highlights the company's ability to adapt to market conditions while maintaining focus on long-term growth and transformation.

“AEV's results this quarter reflect the resilience of our portfolio and the dedication of our teams across all our businesses,” said Aboitiz Group president and CEO Sabin M. Aboitiz. “We continue to invest in growth areas that create long-term value for our stakeholders.”



AboitizPower's expanding renewable portfolio supports the Philippines' 35% clean energy goal and drives AEV's sustainable, tech-driven growth.

AboitizPower, which accounts for ₱12.5 billion of AEV's earnings in the first nine months of 2025, benefitted from higher generation margins, better hydro inflows, and new solar capacity from projects in Laoag, Armenia, and Calatrava and continues to be the Group's largest contributor. The Food and Beverage segment followed with ₱5.2 billion, up 25% year-on-year, reflecting stronger results from AboitizFoods' flour, farms, and trading businesses, as well as full nine-month contributions from Coca-Cola Europacific Aboitiz Philippines. UnionBank contributed ₱3.2 billion to AEV's earnings, lower year on year, as the bank's improved net interest margins and higher fee-based income were offset by one-time write-offs and other credit costs. Aboitiz Land reported ₱879 million in income, up 69%, fueled by asset monetization gains. Aboitiz InfraCapital also returned to profitability with ₱137 million in income, supported by growth in economic estates, airport operations, digital infrastructure, and the ramp-up of Apo Agua.

As of September 30, 2025, AEV's total assets reached ₱971.1 billion, 9% higher than the previous year-end, while cash and cash equivalents stood at ₱90.8 billion. The group maintained a healthy financial position with a current ratio of 1.3x and a net debt-to-equity ratio of 0.9x.

“AEV remains well-positioned for growth as we advance our transformation into the Philippines' first techglomerate,” Aboitiz added.

DOST-Cavite supports 2025 Amadeo Cooperative Month Celebration

The Department of Science and Technology – Provincial Science and Technology Office of Cavite (DOST-Cavite) joined the 2025 Amadeo Cooperative Month Celebration held on October 8, 2025, at Domus Restaurant, Events, Café, Resort and Animal Farm in Amadeo, Cavite.

With the theme “Cooperatives United in

Purpose and Action, Sharing Prosperity to Build a Better World,” the event celebrated the growing spirit of cooperativism in the municipality.

DOST-Cavite Provincial Director Gilda S. De Jesus delivered a message of support to the Local Government of Amadeo and its local cooperatives, commending their initiative to establish

their own Cooperative Development Council—a significant step toward strengthening the cooperative movement in the town. DOST-Cavite reaffirmed its commitment to empowering cooperatives as vital partners in promoting inclusive growth, innovation, and sustainable community development. PR

Strengthening Enterprise-Based Education and Training for sustainable growth and national development



In a collaborative effort to enhance workforce competencies and strengthen the link between education and industry, the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), in partnership with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), successfully conducted the seminar on “Strengthening Enterprise-Based Education and Training

(EBET) for Sustainable Growth and National Development” on October 28, at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City.

The program formally opened with a welcome message from TESDA Provincial Director Gerardo R. Marasigan, who underscored the importance of partnerships between the government, private sector, and training institutions in cultivating a competitive workforce. This was followed by a message from Engr. Jovencio M. Ferrer, Jr., TESDA Regional Director, highlighting the role of enterprise-based training in bridging education and

real-world industry needs.

Governor Francisco Gabriel D. Remulla, Jr. also graced the event and expressed his full support for initiatives that promote skills development and sustainable employment for Caviteños.

The discussion on the Enterprise-Based Education and Training (EBET) Framework was facilitated by Mr. Joel M. De Guzman, Senior TESD Specialist, while Engr. Jerry Webb E. Muhi, President and Executive Director of Dualtech Training Center, presented insights on “Bridging Skills and Industry: A TVI Perspective on Education for Employment.” Both sessions were followed by open forums, allowing participants to share perspectives and raise inquiries on implementation and collaboration opportunities.

To conclude the program, OPPESM Head Ms. Rizalie P. Enero delivered the closing message, emphasizing the continued partnership between the government and private sector in advancing enterprise-based education and training programs.

The event was attended by human resource personnel from various private companies across Cavite, reflecting a shared commitment to developing industry-ready workers and supporting national growth through education and skills development. — JDP

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sectors such as infrastructure, health, education, and direct subsidies, generates more profits that help grow the economy and boost both consumption and investment.

“Naniniwala ang pamahalaan na kapag nagagamit nang tama ang pera ng bayan para sa imprastruktura, kalusugan, edukasyon o mga direktang subsidiya — mas

maraming pera ang pumapasok — na tutulong sa pagpapalago ng ekonomiya ng bansa,” Castro said.

“Lumalakas ang konsumo at pamumuhunan dahil nakikita ng mga investors na tumataas ang pangangailangan para sa kanilang mga produkto at serbisyo,” Castro added.

Castro likewise reaffirmed the administration's commitment to improving the quality of life of Filipinos, while ensuring economic development under the vision of a “Bagong Pilipinas”. | PND



Steamed with Love



Teodorica Corables proudly holds out a tray of freshly steamed siopao, a labor of love, perseverance, and hard work.

To preserve the siopao business her husband has started, Teodorica Cables from Calapan City dedicated herself to perfecting a recipe that would win the hearts of many customers.

Originally from San Teodoro, Teodorica later settled in Calapan City with her family. Life was not easy early on. After finishing elementary school, she began working as a household helper for relatives.

As she grew older, she continued working as a helper for different families. At 16, she chose to live with her partner, longing for someone she could depend on.

Her husband was a meat butcher, while she became a meat vendor at a local market. The couple spent many years working side by side in the market. Then in 1989, her husband decided to venture into the siopao business.

The story behind the business

Teodorica's husband often delivered meat to a siopao store, which sparked his interest in starting a similar business. Encouraged by the idea, he decided to give it a try. However, just a year later, and for some reason, he decided to drop the venture, which pushed Teodorica to take over. With no prior knowledge of siopao making, the process initially proved difficult for her, but she persevered tirelessly until she developed a siopao recipe she was proud of.

To promote her product, she personally went from place to place, selling at stalls, schools, and neighborhoods. What began with a simple cart

eventually evolved into a mobile food cart mounted on a tricycle in 2018.

With the help of her children, they can produce around 300 pieces of siopao each day. One of her children helps her make the siopao, while the other takes charge of selling it. Their production starts at 10:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm, and they sell it from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Even her other children, now living in Batangas and Laguna, have followed their footsteps and started their own siopao business, carrying on the family legacy. For over three decades, Teodorica's business has stood the test of time. Through all the years, she has remained committed to maintaining the same quality and taste that keeps customers coming back.

Whenever she falls short on capital, she turns to CARD Bank, a microfinance-oriented rural bank. She became a client in 2007 and has since relied on the institution for business loans to support her siopao business. Currently, she has a loan of PHP 150,000.00, which she uses to purchase raw materials, especially now that prices are continuously increasing.

Teodorica offers her siopao at affordable prices, ranging from PHP 15.00 to PHP 30.00, ensuring that everyone can enjoy and experience the taste of her product. "For the future of my business, my biggest hope is to have my own store. I am working hard every day, together with my children, to make that dream come true," she concluded. PR

Palace: P760-M cash aid for typhoon-hit LGUs

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has ordered the release of PHP760 million in financial assistance to local government units (LGUs) affected by Typhoon Tino (international name Kalmaegi), Malacañang announced Thursday.

Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said the funds from the Office of the President will help LGUs accelerate recovery and deliver immediate support to affected families.

Under the distribution plan, Cebu, Capiz, Surigao del Norte, Iloilo, Bohol, and Negros Occidental will each receive PHP50 million. Cebu was among the hardest hit, accounting for 71 of the 114 confirmed fatalities and reporting widespread flooding across several towns and cities.

Eastern Samar, Surigao del Sur, Southern Leyte, Antique, and Aklan will each receive PHP40 million; Leyte and Masbate, PHP30 million each; and Guimaras, Agusan del Norte, and Dinagat Islands, PHP20 million each.

Meanwhile, Biliran, Camarines Sur, Sorsogon, Misamis Oriental, Negros Oriental, and Palawan will each get PHP10 million while Albay, Romblon, Batangas, Northern Samar, Siquijor, Quezon Province, Samar, Agusan del Sur, Laguna, Zamboanga City, Manila, Camiguin, Occidental Mindoro, Camarines Norte, Zamboanga del Norte, and Iligan City will each receive PHP5 million.

The President earlier declared a state of national calamity follow-

ing Tino's devastation and in anticipation of Tropical Storm Fung-wong, which may enter the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR) as a typhoon and will be given the local name Uwan over the weekend. It may intensify a super typhoon.

Marcos said the declaration, based on the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), will enable faster access to calamity funds, impose price controls on essential goods, and streamline procurement and relief operations.

Castro said the President's directive ensures that government aid reaches even the most remote communities.

"Binibigyang-diin ni Pangulong Marcos Jr.

na hindi bibitiw at hindi iiwanan ng pamahalaan ang Cebu hangga't lahat ay nakabangon (President Marcos Jr. emphasizes that the government will not let go and will not leave Cebu until everyone has recovered), she said.

She added that first responders and pre-positioned supplies have already been deployed across Northern Luzon in preparation for Uwan's potential landfall early next week.

"Kasabay nito, binigyang-diin ni Pangulong Marcos Jr. ang kahandaan ng pamahalaan para sa inaasahang super typhoon Uwan (At the same time, President Marcos Jr. emphasized the government's preparedness for the expected super typhoon Uwan)," Castro added. (PNA)

PBBM orders release of P1.3 T programmed budget for Q4 2025

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. has ordered the release of PHP1.307 trillion in programmed funds for the fourth quarter of the year to support disaster relief, recovery, and rehabilitation efforts for communities affected by recent calamities, Malacañang announced Thursday.

Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Undersecretary and Palace Press Officer

Claire Castro said President Marcos' directive aims to ensure that government resources are mobilized efficiently to help affected Filipinos rebuild their lives.

"Ipinag-utos ni Pangulong Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. ang pagpapalabas sa 1.307 trillion pesos programmed budget para sa fourth quarter ng taon. Layunin nitong matugunan ang mga pangangailangan ng mga kababayang sinalanta ng mga sakuna at sa mga kanilang aga-

rang pagbangon at makapagsimulang muli," Castro said in a Palace briefing.

The Palace Press Officer added that the President also instructed all government agencies to utilize the funds with integrity and effectiveness to stimulate economic growth and ensure that every peso contributes to the country's continued recovery and development.

"Inatasan din ni Pangulong Marcos Jr. ang lahat ng tanggapan ng pamahalaan na gami-

tin ang pondo sa pamamagitan ng matuwid at epektibong paraan upang mapalago ang ekonomiya ng bansa," Castro added.

Citing the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Castro said that a large portion of the budget will be allocated to social services to ensure that all Filipinos benefit from government spending.

Castro added that proper government spending, particularly in

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The holiday spirit sparked bright at SM Center San Pedro as snowflakes shimmered and twinkling lights illuminated the night during the Christmas centerpiece lighting Ceremony. Joining the celebration were (L-R) SM



Gatchalian Urges Crackdown on Red Tape for Faster Public Service

Senator Win Gatchalian urged the Office of the Ombudsman to look into eliminating crippling red tape in the country, calling it the biggest impediment to the country's economic growth.

"Red tape is the biggest roadblock to our country's progress. Imbes na padaliin natin ang buhay ng mga negosyante natin, intentionally or unintentionally pinahihirapan natin," said Gatchalian, chair of the Senate Committee on Finance. The senator noted that the prosecution of red tape-related offenses forms part of the Ombudsman's mandate.

"Meron tayong Anti-Red Tape Authority but the prosecution rests with the Ombudsman. This is something that we need to look at dahil ito ang pumapatay sa negosyo," he emphasized.

Newly-appointed Ombudsman Jesus Remulla vowed to work closely with the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) to identify programs that will help eliminate bureaucratic red tape in the government, particularly in enhancing the ease of doing business. This includes streamlining the process of securing permits for the establishment of cell sites which has long hindered the efficient delivery of internet services.

"This has to end. We have to get everyone in stride and on the same page," Remulla said during a hearing on the proposed budget of the Office of Ombudsman.

Cavite Career Caravan brings job opportunities to Tanza

The Cavite Career Caravan rolled into the municipality of Tanza on October 27, bringing with it a wide array of local and overseas employment opportunities for jobseekers in the province.

A total of 40 companies participated in the event – 34local and 6 overseas employers – offering 9,164 job vacancies across various industries. The activity attracted 382 applicants, with 63 hired on the spot (HOTS), underscoring the province's commitment to helping Caviteños find gainful employment.

The event was spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), led by Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, in collaboration with the local government of Tanza. Aside from job placement opportunities, the event also gathered nine national government agencies – PSA, PNP, DTI, SSS, BIR, Pag-IBIG, PhilHealth, OWWA, and TESDA – to provide front-line services, assistance, and career guidance to applicants. The Cavite Career Caravan is part of the provincial government's sustained employment facilitation initiative aimed at connecting Caviteños with decent and sustainable job opportunities. It continues to reflect the province's commitment to fostering economic growth and improving the quality of life of its citizens through inclusive and collaborative labor programs.- R. Dones

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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,
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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, CONTAINING 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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Residential Estates, Tejeros Conv., Bo.
Tejero, Rosario, Cavite; 128 Narra St.
Capipisa, Tanza, Cavite

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NOTICE OF EXECUTION SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of the Writ of Execution issued in the above-entitled case, to satisfy the judgment in favor of the plaintiff, **ELIEL JOHN BENDO, and against the defendant, BABY JANE DIMAANO, for the total sum of FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND ONE, HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE PESOS AND 80/100 (P492,183.80)**, exclusive of the sheriff's fees and other lawful charges, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, and in Philippine currency, on **December 10, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning, at the premises of the Third Municipal Circuit Trial Court of Indang-Mendez Nuñez, Indang, Cavite, the following real property of the defendant, together with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

A parcel of land (Residential), located at Belvedere Towne Homes III, Pason Kawayan, City of General Trias, Cavite, covered by Tax Declaration No. 242-00224-87218, under OCT/TCT No. 057-2024050303, containing an area of Fifty-Two and 80/100 (52.8) square meters, more or less, and bounded as follows: North by Lot 4; South by Lot No. 42; East by Lot No. 38; and West by Lot No. 40.

Declared owners: Spouses Manuel Ass Dimano and Baby Jane Garcia Dimano

All interested parties are hereby enjoined to take notice of the date, time, and place of the sale, and to be present thereat if they desire.

Prospective buyers are likewise reminded of their responsibility to verify the title and the encumbrances, if any, on the property prior to the sale.

Naic, Cavite, November 3, 2025.

(sgd.) LEONELLE E. MENDOZA
Sheriff IV, RTC OCC
Naic, Cavite

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