SMFB nine-month profit

Food and Beverage Inc. (SMFB) reported consolibillion for the first nine year, driven by strong perbeer, and spirits divisions.

Consolidated holders. revenues rose 4% to P302.9 billion, supported by firm demand, efficient pricing, and sustained brand initiatives despite weather-related disruptions during the period. Operating income grew 12% to P44.7 billion, while dairy and coffee, poultry, EBITDA climbed 13% to and prepared and pack-P58.4 billion. improving margins to 19%.

"Our mance shows the effectiveness of our strategy to grow across multiple

SMFB Chairman Ramon S. Ang said. "We will condated net income of P33.7 tinue to strengthen our supply chain, improve months of 2025, up 11% productivity, and expand from the same period last capacity to capture more opportunities and deliver formances across its food, long-term value for our consumers and share-

Foods posted P143.5 billion in revenues, up 7% year-on-year, as volumes and demand rose across key categories including aged food. The company marked the 100th anniversary of the Magnolia brand with nationwide campaigns highlighting its legacy. Operating income

Food arew 32% to P12.9 billion. San Miguel while EBITDA increased

> ed by margin improvements and cost discipline. Beer remains

San Brewery reported P110.7 billion in revenues, supported by growth in international markets and

stable domestic sales. It

celebrated its 135th an-

niversary with events including San Miguel Okto-27% to P20.0 billion, aidberfest and the release of a San Miguel Pale Pilsen 135th Heritage limited-edition can. Operating income rose 2% to P23.9 billion, while EBITDA was up 4% to P30.0 billion, reflecting sustained prof-

> Spirits maintains strong perfor-

> itability and effective cost

SAN MIGUEL

Ginebra San Miguel Inc. posted a 7% rise in revenues to P48.7 billion, supported by brand campaigns. efficiency gains, and disciplined execution. The company's initiatives included Kabavani Kita sa One Ginebra Nation and nationwide Ginumanfest events to reinforce market presence. Operating income climbed

19% to P7.5 billion, and EBITDA rose 19% to P8.4 billion, driven by stable volumes and improved ef-

SMFB said it remains in a solid financial position, supported by steady earnings and prudent capital management. while keeping flexibility to pursue growth opportunities and strategic invest-



new names to try. Pepper Lunch Express and Steak Break bring the SM Foodcourt's signature sizzle that makes every bite count. while Taste of Jov and Salo deliver comforting Filipino classics done you with its crowd-favorite

The

If you're craving Asian flavors, take your pick because SM Foodalso love seeing II Mio court Molino has various Coffee in the mix. It is a options! There is Thaiproudly homegrown café wadee for that perfect bal- now brewing right inside ance of sweet, spicy, and the mall. For quick bites, savory; Gangjee Hong- Potato Corner is always a pic (and don't forget to tag kong for hearty Canton- classic, but you can level ese-style dishes; Yoichi it up with Fruitas House

Japanese favorites; and thing refreshing. Get Los Mr. Kimbob, the Korean Churreros for that sweet spot everyone's been crunch, or Turks for a samissing is finally closer to vory shawarma fix.

But don't blink, bibimbap and Korean rice there's more coming. Happy Roasts is joining Cavite locals will the lineup soon, so your next visit's about to get even tastier

So while you're here, make the stop. Try something new, snap a @SMFoodcourt). Eat with us at SM Foodcourt. Level by Hanakazu for fresh of Desserts for some- 2, SM City Molino!



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# The inspiring media tour to mekeni food corporation together with their media press from laguna, batangas and cavite

**2025 CALABARZON Livestock Congress isinagawa ng DA-4A** 

Cavite, pines, 12 November 2025 - Grab Philippines is fully geared to power Cavite's fast rise as a digital economy hub as it brings its flagship public-private initiative Grab Asenso: Digital Diskarte program to the

The program covers a tech- and Al-first learning caravan aimed at equipping thousands of local small businesses with mobile-first marketing knowhow, artificial intelligence (AI) tools, and new digital payment solutions.

local MSMEs to the wider Vice President for Cities CJ Lacsican shares, "True national progress is built on creating equitable growth beyond the capital. Cavite, strategically located adjacent to Metro Manila, digital economy. This is a exemplifies the high potential within our provincial economies. Our commitment, through foundational step toward Grab Asenso, is to co-build the digital tools and upskilling programs that connect these an inclusive digital Philippines, ensuring growth, progress, and opportunities are shared across all regions for all businesses regardless of size."

# A Hotbed for Digital

Cavite is poised to be a dynamic digital economy powerhouse. fueled by a dense population and a booming land- ty of highly-rated MSME scape of diverse small businesses.

Grab's own re-

digital adoption in the province. The platform's MSME community base in Cavite has grown at an average of 72% year-onyear from 2023 to 2025, fueling a staggering 152% iump in demand for Grab-Food deliveries this year versus last year. This growth is also marked by quality, as the province now accounts for 30% of all GrabFood 5-Star Eats merchants - a communirestaurants on the Grab platform - across the entire Greater Manila area

Pampanga, Philippines — Mekeni Food

Led by President Mr. Prudencio "Pruds'

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Corporation warmly welcomed members of the press

from Laguna, Cavite, and Batangas in a special media

tour that showcased the company's remarkable jour-

ney from humble beginnings to becoming a leading

Garcia, a Certified Public Accountant turned vi-

sionary entrepreneur, guests were treated to an

inside look at Mekeni's operations, including a

delicious lunch and an inspiring plant tour. Mr.

Garcia shared the inspiring story of Mekeni's

humble start as a small backyard business in

name in the global food industry.

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#### **EDITORYAL: Lessons learned**

THIS time, while much of the country is whacked by severe typhoon Uwan, the 21st to: thrash the country in 2025, many critical lessons in disaster management must already be on the tables of our leaders and the masses.

Such lessons primarily stress proactive preparedness, community-based solutions, strong infrastructure, climate change adaptation, and effective communication.

Proactive preparedness is pivotal since survival is not just about having basic supplies but about thinking ahead and preparing for the worst before it happens

This includes equipping households with emergency kits, identifying evacuation routes, and familiarizing oneself with local geography.

Our local leaders must by now be persuaded that effective response is often centered at the local level (barangay/village, town, city) and empowering Local Government Units to assess risks, develop early warning systems, and lead their communities in times of crisis is essential for a more effective and : timely response.

Yet another lesson is the acknowledgment of the need to build more durable and earthquake-resistant infrastructure, especially critical facilities like schools, hospitals, and evacuation centers.

Lessons from past events, like Typhoon Haiyan 12 years ago this month which damaged the Tacloban airport highlight the need for sturdy infrastructure and backup systems, like preparing alternate airports for aid delivery.

We must not forget that establishing clear, reliable communication networks, from community : levels up to national government agencies, is essential during and after a disaster which would assure: the officials and those on the ground that everyone is accounted for urgent needs are communicated. and real-time information aids decision-making and search and rescue efforts.

We need to remind ourselves that Haiyan and the recent Kalmaegi typhoons serve as stark reminders of the increasing intensity of tropical storms linked to climate change.

Which strongly suggests long-term recovery and development plans must integrate climate action and adaptation strategies, including environmental protection, responsible urban planning, and sustainable development practices to reduce future vulnerability.

We should recognize and incorporate local and indigenous knowledge and traditional building practices that can lead to tailor-made, resilient solutions for housing and survival, as these communities have time-tested coping mechanisms.

We know international aid will be flown in from all directions - after all the world has become \* a global village – but such aid must be coordinated and sustainably integrated into recovery plans.

We are aware the affected communities are in the best position to decide what they need, requiring a customized response rather than a onesize-fits-all approach.

During the recovery process, when the : disasters are gone and better forgotten, we must urgently recognize the provision of mental health support and care - doubtlessly indispensable for the overall healing and well-being of the affected com-



#### GRAB...

which includes Bulacan. Laguna, and Rizal

Local entrepre-

neurs are turning this digital adoption into tangible success by actively using the platform's growth tools, like Spotlight Campaigns. GrabFood 5-Star merchant-partner Sarios Restaurant, owned by Liz and Benjamin Rufino, shared how they leveraged Grab's marketing and promotion features to scale their business.

"I made it a point to study all the promotional tools Grab offered," said Liz Rufino "We started small with simple discounts. but once we saw how effective they were, we went all-in and fully utilized the marketing

QUEZON CITY

- The Social Security Sys-

tem (SSS) announced

that its members in Cebu

affected by Typhoon Tino

may avail of the Calam-

CLP provides qualified

SSS members in Cebu

with immediate access to

emergency funds for their

essential needs in tandem

with recovery efforts un-

local government.

dertaken by national and

how life-changing the dev-

astation brought by Ty-

phoon Tino is to workers

and their families in Cebu.

Our priority is to provide

support to help them get

back on their feet." De

Disaster Risk Reduction

and Management Council

(NDRRMC) has placed all

53 cities and municipali-

ties in Cebu under a state

of calamity after Tropical

Cyclone Tino struck the

province last 4 November

The

Claro said.

2025.

"We understand

accessible

National

**SSS...** 

features. As a result, our Grab is introducing its The "Digital Diskarte" prosales doubled, and even tripled. It shows that Grab genuinely helps small merchants like us grow, not just the big brands."

Al Co-Pilot for

At the heart of the

caravan is the introduction of the Merchant Al Assistant, a "co-pilot" integrated directly into the Grab-Merchant app. This tool is designed to help small business owners who may lack the time or marketing expertise to manage their online presence. It can automate tasks like creating digital menus, writing marketing captions for promotions, and optimizing their online storefront.

fering merchants on Tap & Scan to Pay the access to Income Protection Coverage, which ensures that during untoward force maieures, should merchants not be able to open, their supposed earnings for

"Tap & Scan To Pay" solu-

tion in the region. This

feature turns any NFC-en-

abled smartphone into a

device capable of accept-

ing both credit cards and

QR-PH payments. This is

seen as a breakthrough

for MSMEs, as it removes

the significant cost hur-

dle of renting or buying a

separate, hardware-based

payment terminal. Along-

side this, Grab is also of-

that day are cushioned More than just Tech From Page 1

gram aims to provide holistic support. Beyond the new AI and payment tools, Grab is also offering merchants access to the Merchant Quick Cash Loan, providing "dagdag-puhunan" (additional capital) for inventory and expansion, and Self-Serve Ads. which allow merchants to run their own "Spotlight Campaigns" to boost visibility within the Grab app This initiative is backed by government partners and aligns with the national digitalization agenda, particularly the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)'s drive to create more "digital livelihoods" for Filipinos. PR

mates 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.

Furthermore,

ity Loan Program (CLP) CLP terms and starting today 6 November 2025 up to 5 December eligibility

Under the CLP, 2025 providing immediate qualified members may financial relief as recovery borrow up to P20,000 efforts continue across the at 7% interest rate with SSS President repayment period of 24 months. Applications can and Chief Executive Offibe submitted online via cer Robert Joseph Mon-My.SSS facility. tes de Claro said that the

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

Major qualification requirements are: Residing or work-

ing 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 ap-

No past due loan accounts and no outstanding restructured loans:

Not have been NDRRMC esti- 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 from 5 November 2025 up committed against the

In addition, SSS also activated a separate act as bridge for affect-CLP for members who ed members to tide them were affected by Tropical over and hasten recovery. Storm Ramil in Roxas City PR

and in the Municipality of Sigma in Capiz. Qualified SSS members who live or work in these areas may apply for calamity loan to 4 December 2025.

De Claro emphasized that calamity loans

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# lief Effort As part of its uni-

challenges.

fied approach, the Aboitiz Foundation has mobilized its various business units - including Aboitiz Equity Ventures, AboitizPower. UnionBank, Aboitiz Infra-Capital Aboitiz Foods Aboitiz Land and Economic Estates, Coca-Cola Europacific Aboitiz Philippines Aboitiz Construction, and other subsidiaries across the Group — to provide immediate clean water, and technical support in power resto- San Carlos Sun Power,

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As communities

across the Visavas and

Mindanao continue to re-

cover from typhoon "Tino."

the Aboitiz Group, through

the Aboitiz Foundation.

remains at the forefront of

relief and recovery efforts.

The ongoing operations.

focused in Cebu, Bohol,

Negros Occidental, Iloilo

and Dinagat Islands, re-

flect the Group's enduring

promise to advance busi-

ness and communities.

ed effort builds on One-

Aboitiz's earlier earth-

quake response in Cebu

and Davao and now

extends to preparations

for the impact of super

typhoon "Uwan." It under-

scores the Group's proac-

tive and unified approach

to helping communities

not only recover but also

prepare for upcoming

Unified OneAboitiz Re-

This coordinat-

even in times of crisis.

**After Tino, Prepares for ST Uwan** 

totals from ongoing opera-

tions show that the Group

has distributed over 20.300

food and non-food packs

liters of clean water, with

total assistance currently

valued at ₱3.8 million and

counting. These efforts

have so far reached nearly

14,200 households across

the Visayas and Mindanao

Aboitiz in action — busi-

ness units, employees,

and partners working to-

gether to bring help where

it's needed most." said

Ginggay Hontiveros-Mal-

var, Aboitiz Foundation

President. "Our teams are

collaborating not just to re-

spond, but to help commu-

nities recover and rebuild."

Across Business Units

relief efforts are driven

by the collaboration of:

Aboitiz Equity Ventures,

Aboitiz Foundation, Aboitiz

Foods, Aboitiz InfraCap-

ital. Aboitiz InfraCapital

Cebu Airport Corporation.

Aboitiz InfraCapital Water,

Aboitiz Land and Econom-

ic Estates, Aboitiz Renew-

ables, Inc., Aboitiz Solar

Power Inc. AboitizPower

Aboitiz Construction, City

Savings Bank, Coca-Cola

Europacific Aboitiz Phil-

ippines. Cotabato Light.

Davao Light, East Asia

Utilities Corporation, Pilm-

ico Foods Corporation,

Collaboration

The OneAboitiz

"This is One-

regions

and more than 217.800

So far. running

Ecozone—formally recognized through Presidential Proclamation No. 985 series of 2025 The activity was held as part of DOST's continuing efforts to guide HEIs in developing their own KIST Ecozones under the DOST-PEZA Joint Memorandum

Philippines University -State University, Bicol Uni-

University. On October R. Dungca (Vice President 22, the activity welcomed participants from DOST Region VIII (Eastern Visayas), led by Dr. John Glenn D. Ocaña (Regional Director) and Ms. Marilyn O. Radam (Assistant Regional Director for Technical Operations); among the participating HEIs were University of

San Carlos, Visavas State University Tarlac Agricultural University, Pampanga State Agricultural University and the University of Perpetual Help System DALTA - Molino Campus

#### Unity Digital Infrastructure, for the first nine months of UnionBank, Visayan Elec- 2025, an increase of 10% year-on-year. This performance resulted in a return on equity of 15.3% and a return on assets of 1.6%. still among the highest in

Chinabank's core businesses delivered robust results, with

the industry

**OneAboitiz Helps Communities Rebuild Chinabank nets P20.2 billion in 9 months on** 

these

tric, Tsuneishi, and the

Ramon Aboitiz Foundation

Across

business units, relief oper-

ations remain in full swing,

with ongoing distribution

of food packs, rice, water,

and hygiene kits, along

nical support in hard-hit

areas. Aboitiz InfraCap-

ital Water has deployed

tankers and 5-gallon con-

tainers while Coca-Cola

Europacific Aboitiz Philip-

pines, Aboitiz Equity Ven-

tures. UnionBank. Visavan

Flectric Mactan-Cebu In-

ternational Airport. Aboitiz

Land and Economic Es-

tates deliver over 217,800

liters of potable water to

affected communities in

Visayas and Mindanao.

Over 20,300 food packs

distributed by San Car-

los Sun Power, Aboitiz

Solar Power, Aboitiz Re-

newables, Aboitiz Foods

CitySavings Bank, Union-

Bank, Aboitiz InfraCapital,

and AboitizPower

Lapu City.

with logistical and tech-

Inc. (RAFI).

ital Cebu Airport Corporation (Mactan-Cebu International Airport) joined the efforts by distributing 300 hygiene kits and 300 five-liter water bottles to families at Mohon Elementary School in Talisay City.

"Volunteerism and solidarity are at the heart of the Aboitiz way we move as one family for those in need," said Hontiveros-Malvar, "Our goal goes beyond immediate relief — we aim to empower communities to stand stronger against future challenges. Resto-

Power and Technical Support Beyond human-Visavan Electric. East Asia itarian relief. AboitizPow-Utilies Corporation, Aboitiz er's Distribution Group Land and Economic Esswiftly mobilized teams tates, Therma Visayas, to support power restoration in Cebu and nearby Visavan Electric. provinces. Davao Light Therma Visavas, and East deployed 10 linemen and Asia Utilities Corporation two crane trucks. Cotabacontinue to provide esto Light sent 13 linemen, sential technical supplies two safety officers, and and coordination support two boom trucks. Visavan to local governments in Electric continues to re-Toledo, Talisay, and Lapustore power lines across Cebu City, Mandaue, Aboitiz InfraCap- Liloan, Toledo, Talisay,

for DLSU Laguna Cam-

pus) and Mr. Robespierre

C Porsovigan (Business

Development Manager).

Through these interac-

tions, participants gained

valuable insights into the

DLSU's planning and de-

velopment process, insti-

tutional commitment, and

strategic coordination with

Mr. Porsovigan shared

comprehensive insights

into the establishment

of the DLSU Innovation

Hub, detailing the pro-

posal process, application

requirements, and imple-

mentation timeline. They

also discussed the chal-

Dr. Dungca and

stakeholders.

A consolidated **Strong revenues** 1.6%, reflecting the bank's interest income rising by nc., Therma Visayas, Inc., net income of P20.2 billion 13%. This growth, driven by the continuous expansion of earning assets. offset a 9% jump in interest expense. Net interest income grew by 15% to P53.5 billion. Net interest margin remained healthy at 4.6%.

Fee-based income also increased to P3.1 billion on steady growth in trust and ban-

> Operating expenses rose by 15% to P25.3 billion, mainly due to strategic investments in manpower and technology. Nonetheless, costto-income ratio improved to 45%. To strengthen its balance sheet, Chinabank proactively increased provisions to P7.0 billion for a non-performing loan (NPL) cover of 123%, higher than the industry

cassurance commissions.

Still the fourth largest private universal bank in the country Chinabank's total assets grew 8% year-on-year to reach P1.7 trillion.

Gross loans increased by 14% to P994.0 billion on strong demand from both the corporate and consumer segments. Despite the rise in lending, NPL ratio improved to

funding base, driven by 12% year-on-year growth in checking and savings accounts. Total reached P184.4 billion, up 13%. Capital adequacy ratio stood at 15.8% and common equity tier 1 ratio at 15.0%—well above regulatory requirements.

prudent stance. Deposits

also rose by 9% to P14

trillion, securing a stable

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Book value per share improved to P68.49. Chinabank's strength and preeminent

standing in the industry were recently affirmed by several recognitions. Chinabank secured the Four Golden Arrow award governance excellence from the Institute of Corporate Directors Its client-focused approach was recognized with the Outstanding Wealth Management Service for the Affluent award from Private Banker International and Philippines' Best Bank for Customer Experience award from Euromoney Chinabank's growing global reputation was further highlighted by its inclusion for the second year in a row in both TIME's World's Best Companies 2025 and the Fortune Southeast Asia 500 list.

the way and the strategies employed to overcome Emphasis was placed on the crucial support received from government, industry partners. and other stakeholders as well as best practices in policy formulation, stakeholder engagement, and resource management. These exchanges offered practical and actionable perspectives that may serve as valuable references for visiting HEIs as they begin crafting their own KIST Ecozone plans.

Following the discussions, participants toured the DLSU Innovation Hub and the nearby research and development (R&D) facilities. The visit featured key buildings such as the John L. Gokongwei Jr. Innovation Center, Richard L. Lee Engineering and Technology Block, and Dr. George S.K. Ty Advanced Instrumentation and Teaching Laboratory Building which houses several of its support facilities. Participants were in-

areas, and specialized laboratories including the Thermomechanical Analysis Laboratory (TALa). TAYÔ Project Laboratory Evelyn D. Ang Institute of Biomedical Engineering and Health Technologies (FDA-IBEHT) the Central Instrumentation Facility (CIF), and the Animal BSL 3 Research Pod. amond others. The tour also featured Amber Kinetics' R&D facility

spaces, startup incubation

formed part of DOST-CALABARZON's broader effort to advance the establishment of innovation-driven campuses and strengthen the science, technology, and innovation (STI) ecosystem nationwide. It also served as a prelude to the DOST Inno.Venta 2025 held from October 23 to 25 at Batangas State University. The National Engineering University-home of the first proclaimed KIST Park in the country under Presidential Proclamation No.

#### **DOST-CALABARZON** brings HEIs nationwide to DLSU's newly proclaimed KIST Ecozone for benchmarking visit To advance the a newly proclaimed KIST versity, and Capiz State ficials led by Dr. Jonathan

development of Knowledge Innovation Science and Technology (KIST) Ecozones nationwide the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-CALABARZON. DOST's lead implement-

ing region of the KIST Ecozone Program, organized a two-day benchmarking visit to De La Salle University (DLSU)-Laguna Campus on October 21 and 22.

The visit gathered representatives from various Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and DOST Regional Offices across the country to learn from DLSU's journev toward establishing its DLSU Innovation Hub,

Circular No. 2023-001. On October 21, delegates from DOST Re-

gional Offices VI (Western Visayas) and XI (Davao Region) participated along with representatives from several HFIs such as University of the Philippines Mindanao, Lyceum of the Laguna, Western Philippines University Palawan

The benchmarksessions featured presentations and open discussions with DLSU of- lenges encountered along troduced to collaborative

## INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICALS INC. (IPI) DONATES MEDICINE TO BACOOR LGU

Mayor, November 12, vez. 2025 - Representatives from International Phar- medicines include mainte- IPI andh the City Governmaceuticals Inc. (IPI) paid nance drugs for high blood a courtesy visit to Mayor pressure and other essen-Strike B. Revilla today to tial medications, which donate medicines for the will be distributed free of residents of Bacoor.

The IPI delegation was in need. Mayor Strike B. led by Ms. Rowena I. Revilla expressed his Manager. Also present generous donation. He

Office of the was Councilor Noly Gal- also thanked Councilor

The charge to Bacooreños Operation gratitude to IPI for their

Noly Galvez for facilitating donated the connection between



#### **Cavite Provincial Government Strengthens Response Operations for Super Typhoon Uwan**

Government of Cavite, un- the Provincial Disasernor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla, continues to implement proac- on November 7 to conduct tive response and relief a Pre-Disaster Risk Asoperations for families af- sessment (PDRA) togethfected by Super Typhoon er with Local Disaster Risk Uwan, which brought heavy rains and strong ment Officers (LDRRMOs) the Provincial Social Welwinds across the province and lead national and proin recent days.

As of the latest report, a total of 12.184 rective of the Department families or 44,733 individuals have been affected in various cities and municipalities of Cavite, No casualties have been reported.

Council Management (PDRRMC) was convened Reduction and Managevincial agencies.

Following the diof the Interior and Local Government (DILG). pre-emptive evacuations were implemented in highrisk areas to ensure the safety of residents. The Emergency Operations

Even before Super Typhoon Uwan entered the Philippine Area Center (EOC) has re-



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The Provincial of Responsibility (PAR), mained on 24/7 standby, with all response clusters der the leadership of Gov- ter Risk Reduction and on full alert status to closely monitor developments and coordinate immediate actions with local govern-

ment units (LGUs).

Relief operations officially began on November 9, led by the Office of fare and Development Officer (OPSWDO), which distributed food and nonfood items to affected families in Ternate and Mara-

On November 10 another round of relief operations was done, with the teams distributing aid to affected residents in Silang and Naic, and another batch of assistance in Ter-

Governor Remulla reaffirmed the provincial government's commitment to ensuring timely and efficient delivery of assistance, emphasizing that the safety and welfare of Caviteños remain the top priority

The Provincial Government of Cavite continues to mobilize its resources and manpower to provide sustained relief and recovery support to affected communities. Meanwhile, the Office of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (OPDRRMO) remains on heightened alert for further monitoring and response

to leave the highlands and Residents are settle closer to the town, reminded to remain vigisomething new was plantlant and to follow updates ed in Narda's heart—a seed of creativity nurtured and advisories from official by her mother's hands. government channels. - E. Reves



gan

da recalled

weaving baskets

Despite her pas-

Now, Narda has

own family, with a

made from buri palm and

nito vines. At the age of 10.

she learned the craft with

natural ease, absorbing

not just the technique, but

the heritage embedded in

each loop and knot." Nar-

**Woven Paths** 

In the peaceful mountains of Talipan, sion for learning, financial Aninuan in Puerto Galhardships forced Narda era. Narda Dellova works to put her dreams of forwith steady hands. At 38. mal education on hold. Instead, she devoted herself her fingers move with the grace of decades of tradito weaving and helping tion, artistry, and purpose. her parents to support the family's needs. Fach weave reflects the life she has built, the challenges she has overcome.

and the dreams she conhusband who works as tinues to chase. a construction worker Narda's story beand a daughter studying gins far from the bustling at Mangyan Elementary towns and busy streets. School. She stands at the She is a proud member of heart of her family's livethe Iraya Mangyan, one of lihood, weaving not just the eight Mangyan ethnobaskets, but a better fulinguistic groups native to ture Each of Narda's hand-Mindoro Island. They are skilled in traditional crafts, particularly basket weaving using nito vines and

buri palm leaves. Their

weaves, rich in symbolism

and beauty, are more than

just objects; they are cul-

tural expressions passed

Born into a hum-

down through generations.

ble family where farming

is their way of living. Nar-

da spent her early years

surrounded by rows of

rice paddies, vegetables,

and the simplicity of moun-

tain life. "We grew what

we needed. My parents

worked the land, and we

sold what we could in our

time came for her family

But when the

community." she shares.

made creations made with nito vines and buri palm leaves, such as flowerpot holders, fruit trays, jewelry boxes, coasters, organizers, earrings, and more, tells a story. The materials gathered from the mountains or collected with help from neighbors, are transformed over days, weeks, and even months into intricate pieces of functional art. "Every item is a piece of my effort, my culture, my hope," she said.

But her journey took a transformative turn in 2013, when CARD staff visited her community. Introduced to the products and services of CARD Bank, a microfinance-oriented rural bank, Narda saw an opportunity she couldn't pass up. With a starting loan of PHP 4,000 and eventually growing up to PHP 32,000, she was

ing and meet her family's needs.

**CARD** Bank

Bulian easa sa lafat

"Being a client of CARD Bank has helped me in many ways, especially when we had nothing and I needed capital to continue mv work." she shares. Her involvement

didn't end with financial support. Through CARD MRI Hijos Tours, a tour company under CARD MRI. Narda became a part of the Home Stay Tour program launched in June 2025 in Puerto Galera, Her crafts, along with the works of fellow Iraya Mangyan weavers, now take center stage at Bahay Tabudan, a traditional weaving house at the Mangvan Village in Aninuan, Puerto Galera. Here, the participants and visitors not only buy crafts. They can also witness the magic of weaving through live demonstrations.

"I'm happy teach others about our craft. Through Hijos Tours. more people now understand and appreciate our culture and skills," she

says. As she weaves her eyes are set on the future, particularly on her daughter, who is now the same age she was when she first learned the craft "I told her that, aside from education, weaving is a gift I want to pass on. I have started teaching her already." Narda smiles.

She hopes that one day, their Mangyan-made products will reach a broader market touching hearts beyond their island home. And with every fiber, every weave, every story shared, Narda Dellova proves that no dream is too far when it is stitched with passion, pur-"My mother be- able to invest in her weav- pose, and pride. PR

November 17-28, 2025

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION** OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT TRECE MARTIRES CITY

STERLING BANK OF ASIA INC. (A Savings Bank)

Petitioner-Mortgagee

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-610-25

**JASON LOGUIVER FERNANDEZ represented** Herein by his Attorney-in-Fact CRISTINA F. PANTILGAN,

Respondent Mortgagor.

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act

#### **NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner Mortgagee, STERLING BANK OF ASIA, INC. (A Savings Bank), with business address at Sterling Bank of Asia Corporate Center, 8004, Ortigas Avenue, Greenhills, San Juan City, against the Respondent/Mortgagor, JASON LOGUIVER FERNANDEZ, represented herein by his Attorney-in-Fact CRISTINA F. PANTILGAN, with residence and postal addresses at (1) Blk 24 Lot 1 Paligawang Matanda, Relocation Site, Lantic, Carmona, Cavite and (2) Blk. 28, Lot 18, Ph-7B, Elliston Place, Brgy. Pasong Camachile 2, Gen. Trias City, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of August 18, 2025 amounts to ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TEN PESOS and 17/100 (P1,763,810.17), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on December 10 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon, at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for **CASH** and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to

#### TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 057-2022009134

**Lot No.** 18 **Block No**. 28 **Plan No**. Pcs-04-030042 Portion of: Lot 2506; Lot 2510-B, Psd-40866; LRC Rec.

Location: Barangay of Pasong Camachile-2, Municipality of Gen. Trias. Province of Cavite. Island of Luzon

Boundaries:		
LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SE	Lot 23, Block 28, Pcs-
		04-030042
2-3	SE	Lot 24, Block 28, Pcs-
		04-030042
3-4	SW	Lot 17, Block 28, Pcs-
		04-030042
4-5	NW	Road Lot 32. Pcs-04-
		030042
5-1	NF	Lot 19. Block 28. Pcs-
<b>U</b> 1		04-030042
		04-030042

#### Area: FORTY FIGHT SQUARE METERS (48) more or

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said time and date, it shall be held on Decem ber 23. 2025 without further notice

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

Trece Martires City, November 11, 2025

#### (SGD)JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG Sheriff IV

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STERLING BANK OF ASIA (A Savings Bank) Legal Services Group Counsel for the Petitioner-Mortgagee 3rd Floor, Sterling Bank of Asia Corporate Center 8004, Ortigas Avenue, Greenhills, San Juan City

JASON L. FERNANDEZ/CRISTINA F. PANTILGAN (1) Blk. 24, Lot 1, Paligawang Matanda, Relocation Site, Lantic Carmona Cavite (2) Blk. 28, Lot 18, Ph-7B, Elliston Place, Brgy. Pasong

Camachile 2, Gen. Trias City, Cavite

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#### **DTI-Laguna Conducts Seminar** on Business Ideas and Entrepreneurial Mindset

of Trade and Industry (DTI) signed to help them identify Laguna Provincial Office. through Negosyo Center Pakil in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) - Pangil, successfully conducted a seminar on Business Ideas and Entrepreneurial Mindset at of business concepts but the Pavilion, Panguil River Eco Park, Brgy. Natividad, Pangil, Laguna, on October 23, 2025. The seminar aimed to educate potential entrepreneurs about the to clarify doubts, share different types of businesses they can pursue, the proper process for registering a business name, and the importance of adopting the right entrepreneurial mindset while learning the basic principles of entrepreneurship. Through this seminar, participants were introduced to practical business concepts, creative livelihood opportunities, and effective strategies for starting a business within their communities. A total of twenty-four (24) potential MSMEs attended

the event Resource speakers from DTI-Laguna and DSWD-Pangil shared their expertise and experiences in entrepreneurship development, emphasizing the value of innovation, perseverance, and continuous learning in sustaining a business. They also highlighted government programs and services that can help aspiring entrepreneurs gain access to financial assistance, business mentorship, and market linkage opportunities. Participants actively engaged amidst the pandemic. To- earned him prestigious greatness.

The Department in interactive activities detheir own business potentials and assess their readiness to embark on entrepreneurial ventures. Many of them expressed their appreciation for the seminar noting that it not only broadened their understanding also motivated them to turn their ideas into reality. The seminar concluded with a question and answer session, allowing participants their concerns, and receive personalized advice from the resource speakers. The organizers encouraged attendees to continue their entrepreneurial iourney with the support of the DTI's Negosyo Center, which offers ongoing guidance and assistance for MSME development (CM-RCaballero, DTI-Laguna).

#### Mekeni...

Porac, Pampanga, found- day, Mekeni is recognized awards such as the Ernst who initially sold ice canlike the Pinatubo eruption, lahar, and crises, the family's resilience and unwav- quality. ering dedication propelled Mekeni to new heights.

He recounted how members of the family, who initially worked tunities, returned home

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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 NINE-TY-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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Mr. Garcia emitude, and servant leadguided the company

ed by a family of siblings as one of the top import- & Young Entrepreneur ers in Japan and Amer- of the Year Finalist, MVP Bossing Award, and the Most Outstanding Kapam-

This media tour not only celebrated Mekeni's 40 years of excellence but also highlighted phasized that Mekeni's its dedication to uplifting success is rooted in core communities and creating values of resilience, grat- a legacy of Filipino pride and ingenuity. As Mr. abroad to explore oppor- ership, values that have Garcia aptly put it, "May kwento sa bawat timpduring difficult times to through natural disasters la," and indeed, Mekeni's help rebuild the business, and economic challenges story is one of hope, perensuring its growth even alike. His leadership has severance, and Filipino **UTILITY BANK-A RURAL BANK, INC.** Petitioner/Mortgagee

**FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-582-25** 

SPS. JENELYN F. DE VEGA. AND MICHAEL VINCENT R. DE VEGA, Respondents-Mortgagors.

#### **NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE**

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee, UTILITY BANK-A RURAL BANK, INC. with business address at J. P. Rizal St., Bauan, Batangas and branch at J. Pastor St., Ibaan, Batangas, against the Respondents-Mortgagors, SPS. JENELYN F. DE VEGA and MICHAEL VINCENT R. DE VEGA, with residence at Blk. 2, Lot 19 Somerset 9, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias City, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of July 28, 2025 amounts to ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOU-SAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY PESOS and 24/100 (P1,635,140.24), Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest and penalty charges as of said date, but exclusive of all legal fees, and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on December 10, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 o'clock noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires 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. 057-2021010364

A parcel of land (Lot 2 Block 41 of the consolidation-subdivision plan Pcs-04-017881 being a portion of Lots 1561 (RS-04-003700), 1564 (RS-04-003052) 1565 (RS--04-003697) 1566 (RS-04-003052): 1589 (RS-04-003698), 1590 (RS-04-003062), 1593 (RS-04-003696), 1596, 1598, (RS-04-003695), 1599 (RS-04-003695), 3038 (RS-04-003699), all of San Francisco de Malabon Estate, 1557-D (LRC) Psd-117597, 1592-C (LRC) Psd-30794, 1597-B & 1597-C, Psd-26890, 1623-A (LRC) Psd-306769 & 1624-B, Psd-04-022097, LRC Rec. No. 4270), situated in the Brgy. Of Bacao, Municipality of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Lot 31, Block. 41; on the SW, along line 2-3 by Lot 1. Block 41: on the NW., along line 3-4 by Road Lot 40: on the NE along line 4-1 by Lot 3. Block 41. all of the cons-subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan. x x x containing an area of EIGHTY (80) SQUARE METERS x x

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on December 23, 2025 without further notice.

Prospective bidders/buvers are enjoined to investigate for themselves the title to the said property and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Trece Martires City, November 11, 2025

(SGD) JOSELITOL KRAMDA Sheriff IV

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UTILITY BANK-A RURAL BANK, INC. J P Rizal St Bauan Batangas And J. Pastor St., Ibaan, Batangas

SPS. JENELYN F. DE VEGA & MICHAEL VINCENT R. DE

Blk. 2, Lot 19 Somerset 9, Brgy. Navarro, Gen. Trias City,

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#### REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION** OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT TRECE MARTIRES CITY

**BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS** (SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST OF BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC.).

Petitioner-Mortgagee

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-419-25

FELROS BARLITA VEA DE VERA,

Respondent's-Mortgagor/s-Borrower/s

#### 2nd 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 ISLANDS (SUCCES-SOR-IN-INTEREST OF BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK. INC.), with business address at 27th Flr., BPI Buendia Center Bldg. 372 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave, Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati 1209, against the Respondent's-Mortgagor/s-Borrower/s FELROS BARLITA VEA DE VERA, with residence and postal address at 360 De Gloria St. Batasan Hills Quezon City, Lot 5 Blk 25 Amaia Scapes Trece Martires Phase I Brgy Agapito Conchu Trece Martires Cavite, and 10 H (B) Magat Salamat Street Concepcion Dos Marikina City, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness as of May 2, 2025 amounts to **ONE** MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY NINE & 14/100 ONLY (P1 625 699 14) including interest, penalties, expenses and other charges of foreclosure, the undersigned Sheriff will set at public auction on December 10, 2025 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning until 12:00 noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires 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. 077-2022005377

LOT NO: 5 BLOCK NO: 25 PLAN NO: PSD-04-231572 PORTION OF: LOT 2946, 6AN FRANCISCO DE MALA-

2 pang...

Barangay Sinbanali at Molino 2, Nobyem- dumalo sa makabuluhang bre 8, 2025 - Muling okasyon sina Mayor Strike nagpakita ng malasakit at pagpapahalaga sa mga nakatatanda ang Pamahalaang Lungsod ng Bacoor sa pangunguna ni Mayor Strike B. Revilla, sa pamamagitan ng personal na paghahatid ng ₱100,000 incentive sa dalawang bagong centenarian ng lung-

Ang mga pinarangalan ay sina Lolo Nathan Monzon Navarette ng Barangay Sinbanali at Lola Aurora Anselma Trinidad Deveza ng Barangay Mo- yan ng tig-₱100,000 - dalino 2. Ang pamamahagi ay isinagawa sa pamamagitan ng Office of Senior hapon - bilang bahagi ng Citizens Affairs (OSCA) at programa ni Mayor Strike City Social Welfare and para sa mga centenarian Development (CSWD).

LOCATION: BARANGAY OF CONCHU, CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES PROVINCE OF CAVITE ISLAND OF LUZON

#### BOUNDARIES: LINE DIRECTION

#### ADJOINING LOT(S)

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Sinbanali, at Kapitan Mike

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1-2-3 ROAD LOT 30, PSD-04-231572 4-5-6 LOT 3, BLOCK 25, PSD-04-231572 3-4 SW LOT 10, BLOCK 25, PSD-04-231572 LOT 9, BLOCK 25, PSD-04-231572 7-1 LOT 6, BLOCK 25, PSD-04-231572

#### AREA: SIXTY SEVEN SQUARE METERS (67), **MORE OR LESS**

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

Trece Martires City, November 11, 2025

(sgd)ANDRES B. ESPINA Sheriff IV

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BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (SUCCES-SOR-IN-INTEREST OF BPI FAMILY SAVINGS BANK, INC.) 27th Flr., BPI Buendia Center Bldg. 372 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati 1209

FELROS BARLITA VEA DE VERA 360 De Gloria St. Batasan Hills Quezon Citv. Lot 5 Blk 25 Amaia Scapes Trece Martires Phase 1 Brgy Agapito Conchu Trece Martires Cavite, and 10 H (B) Magat Salamat Street Concepcion Dos Marikina

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#### Gatchalian Wants ERC to **Impose Stricter Penalties on Power Operators**

Senator Win Gatchalian is pushing to update the penalties that the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) can impose on transmission operators, distribution utilities (DUs), and generation companies (GenCos), saying this is crucial to lowering the country's high electricity prices.

"If we have a strong regulator, bababa ang presyo ng kuryente," Gatchalian said during a Senate Committee on Energy hearing on his proposed measure to strengthen the ERC's governance structure.

A case in point was when the ERC imposed only ₱15 million in penalties for 34 delayed projects of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines in 2024. "The net profit of NGCP then was about ₱17 billion, while dividends declared to shareholders amounted to ₱3.6 billion. Obviously, the penalty is not commensurate with the size of the transmission operator," he

"Kapag may delay, may banta ng brownout at mas mahal ang kuryente dahil wala tayong ibang mapuntahan kundi 'yung transmission na kaisa-isa," he warned.

Under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA), the ERC can impose a maximum penalty of only ₱50 million per offense. Gatchalian's proposal will allow ERC to increase higher penalties, and a portion of the penalties can be used to lower power rates.

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#### Cavetano...

eader Alan Peter Cayeta- citing declining allocations no called for a more da- for student financial as- tion and delays in project ta-driven and accountable approach in higher education budgeting, saying the Commission on Higher Dunong Program (TDP). Education's (CHED) 2026 proposal should reflect have seen repeated fundprove student access and institutional performance

should be guided by science and be data-driven. what we can do together." cy to use reliable data in crafting its programs that

over CHED's P32.49-bil-schools.

Senate Minority lion budget for next year, sistance programs such as the Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) and Tulong

The programs long-term reforms that im- ing cuts despite growing demand and enrollment in both public and private higher education institu-CHED commis-

Let's get the data and see sioner Shirley C. Agrupis said these issues highsaid the agency's 2026 he said, urging the agen- plan focuses on state mance-based budgeting will translate into measur- research support. Howevable outcomes for learn- er, she admitted challeng- tions. es in sustaining the cov-During the Sen- erage of scholars under ate budget hearing on the Free Higher Education

pointed to low fund utiliza-SUCs, along with Commission on Audit (COA) findings on slow liquidation of scholarship funds and inconsistent monitor-

ing of school performance.

Cayetano, who previously chaired the Senate Committee on Higher, Technical, and Vocational light the need for perforuniversities and colleges and stronger accountabil-(SUCs), scholarships, and ity mechanisms in CHED and its attached institu-

> CHFD's 7-point agenda, which

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Senators also institutions.

Cayetano also renewed his call for the implementation among 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. Education, "If we are to pro duce a globally competitive workforce and make education the true driver of national development we need decisive, coordinated action," he said.

"By laying the He earlier backed groundwork for a truly "ACHIEVE" cohesive and responsive education system, we aim October 17, 2025, law- Law (RA 10931), especial- promotes access, quality, to transform the nation by makers raised concerns ly those studying in private and institutional resilience building the right foundaamong higher education tions," he added. PR

ies are located in Quezon

in 34 towns and cities in

duced landslides, partic-

ularly in mountain slopes.

riverbanks, creek mouths.

Although some

towns in Rizal.

# 29K families in Calabarzon preemptively evacuated ahead of Uwan's onslaught

Laguna (PIA) — A total of 29,387 families or was carried out in compli- Environment and Nat-95.665 individuals from 120 towns and cities across Calabarzon were Disaster Risk Reduction preemptively evacuated as part of preparedness measures ahead of Super Typhoon Uwan's impact on Saturday, November

ance with the directive of ural Resources-Mines the Calabarzon Regional and Geosciences Bureau and Management Council (RDRRMC) to conduct gays in 141 towns and preemptive evacuations in areas at high risk of flooding, landslides, and storm surges to ensure the safety of residents.

The evacuation from the Department of Province, 852 barangays Batangas, 706 barangays (DENR-MGB), there are in 23 towns in Cavite 506 3,260 flood-prone baranbarangays in Laguna. and 188 barangays in 14 cities across the region.

According to Bianca Pabas, a geologist areas are not identified from DENR-MGB, out of as landslide-prone, the this number, 1,008 baranagency also warned of the possibility of rain-in-

## No oil spill detected from **LCT Felicity 8 – PCG**

Coast Guard (PCG) con- mery. firmed that no oil spill was detected from LCT Felicity 8, which ran aground Uwan on Saturday, November 8.

Felicity 8 was sheltering at Pagapas Bay in Calatagan amid poor weather towards shallow parts of

poration, the incident was boring Barangay Wawa cols

LEMERY, Batan- Ilaya to the Coast Guard gas (PIA) - The Philippine Sub-station (CGSS) in Le-

CGSS assured that LCT Felicity 8 was found stable off the coastal waters of with no significant struc-Lemery, Batangas amid tural damage, and the incistrong winds and currents dent did not cause oil spill brought by Super Typhoon or marine pollution in the affected waters.

Monitoring and In its report, the communication with the PCG confirmed that LCT vessel's master continues to ensure effective and coordinated extraction.

As of reporting conditions when it drifted time, the PCG said it will conduct a marine casualty investigation to determine Operated by Sil- the circumstances surver Sand Shipping Cor- rounding the incident and to assess the compliance initially reported by the of LCT Felicity 8 with safebarangay chair of neigh- ty and navigational proto-

and steep roadside areas. Aside from preemptive evacuation. the DENR-MGB also recom-

mended that local government units (LGUs) implement emergency preparedness and response protocols in areas previously affected by rain-induced landslides and flash floods. The RDRRMC

Calabarzon was placed on red alert on Nov. 8 to ensure prompt response and coordination among government agencies and LGUs for the impacts of Super Typhoon Uwan.

The council is set to conduct a Rapid Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis (RDANA) to immediately determine the extent of damage and the needs of communities affected by Super Typhoon Uwan.