

# DTI Laguna and Partners Open MSME Trade Fair at SM City San Pablo for Coconut Festival

San Pablo City, Laguna — In celebration of the San Pablo Coconut Festival, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Laguna, in partnership with the City Government of San Pablo, the Association of Laguna Food Processors (ALAFOP), and SM City San Pablo, organized a trade fair for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from January 14 to 20, 2026. The event aimed to support local enterprises and promote entrepreneurship in the province.

Administrator of LGU San Pablo; Mr. Jerry Urriquia, President of ALAFOP; Ms. Leonie Reyes, Board Director of ALAFOP; and Ms. Edesa Sibug, Mall Manager of SM City San Pablo, along with other guests and participants. Their presence highlighted the collaborative efforts of public and private partners in promoting local businesses.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 14 was attended by Mr. Christian Ted O. Tungohan, Provincial Director of DTI Laguna; Atty. Joseph Marnic V. De Mesa, City

Featuring 11 MSME exhibitors, the trade fair was held under the mall's SM4SMEs Community Bazaar program. The activity provided participating enterprises with an opportunity to showcase their products, engage with consumers, and



strengthen their market presence in a high-traffic commercial venue. This initiative is part of ongoing efforts to promote local entrepreneurship and enterprise develop-

ment alongside the city's festive celebration. In line with its mandate to support MSMEs, DTI Laguna continues to facilitate market access and provide marketing op-

portunities that help enterprises grow, become competitive, and reach wider markets.

Through this collaborative undertaking, partner institutions reaffirmed

their shared commitment to strengthening the MSME sector by fostering partnerships and offering platforms that contribute to inclusive economic growth in Laguna.

# SMC delivers 19% net income growth to P37.1Bn in first nine months



San Miguel Corporation (SMC) reported a 19% rise in net income to P37.1 billion during the first nine months of 2024, driven by strong revenue growth across its diverse businesses.

Despite challenges such as typhoons and currency fluctuations, SMC's consolidated revenues increased by 11% to P1.2 trillion. This strong performance was fueled by higher sales volumes in its Power, Fuel & Oil, Food, and Spirits businesses.

Operating income also went up by 11%, with improved profitability in the Food, Spirits, and Infrastructure sectors which offset lower refining margins

in the Fuel & Oil business. EBITDA went up by 9% to P168.1 billion.

Overall, the Company's strong performance demonstrated its ability to adapt to challenges and deliver consistent growth.

"Our commitment to sustainable growth and responsible cost management is at the core of everything we do. Our strong results reflect our ability to run our businesses efficiently, seize growth opportunities, and focus on building long-term value and excellence," said SMC Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang.

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE**

San Miguel Food and

Beverage, Inc. (SMFB) achieved strong financial results in the first nine months, with solid growth across all business segments. Consolidated sales rose 5% from last year, reaching P291.1 billion. Income from operations increased by 15% to P39.9 billion, while consolidated net income rose by 11% to P30.4 billion.

San Miguel Foods posted a 4% increase in sales to P134.3 billion, supported by higher volumes. The Prepared and Packaged Foods segment led the growth with an 11% revenue increase, driven by strong demand for key products like Purefoods Luncheon Meat, Magnolia

Dairy, and San Mig Coffee. This segment's EBITDA jumped 39% to P15.5 billion, benefiting from top-line growth and lower raw material costs.

San Miguel Brewery Inc. reported consolidated revenues of P111.2 billion, up 3%, due to higher volumes. Domestic sales reached P99.1 billion while international sales amounted to \$212.4 million. The Beer segment's EBITDA reached P28.9 billion, with expected growth momentum through targeted initiatives.

Ginebra San Miguel Inc. (GSMI) achieved a strong 17% increase in sales to P45.6 billion, driven by higher prices and volumes. Operating income also rose, with EBITDA totaling P7.1 billion. Strong brand performance and efficient distribution contributed to the growth of the Spirits segment.

**POWER**

San Miguel Global Power Holdings Corp. (SMGP) sustained its strong performance, reporting a 57% increase in off-take volumes. This was supported by new capacities, including 1,200 MW from South Premiere in Ilijan, Batangas; additional BESS ancillary services, and the start of commercial operations of Mariveles' Units 1 and 2.

Consequently, consolidated revenues rose 23% to P153.6 billion. Operating income and EBITDA saw significant growth of 43% and 37%, respectively. Net income rose 48% to P13.5 billion.

same period last year. Net income for the nine-month period ended at P7.1 billion from P9.5 billion in 2023.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**  
San Miguel Infrastructure delivered steady growth, with consolidated revenues of P27.0 billion in the first nine months, up 8% compared to the same period last year. The combined daily average traffic volume from all operating toll roads rose by 2%, reaching 1.02 million vehicles. The company achieved an 8% increase in both operating income and EBITDA to P14.6 billion and P22.0 billion, respectively. EBITDA margin remained strong at a healthy 82%.

**FUEL AND OIL**  
Petron Corporation (Petron) continued to report strong revenues in the first nine months of the year despite challenges in the international oil market. Consolidated revenues increased 12% to P657.9 billion, driven by sustained volume growth of 12% to 104.4 million barrels, from 93.6 million barrels in 2023.

Sales volume from its Philippine operations and Singapore trading arm posted a combined 16% increase to 67.8 million barrels, while sales volume in Malaysia rose 4% to 36.6 million barrels. The Company's service station operations in the Philippines fueled the consolidated 7% increase in total retail sales driven by Petron's strong brand attributes and strategic marketing efforts. Sales from its commercial and export trades also showed consistent improvements at 7% and 11%, respectively.

The strong volume and sales performance was weighed down by a correction in refining margins resulting in an operating income of P22.3 billion in the first nine months, from P27.0 billion in the

same period last year. Net income for the nine-month period ended at P7.1 billion from P9.5 billion in 2023.

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# CvSU develops e-governance system for barangays

**PGC brings free medical and dental services to Brgy. San Gabriel, GMA**

**39th Founding Anniversary DA-ATI CALABARZON**



In the spirit of the Center's 39th Founding Anniversary, DA-ATI CALABARZON balanced strategic direction with team engagement. The day featured an operational planning workshop where key personnel harmonized schedules, aligned priorities, and fine-tuned activity plans to ensure the smooth and timely im-

plementation of programs for FY 2026. To seal this shared commitment, Center Director Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, RAg, led the ceremonial signing of commitment for the year's planned activities, reinforcing accountability and collective responsibility.

The celebration likewise continued with a Palarong Pinoy-inspired

Mini Sports Fest, where staff stepped out of their official roles to take part in traditional games. Beyond friendly competition, the activity strengthened camaraderie, promoted employee wellness, and reflected the Center's belief that a united and energized workforce is essential to delivering responsive

# LANDBANK wraps up 2025 with expanded touchpoints for financial inclusivity



LANDBANK inaugurates the new phygital branch in the Municipality of Initao broadening the Bank's reach and enhancing access to essential financial services across Misamis Oriental.

LANDBANK capped off 2025 with the inauguration of a new corporate center, five branches and branch-lites nationwide, reinforcing its commitment to broaden financial access and bring essential banking services closer to communities across the country.

Throughout December, the Bank opened new facilities in key growth areas: the Initao Branch in Misamis Oriental on 12 December; the Tanjay Branch-lite in Negros Oriental on 15 December; the Glan Branch in Sarangani on 19 December; and both the Bayombong Branch in Nueva Viz-

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**Full transparency sa 2026 budget itinulak ng Cayetano-led Minority Bloc**

**PGC Delivers Health Services to Indang Community**

# FREE medical & dental mission in Barangay Milagrosa



Governor Abeng Remulla's Medical Mission Team, in collaboration with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, and the City Government of Carmona, successfully conducted a Medical and Dental Mission on January 16, at Barangay Milagro-

sa, Phase III. With the support of Mayor Dahlia Loyola, the City Council, and 5th District Board Member Ivey Reyes, the mission served 526 patients with free consultations, medicines, and health services, including 56 tooth extractions, 67

FBS tests, 12 ECGs, and 12 X-rays.

The initiative underscores the local government's continuing commitment to accessible healthcare, disease prevention, and the promotion of community well-being. — A. Sarte

# DA Calabarzon sustains Kadiwa ng Pangulo in 2026

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EDITORIAL: 'Big, bold reforms'

THE decision of the government's key economic agencies to propose a package of major initiatives on infrastructure, trade, and ease of doing business directly to the country's key private sector leaders is a significant development as it manifests both urgency and unease within the administration's economic team.

It's a timely move. With economic growth slowing down and investor sentiment softening, the government is clearly seeking to reassure capital holders that it remains committed to "big, bold reforms."

Infrastructure acceleration, trade facilitation, and regulatory streamlining are necessary responses to weak investment flows.

By engaging the private sector's most powerful actors, economic managers are saying that they understand where growth, jobs, and capital formation ultimately come from.

Yet the call for "big, bold reforms" highlights a deeper problem: confidence has eroded to the point where formal policy announcements and budget speeches are no longer enough.

When economic agencies feel compelled to talk to tycoons directly, it suggests that the market is unconvinced that reforms will be implemented consistently and credibly.

This raises an important issue. Are these "big, bold reforms" genuinely transformative, or are they being repackaged to restore confidence without addressing the structural constraints that continue to hound the economy?

Infrastructure, for one thing, has long been the government's go-to growth lever. But persistent delays, right-of-way issues, and governance concerns, such as public-private partnerships, have diminished its impact.

Similarly, commitments to ease of doing business ring hollow if businesses still confront overlapping regulations, discretionary enforcement, and a judicial system that struggles to resolve disputes swiftly.

Trade liberalization and ease-of-doing-business reforms definitely offer much promise, particularly if they're genuine. Reducing regulatory burdens and opening markets can unlock private sector dynamism quickly.

However, these reforms frequently encounter resistance from entrenched interests both within government and among existing business sector players who benefit from barriers to entry.

The real test of the government's commitment will emerge in the coming months: do they follow through when powerful constituencies push back?

The real measure of reform initiatives won't come from high-flown rhetoric, but from concrete outcomes over the coming months. Are infrastructure projects breaking ground?

Are regulations actually being simplified? Do businesses report meaningfully easier operations? Are investment flows responding positively?

Bold reforms, it should be emphasized, matter only if they're bold in deed, not just in declaration.

The private sector leaders will be watching intently, and their investment decisions will ultimately determine whether these initiatives really revived the economy or simply bought time.



DA...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Agriculture (DA) in Calabarzon is sustaining the Kadiwa ng Pangulo and Kadiwa Pop-Up markets in 2026, bringing affordable agricultural products closer to consumers while supporting local farmers and fisherfolk across the region.

In partnership with local government units (LGUs), law enforcement agencies, and other stakeholders, DA Calabarzon stated that it will continue rolling out Kadiwa activities in key areas of Quezon, Cavite, Laguna, Rizal, and Batangas starting January 2026.

In Quezon Province, Kadiwa Pop-Up markets will be held on January 29 at the Quezon Police Provincial Office (PPO) Cov-

ered Court in Camp BGen. Guillermo P. Nakar, Lucena City, and the Kadiwa ng Pangulo will take place on January 21 at Perez Park, Quezon Provincial Capitol, also in Lucena City.

Meanwhile, Cavite started hosting Kadiwa Pop-Up on January 16 at the Cavite PPO Covered Court in Camp Gen. Pantaleon Garcia, Imus City. Kadiwa ng Pangulo activities are also scheduled on January 23 and 30 in Barangay Maitim 2nd East, Tagaytay City.

In Laguna, a Kadiwa Pop-Up is set on January 29 at the Police Regional Office in Camp Vicente Lim, Calamba City. Kadiwa ng Pangulo will be conducted on January 16 at the Municipal Compound in Lumban and on January 30 at the Calamba City

Hall Lobby.

For Rizal, a Kadiwa ng Pangulo market will be held on January 28 at Sumulong Park, Antipolo City.

In Batangas, multiple Kadiwa Pop-Up activities are lined up, including on January 16 at Fernando Airbase in Lipa City and Malvar's Park in the City of Sto. Tomas, January 27 at BATELEC I in Calaca City, and January 28 at the Batangas PPO Covered Court in Camp Gen. Miguel C. Malvar, Batangas City.

Regular Kadiwa Pop-Up markets are also conducted every Monday at the LARES Compound in Barangay Marawoy, Lipa City. A Kadiwa ng Pangulo activity is scheduled on January 30 at Recto Gym in Ibaan.



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CvSU...

SILANG, Cavite (PIA) — Students at the Cavite State University (CvSU) in Silang have developed a digital platform to modernize barangay services and enhance the efficiency of grassroots governance.

Developed as a thesis by Dave Espiritu, Neerjay Lazaro, Arianne Jose, Kenneth Naquila, Luvrickx Kelley Lanzona, Ruel Panti, and Ruel Vincent dela Peña of the CvSU Silang's College of Information Technology, the One Bayani, One System was designed to digitize barangay records management systems, improving services and governance.

Cereneo Santiago, thesis adviser and Project Leader of the OneSys Extension Project, emphasized that OneSys was

built to modernize barangay recordkeeping to ensure that local services are more responsive to community needs.

"Yung real-time access sa mga data, mas mabilis 'yung pag-issue ng certificates, at mas organized 'yung blotter and permit tracking. Mayroon rin itong built-it analytics para sa planning, and reporting."

By integrating resident profiling, certificate issuance, and blotter management into a real-time database, the One Bayani, One System can help barangays transition to digitized and data-driven governance.

"Yung records ay standardized in nao-audit, at nakakapag-generate agad ang mga barangay ng reports na nasesent

nila sa DILG [Department of the Interior and Local Government]."

Slated for adoption across all barangays in Silang, the three-year project began in 2025 with a goal of streamlining government services.

According to Santiago, the local government and barangay leaders have shown strong support for the project.

"[By] 2028 ay dapat ginagamit na ng lahat ng barangay. Actually ngayong 2026 ay maa-achieve na namin yun. Yung ibang barangay kasi ay nagre-request na. In 2026, start na namin yung cluster 2 with 16 barangays."

Once fully implemented in Silang, the One Bayani, One System for possible adoption in the entire Cavite Province.

EMB strengthens solid waste management drive in Calabarzon schools

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) in Calabarzon is reinforcing its solid waste management campaign in schools across the region as the country observes Zero Waste Month this January.

Corazon Gasapos, Chief of the EMB 4A's Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division, underscored the importance of empowering young people to become active partners in promoting proper waste management practices.

"We believe that the youth are our vital partners in protecting the environment. Our focus is to equip them with the knowledge and skills so they can learn and actively participate in the country's solid waste management program," Gasapos

said in an interview with the Usapang PIA radio program on Jan. 14.

She emphasized that the focus of the campaign is to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to actively participate in the implementation of the country's solid waste management program.

Gasapos also called on the youth to take part in school-based and community initiatives promoting waste reduction, segregation, recycling, and responsible consumption, noting that their involvement is essential in sustaining environmental gains.

She stressed that proper solid waste management is a shared responsibility that must be practiced consistently at home, in schools, and in communities.

LTO files charges vs. reckless driver on NIAIX

MANILA — The Land Transportation Office (LTO) is filing several charges against a driver who was caught on video recklessly swerving across four lanes and nearly causing a collision at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Expressway (NIAIX).

In a statement on Wednesday, LTO Chief Assistant Secretary Markus Lacanilao said a show cause order (SCO) has been issued against the driver and owner of the Ford Everest in the video that went viral on social media.

"Ang kaligtasan sa

Gasapos also expressed her appreciation to local government units and private sector partners for their continued support and cooperation in advancing solid waste management efforts in the region.

According to her, these collaborative efforts have significantly contributed to improving waste management practices, as the country marks the 25th anniversary of the enactment of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act (Republic Act No. 9003).

EMB reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening partnerships and expanding information and education campaigns to further promote a zero-waste culture and environmental stewardship among the youth and the wider public.

Workers (BHWs) to ensure the smooth conduct of the mission.

The event was supported and graced by 7th District Board Member Aldrin Anacan, highlighting the local government's continued efforts to bring accessible and quality healthcare services closer to Cavite communities. — R. Dones

Cayetano...

Itinulak ng Senate Minority bloc sa pamumuno ni Senador Alan Peter Cayetano na kailangang malinaw at bukas sa publiko ang lahat ng amendments ng pagbabago sa panukalang 2026 national matapos lumabas ang malalaking realignment nang walang kalinawan.

Sa period of amendments para sa House Bill No. 4058 o General Appropriations Bill (GAB) para sa F.Y. 2026 nitong December 2, kinuwestiyon ni Cayetano ang paglitaw ng malalaking pagbabago sa committee report na walang nakalagay na may-akda.

"Either we believe in transparency or not. So if we're going to ask members now to propose their individual [amendments], maliit iyon... Hindi ba dapat malaman natin kung sino ang nag-propose ng mga ito at ang proseso ng pag-aaprove nito?" wika niya.

Paliwanag ni Senator Sherwin "Win" Gatchalian na siyang sponsor ng budget, ang committee report ay na-

PGC DELIVERS...

On January 15, 2026, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) conducted a Medical and Dental Mission in Brgy. Buna Lejos 1, Indang, Cavite, delivering free healthcare services to 542 beneficiaries.

The health activity delivered 332 medical consultations and 53 dental services, along with diag-

nostic procedures including 95 fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, 32 ECGs, and 30 X-ray examinations.

Medical and dental doctors from Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital (GEAMH), in collaboration with the AMIGA District Hospital team, led the provision of health services, with assistance from Barangay Health

Lacanilao said. The driver and owner are facing possible charges of "Reckless Driving, Signals on Starting, Stopping or Turning, Disregarding Traffic Signs, and Improper Person to Operate a Motor Vehicle."

The license of the driver has also been suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle has been placed on alarm until the conclusion of the LTO's investigation.

"Hinihingi sa kanila na magsumite ng verified or sworn comment/explanation kasama ang mga kaugnay na orihinal na dokumento para patunayan kung bakit hindi sila dapat

glalaman ng mga pagbabago ng komite sa bersiyon ng House, at ang mga susunod na amendment ay papasok na bilang individual amendments ng mga senador.

Giit ni Cayetano, kailangan ng kalinawan kung sino ang nag-introduce ng major adjustments na nakasaad sa committee report, lalo na't hindi lumabas ang mga naturang pagbabago sa labing-isang araw na interpellation ng Senado.

"If you're saying now na ito na rin 'yung amendments from the House, I want to point out that parang nabale-wala 'yung interpellation. Having said that, kung ito na 'yung sa House, in the spirit of transparency, I'd like to know who moved [for them]," wika niya.

Sa isang media interview ng parehong araw, sinabi ni Cayetano na nais niyang bigyang linaw ang malaking halaga na nakalagay sa unprogrammed funds kahit aniya dati nang napag-usapan na dapat bawasan o alisin ito dahil hindi tiyak

Binigyang diin ni Cayetano na nakatoun ang buong Minority Bloc sa pagsuporta sa pagsiguro sa accountability ng 2026 budget.

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ang revenue. "Since 2023 budget, ang problema natin ay 'yung unprogrammed funds. Pero dito sa version natin meron pa rin. Bakit hindi na lang tangalin yun?" wika niya.

Sinabi niya na dapat munang linawin ang isyu na ito upang magkaroon ng tiwala ang publiko sa repormang nais gawin ng naturang pondo.

"Given not only the stigma, the flood control, and also itong unprogrammed funds, kailangan himayin because this is another animal. Until we figure this out may maginging lamat pa rin itong budget na ito," wika niya.

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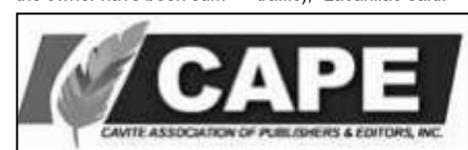
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moned to a hearing with the LTO Intelligence and Investigation Division (IID) in Quezon City on Jan. 28.

"Hinihikayat din natin ang lahat ng mga motorista na sundin ang mga tuntunin sa kalsada para maiwasan ang mga aksidente at mapanatili ang maayos na daloy ng trapiko (We call on all motorists to follow the rules of the road to avoid accidents and to maintain a proper follow of traffic)," Lacanilao said.

Both the driver and the owner have been sum-



# From Screen to Spotlight: Southeast Asian filmmakers shine at the 2025 SineMaya Community Short Film Festival

BENTE Productions Chairman Mr. Hugo C. Yonzon III (leftmost) and CARD MRI Senior Adviser Ms. Aniceta R. Alip (second from left) pose with the Light by the Sea Productions team from Vietnam, recipients of the Best Film award in the Legacy Lens Category for their film "Light by the Sea", a SineMaya film entry that tells the story of a woman struggling to care for her children and elderly mother after losing her husband at sea, who receives help from her community so her son can stay in school.

The 2025 SineMaya Community Film Festival, organized by BENTE Productions, the multimedia arm of CARD MRI, culminated in an awarding ceremony on December 15, 2025, at SM City San Pablo. The festival celebrated short films that embodied the official theme, "PAMANAON: Stewards of the Future," highlighting the importance of legacy, responsibility, and collective action.

This year's festival brought together filmmakers from diverse communities who used filmmaking as a platform to explore social realities, cultural heritage, and hope, while also embracing innovation through emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence. By combining storytelling with innovation, the event showcased how film can be both an artistic and transformative medium.

Reaffirming the festival's vision, CARD MRI Founder and Chair Emeritus Dr. Jaime Aristotle B. Alip highlighted the transformative power of storytelling, saying, "Through SineMaya, filmmakers were encouraged to craft stories that reflect how the choices and actions of today shape the lives and opportunities of future generations." He also praised the participants for creating works that go beyond entertainment. "Their courage, creativity, and purposeful narratives

demonstrate how art can help shape a more compassionate and responsible world," he added.

Following a rigorous judging process of all 18 SineMaya finalists, where each entry was carefully assessed for storytelling, technical skill, creativity, and social relevance, the winning films emerged as works that inspired, moved, and touched the audience.

Top honors were awarded to "Alab" by Paroy Film Productions, which received Best Film for the AI-Powered Film category, and "Light by the Sea" by Light by the Sea Productions, which won Best Film for the Legacy Lens category. Both films also earned special recognition through the Legacy Awards, with "Alab" receiving the CARD MRI Managing Director's Choice Award, and "Light by the Sea" being named one of the recipients of the CARD MRI Founder's Excellence Award, alongside "Pamaon" by ShotUp Productions. These recognitions underscored the films' ability to merge artistic excellence with strong messages of service, resilience, and intergenerational responsibility—values closely aligned with the festival's theme.

Outstanding achievements in performance, direction, and technical craft were also recognized. The Acting Awards honored Rosalie Castillo as Best Supporting Actor in a Female Role for her portrayal of Nanay Riya in "Pag-alala" of Balik-Tanaw Productions, and Ken Laurence Ante as Best Supporting Actor in a Male Role for his role as Arvin in "Liham" by Bikolanong Lagalag Productions. The Best Actor in a Female Role was bagged by Jorlyn Ledesma for her performance as Lira in "Binhi sa Kaugmaon" by Kanlaon Film Productions, while Nel Estuya received Best Actor in a Male Role for his portrayal of Tatay Fernando in "Saan Aabot Ang Singkuenta Ni Ta-

tay?" filmed by Kisapmata Film Productions.

Technical excellence was likewise celebrated, with Best Editing awarded to Jhon Lorenz Jegillos for "Liham" and Best Cinematography to Jimuel Sohita-do for "Binhi sa Kaugmaon". Meanwhile, Dang Thi Hanh was named Best Director for the visually and emotionally compelling "Light by the Sea".

Innovation took center stage in the AI-lamat Category, where "Alab" emerged as a dominant force, winning multiple awards, including Best AI-Powered Visual Effects, Editing, and Cinematography, as well as Excellence in AI-Enhanced Directing for Christian Laurence Jegillos. Meanwhile, "Damay: Mangagaway" by Dangshin Productions received Best Lifelike AI Characterization, highlighting how technology can be harnessed to deepen storytelling while maintaining emotional authenticity.

Special awards recognized creativity and audience impact, with "Ang Huling Punla" by Dos-T Productions winning Best Musical Scoring; "Saan Aabot Ang Singkuenta Ni Tatay?" by Kisapmata Film Productions earning both Best Screenplay and the People's Choice Award; and "Damay: Mangagaway" by Dangshin Productions taking home Best Trailer.

The festival also underscored its commitment to social advocacies through the Community Development Awards. Honorees included "Hope in the Rain" by Catalyst Productions for Agriculture; "The End of the Sky" by CanhDieuVanh Productions for Gender Equality; "Pamana" by Liwayway Films for Education; "Ang Huling Punla" by Dos-T Productions for Environmental Protection; "Hangarin" by Kumatha Productions for Disability Representation; and "Pag-alala" by Balik-Tanaw Productions



for Youth Empowerment. Additional recognitions went to "Tao Rin Ako" by Panangaawat Productions, which received the Inclusive Service Award, and "Pamanaon" by ShotUp Productions, honored with the Young Filmmaker Award.

The success of the festival was made possible through the guidance and leadership of key figures who continue to champion community development through the arts. "SineMaya is more than a film festival. It is a shared journey of storytelling where every film becomes a mirror of our values and a bridge to the future we want to build together," said Ms. Marilyn M. Manila, BENTE Productions President.

Before the awarding ceremony, all 18 SineMaya finalists were simultaneously screened at SM Cinemas in Iloilo City, Davao City, and Manila on November 22, 2025. This nationwide screening allowed audiences from different regions to experience the stories firsthand and actively participated in determining the People's Choice Award.

SineMaya Community Film Festival is a platform dedicated to empowering grassroots and community filmmakers to tell stories that promote social development, inclusion, and shared responsibility. Anchored in the belief that cinema can be a tool for education, advocacy, and transformation, SineMaya encourages narratives that reflect lived experiences, highlight community issues, and inspire positive action.

As the festival concluded, the 2025 SineMaya Community Film Festival once again affirmed that storytelling—grounded in compassion, innovation, and service—remains a powerful force in strengthening communities and shaping a more inclusive, hopeful, and sustainable future.



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SPS. ANDY D. CULLAR AND JOY M. CULLAR,  
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### NOTICE OF EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE

Upon Extra-judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135 as Amended by Act 4118 filed by the mortgagee, **RURAL BANK OF LIPA CITY, INC.** OF 113 JP Rizal St., Lipa City, Batangas, and against the mortgagors, **SPS. ANDY D. CULLAR AND JOY M. CULLAR** at Phase 2 Blk. 4, Lot 39 E. Aguinaldo St., Mambog 4, Bacoor, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgagee indebtedness which as of December 29, 2025, amounts to **ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHT PESOS & 15/100 (P1,675,208.15)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest, and penalty charges but exclusive of other fees incident to this foreclosure, the undersigned or her duly authorized representative will sell at the public auction on **March 3, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock** in the morning or soon thereafter, at the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Bacoor City, Cavite, 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. 057-2012024952

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 39 BLOCK 4, OF THE CONSOLIDATION SUBDIVISION PLAN, PCS-04 020743, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOT 6213-C, PSD-04-116551 AND LOT 6212, IMUS ESTATE), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF MAMBOG, MUNICIPALITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. XXX, CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN (117) SQUARE METERS."

"All sealed bid must be submitted to the undersigned on the above stated time and date"

"In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **March 10, 2026**, without further notice"

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

City of Bacoor, January 20, 2026.

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DATELINE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS:  
JAN. 26, FEB. 02 & 09, 2026

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late LUISITO RICASATA VICTA, consisting of a parcel of land, known as Lot 2458-G-8, Psd-04-115037, being a portion of Lot 2458-G, Psd-04-012731, L.R.C. Rec. ) located at Brgy. Calibuyo, Mun. of Tanza, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzonxxxxxxxxxwith a total area of 100 square meters and embraced and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No.989517 of the Register of Deeds of Cavite Province, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate of the Deceased Luisito Ricasata Victa With Absolutes Sale, as per Doc.No.336; Page No.69; Book No. XXV and series of 2026 of Notary Public Jameswell M. Resus of Naic, Cavite.

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Plan your visit and make the most of your day with us. See you around!

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EIGHT'S gonna be a blast! The Sandwich Guy's 18th Sandwich Holiday lands on February 13, 2026, and they're giving a 1-day BUY 1 GET 1 on selected sandwiches in all TSG branches nationwide!

Promotion Mechanics:

1. Customers can enjoy the 18th Sandwich Holiday BUY 1, GET 1 offer on selected sandwiches only.
2. Maximum of 2 orders (4 sandwiches) per person only. Third party deliveries (GrabFood, Foodpanda, Messenger order etc.) are not applicable with the promo and are closed during the day.
3. This promo cannot be combined with any other discounts or promotions.
4. In the purchase of goods and services that are one of the promotional discounts, the senior citizen and PWD can avail of the promotional discount or the discount provided under the Expanded Senior Citizen Act of 2010, whichever is higher.

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### ISPORTS is now open at SM City Tanza

Looking for a fun way for kids to bond and stay active? Bring them along for exciting playtime, laughter, and special moments together with the family. Isports is now open at SM City Tanza located the Second Level

# DENR-EMB mulls circular economy to improve waste management in Calabarzon

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources—Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) Calabarzon continues to promote the adoption of a circular economy approach to strengthen waste management systems and reduce environmental pollution across the region.

DENR-EMB Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division Chief Corazon Gasapos emphasized that a circular economy shifts the traditional “take–make–dispose” model into a more sustainable system where materials are reduced, reused, recycled, and recovered, allowing waste to be transformed into resources that can still generate value.

“Currently, what we are doing is the linear economy, we are taking resources from our environment. We are making

good products, only the ones we need, but when we use them, we throw them in the trash. So that’s the linear economy. Our direction is towards the circular economy where the things that we can still benefit from, we recover them and we use them,” Gasapos stated during an interview with Philippine Information Agency.

The circular economy is a global sustainability framework that aims to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation by maximizing the efficient use of resources.

Unlike the linear economy, which relies heavily on extraction and disposal, the circular economy focuses on extending the life cycle of products, minimizing waste generation, and reducing pressure on natural resources, Gasapos further explained.

“(For) example is plastics, when it burns, it releases toxic smoke, or it clogs the drains. Now, what we will do is, after we use these plastics, we will recover these plastics, we can melt them, we can make good products. Or we can grind them, we can incorporate them into concrete products. We will incorporate them into what we throw away, we will continue to use the things that still have benefits through recycling and cycling,” the DENR-EMB official adds.

In the Philippines, the circular economy is increasingly being recognized as a key sustainable strategy to address mounting waste concerns, particularly plastic pollution, landfill congestion, and marine debris.

It complements existing environmental policies such as Republic Act No. 9003, or the Ecologi-

cal Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, and Republic Act No. 11898, or the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022, which directs large companies to recover and recycle their plastic packaging waste.

Moreso, DENR-EMB Calabarzon actively promotes waste segregation at source, recycling programs, composting of biodegradable waste, and the establishment of materials recovery facilities (MRFs). The bureau also works closely with LGUs and the private sector to encourage compliance with RA 9003.

The bureau then stressed that public participation remains essential, noting that households and communities play a vital role in reducing waste through mindful consumption, reuse, and proper waste disposal. (AM/PIA Calabarzon)

# OCULAR INSPECTION| Super Health Center sa Brgy. Bulihan, Silang, Cavite



Nagsagawa sina Cong. Roy M. Loyola ng ocular inspection sa gagawing Super Health Center sa Brgy. Bulihan, Silang, Cavite, kasama ang Lokal na Pamahalaan sa pangunguna nina Mayor Edward “Ted” Carranza, Vice Mayor Cris “Kidlat” Reyes, at Konsehal Ronilo “Isang Bagsak” Doneza. Layunin ng proyektong ito na mas mapalakas at mas mapalapit ang serbisyong pangkalusugan, kabilang ang mga serbisyong tulad ng X-ray, ECG, laboratory tests, at iba pang pangunahing medical services, para sa ating mga kababayan.

# More beneficiaries receive units under PBBM’s housing program

More beneficiaries received their housing units under President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.’s Expanded Pambansang Pabahay para sa Pilipino (4PH) Program as the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and the Pag-IBIG Fund on Saturday inaugurated a modern condominium-type project in Bulacan.

The inauguration of the Bocaue Bulacan Manor marked another milestone in the government’s push to deliver safe, accessible, and dignified housing for Filipino families under the Expanded 4PH as DHSUD expect sustained delivery and awarding of units this year.

DHSUD Secretary Jose Ramon Aliling and Pag-IBIG Fund Chief Executive Officer Marilene Acosta led the ceremony in Barangay Batia, Bocaue, along with other DHSUD and LGU officials. The completed units will benefit around 1,200 individuals. The project will eventually benefit 12,000 individuals when

all buildings have been completed.

Developed as a modern condominium-style community, Bocaue Bulacan Manor will feature 11 mid-rise residential buildings with more than 4,000 housing units. The project is among the vertical projects under the Expanded 4PH Program, which aims to widen access to affordable housing nationwide. Tower 1 of the development has been completed, with 364 housing units now ready for turnover to qualified beneficiaries.

During the activity, the Pag-IBIG Fund distributed Notices of Approval to qualified applicants, bringing them one step closer to owning homes they can truly call their own.

Built as a complete and people-centered community, the project offers a range of amenities designed to support quality living. These include a swimming pool, basketball court, parks and playgrounds, nursery homes, a clubhouse, a multi-purpose building, parking spaces, commer-

cial areas, and a tricycle terminal—ensuring a safe, convenient, and sustainable environment for residents.

“Katulad ng ibang developments sa ilalim ng Expanded 4PH, kumpleto sa amenities ang proyektong ito. Alinsunod sa utos ng Pangulong Marcos Jr., hindi lang basta matibay na tahanan ang ating binubuo kundi mga inklusibo at sustainable communities,” Secretary Aliling said.

The project is open to qualified beneficiaries even if they are not residents of Bocaue. For Bocaue residents interested in applying, they may coordinate with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) for guidance and assistance in the application process.

The local government unit expressed its commitment to support the growing community by ensuring access to transportation, food supply, and nearby health services to help future residents settle and thrive.

DHSUD Senior Un-



dersecretary Eduardo Robles, along with other DHSUD and Pag-IBIG Fund officials and employees, joined the inauguration and turnover activities.

Senior Undersecretary Robles underscored that the project represents more than the completion of buildings.

“Today marks an important milestone, the turnover of these housing units in Bocaue. This moment is more than giving out keys. Ito po ay pagkaloob ng ligtas, maayos, at dignified na tahanan sa ating mga kababayan,” he said.

He emphasized that

under the President’s directive, the Expanded 4PH Program carries a clear and people-centered mission.

“Sa ilalim ng direktiba ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr., ang Expanded Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pilipino o 4PH Program ay may simpleng layunin: to give every Filipino family a home they can truly call their own. More than concrete, roof and walls, these homes are foundations for dignified lives—building stronger families and communities,” he added.

Secretary Aliling

also conveyed gratitude to partners and stakeholders for their continued support and reaffirmed the Department’s steadfast commitment to ensuring dignified lives through safe, decent, and affordable housing.

“Ang DHSUD ay patuloy na maghahatid ng ligtas at disenteng pabahay sa ilalim ng Expanded 4PH. Ang bawat proyektong tulad nito ay patunay ng pagtupad sa pangako ng administrasyon ni Pangulong Marcos Jr. na maghatid ng pag-asa, seguridad, at mas may dignidad na pamumuhay para sa bawat pamilyang Pilipino,” the Secretary said.



# KAPANALIG Ni Nelson Dimapilis Gatchalian: 2026 Budget to Expand Feeding Programs in CDCs, Public Schools

“No child should learn on an empty stomach.” This was emphasized by Senator Win Gatchalian as the 2026 national budget expands feeding programs in public schools and child development centers (CDCs).

“Mahalagang tutukan natin ang kalusugan at nutrisyon ng mga mag-aaral, lalo na’t may malalim na ugnayan ito sa kanilang kakayahan,” said Gatchalian, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance.

The Department of Education’s (DepEd) School-Based Feeding Program (SBFP), for instance, will increase the number of feeding days from 120 to 200 this year.

The SBFP, which is expected to benefit 4.6 million learners in 2026, will cover all learners from Kindergarten to Grade 1. Wasted, severely wasted, stunted, and severely stunted learners from Grades 2 to 6 will continue to receive support under the SBFP, which received an allocation of ₱25.7 billion this year.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development’s (DSWD) Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP) was allotted ₱9.6 billion under the 2026 national budget, extending feeding days from 120 to 180 and benefiting 1.8 million learners. The program covers children aged 3 to 5 in CDCs and those aged 2 to 4 under the supervised neighborhood play (SNP) program.



LANDBANK opened 2026 with a meaningful milestone as it formalized a loan agreement with Kilambay Plantation Corporation (KPC) on 9 January 2026 in North Cotabato to support the development of a 1,000-hectare Giant Bamboo plantation—the first of its kind in the area.

More than a financing event, the partnership reflects a shared vision of advancing sustainable finance, peacebuilding, and inclusive rural development, transforming former conflict-affected communities into centers of productivity, opportunity, and environmental renewal.

# KWF Aktibong Nakilahok sa K-10 Curriculum Implementer’s Summit

Aktibong dumalo ang Tagapangulo ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) na si Atty. Marites A. Barrios-Taran, kasama ang Fultaym Komisyoner Benjamin M. Mendillo sa K-10 Curriculum Implementers’ Summit na isinagawa noóng 15 Enero 2026 sa Rizal Park Hotel, Manila. Layunin ng pagtitipon na pagtibayin, talakayin, at pag-ibayuhin ang pagpapatupad ng K-10 Kurikulum sa buong bansa.

Nagbigay ng mahalagang mensahe si Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Sonny Angara at binigyang-diin nito ang papel ng mga tagapagpatupad ng kurikulum sa paghuhubog ng makabuluhan, inklusibo, at makabansang edukasyon. Hinikayat niya ang mga



guro, administrador, at katuwang na institusyon na magkaisa, makipagtulungan, at magsulong ng de-kalidad na sistema ng pagkatuto.

Nakiisa rin sa summit sina G. Gerson Marvin M. Abesamis, Director IV ng Bureau of Learning

Delivery, Atty. Ester A. Funtalan, OIC, Office of the Director III ng BLD, at G. Jerome T. Buenviaje, Assistant Secretary ng Learning System Strand. Aktibo silang nagbahagi ng pananaw, naglatag ng mga polisiya, at nagpaliwanag ng mga estratehiya

kaugnay ng epektibong implementasyon ng K-10 Kurikulum.

Ipinakita ng K-10 Curriculum Implementers’ Summit ang sama-sama mang pagkilos ng mga pinuno, eksperto, at institusyon upang paunlarin ang edukasyong Pilipino.

# CARDINAL TAGLE VISITS CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN IMUS



LOOK: Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle paid a brief visit to Pastorelle - Jesus Good Shepherd School, Inc. in Imus City, Cavite, where he was warmly welcomed by pupils, students, and the Sisters of Jesus Good Shepherd (Pastorelle Sisters) on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Cardinal Tagle, a former Bishop of Imus, shared a special moment with the school community. Founded in 1965, the school has long maintained a close relationship with the Bishops of Imus, having begun humbly in the garage of the diocesan bishop’s residence.

# No more shifting scheme at GenTri public school with new schoolbuilding



GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Education Secretary Sonny Angara has underscored the vital role of local government units in addressing the country’s classroom shortage during the inauguration of a new classroom building at Santiago Elementary School in General Trias City on Tuesday, January 20.

In his message, Angara highlighted the national government’s commitment to collaborating with LGUs to build school facilities and solve the persistent classroom shortage in public schools. “Ito ang innovative approach ni Presidente [Ferdinand Marcos Jr.]. Dati kasi, ang gumagawa ng classrooms ay either

DepEd lang o DPWH (Department of Public Works and Highways) lang.”

Angara also lauded the local government for its effort to build 100 classrooms, which significantly helped ease school congestion in the city. The secretary added, “In partnership with the city, nakapagpatayo ng 100 classrooms in three years. Thank you for prioritizing building classrooms.” With the new classroom building, Santiago Elementary School can provide an improved learning environment to its students. Principal Reinalyn Mutalla noted the importance of sufficient learning facilities in providing quality education, espe-

cially in public schools. “It strengthens our capacity to deliver quality, inclusive, and future-ready education for every child entrusted to our care.” Catering to an estimated 2,443 learners, Santiago Elementary School adopts a shifting scheme due to the lack of classrooms. With the new building, Mutalla said that they will not need to adopt this scheme anymore. “Hindi na po kami three days [with] two shifts para ma-accommodate silang lahat. We can now also provide a better learning environment to our learners, and inspire our teachers to achieve more.” The new building includes 16 classrooms that are fully-equipped with 50-inch smart TVs, armchairs, fire alarms, emergency lights, and proper signage. DepEd said each classroom was designed to address classroom shortages and enhance the learning environment for students and teachers.