

BPI, Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna partner to empower communities through financial education

The Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI), through its social development arm, BPI Foundation (BPIF), has formalized a partnership with Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna (MMCL) through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for its FinEd Unboxed Program.

The program is designed to elevate the financial literacy of various groups, including farmers, fisherfolk, low-income families, migrant domestic workers, young learners, financially excluded sectors, teachers, and uniformed personnel by teaching practical skills in saving, budgeting, credit management, investing, insurance, retirement planning, and fraud prevention. The collaboration seeks to expand access to quality education and strengthen



MMCL students and faculty members attend BPIF's financial literacy activity on budgeting, saving, and responsible money management.

financial empowerment in underserved communities, underscoring both institutions' shared commitment to inclusive and sustainable development.

Under the partnership, BPIF and MMCL will also implement the "Train the Trainers" initiative, equipping students and volunteer faculty members to become effective finan-

cial education resource speakers. Once trained by BPIF, members of the Mapúa community will, in turn, conduct financial wellness sessions for partner communities. This approach ensures that financial literacy knowledge is cascaded widely and sustainably.

Key activities include:

- Training sessions for students and faculty on financial concepts
- Use of FinEd Unboxed materials and toolkits to support community-based workshops
- Organization of financial wellness sessions led by trained participants, who conduct their own financial education workshops

Ongoing mentorship and monitoring to ensure effective delivery and engagement

"For BPI Foundation, financial education is a critical enabler of inclusive growth," said Carmina Marquez, Executive Director of BPIF.

"As we celebrate BPI's 175th Anniversary this year, we are com-

mitted to scaling access to practical and relevant financial education. By partnering with institutions like Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna, we bring these opportunities closer to communities, empowering individuals to make informed decisions and build a more secure future for themselves and their families," she added.



(L-R): BPIF's Manolo Nava, Senior Program Manager, and Carmina Marquez, Executive Director, with MMCL's Dr. Dodjie Maestrecampo, President and CEO; Maria Eloisa Gan, Senior Vice President for Administration and Legal; and Prof. James Ronald Mesina, Vice President for External Linkages, Internationalization, and Transnational Education.

In the next two years, the program is projected to benefit over 10,000 individuals from MMCL's adopted communities in Laguna, Cavite, and Pampanga.

The collaboration builds on the success of a similar implementation at Mapúa Malayan Col-

leges Mindanao (MMCM) in Davao City early last year. To date, MMCM has reached over 2,000 beneficiaries and continues to expand access to quality education across Davao City and nearby areas.

"The FinEd Unboxed Program aligns strongly with Mapúa's mission to

serve communities beyond the classroom," said Dr. Dodjie Maestrecampo, President of Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna. "Through this partnership with BPI Foundation, we are able to mobilize our academic resources, faculty, and students to help address real-world

challenges, particularly in communities with limited access to education and financial literacy."

The Mapúan community has consistently demonstrated its commitment to social responsibility, particularly in underserved areas. Through this partnership,



support will be extended to adopted communities in Brgy. Banay-Banay, Brgy. Bigaa, Brgy. Maring, Brgy. Banlic, and Sta. Maria in Laguna; Sitio Cuyucot and Sitio Liplip in Pampanga; Dapdap East in Tagaytay; and Southville 5, Timbao, Biñan, with the shared goal of uplifting marginalized sectors through education.

With this collaboration, Mapúa Malayan Colleges Laguna becomes the first educational institution in 2026 to partner with BPI Foundation, reflecting its strong alignment with the Foundation's mission and vision of promoting inclusive and sustainable development. The partnership supports three United Nations Sustainable Development

Goals (SDGs): SDG 4 (Quality Education), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).

As BPI celebrates 175 years of service, the Bank reaffirms its enduring commitment to financial inclusion—a cornerstone of its mission since 1851. Guided by its purpose to build a better Philippines, BPI continues to expand access to secure, convenient, and affordable financial solutions for every Filipino, wherever they may be.

To learn more about BPIF's financial education programs, visit www.bpifoundation.org or follow BPI Foundation on Facebook (@BPIFoundation) and Instagram (@bpifoundationinc).

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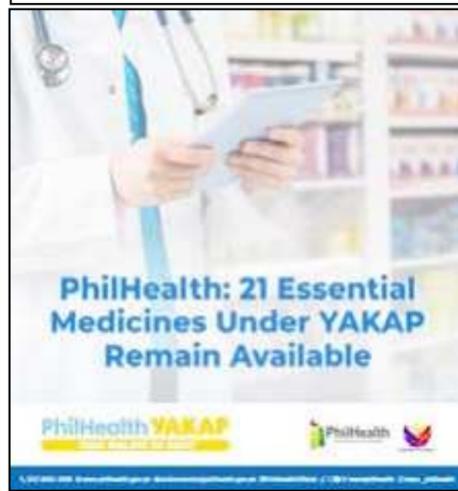
Cayetano lauds nationwide digital plan, says it gives direction to Konektadong Pinoy Act

Health services brought closer to home for 600+ Imuseños

Profriends Starts 2026 with Lancaster's Paylite Home Deals

Kauna-unahang Corn Derby Field Walk sa CALABARZON, idinaos

PGC marks graduation of Contract Center Services NC II trainees



Pambansang Botika at Bakuna Para sa Mamamayan

The Social Security System (SSS) Diliman Branch hosted the soft launch of the Pambansang Botika at Bakuna Para sa Mamamayan last 26 January 2026, in partnership with the Philippine Pharma Procurement Inc. (PPPI). The Pambansang Botika aims to provide affordable medicines and vaccines to SSS members, their dependents, and the general public, supporting the national goal of accessible healthcare.

The event was graced by SSS President and CEO Robert Joseph Montes de Claro, PPPI President and



CEO Maria Blanca Kim Lokin, Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Vice President for Corporate Affairs Walter Bacareza, and MedExpress President Joel Adrian Javier. SSS EVP Elvira Alcantara-Resare, other SSS executives and partner agencies including

Unilab, GCash, and Maya were also present during the event.

This initiative reflects the SSS's ongoing commitment, together with its partners, to enhance the accessibility of healthcare services and essential medicines for the Filipino people.

DTI Laguna Supports Launch of Siniloan Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP)



Siniloan, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry—Laguna (DTI Laguna), led by Provincial Director Christian Ted O. Tungohan, together with Assistant Regional Director Revelyn A. Cortez of DTI CALABARZON (DTI 4-A), participated in the launch of the Siniloan Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP) at the Siniloan Cultural Center in Siniloan, Laguna on January 22, 2026.

The activity formally marked the commencement of the Siniloan CADP's implementation, a strategic framework aimed

at advancing inclusive and sustainable rural development through strengthened convergence and collaboration among national government agencies, the local government unit, and key stakeholders in the municipality.

During the program, a comprehensive presentation of the Siniloan Convergence Area Development Plan was presented, outlining its development objectives, priority sectors, and planned interventions. These initiatives are geared toward enhancing local economic development, promoting

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EDITORIAL:

Anticipatory anxiety

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Life-threatening winter storm has cut a wide swath of hazardous condition in the east side of the United States, prompting warnings to stay off roads, as more than 10,000 flights were canceled and power outages across eight southern states reported.

The storm has spread a crippling mix of heavy snow, sleet and freezing rain from the Ohio Valley and mid-south to new England Monday, Manila time, covering 118 million people as the deep freeze strained energy supplies, with prolonged travel disruptions predicted.

Should the Arctic cold gripping much of the United States east of the Rockies be a source of concern and anxiety for tropical countries like the Philippines?

Of course, since extreme freezing weather in the Arctic has direct and indirect impacts on tropical countries like the Philippines.

While the Philippines does not experience snow, the disruption of the Arctic polar vortex often leads to stronger amihan (northeast monsoon) surges, resulting in significantly colder temperatures, increased rainfall, and potential agricultural damage, according to climatologists.

Meteorologists say the significant temperature dips suggest the weakening of the Arctic polar vortex which allows cold air to travel to lower latitudes, strengthening the amihan. As of late January 2026, mountainous areas in the Philippines have experienced temperatures dropping to around 7.5°C-10.6°C.

Another impact points to frost formation on crops – the extreme cold causes frost in high-altitude areas like Atok, Benguet, covering crops and destroying agricultural products.

Yet another impact points to increased rain and landslides, where the interaction of the cold air surge with warmer local air frequently causes increased rainfall and, in some cases, shear lines that bring floods and landslides.

There is also the unusual cold spell which can cause health issues, including respiratory infections, and places strain on housing and infrastructure not designed for low temperatures.

Given the archipelagic nature of this country of 117 million people, scientists say the rapid melting of Arctic ice, which often accompanies shifting weather patterns, contributes to long-term sea-level rise, threatening populated coastal communities.

Sea levels around the Philippines are rising at a rate about three times faster than the global average – roughly 3.7 mm per year – some areas in the Philippines have seen increases up to 14.7 mm annually, which is directly linked to the melting of polar ice caps and the expansion of warming ocean water.

Rising sea levels also pose an existential threat to 60 percent of Philippine local government units, covering 64 coastal provinces and 25 major cities, and an estimated 13.6 million Filipinos may need relocation due to coastal flooding, shoreline erosion, and the permanent submersion of low-lying areas.

Scientists say since the Arctic acts as the world's "refrigerator" and helps regulate global temperatures, its rapid melting causes ripple effects, including faster-than-average sea level rise, increased storm intensity, and disruptions to agricultural cycles.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration reports the cold weather is expected to last until early 2026, with temperatures potentially dipping further due to the current Arctic cold surge now.

DTI...

livelihood opportunities, and ensuring environmental sustainability within the convergence area.

The launching, led by the Local Government Unit of Siniloan, Laguna, was attended by various national government agencies, including the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), among others.

The strong presence of partner agencies highlighted the shared commitment of the national and local governments to a whole-of-government approach in addressing development challenges and accelerating socio-economic growth in the municipality.

The ceremonial launching symbolized the unified resolve of all stakeholders to work collaboratively in implementing the programs and projects identified under the CADP.

DTI Laguna reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the plan through trade and industry-related interventions, including enterprise development, value chain enhancement, capacity building, and market access facilitation for local entrepreneurs and producers.

The Siniloan Convergence Area Development Plan, approved on October 14, 2025, is envisioned to serve as a road-map for coordinated and harmonized development efforts, ultimately contributing to the Siniloan CADP.

As host, the MCI-TWG of Siniloan, Laguna expressed its commitment to fostering strong partnerships and ensuring the effective rollout of convergence interventions that are responsive to local needs and development priorities (JCMDrucco, DTI Laguna).

Kaingen residents receive free medical and dental services

On January 22, the Provincial Government of Cavite's Medical and Dental Mission Team conducted a health outreach program in Brgy. Kaingen, Kawit, benefiting more than 400 residents.

The mission provided medical consultations to 391 patients and dental services to 46 residents, along with diagnostic tests such as fasting blood sugar (FBS), elec-

uting to improved livelihoods, increased economic opportunities, and sustainable development outcomes for the people of Siniloan.

The launching ceremony was jointly convened by the Regional Convergence Initiative – Technical Working Group (RCI-TWG) and the Municipal Convergence Initiative – Technical Working Group (MCI-TWG) of Siniloan, Laguna, marking the formal start of the plan's implementation. The event underscored the shared commitment of national and local government institutions to advance sustainable rural development through convergence, coordination, and partnership.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of the National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development (NCISRD) National Steering Committee, the NCI Secretariat, members of the RCI-TWG of CALABARZON, and other distinguished stakeholders.

Their participation highlighted the importance of collective action and sustained collaboration in ensuring the successful implementation of the Siniloan CADP.

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trocardiogram (ECG), and X-ray examinations. Free medicines and vitamin supplements were also distributed to further support the health needs of the beneficiaries.

First District Board Member Jygs Gandia showed support for the activity, reflecting the strong commitment of the province's leaders to promoting the health and well-being of their constituents. — J. Reyes

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PGC...

The Provincial Government of Cavite successfully conducted the Commencement Exercises for the Community-Based Training on Contact Center Services NC II on January 23, at the Function Hall of the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City.

The program was spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Public Employment and Services Manager (OPPESM) in partnership with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), highlighting the province's continued commitment to strengthening workforce readiness and employment opportunities for Caviteños.

Ms. Rizalie Pimpin-Enero, Provincial PESO Manager, delivered the welcome remarks, congratulating the graduates and encouraging them to confidently apply the skills they gained during the training.

An inspirational message was delivered by 7th District Board Member Jhon Kester Aldrin R. Anacan, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, together with Provincial Administrator Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia. Both emphasized the importance of

technical skills development as a pathway to sustainable employment and economic growth.

Mr. John Ray B. Malaca, Contact Center Services NC II Trainer, formally presented the candidates for graduation, followed by the acceptance of candidates by Ms. Mary Katherine L. Casauran, TESD Specialist II of TESDA Cavite. A total of fifteen successful graduates proudly completed the community-based training program. A message was delivered by Mr. Jerwin Pague, representative of iQor, who highlighted employment opportunities in the contact center industry and reaffirmed the private sector's support for skilled graduates. The ceremony was further enriched by messages from three graduate representatives, who shared their experiences, expressed gratitude, and conveyed their aspirations as they prepare to enter the workforce. The activity underscored the Provincial Government of Cavite's sustained efforts to provide accessible, industry-relevant, and community-based skills training through strong partnerships with national agencies and private sector stakeholders. — R. Dones

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Philhealth...

The Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) assures the public that the 21 essential medicines under the Yaman (YAKAP) program continues to be available this year in YAKAP-accredited primary care facilities nationwide.

"Makakaasa po ang lahat ng Pilipino na patuloy silang makakakuha nitong 21 na mga gamot sa kanilang napiling YAKAP Clinic, habang mas lalo naming pinagbubuti ang mga benepisyo ng PhilHealth YAKAP at GAMOT," stated Dr. Edwin M. Mercado, PhilHealth President and CEO.

The list includes Amoxicillin, Co-amoxiclav, Cotrimoxazole, Nitrofu-

Health...

More than 600 residents of Barangay Malagasang II-C, City of Imus, Cavite benefited from free medical and dental services during a one-day Medical and Dental Mission on January 23. The activity was organized by the Provincial Government of Cavite's Medical Mission Team in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, the City Health Office, and the office of Board Member Chelsea Sarno.

Cayetano...

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano on Monday welcomed the approval of the country's first nationwide digital connectivity master plan, saying it gives clearer direction to reforms under the Konektadong Pinoy Act which he authored.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. had approved the nationwide digital connectivity master plan on January 26, 2026, which lays out the government's long-term strategy to expand reliable and secure internet access across the country, particularly in unserved and underserved areas.

This came five months after Cayetano's Konektadong Pinoy Act lapsed into law in August 2025, which primarily

rantoin, Ciprofloxacin, Clarithromycin, Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS), Prednisone, Salbutamol, Fluticasone + Salmeterol, Paracetamol, Glucilazide, Metformin, Simvastatin, Enalapril, Metoprolol, Amlodipine, Hydrochlorothiazide, Losartan, Aspirin, and Chlorphenamine.

Members can continue to access these medicines through the YAKAP-accredited clinics they are empaneled to, ensuring timely treatment and continuity of care.

PhilHealth also reminds partner YAKAP providers to keep sufficient stocks of the covered medicines and maintain service standards under the program.

Health...

A total of 659 individuals availed of general medical services, including X-rays, fasting blood sugar (FBS) tests, and electrocardiograms (ECGs). In addition, 47 patients received dental extractions during the mission.

The event was also graced by Mayor Alex "AA" Advincula along with city councilors, who expressed their support for the program.

Board Member Sarno emphasized the impor-

aims to make it easier for service providers to enter the market, foster competition, and offer consumers more affordable and varied internet service options.

The senator had earlier said the Konektadong Pinoy Act was intended to modernize the country's digital framework and expand access to internet services nationwide, noting that its full impact depends on the existence of a long-term connectivity plan.

"(This law) modernizes our digital infrastructure, ensuring that all Filipinos have access to, and the use of, affordable, quality, and up-to-date information and communication technologies," he said.

"[Pero] kahit among

"Patuloy po ang aming pagsisikap na pagbutihin pa ang paghahatid ng aming serbisyo sa pamamagitan ng patuloy na pakikipag-ugnayan sa mga YAKAP providers upang patuloy pang magkaroon ng kapanagatagan ang lahat ng Pilipinong umaasa sa PhilHealth," Dr. Mercado added.

For further inquiries, members may contact their nearest PhilHealth Regional Office or call the Corporate Action Center at (02) 866-225-88. Mobile hotlines are also available: 0998-857-2957 / 0968-865-4670 (Smart) and 0917-127-5987 / 0917-110-9812 (Globe).

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tance of bringing essential health services directly to communities, particularly to those with limited access to healthcare. As added assistance, each patient also received five kilos of rice.

The Provincial Government of Cavite continues to roll out similar health outreach programs across the province as part of its efforts to address gaps in healthcare access, especially in rural and underserved areas. — A. Sarte

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ganda ng plano mo for ICT (Information and Communications Technology), kung 'di ka rin connected, wala ring mangyayari," he added.

Cayetano said the country needs to develop modern technology to streamline government services, promote transparency, and improve service delivery.

"If all of these different laws work, we also hope to have free WiFi in the schools to help the students," he added.

Cayetano said with the nationwide digital connectivity master plan now approved by the President, implementation would determine whether existing laws translate into improved internet access for public services and education.

CORN DERBY...

Iinaos sa Sariaya, Quezon ang kauna-unahang Corn Derby Field Walk ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) Corn Program katuwang ang Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA) ng Quezon at Quezon Provincial Corn Producers Federation noong ika-23 ng Enero.

Dito ay sinuri ng mga magsasaka mula sa iba't ibang bayan ng lalawigan ang mga mais na itinaninim noong Disyembre 2025 sa anim na ektaryang taniman. Ang nasabing binhi ng mais na naipamalas ay mula sa 11 kumpanya kung saan lima ang lumahok para sa mga binhi at anim naman para sa abono.

PYROMUSICAL...

MANILA, Philippines, 21st January 2026 - The Philippine International Pyromusical Competition 2026 is back and it is bigger than last year. Set at the Seaside Boulevard of SM Mall of Asia, the country's biggest fireworks competition levels up into a fully maxed out experience built for how Gen Z shows up, hangs out, and shares moments.

This year's edition is a maxed-out experience, bringing an all-out global showdown of world-class pyrotechnics, music, and color. Each competing country lights up the night sky with high-impact visuals, perfectly synced to sound, designed to stop scrolls. Bigger bursts. Cleaner timing. Stronger crowd reactions. Every show competes for the title of Best Pyromusical Display, and every night delivers main-character energy.

The 2026 experience goes beyond fireworks. It is about the full vibe. Friends meet early, eat out, walk the strip, shoot content, and stay late. The fireworks are the peak moment but the night is the story. It is social, loud, and built for repeat weekends. This is not a one and done event. It is a weekly reset.

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Ang mga kumpanya para sa binhi ay kinabilangan ng Dekalb Philippines/Bayer Crop Science Inc., Syngenta Phils Inc., Advanta Seeds Phil's, Inc, Corteva Agriscience, at Cornworld. Sa mga abono naman ay ang ALDIZ Incorporated, Enviro Scope Synergy Inc., JCV Worldwide Traders Corp., Gemini Agri Farm Solutions Corp., Allied Botanical Corporation, at SAGREX Corporation.

Layon ng derby na matukoy ang mga barayti ng binhi at klase ng abono na mas magpapataas ng ani at kita ng mga magmamais. Tinalakay din ang mga teknolohiya na maaari nilang isagawa sa

pagpapalago ng kanilang tanim.

Inaasaan na sa dating na buwan ng Abril ay gaganapin naman dito ang harvest festival kung saan papararalan na ang mga nagkamit ng panalo sa nasabing derby. Ang resulta nito ay magsisilbing batayan ng Kagawaran sa mga pagsasanay at seminar na isasagawa pa.

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kani-kanilang mga sakahan.

Ayon kay Raquel Sauquillo, pangulo ng Corn Growers Association of Tayabas, natuwa siya sa mga natutunan sa derby lalo na sa mga pamamaraan ng paglalagay ng abono. Aniya, maaari rin nilang maibahagi sa iba pang kapwa magmamais ito para sa ikagaganda ng pagpapalago ng kanilang tanim.

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Olig Feuerwerke of Germany.

March 7. LUX Factory of France against Martarello SRL of Italy.

March 14. Pirotecnia Minhota of Portugal facing the Pyrotex Firework of the United Kingdom.

March 21. Polaris Fireworks of China followed by the Closing Exhibition from the Philippines.

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PROFRIENDS...

Property Company of Friends, Inc. (Profriends) welcomes the new year with the launch of Lancaster New City's Paylite Home Deals, offering Filipino families a more accessible way to begin their homeownership journey.

Over 13K CALABARZON households benefit from DSWD Sustainable Livelihood Program 2025

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — More than 13,000 households across the CALABARZON Region gained new and sustainable sources of income in 2025 as the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) IV-A rolled out expanded livelihood opportunities under its Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP).

affordable, allowing families to move in with greater ease. The Paylite Home Deals program begins on January 2, 2026, giving homebuyers the perfect start to the year with flexible terms and valuable savings.

With this new offering, Profriends reinforces its commitment to transforming lives by giving more families the opportunity to live in a family-friendly township known for its accessibility to Metro Manila and Cavite, and for a community that continues to grow and progress.

September 2025, reflecting early gains from the enterprise. To safeguard the continuity of these livelihood projects, DSWD Field Office IV-A continues to conduct regular monitoring, mentoring, and technical assistance through its SLP project development officers. This post-implementation support is crucial in addressing operational challenges and ensuring that enterprises remain viable beyond the initial funding period.

DepEd chief hails 'transformative' 2026 budget

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Education Secretary Sonny Angara hailed the passage of the 2026 national budget, describing it as a 'transformational' milestone for the sector.

"Matagal nang itinutulak ni Pangulong Bongbong Marcos ang truly transformational education budget. Napakalaking tulong nito sa adhikain ng ating pangulo na mag-ing world class ang quality ng educational system natin."

Silang Livestock Agriculture Cooperative, Inilunsad Bilang Bagong Learning Site for Agriculture ng ATI CALABARZON

and Expansion (INSPIRE) Program. Bukod dito, benepisyaryo rin ang samahan ng iba't ibang pagsasanay mula sa DA-ATI CALABARZON, International Training Center on Pig Husbandry (ITCPH), at DA-Regional Field Office CALABARZON.

the 2026 budget allocation for education comprised four percent of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which will allow funding for reforms and programs for the Department of Education (DepEd).

"Umabot tayo ng four percent for the first time of GDP or yung size ng ekonomiya ng bansa." With its historic funding, DepEd already has a laundry list of targets, including hiring more teachers and non-teaching personnel, and solving the classroom backlog.

menter Awardee para sa 2023 Swine Multiplier and Techno-Demo Farm Project sa ginanap na 2025 INSPIRE Program Congress."

Dumalo sa paglulunsad ang mga kinatawan mula sa pambansa at lokal na pamahalaan at iba't ibang katuwang na ahen-sya, kabilang sina Assistant Secretary for Swine and Poultry Michael Jay Garcia; G. Mark Jacob Espineli, kinatawan ng Provincial Veterinary Office ng Cavite; Agricultural Program Coordinating Office ng Cavite na si Bb. Lorena

needs of its students and personnel. DepEd is also working with the private sector through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in constructing more school buildings around the country.

"Region 4-A is one of the hotbeds of classroom deficit, so to speak, one of the highest. That's why, in pushing the PPP, we have included region 4-A. We are prioritizing LGUs (local government units) in the NCR, Region 4A, 3 (Central Luzon), and Region 7 (Central Visayas)."

Jimeno; G. Romeo Toledo, Konsehal at Chairperson ng Silang Committee on Agriculture; Municipal Agriculturist Shirley Villela; at Municipal Administrator Audie Madrideo.

Ipinakita ng kanilang presensya ang matibay na suporta ng iba't ibang ahensya sa kooperatiba at sa patuloy na pagpapaunlad ng sektor ng paghahayupan sa lalawigan. Ang paglagda sa Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at ang pormal na sertipikasyon ng SLAC bilang LSA ay nagpapatibay sa papel nito bilang katuwang ng DA-ATI CALABARZON sa paghahatid ng makabuluhan at praktikal na serbisyong pang-ekstensyon—tungo sa mas matatag na industriya ng paghahayupan at kabuhayan ng mga magsasaka sa rehiyon.



Gatchalian: PH, South Korean Legislators Move to Deepen Strategic, Economic Ties

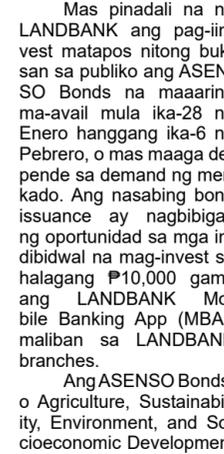
Philippine and South Korean legislators are expected to further strengthen the two countries' strategic alliance and economic cooperation following a recent high-level meeting in Manila. "We are confident that the discussions held during the visit will further deepen the multifaceted partnership between the Philippines and South Korea across defense and security cooperation, economic relations, development and infrastructure cooperation, and people-to-people exchanges," said Senator Win Gatchalian, president of the PH-ROK Parliamentary Friendship Association.



(Photo courtesy of Cabanglasan Hydropower Corporation)

Sa pagsusulong naman ng renewable energy sa bansa, naging instrumento ang LANDBANK sa pagpapatayo ng 18.2-megawatt Pulanai run-of-river hydropower plant sa Bukidnon, na may kakayahang makapag-supply ng kuryente sa mahigit 54,000 kabahayan sa probinsya, habang binabawasan ang carbon emissions ng humigit-kumulang 154,000 tons kada taon.

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offering, at increments na P10,000 pagkatapos nito — mas mababa kumpara sa karaniwang bank-issued bonds na nagsisimula sa P100,000 at P500,000. Maraming paraan para makapag-invest sa LANDBANK ASENSO Bonds. Isa rito ay sa pamamagitan ng LANDBANK MBA — na itinuturing na kauna-unahang in-app purchase platform para sa corporate o bank bonds sa bansa. Maaari ring pumunta sa LANDBANK branches o sa alinmang Selling Agents para makapag-avail ng ASENSO Bonds. Dahil dito, mas pinabilis, simple, at accessible na ang pag-invest saan mang panig ng bansa.

Alinsunod sa tema nitong "Ambag Natin sa Pag-ASENSO ng Bayan," ang mga malilikom na pon-do ay eksklusibong ilalaan ng LANDBANK sa mga eligible green at social projects na naaayon sa national development priorities. Kabilang dito ang renewable energy, energy efficiency, green buildings, clean transport, sustainable water management, pollution prevention, at mga social initiatives tulad ng food security, abotkayang pabahay, kalusugan, edukasyon, at paglikha ng mga trabaho.

Makikita ang epekto nito sa buhay ng mga Pilipinong natulungan at patuloy na tinutulungan ng LANDBANK, kagaya ni Deodany Cara, isang magsasaka sa Nueva Ecija, na matagumpay na napalago ang kanyang kabuhayan. Dahil dito, naging maginhawa ang buhay ng kanyang pamilya at nakatulong sa mga kapwa magsasaka sa pag-angat ng kanilang buhay.

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