

Enchanted Kingdom welcomes 2026 with magic, love, and prosperity

Still on a high after its recent Best ASEAN New Tourism Attraction award, Enchanted Kingdom — the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines — continues to bring magic as it announces its Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day offerings this February.

As part of its Forever Enchanted campaign, EK will celebrate the season of love with captivating music at My Forever Enchanted Valentines: A Pop-Up Concert this February 14, Saturday at the Bandstand.

This magical event, in collaboration with Universal Music Group (UMG) Philippines and EMI Records Philippines, will feature live performances from up-and-coming acts Jenzen Guino, Off To Neverland!, and Shane Bernabe.

Guests can also treat their loved ones to a magical dinner date at Brooklyn Under the Stars: An Enchanting Dinner Experience, exclusively this February 14 and 15. With this Valentine's weekend offering, enjoy fine dining along the romantic, New-York themed streets of

Brooklyn Place, along with Regular Day Passes. Limited seating for couples and groups are available for advance booking at the EK Online Store.

Moreover, Rialto will serve as the backdrop for the month-long Brooklyn Beat's Love Express, the new zone show where Chinese culture meets romance.

The magic continues at EK's Chinese New Year Celebration — Enchanting Year of the Fire Horse, where everyone can immerse in vibrant Lunar New Year traditions through festive attractions, cultural experiences, and other exciting activities from February 18 to 22.

This will be highlighted by the Prosperity Tree at Victoria Park, Lucky Lion and Dragon Dance, Spin the Wheel, Lucky Coins for a Cause, and Lucky Grand Carousel Riders.

EK will also introduce The Tales of the Zodiac Village, its latest theater production scheduled Fridays to Sundays at the Eldar's Theater, as it follows the enchanting adventure of Eldar the Wiz-



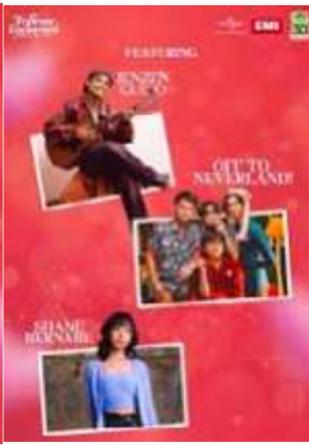
ard, together with the Fire Horse and other animals in the Chinese zodiac, to restore peace and good fortune.

Ultimately, top off the Lunar New Year festivities with the Weekend Fireworks Show featuring EK's 30th anniversary song, Forever Enchanted, at 7PM on February 21 and 22.

EK Ride the Magic: Year of the Fire Horse Promo

Eldar the Wizard brings in this year's lucky numbers in celebration of the Chinese New Year with EK Ride the Magic: Year of the Fire Horse Promo. Through this enchanting deal, enjoy Regular Day Passes for a special rate of Php 1,236 each.

First 1,000 guests born in the Year of the Horse — 1954, 1966, 1978,



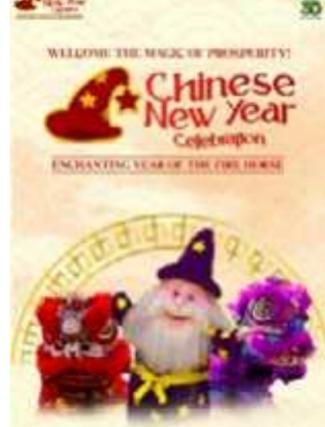
1990, 2002, and 2014 — will also receive a special gift on the day of their visit.

On top of this, 10 lucky guests who availed this promo at the EK Online Store will score limited-edition EK Chinese New Year merchandise. Promo runs until March 8, 2026 only.

Experience all of EK's seasonal offerings along with its signature rides and attractions as the Park opens Wednesdays to Sundays, 11AM to 8PM.*

*Park and show schedules are subject to change without prior notice.

For more information and updates regarding these and EK's other forever enchanting events and offers, visit <https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph> and EK's official social



media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and TikTok, and @ek_philippines for Instagram. ###

sweet smell that wafted from her kitchen.

Her bread pudding became a neighborhood favorite.

Her business journey took a turn in 2014 after she was invited to a CARD center meeting. Encouraged to open a savings account, she and her husband later became clients of CARD Bank, a microfinance-oriented rural bank. Soon after, she took her first loan of PHP 5,000, just enough to buy a refrigerator for her expanding baked goods and to add capital for her sari-sari store. Over the years, the habit of saving through CARD Bank helped her grow her business slowly but consistently, giving her the confidence to keep going even after setbacks.

And there were setbacks, especially health challenges. There were days when large orders came in, but her body could not keep up. Yet each time, Glynn found her way back to the kitchen and continued baking with eagerness. Soon enough, she is also baking customized cakes for specific customer orders.

Today, that future is finally taking shape. Her eldest is now a first-year college student, a CARD scholar; her youngest is in fifth grade. Her business, first driv-

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Deep in the Dough



Glynn Ronquillo, a CARD Bank client (left), joyfully holds one of her fuzzy-wire creative crafts beside her sari-sari store merchandise, while some of her newly baked pastries (right) are pre-ordered and others are offered to customers.

cup. She baked cookies, breads, and pastries, and anything she could sell. Her first loyal customers were her husband's workmates, then fellow parents at her children's school, and finally neighbors who followed the

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NGCP to complete 7 key projects in 2026

DA-4A, PCA, nagkaloob ng P200K halaga ng Interbensyon sa Itatimng CFIDP

Dy pushes transparent, people-centered consultations on Anti-Political Dynasty Bill

Speaker Faustino "Bojie" G. Dy III on Thursday reaffirmed his commitment to open and honest public dialogue as the House of Representatives kicked off nationwide consultations on the proposed Anti-Political Dynasty Act, seeking broad public input on the long-pending reform.

In a video message, the House chief said the consultation process reflects the chamber's commitment to shaping major and politically sensitive legislation through transparent and sincere dialogue with the Filipino people.



House Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms Chairperson and Lanao del Sur 1st District Representative Cong. Zia Alonto Adiong answering to the questions of the press during the first ever nationwide public consultation on the proposed Anti-Political Dynasty Bill held at CarSiGma Gym, Sugar Road, Carmona City recently.

DTI Rizal, LGU Taytay, and TikTok Shop Strengthen MSMEs Through "Unlad Lokal: Start Your TikTok Shop Journey Today"

Taytay, Rizal — More than 100 MSMEs from across the Province of Rizal participated in "Unlad Lokal: Start Your TikTok Shop Journey Today," a free seminar held on January 23, 2026 at the Rizal Provincial Civic Center, Taytay. The activity was initiated by the Local Government Unit of Taytay in partnership with DTI Rizal, with TikTok Shop Philippines as the main resource speaker.



The seminar aimed to complement existing online selling platforms of MSMEs, highlighting its potential to increase revenue through effective social commerce strategies.

BLESSING NG AMUNTAY BRIDGE AT PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE SA BARANGAY ZONE III

Ngayong araw, Pebrero 06, 2026, matagumpay na idinaos ang Blessing ng Amuntay Bridge at Pedestrian Footbridge sa Barangay Zone III. Naging matagumpay ang



programang ito sa pagtutulungan ng Lokal na Pamahalaan ng Lungsod ng Dasmariñas at Barangay Zone III sa pamumuno ni Kap. Adrian P. Salasbar. Dinaluhan ito ni Mayor Jenny Austria-Barzaga, Congressman Kiko Barzaga, Vice Mayor Third Barzaga, BM Nickol Austria, mga miyembro ng Sangguniang Panlungsod, at mga opisyal ng Barangay.

Cayetano on West Philippine Sea: Parehas lang tayo ng ipinaglalaman—Atin ito

Max out Your Valentine's Day at SM City Dasmariñas



Valentine's Day is all about love, and there's no better place to max out the experience than SM City Dasmariñas. Whether you're planning a romantic date, a fun barkada gala, or a well-deserved self-love treat, SM City Dasmariñas is the perfect destination to gala to the max this Valentine's season. From thoughtfully curated Valentine's Day gift ideas—sweet treats, stylish fashion finds, and beauty must-haves—to dining options perfect for intimate dates or casual celebrations, shoppers can enjoy everything they need in one convenient location.

Adding to the celebration are charming Valentine-themed displays and activities that make every visit memorable and Instagram-worthy. With exciting deals, delightful dining experiences, and a wide selection of gifts, SM City Dasmariñas makes it easy to celebrate love in all its forms.

This Valentine's Day, gala to the max, max out the experience, and create unforgettable moments at SM City Dasmariñas.

EDITORIAL:

Inflation is under control

IN AN era when economic missteps across the region have exacted a heavy toll on ordinary citizens, the Philippines offers a quieter but more reassuring story—one built on discipline, data, and institutional independence.

Recent headlines show inflation ticking up to 2.0 percent in January, ending along stretch of unusually low price growth. Yet this figure remains squarely within the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' 2-4 percent target band, and comes after inflation averaged just 1.7 percent in 2025, the slowest pace in nearly a decade.

This outcome reflects the steady hand of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and its governing Monetary Board, whose decisions over the past three years were guided less by political pressure and more by hard numbers.

When inflation surged to a painful 8.7 percent in Jan. 2023, the BSP acted early and forcefully. Interest rates were raised decisively to prevent price pressures from becoming entrenched. That decision was unpopular at the time, but it spared Filipino households from a prolonged erosion of purchasing power.

Just as important, the BSP knew when not to overdo it. As inflation cooled, policy shifted carefully. The central bank cut rates by a cumulative 200 basis points, bringing the policy rate to 4.5 percent, while making clear that further easing would be cautious and data-driven.

The broader economy benefited. Growth held up at 5.6 percent in 2024, and multilateral institutions project around 6 percent growth in 2025 and 2026. Disinflation did not come at the cost of collapsing demand or mass unemployment.

Currency management tells a similar story. The peso was allowed to adjust to global forces, but without panic or policy theatrics. The country ended 2025 with about US\$110.9 billion in gross international reserves, providing a strong buffer against external shocks and helping keep prices of imported essentials—from fuel to medicine—in check.

Perhaps the clearest benefit to the common man lies in financial stability. Philippine banks remain solid, with capital adequacy ratios around 15-16 percent, well above regulatory minimums.

Modernization, too, has been managed with care. Digital payments now account for 52.8 percent of retail transactions, reducing costs and improving access for small merchants and consumers alike.

Compared with several ASEAN peers still correcting policy errors, the Philippines' experience stands out. Inflation is under control, growth remains intact, the currency is stable, banks are sound, and innovation is advancing responsibly.

Good economic management rarely makes for dramatic headlines. But for the economy—and for the common good—the BSP and the Monetary Board have shown that discipline, independence, and respect for data remain the most reliable path forward.

Deep...

en by necessity, has grown into a trio of thriving ventures: a sari-sari store, baked pastries and customized cakes, and, later, fuzzy-wire creative crafts—all run with the same consistent diligence. When asked what she would tell others dreaming of starting their own business, Glynn advises knowing your market. "Dapat hindi lang yung gusto nila kumita, dapat passion din nila (ang kanilang negosyo) para may eagerness din na mag-grow ang business nila... (It shouldn't just be about wanting to earn money; their business should also be their passion, so they'll have the eagerness to grow it)," she said, and advice clearly reflected in her own dedication, as she continues with heart despite any setbacks. Her words are simple. But like her soft, warm, love-baked bread pudding, they carry the quiet strength of a woman who built a life day by day with both hands deep in the dough.

Dy pushes...

"Ang mga konsultasyonong ito ay bahagi ng paninindigan ng Kapulungan ng mga Kinatawan na ang mahahalagang batas ay dapat binabalangkas sa pamamagitan ng bukas at tapat na pag-uusap," Dy said.

The first consultation was held at the Carsigma Gym along Sugar Road in Carmona City and was presided over by Lanao del Sur Rep. Zia Alonto Adiong, Chair of the House Committee on Electoral Reforms and Suffrage.

The consultation focuses on several pending anti-political dynasty measures, including House Bill No. 6771, filed by Dy together with House Majority Leader Ferdinand Alexander "Sandro" A. Marcos.

The bill seeks to implement the 1987 Constitution's policy regarding political dynasties by defining prohibited family relationships and setting limits on the holding of elective posts.

Dy said the proposal addresses a long-standing public demand for reform, noting that the issue of political dynasties has remained unresolved for decades.

"Sa usapin ng panukalang batas hinggil sa political dynasty, malinaw po na matagal na itong hinihintay ng sambayanang Pilipino," he said.

The Speaker from Isabela acknowledged that the issue carries varied and often competing views, emphasizing that the consultations are intended to solicit the views of the public on the matter.

"Alam po namin na kasama ng isyung ito ang iba't ibang pananaw, karanasan, at saloobin. Kaya't hindi po kami narito upang magtakda ng

pasya; narito kami upang makinig," Dy said. He said the House will open the discussions to voices from all regions of the country.

"Bukas ang Kapulungan sa lahat ng tingig—mula Luzon, Visayas, at Mindanao—sa mga sumusuporta, sa mga may pangamba, at sa mga nagnanais ng masusing pag-unawa sa panukalang ito."

Dy said the House was serious about advancing the measure, and stressed that its strength depends on genuine public participation.

"Ang malinaw po: seryoso ang Kapulungan na isulong at ipasa ang isang makatarungan, makabuluhan, at makataong Anti-Political Dynasty Bill. Gayunman, naninindigan kami na mas magiging matatag ang batas kung ito'y dadaan sa totoo at malawak na konsultasyon

sa mga mamamayan," he said. He urged participants to keep discussions respectful and constructive.

"Sa mga darating na pag-uusap, aming hinihiling na maging bukas, mahinahon, at magalang ang ating talakayan. Makinig tayo sa isa't isa. Unawain natin ang iba't ibang pananaw. At sama-sama nating buuin ang batas na tunay na sumasalamin sa tingitang mithiin ng taumbayan," Dy said.

Dy assured the public that the House would act on the views gathered during the consultations.

"Ang Kapulungan ng mga Kinatawan ay handang maglingkod, at handang kumilos para sa ikabubuti ng ating bayan," he said. More consultations are expected nationwide as the House gathers public input before committee deliberations resume.

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DSWD taps church to bolster aid for marginalized sector

TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The Catholic Church has become a key partner for the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to expand the reach of government social programs to the poor.

During the 42nd National Social Action General Assembly (NASAGA) hosted by Caritas Philippines last February 3, Secretary Rex Gatchalian underscored the Church's referral net-

work in connecting marginalized sectors to government social services. "You can use your Churches to refer your needy, 'yung mga nangangailangan 'nyong parokyano para sa financial assistance namin."

While the DSWD is widely known for financial aid such as the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) and the Ayuda Para sa Kapos ang Kita (AKAP) programs, among others,

Gatchalian emphasized that the agency also provides developmental services designed for long-term community impact.

"Everybody knows DSWD for our financial assistance and ayuda. But there's more to us than financial assistance. We keep on highlighting the development side of the Department."

Highlighting the importance of local networks, Gatchalian credited the Catholic Bishops' Con-

ference of the Philippines (CBCP) and Caritas Philippines as key partners in delivering social services to the grassroots communities.

"You already have set up a focal group na tatapatan ng social workers namin. So that's direct referral from the Churches into the system of the DSWD system. We welcome that kasi mas mabilis, mas grassroots at nasasala nila. What better referral than those coming

from the Church."

Gatchalian also noted that the Church's referral system simplifies the process for those in need by helping them access DSWD services through local parish workers.

The official also lauded pastoral groups for engaging young parishioners to become involved in developmental initiatives, such as Tasa Basa! tutoring program.

The DSWD Tara Basa Program, a cash-for-

work program that aims to empower low-income families and college students to become involved as tutors and Youth Development Workers (YDW) to disadvantaged and struggling readers in public schools, has also expanded to include religious groups.

"We take on pastoral and parish groups, train them, and deploy them straight to the barangays dahil 'yan ang captive audience natin sa mga school."

Lancaster's Paylite Home Deals Drew More Sales In January



Lancaster New City kicked off the year with remarkable momentum, as its Paylite Home Deals generated strong market interest and outpaced last year's sales during the same period. This enthusiastic reception reflects not only the value of the financing offer, but also Lancaster's continued rise as a family-friendly community designed for convenience, growth, and long-term living.

"From the day it was launched, we immediately saw a remarkable surge in interest and reservations, exceeding our expectations for the period," said Dennis Vinluan, Profriends' Sales Head. "This level of demand is a clear testament to how Lancaster New City has evolved into a first-choice township for families who want not just a house, but a complete and nurturing environment to grow in."

Vinluan added that the response to the Paylite Home Deals reinforced Profriends' long-standing commitment to transforming lives by making homeownership more attainable. "Through programs like this, we are able to open doors for more families to finally call Lancaster New City their home—a township known for its family-friendly design, likewise a community reflecting the Kapitbuhay-Kapitbuhay vibes that continues to grow and progress year after year."

Launched at the start of January, the Paylite Home Deals was designed to give homebuyers a practical and confidence-boosting start to the year. The program offered lighter financing terms, with a reasonable equity requirement and

extended amortization options that help ease monthly payments. These flexible arrangements, made possible through Profriends' partnerships with financial institutions, allowed families to move closer to homeownership with greater comfort and peace of mind.

The strong reception to the program highlights not only the appeal of the financing scheme, but also the sustained trust in Profriends communities where families choose to settle, invest, and build their future.

Since its inception in 1999, Profriends has delivered more than 64,000 homes in Cavite and Iloilo to uplift the lives of the families it serves. Its on-going projects include Lancaster New City, Micara Estates – Tanza, Westwind at Lancaster New City, Minami Residences, Parc Regency Residences, Monticello Villas, and Monticello Intimo.

PUP KAISA SA PAGSULONG NG MGA PROGRAMANG PANGWIKA NG KWF

Inisagawa ng Lupong Tagapagpaganap na pinangunahan ng Tagapangulo ng Komisyon, Atty. Marites Barrios-Taran kasama si Komsiyoner, Dr. Benjamin Mendillo ang pagbisita-opisyal sa Pangulo ng Politeknikong Unibersidad ng Pilipinas (PUP), Dr. Manuel M. Muhi sa kaniyang tanggapan noong 27 Enero 2026, 2:00nh.

Inilatag ng Tagapangulo ng KWF ang pagpapalakas ng ugnayan ng KWF at PUP sa pagtataguyod ng wikang Filipino at kultura sa akademya. Binigyang diin sa pulong ang pagtatatag ng Sentro ng Wika at Kultura



(SWK), kabilang ang mga proyektong pangwika at pangkultura ng KWF na magiging katuwang ang PUP sa pananaliksik, edukasyong pangwika, at pagtuturo ng Filipino Sign Language.

Tinalakay rin ang mga posibleng kolaborasyon sa pagpapaunlad ng wikang Filipino, tulad ng mga palihan at seminar na may kinalaman sa wika, at iba pang inisyatiba na naglalayong palalimin ang paggamit at pag-aaral ng wikang Filipino sa buong sistemang pang-edukasyon ng PUP.

Kasamang dumalo sa bahagi ng PUP sina G. Marvin Lai, Tagapangulo ng Kagawaran ng Filipinolohiya, at Dr. Anna Ruby P. Gapasin, Pangalawang Pangulo ng PUP.

DA-4A, nakiisa sa paglulunsad ng Siniloan Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP)



Nakiisa ang #DA-Calabarzon sa pormal na paglulunsad ng Siniloan Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP) noong ika-22 ng Enero sa Siniloan Cultural Center, Siniloan, Laguna. Ito ay sa ilalim ng programang National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development (NCI-SRD).

Ang CADP ay komprehensibong plano na naglalaman ng mga

estrategiya, programa, aktibidad, at proyekto na magsusulong ng sustenableng pamamahala ng mga resources sa loob ng convergence area. Nakapaloob dito ang proyekto ng mga ahensyang DA, DAR, DENR at DILG na layong maharmonisa ang mga programa at interbensyon upang higit na paunlarin ang kabuhayan ng mga magsasaka at pribadong sektor.

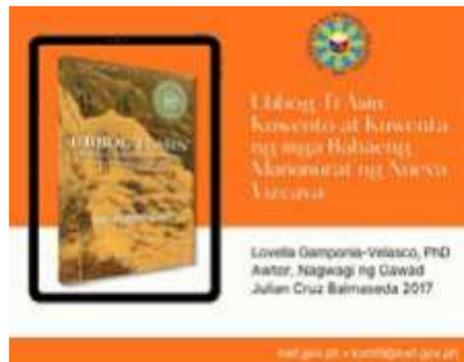
pamayanan. Ang bayan ng Siniloan ang pangalawang bayan sa rehiyon na nakapagbalangkas at masusing sumailalim sa deliberasyon ang CADP hanggang sa naaprubahan. Dinaluhan ang aktibidad ng mga opisyal at kinatawan ng mga nabanggit na ahensya, lokal na pamahalaan, akademya, at pribadong sektor.

Aklat Tungkol sa kababaihang Manunulat, Inilunsad sa Araw ni Balmaseda

Inilunsad ng KWF ang aklat na Ubbóg Ti Asin: Kuwento at Kuwenta ng mga Babaeng Manunurat ng Nuewa Vizcaya sa Gawad Julian Cruz Balmaseda na ginanap sa awditoryum ng PIA noong 28 Enero 2026.

Ang aklat na isinulat ni Dr. Lovella Gamponia-Velasco ay tungkol sa danas ng mga babaeng manunulat sa Nueva Vizcaya na mada-las naisasantabi o hindi nabibigyang-pagkilala ang malikhaing talino sa larangan ng panitikan.

Ayon sa awtor, ang ubbóg ti asin ay llo-



kanong termino na literal na nangangahulugang "salt spring" sa Ingles at ipinahahayag bilang metapora ng kababaihang manunulat na hindi kilala.

Sa konteksto, mayroong ubbóg ti asin na dating dinarayo sa Nueva Vizcaya na tumigil sa pagluwal ng tubig at asin noong dekada 90 dahil sa isang lindol.

Pagkatapos ng maraming taon, nagkaroon ng bagong ubbóg ti asin na patuloy pang lumalaki at pinangangalagaan sa lalawigan.

Inuugnay ito ni Si Gamponia-Velasco ay kasalukuyang nanunungkulan bilang Professor 6 sa Research and Development Office at Campus Coordinator ng Nueva Vizcaya State University.



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Cayetano...

Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano on Monday stressed that he stands firmly with the rest of the Senate in upholding Philippine sovereignty in the West Philippine Sea, even as he maintains a different approach and strategy on how to address issues surrounding it.

Cayetano, who served as Foreign Affairs Secretary from 2017 to 2018 and was involved in diplomatic talks between the Philippines and China, made this statement during his interpellation with Senator Francis "Kiko" Pangiliinan on the Proposed Senate Resolution No. 256.

"Pareho tayo ng stand: Atin ang West Philippine Sea. [Pero] iba lang ang approach natin. We can discuss soberly, secure our territory, and benefit from all of this without being 'pro' or 'anti' China," the Minority Leader said on February 9, 2026.

The resolution condemns recent public statements made by the Chinese embassy in Manila criticizing Philippine officials and institutions for their positions defending national sovereignty and maritime rights. Fifteen senators signed the resolution, with Cayetano, Senator Pia Cayetano and seven other members of the Minority bloc opting not to do so. Their decision drew public criticism, with some sectors branding the non-signatories as "Tsinador" and accusing them of failing to uphold national interest and sovereignty.

Wala tayong bastusan. We follow the decorum. We follow the order," Cayetano said.

The Minority Leader was referring to statements and a caricature made by Philippine Coast Guard Spokesperson Commodore Jay Tarrila poking fun at Chinese President Xi Jin Ping, which sparked heated exchanges and eventually led to the filing of the Senate resolution.

Cayetano also scored attempts to politicize the issue, stressing that the Minority senators' refusal to sign the resolution stemmed solely from differences in approach, not from a lack of patriotism.

"In the Senate, we know where we agree and disagree. We can love the Philippines, protect our territory, and se-

Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SW., along line 1-2 by Lot 10, Blk. 4; on the NW., along lines 2-3-4-5 by Road Lot 2; on the NE., along line 5-6 by Lot 14, Blk. 4 (Open Space); on the SE., along line 6-7 by Lot 13, Blk. 4; on the along line 7-8 by Lot 11, Blk. 4; on the along line 8-1 by Lot 9, Blk. 4, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at a point marked "1" on plan x x x containing an area of FIVE HUNDRED EIGHT (508) SQ. METERS, x 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 time and date, it shall be held on March 18, 2026 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, February 04, 2026

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**DATELINE WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS:
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NGCP..

NGCP is set to energize major transmission projects in 2026 following the completion of several critical project components including facility upgrades, expansions, and improvements for grid stability and reliability.

The following projects are targeted for completion within the year: Amlan-Dumaguete 138kV transmission line with ERC-approved cost Php 1.9 Billion, Tuguegarao-Lal-lo (Magapit) 230kV transmission with ERC-approved cost Php 2.4 Billion, Tuy 500/230kV Substation Stage 1 (Tuy-Dasmariñas 500kV transmission line component) with ERC-approved cost Php 8.1 Billion, Nabas-Caticlan-Boracay 138kV transmission line with ERC-approved cost Php 4.2 Billion, and Taurong-Kalamansig 69kV transmission line with a cost of Php 757.98 Million. The company is also set to finish Stage 2 of its Visayas Substation Reliability project, as well as the relocation of steel poles along the Hermosa-Duhat 230kV transmission line within the year.

These will address economic drivers such as a s load growth, system reliability and security, power quality and technology, entry of new generating plants (both renewable and non-renewable), as well as to complement major projects such as power grid backbones and island interconnections.

In 2025, NGCP completed the upgrading and expansion of 14 substations to enhance grid reliability and stability. The Castillejos Substation was installed with 1,000MVA transformer capacity, the Calaca and Concepcion Substations were each installed with new 300MVA

transformers, the Corella, Toril, Pitogo, Maramag, Dingle, Calbayog, and Paranas Substations with 100MVA transformers, the Davao Substation with a 150MVA transformer, and the San Jose and Mabinay Substations with a 50MVA transformer. A 100MVA expansion at NGCP's Iloilo Substation, a component of the Panay-Guimaras Interconnection project, was also completed in April 2025.

Voltage improvement initiatives were also completed by NGCP in its Tigaon, Malvar, Baybay Load-end Station, Sta. Barbara, and Zamboanga Substations.

These accomplishments are a testament to NGCP's commitment to its mandate of delivering safe, secure, and reliable power transmission services to our customers. "We take our obligations under our franchise and concession agreement seriously.

Despite continuing challenges in right-of-way and permitting, we remain committed to the work ahead, and are optimistic in completing these projects within the year," NGCP stated.

NGCP also renewed its appeal for support from the Department of Energy and other related government agencies, and the local government units (LGUs) for the swift approval and release of necessary permits for the implementation of critical transmission projects.

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SECURITY BANK CORPORATION,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,
File No. FC-DC-2017-26
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE
UNDER ACT 3135, AS AMENDED
BY ACT 4118

AREA: ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE (135) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS

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

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 March 26, 2026, at the same time and place without further notice.

03 February 2026, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

(SGD) RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.
Sheriff IV

ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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-versus-

RENE BODOTA TOLEDANA,
Respondent/Mortgagor.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee SECURITY BANK CORPORATION, with postal address at Security Bank Centre Building, 6776 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, against the respondent/mortgagor RENE BODOTA TOLEDANA with postal addresses at Block 4 Lot 2 Garden Grove Village, Salitran IV, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and Ilesia Dasmariñas Heights, Block 2 Lot 1, Brgy. San Agustin 1, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 19 December 2025 amounts to FIVE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO PESOS & 43/100 (Php 5,885,132.43), exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on March 12, 2026 AT 10:00 o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter in the Ground Floor Lobby of Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro I, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 057-2025008385

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY SAN AGUSTIN – 1, CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, bounded and described as follows:
LOT NO: 1, BLOCK NO: 2, PLAN NO: PCS-04-031993
PORTION OF: THE CONSOLIDATION & SUBDIVISION OF LOT
3830-A-3-B-2, PSD-04-254140 & LOT 6173-A, (LRC) PSD-261032, LRC RECORD NO. 8843 (Continued on the next page)
Is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of
Owner: RENE BODOTA TOLEDANA, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO CITIZEN

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION: (Continued from page 1)
LOCATION: BARANGAY SAN AGUSTIN – 1, CITY OF DASMARIÑAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON

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Table with 3 columns: Line, Bearing, and Distance. Rows 1-5.

DTL...

Participants took part in interactive sessions covering Introduction to TikTok Shop, Seller Center Navigation, TikTok Shop Affiliates, Livestreaming and Content Creation, and TikTok Ads, enabling them to strengthen digital presence, enhance customer engagement, and improve sales performance.

To ensure a seamless and hands-on learning experience, internet connectivity was provided on-site to participants, powered by Convergence for SMEs, allowing MSMEs to actively explore the Seller Center and digital tools discussed during the seminar.

The activity was supported by the DTI E-Commerce Bureau, through Trade-Industry Development Specialist Paulo Estrada, who underscored the importance of establishing and sustaining online selling platforms as a key driver of MSME growth in today's digital economy.

The seminar was graced by DTI Supply Chain and Logistics Undersecretary Mary Jean Pacheco, who inspired the participants by addressing logistical challenges faced by local business owners

and commended the Unlad Lokal initiative as a timely response to these concerns. She further encouraged MSMEs to register under the Barangay Micro Business Enterprises (BMBE) program, highlighting its benefits in supporting business sustainability and expansion.

Also present to show support for the initiative were key local government representatives, including Atty. Dustin Regalado, LEDIPO Focal Person of LGU Taytay; City Councilor James Gatlabaya of Antipolo City; and Mr. Anthony Calderon, LEDIPO Focal Person of the Rizal Provincial Government. Their presence reinforced strong inter-LGU collaboration in advancing digital transformation for MSMEs in the province.

"Unlad Lokal" reflects the collective commitment of LGU Taytay, DTI Rizal, TikTok Shop Philippines, Convergence for SMEs, and partner local government units to empower MSMEs through digital enablement, improved connectivity, and strengthened market access—driving inclusive and sustainable local economic development.

DA-4A ...

Aabot sa credit bilang Civil Society Organization (CSO) upang matiyak ang kanilang pagiging kuwalipikado sa Department of Agriculture – CALABARZON (DA-4A), katuwang ang Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), sa San Pablo City Cacao Growers Association sa lungsod ng San Pablo, Laguna noong ika-29 ng Enero.

Ang tulong ay bahagi ng Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP), kung saan ipinamahagi sa samahan ang 100 sako ng organikong pataba at 1,935 punla ng kakaw. Layunin ng programa na paunlarin ang kasanayang teknikal, kakayahan sa pamamahala, at kaalaman sa pag-nenegosyo ng mga benepisyaryo upang higit pang mapalakas ang kanilang produksyon, operasyon, at pagmemerkado.

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EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE JESSICA JOY CALALANG SATSATIN

Notice is hereby given that the estate of JESSICA JOY CALALANG SATSATIN, who died on December 3, 2025 in General Trias City, Cavite, was extrajudicially settled by her parents and surviving legal heirs, JOSE DANTE VISTO SATSATIN and CARMELA CALALANG SATSATIN, pursuant to Rule 74, Section 1 of the Revised Rules of Court.

The estate consists of a 2022 Suzuki Dzire GL AMT, Engine No. K12MP4265511, MV File No. 1301-00001788503, Plate No. NER 6909, CR No. 44329543-6, adjudicated in favor of JOSE DANTE VISTO SATSATIN, with CARMELA CALALANG SATSATIN waiving all rights thereto per deed executed on January 6, 2026 by Atty. Christopher Columna, per Doc. No. 43, Page 10, Book 135, Series of 2026.

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ERRATUM

This is to correct the error made in the publication of NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE filed by Home Development Mutual Fund versus SPS. ANTONIO M. NATIAL married to JULIET S. NATIAL published in Dateline Weekly Newspapers Dec. 01, 08 & 15, 2025. In the tech. terms, 15th line, BLOCK 9 should be removed and not as published.

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Gatchalian Pushes Full ECCD Law Implementation Amid Gaps in Child Dev't Centers, Feeding

Senator Win Gatchalian pressed the need to bridge persisting gaps in early childhood care and development (ECCD) to address the country's education crisis.

The Second Congressional Commission on Education's (EDCOM II) Final Report found that participation rates among three- to four-year-olds stand at 21%, with more than 4,600 barangays lacking a child development center. It also noted that the Department of Social Welfare and Development's Supplemental Feeding Program has yet to reach over 200,000 children.

To address these findings, Gatchalian called for the full and effective implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Development System Act (Republic Act No. 12199), which mandates local government units to deliver ECCD programs and services.

"The 2026 national budget puts a strong focus on early childhood care and development. We've set aside P2.46 billion under the Local Government Support Fund to upgrade daycare centers in fourth- and fifth-class municipalities into child development centers, and to hire more child development workers," said Gatchalian, chair of the Senate Finance Committee.

The DSWD's Supplementary Feeding Program, which covers three to five-year old children enrolled in Child Development Centers (CDCs) and Supervised Neighborhood Play (SNP), received P9.6 billion. The allocation will increase the number of feeding days from 120 to 180.

Pagpapatatag ng Early Childhood Care and Development Isinusulong ni Gatchalian

Isinusulong ni Senador Win Gatchalian ang pagtugon sa mga kakulangan sa early childhood care and development (ECCD) sa bansa, isang hakbang na aniya'y mahalaga sa pagsugpo sa krisis ng edukasyon sa bansa.

Ayon sa Final Report ng Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II), lumalabas na 21% lamang ang participation rate ng mga batang nasa tatlo hanggang apat na taong gulang, at nasa 4,600 ang bilang ng mga baranggay na walang child development center. Dagdag pa ng Komisyon, 200,000 na bata pa ang hindi naaabot ng Supplementary Feeding Program ng Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Upang matugunan ang mga hamong ito, binigyang diin ng senador ang pangangailangan para sa ganap at epektibong pagpapatupad ng Early Childhood Care and Development System Act. Mandato ng naturang batas sa mga local government units ang paghahatid ng mga programa at serbisyong may kinalaman sa ECCD.

"Tinutukan ng 2026 national budget ang early childhood care and development. Naglaan tayo ng P2.46 bilyon sa ilalim ng Local Government Support Fund upang i-upgrade ang mga daycare centers ng fourth- at fifth-class municipalities bilang mga child development centers. Magagamit din natin ang pondong ito para sa hiring ng mga child development workers," ani Gatchalian, Chairman ng Senate Committee on Finance.

Naglaan din ng P9.6 bilyon para sa Supplementary Feeding Program na saklaw ang mga tatlo hanggang limang taong gulang na mga batang naka-enroll sa mga Child Development Center (CDC) at Supervised Neighborhood Play (SNP). Sa taong ito, aabot na sa 180 araw ang dating 120 feeding days.

DA eyes steadier agricultural growth after 2025 gains

Philippine agriculture is entering 2026 on firmer footing after posting its strongest growth in eight years, though sustaining the momentum will require continued investment, policy reform, and cooperation from the weather, Agriculture Secretary Francisco P. Tiu Laurel Jr. said.

Speaking during the induction of the new officers of the Economic Journalists Association of the Philippines on Monday, February 9, Tiu Laurel said the sector's 3.1 percent expansion in 2025 showed that recent reforms were beginning to gain traction despite persistent risks.

The growth came even as the country was hit by 23 storms last year, with 22 of them striking in the second half, a period critical to harvests. Still, agricultural exports rebounded, led by a recovery in banana shipments and rising demand for other tropical fruits. Philippine avocados entered the Japanese market for the first time, while durian gained access to new export destinations. Domestically, onion prices stabilized after years of sharp volatility.

"These are early gains from a longer and deliberate reset of the sector," Tiu Laurel said, noting that reforms accelerated when President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. took the helm of the Department of Agriculture in 2022.

At the center of the strategy ensuring food production is a money-making venture. "Farmers and fisherfolk must be profitable, agriculture must reclaim its role as a serious economic driver, and the sector must build hope and futures that draw in a new generation because opportunity is real," he said.

To support that goal, the Marcos administration this year allocated one of the largest budgets for agriculture in recent history. Funds are being directed toward farm-to-market roads, warehouses,

food hubs, post-harvest facilities, dryers, and a national command center to improve coordination across the sector. "These are not headline investments," Tiu Laurel said. "They are long-game investments, and they matter."

HRDC CALABARZON charts new course for Health Research at 2026 Operational Planning

The Health Research and Development Consortium (HRDC) CALABARZON successfully concluded its two-day Annual Operational Planning activity last week at the SotoGrande Hotel Katipunan, marking a critical turning point for health research in Region IV-A. Held from January 29–30, 2026, the event brought together key stakeholders from the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD), the Department of Health (DOH) CHD IV-A, the Department of Science and Technology CALABARZON, and various higher education institutions and hospitals.

Throughout the event, participants engaged in a series of technical reviews and workshops designed to align regional efforts with the Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS) and the HRDC CALABARZON Strategic Plan for 2025–2028.

The two-day workshop focused on strategic alignment through presentations on PNHRS

DA-ATI CALABARZON Convenes Partners, Aligns Strategies for 2026

To align priorities and reinforce strong partnerships among the pillars of extension in the region, DA-ATI CALABARZON successfully conducted the "Translating Nexus into Action: Regional Consultative Meeting for FY 2026," with representatives from the National Government Agencies (NGAs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), Provincial Local Government Units (PLGUs), and private extension partners across CALABARZON.

The activity highlighted the Center's Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 accomplishments, underscoring that the successes of DA-ATI CALABARZON were made possible by the collaborative efforts of its

and PCHRD services to ensure regional efforts mirror national priorities. This was followed by intensive committee-level planning sessions where the four Technical Working Committees—Capacity Building, Research Information and Utilization, Research & Development Management, and Ethics—translated high-level goals into concrete targets. These efforts culminated in the operational finalization and refinement of the FY 2026 Operational Plan and the consolidation of a comprehensive Work and Financial Plan. Ultimately, the activity laid a foundation for sustainability by developing the Institutional Development Activities (IDA) proposal, which is considered the vital key to resuming full operations and ensuring the long-term impact of health research initiatives in the region.

To conclude the event, a call to action was issued to all member institutions: to transition from the foundation of planning to the urgency of mission-driven implementation.

The Center also presented the DA-ATI policy directions for FY 2026, plan of activities, and the identified training needs of partners—serving as a platform to strengthen collaboration and ensure that extension initiatives remain responsive, coordinated, and impact-driven.

Center Director Dr. Rolando V. Maningas, opened the program by emphasizing the importance of unity and partnership in transforming plans into concrete actions that benefit farmers, fisherfolk, and agri-stakeholders.

He also underscored "nexus" as the vital connection of ideas, institutions, and actions working together toward a stronger, more resilient agricultural sector.