

SMC's Alabang River cleanup boosts flood resilience in Muntinlupa

San Miguel Corporation (SMC)'s river cleanup initiative has cleared a critical stretch of the Alabang River, boosting flood resilience in an area bounded by residential subdivisions, public roads, and the South Luzon Expressway (SLEX) in Muntinlupa City.

Based on its latest monitoring report, SMC's Better Rivers PH river cleanup initiative has removed a total of 62,363 metric tons (MT) of silt and waste from the Alabang River, starting from its mouth at Laguna de Bay, through Cupang Bridge, and up to its section near the PNR Railway Bridge. The effort is now progressing upstream toward the Alabang Viaduct area.

With this development, taken together with other simultaneous river cleanups that SMC is currently undertaking in six other areas north and south of Metro Manila, the company's Better Rivers PH program has breached 9 million tons of silt and garbage removed from at least 10 major river systems, since 2020.

It can be recalled that SMC began its clearing operations of Alabang River upon the request of the Muntinlupa City local government unit (LGU) and in coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), following a flooding incident at the Alabang Viaduct in July 2025.

Now, improved river flow has already been observed as rehabilitation

Better Rivers PH removes 9M tons of waste and silt from 10 river systems



Alabang River Mouth



Alabang River, upstream of Cupang Bridge

of this critical waterway progresses, well ahead of the rainy season.

In addition to dredging, SMC is also undertaking river widening works, to improve the Alabang river's carrying capacity and boost flood mitigation. These efforts complement local government-led efforts to relocate informal settler families (ISFs) situated along the riverbanks, and the removal of sheet piles that have encroached into the river, which have restricted water flow and increased flood risk.

"Through these ongoing clean-up and rehabilitation efforts, SMC reaffirms its long-term commitment to flood mitigation and environmental rehabilitation under the Better Rivers PH program, working closely with local government units to protect communities and promote cleaner, safer, and more resilient waterways," said SMC Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang.

Also gaining headway are ongoing Bet-

Alabang River (Facing Laguna Lake)

Before: July 2025



After: Feb 4, 2026



Relocation of ISFs and removal of encroached Sheet piles



Dredging near PNR Rail bridge

ter Rivers PH operations in the Las Piñas River system (Las Piñas and Zapote rivers), covering 1.84 kilometers, with a total of 179,558 metric tons of dredged silt and waste removed; the Parafaque River system, span-

ning 9.14 kilometers with 368,414 metric tons removed; and rivers in Laguna (Landayan, San Pedro, and Silang-Sta. Rosa), where 0.83 kilometers has yielded 93,550 metric tons of silt and waste.

Efforts north of Metro Manila include the start of cleaning up the Tullahan River upstream in Novaliches area, which has thus far covered 300 meters upstream with 20,536 metric tons of waste removed; and the Tanza River in Navotas, where 5,166 tons of waste has been removed from a 250-meter area.

Meanwhile, ongoing cleanup operations along the Tabang River in Bulacan and Malolos, Bulacan have reached 8.03 kilometers, with 29,488 metric tons of waste and silt collected.

Along with previously completed cleanups of the Bulacan, Pampanga, and Laguna river systems, as well as the Tullahan, Pasig, San Juan, and Navotas rivers, Better Rivers PH has rehabilitated a total river length of 184.33 kilometers, removing 9.01 million metric tons of garbage, silt, and debris as of March 22. **PR**

Mekeni president urges media, business leaders to spread hope amid global tensions



SANTA ROSA, Laguna, March 20, 2026 — The president of Mekeni Food Corporation called on media practitioners and business leaders to go beyond delivering factual and unbiased information by actively spreading hope, especially amid ongoing global tensions affecting economies and communities.

Speaking during his acceptance as an honorary member of the Camp Vicente Lim Press Corps (CVLPC) on Friday, the Mekeni president Mr. Pruds Garcia, emphasized the critical role of both sectors in shaping public sentiment during uncertain times, including those influenced by international conflicts such as the situation involving Iran.

"While it is our responsibility to report

and communicate the truth, it is equally important to inspire hope and resilience among our people," he said, underscoring the influence of media narratives and corporate leadership in guiding communities through crisis.

The honorary membership was conferred in recognition of Mekeni Food Corporation's significant contributions to the food industry and its expanding impact beyond Central Luzon to other key regions, particularly CALABARZON.

The oath-taking ceremony was held as part of the CVLPC's 23rd anniversary celebration in Santa Rosa, Laguna, bringing together members of the press corps, stakeholders, and partners from various sectors.

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Cayetano, nanawagan ng pagkakasundo; pinagtibay ang pagpapatupad ng contingency framework



Binigyang diin ni Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano nitong Miyerkules ang pangangailangan ng pagkakasundo at pagkakahanay sa pagitan ng gobyerno at pribadong sektor sa gitna ng patuloy na tensiyon sa Middle East.

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Korte Suprema at KWF, Nagpulong para sa Epiyenteng Pagsagawa ng VCAD

Nagpulong ang Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) at Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) noong 10 Marso 2026, 10:00 nu, sa tanggapan ng Korte Suprema hinggil sa



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COURTESY VISIT: PB-GEN Hansel M. Marantán, Acting Regional Director of PRO CALABARZON, paid a courtesy visit to Honorable Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla, Governor of Cavite Province, today at the New Provincial Government Center, San Agustin, Trece Martires City, Cavite. During his visit, he also engaged in dialogue with the present local government officials. This engagement highlights the continued efforts of PRO CALABARZON to strengthen coordination with local government units, aiming to enhance peace and order, align public safety programs with local priorities, and ensure responsive and effective police services for the community. It also underscores the importance of unified action between the PNP and local leaders in promoting a safer and more secure CALABARZON for all.



CARD RBI OPENS 41ST BRANCH IN BAGO CITY

Ito ang Bangko Natin.



In celebration of World Water Day, volunteers from SM City Tanza — including employees, security guards, and maintenance personnel — came together for a meaningful coastal clean-up initiative at Barangay Julugan 1, Tanza Cavite, led by SM Cares in partnership with the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office. Through teamwork and shared responsibility, volunteers helped protect our shores and promote environmental awareness in the community — reminding us that caring for our waters today means a better tomorrow for all.

#SMCaresCoastalCleanUps #SMWasteFreeFuture #EmpoweringCommunities

EDITORIAL:

Like it is

AFTER weeks of talking tough against Iran and giving it an ultimatum to open the Strait of Hormuz to passage or face relentless attacks, United States President Donald Trump has softened his stance. He now says he is postponing attacking Iranian power plants for five more days because of "very good talks" with Tehran. He did not give details, except that he was talking to somebody besides the new supreme leader, and it was them, not the US, who called to initiate.

Markets across the globe felt the shift in energy and recovered after a prolonged beating.

Iranian media however denied that any talks were happening at all between the two countries. At that point, nobody had an inkling that any form of negotiations was happening at all.

While secret negotiations may not be new, it could be difficult to get to the truth in the Age of Trump. This is a person given to hyperbole and sweeping declarations. Self-aggrandizement is the norm, and sensitivity and compassion especially for civilians caught in the crossfire appear to be alien concepts.

In fact, in a previous interview, Trump said he would end the war when he felt it in his bones, making no mention at all of other considerations like casualties, capabilities, and economic consequences. Certainly negotiations did not come up as a factor.

Here at home, the Palace said there was no oil crisis, just a price disruption, amid accusations that President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. is playing down the situation.

Fuel prices have sharply risen in the past few weeks, affecting the transport sector. As of press time Tuesday, the price of diesel has hit P140/liter, according to the Department of Energy.

A nationwide transport strike is scheduled Thursday and Friday this week as drivers and operators demand an increase in fares.

Despite the Executive's denial that a "crisis" has set in, however, it has created a crisis committee that would address the impact of the Middle East conflict. Details of the committee will be made available as soon as they are finalized, promised Communications Undersecretary Claire Castro.

Both cases illustrate the supremacy of words especially in these perilous times.

One leader makes declarations that likely do not have a basis in fact. That he holds a reputation for exaggeration does not make his words more acceptable, or any less offensive. The other leader is much too careful with his words. While the Palace may just be trying to prevent panic among the people, it could also come across as callous, out of touch with reality, and insensitive to the plight of ordinary citizens already feeling the adverse effects of a war not of their own making.

With the instant availability of information these days, what will be fair for the people is for their leaders to just tell it like it is - what the situation is, what its causes are, what the options are, what the repercussions of each course of action could be. No exaggeration but no downplaying either. There is simply too much at stake for the people who are simply trying to live decently from one day to the next. It would be a grave disservice to the people to paint reality in mere spins.

Cavite Service Caravan kicks off, expands access to essential services

The Provincial Government of Cavite, under the leadership of Governor Abeng Remulla, officially launched the Cavite Service Caravan on March 24, 2026, in Ternate, reinforcing its commitment to making government services more accessible and responsive to the needs of Caviteños.

The launch was attended by key provincial and local officials, including 8th District Board Member Jasmin Angelli Maligaya-Bautista, Ternate Mayor Lamberto Bambao and the Sangguniang Bayan members headed by Vice Mayor Calvin Kenneth Soberano, who joined Governor Remulla in bringing essential services closer to the people, alongside department heads and partner agencies participating in the initiative.

As a flagship program of the provincial government, the Cavite Service Caravan consolidates various offices in a one-stop setup, delivering frontline services directly to communities, particularly those with limited access to government programs.

Governor Remulla underscored the caravan's mission of bringing provincial government services closer to the people and encouraged citizens to avail themselves of these programs - reflect-

ing the guiding principle, "mula sa bayan, para sa bayan."

Health and medical services were spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, offering medical consultations, dental and oral health care, laboratory services such as ECG and fasting blood sugar tests, pharmacy assistance, and fluoride varnish application for children. Emergency medical support was also provided by the Office of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer.

Employment and economic opportunities were facilitated through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, featuring a job fair and job matching, employment support services from national agencies like SSS, Philhealth, BIR, Pag-ibig Fund, TES-DA, PSA, and DTI, career coaching sessions on resume writing, interview techniques, and anti-illegal recruitment awareness. The Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer also extended entrepreneurship and business facilitation services, cooperative assistance, and promoted local Cavite products through a trade fair.

Agricultural support services from the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist included agriculture and fisheries education, as well as the distribution of vegetable seeds, seedlings, and informational materials to assist local farmers and fisherfolk. Social and community services were delivered by the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer through counseling, referral, and welfare assistance, while the Office of the Provincial Population Officer provided family planning counseling and distributed commodities. Free legal aid and basic legal information were also made available through the Office of the Provincial Legal Officer. Specialized services for vulnerable sectors were extended by the Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer, including wheelchair provision, hearing tests, hearing aids, and assistance with PWD ID applications. Animal health services were offered by the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian, including free veterinary consultations, anti-rabies vaccination, and deworming and vitamin supplementation for pets.

Information dissemination and public engagement were supported by the Office of the Provincial Information Officer through an information booth and photobooth, while digital inclusion efforts were promoted by the Provincial Information and Communications Technology Office through a free digital literacy program and internet connectivity services.

Meanwhile, the Offices of the Provincial Engineer, General Services Officer, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer, and the Cavite Office of Public Safety provided logistical, environmental, and security support for the event. Through the Cavite Service Caravan, the provincial government strengthens its commitment to inclusive and people-centered governance by bringing a comprehensive range of services directly to the grassroots.

The Ternate launch marks the beginning of a series of service caravans to be conducted across the province, further expanding the reach of government programs and uplifting the lives of Caviteños. — Office of the Provincial Information Officer

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E-CEST sites in Quezon receive digital libraries



The Local Government Units of Calauag and San Narciso each received three (3) computer units equipped with the DOST Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly-Operated Kiosk Stations (STARBOOKS) on February 24, 2026 and March 6, 2026, respectively.

The deployment is part of the Enhanced Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (E-CEST) Program which seeks to uplift the quality of life of local constituents in the Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs) in the Philippines through science & technology interventions. The installation of DOST STARBOOKS supports this goal by making science resources more accessible to communities.

An Orientation-Training on the Use of STARBOOKS was facilitated by the Quezon Department of Science and Technology Provincial S&T Office (DOST PSTO-Quezon). The training team included Unice Faith N. Cataquiz, Project Technical Assistant I; Justine Joyce L. Hari, Project Technical Aide V; and Aldwin T. Royena, Science Research Specialist II. Students, teachers, and LGU employees from both municipalities participated in hands-on demonstrations.

The initiative was implemented by Southern Luzon State University (LSLU) with Dr. Marissa C. Esperal, Vice President for Research, Extension, Production, Development, and Innovation, serving as Project Leader; Dr. Arvin N. Natividad, Vice President for Administrative and Financial Affairs, serving as Project Coordinator; together with Dr. Marife S. Magpantay, Jane L. Garay, and Patricia O. Lladoc.

Pagdiriwang ng National Women's Month pormal na inilunsad ng DA-4A



Pormal na inilunsad ng #DACalabarzon ang selebrasyon para sa National Women's Month na may temang "WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society" sa Flag Raising Ceremony ng Kagawaran noong ika-9 ng Marso, 2026 sa Lipa City, Batangas.

Dito ay ibinahagi ni OIC-Regional Executive Director Engr. Redeliza Gruezo ang kalahalagan ng pagkapatang-pantay at respeto sa bawat isa anuman ang kasarian. Aniya, itinataguyod ng pamayanan ang pagkilala sa lakas at kakayahan ng kababaihan na siya ring mahalagang aspeto sa pag-unlad ng bawat sektor lalo na sa agrikultura

programa ng isang pag-sasanay patungkol sa Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System (GFPS), kung saan tinalakay ang mga konseptong sa implementasyon ng mga programang tumutugon sa pantay at inklusibong kasarian at ang responsibilidad ng bawat opisina sa pagpapatupad nito.

Sa buwan ng Marso, inaasahan pa ang ilang aktibidad katulad ng Purple Wellness and Care Protection Seminar na tatalakay sa mga konseptong Family Planning at Reproductive Health, at Choral Competition bilang suportang Kagawaran sa pagkilala at pagsuporta sa mga kababaihan sa sektor.

WE FOR WELLNESS



Committed to creating a safe and gender-responsive workspace that upholds employee well-being, the DA-ATI CALABARZON facilitated the "WE for Wellness: Fostering a Nurturing Institution through a Self-Care Session," as part of the National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC).

In collaboration with the TESDA Cavite Provincial Office and its accredited training school, the City College of Imus (CCI), the DA-ATI CALABARZON staff spent a wellness day with free haircut, manicure, and massage therapy services brought by the aforesaid partners. CCI trainer Ms. Lea Robles also shared insights on factors affecting health and wellness, as well as simple relaxation and self-care techniques that can help prevent burnout, improve concentration, and emotional balance.

In her message, Asst. Center Dir. Sherylou Alfaro underscored that, as extension workers who look after the welfare of stakeholders, self-care and wellness are of prime importance in order to deliver excellent services.

MPTC expressways on full alert this Semana Santa

Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) and its network of expressways—NLEX, SCTEX, NLEX Connector, CAVITEX, CALAX, and CCLEX in Cebu—are rolling out the "Biyaheng Arangkada" motorist assistance program from March 27 to April 6, 2026.

The initiative is also implemented in SCTEX and CAVITEX in partnership with the Bases Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) and the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) through PEA Tollway Corporation, respectively.

As part of the program, MPTC has augmented personnel deployment across its network to ensure efficient traffic management, quick incident response, and smooth toll transactions during the Holy Week travel period. The "Biyaheng Arangkada" initiative reflects MPTC's commitment to ensuring a safe Holy Week journey for motorists and the commuting public, enabling travelers to reconnect safely with their families during this season of reflection.

- Free 24/7 basic mechanical services at all NLEX and SCTEX Rest and Refuel Stations; Free towing to the nearest exit for Class 1 (and Class 1M for CCLEX) from March 27, 6:00 AM to April 6, 6:00 AM; 24/7 customer service support via hotline (1-35000) and the MPT DriveHub app

During this period, roadworks, lane closures, and maintenance activities will be suspended to help ensure smooth traffic flow across the expressways. Traffic teams are also on standby to activate counterflow schemes when conditions permit.

MPTC urges motorists to plan trips ahead of peak hours. In NLEX, anticipate heavy northbound traffic from Wednesday afternoon to Thursday afternoon and increased southbound volume during the afternoon and evening hours on Saturday and Sunday. Expect heavy southbound traffic on early Monday morning.

Motorists are also advised to check their RFID account to ensure sufficient balance, inspect their vehicles before traveling, stay well-rested, and follow speed limits and traffic regulations. Updates are available via the official social media pages as well as the MPT DriveHub app, to keep motorists informed on the latest situation on the MPTC expressways. #

- Motorist assistance includes: Strategically located roadside assistance stations; Medical teams on standby at select stops; Availability of EV charging stations and free wifi at select NLEX and SCTEX Rest and Refuel Stations

PGC medical mission benefits Dasmariñeños

In a continued effort to bring essential healthcare services closer to the grassroots, a total of 719 residents of Brgy. San Esteban, Dasmariñas City benefitted from a Medical and Dental Mission held on March 19 - an initiative that underscored both reach and responsiveness in public health service delivery.

Electrocardiogram (ECG) procedures, vital tools in the early detection and management of chronic conditions such as diabetes and heart disease. The activity reflects a deliberate shift toward more inclusive and community-centered healthcare, where services are not confined within facilities but are brought directly to the people who need them most. — OPIO

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terminals, 200 commercial establishments, and 227 tourist destinations, where a high influx of visitors is expected throughout the season.

"We continuously revisit and improve our security operations, especially in identified areas of concern, to ensure that every event, gathering, and movement of people is secured with precision, discipline, and foresight.

Sa Bagong Pilipinas, ang kapulisan ay handang maglingkod nang mabilis, tapat, at may malasakit para sa kaligtasan ng bawat mamamayan," the Calabarzon top police official added.

Close coordination with local government units, non-government organizations, the Department of Tourism (DOT), and community-based volunteers has been es-

established. Meaningwhile, starting on March 27, all PRO Calabarzon units will be placed on full alert status. All deployed personnel are directed to focus on crowd management, traffic control, and prevention of any criminal activities.

The public is also urged to stay vigilant and actively cooperate with authorities to help maintain peace and order.

Aboitiz Group Champions Women as Drivers of Inclusive Growth

Aboitiz Group's inclusive culture empowers women to drive innovation and excellence across diverse business units

The Aboitiz Group continues to deepen its commitment to inclusion, with women forming a meaningful and growing share of its workforce across its portfolio of businesses.

As of 2025, women account for approximately 40% of the Group's total workforce, underscoring steady progress in building a more balanced organization while expanding opportunities across industries.

At the heart of this transformation is Aboitiz Equity Ventures (AEV), which has achieved near gender parity at the corporate level. This balance is the result of a deliberate, multi-year effort to institutionalize an inclusive leadership pipeline.

While the Group's banking and real estate arms—UnionBank



and Aboitiz Land—have long been anchored by a strong female presence, the Group is now seeing increased participation in the technical and operational spheres of its Power, Infrastructure, and Food units. These trends reflect a broader shift within the Aboitiz Group: positioning inclusion not just as a workforce metric, but as a strategic enabler of

long-term value. "For us, advancing sustainability is about connecting three things: business performance, environmental responsibility, and human development," said Ginggay Hontiveros-Malvar, First Vice President and Chief Reputation and Sustainability Officer of Aboitiz Foundation. "If companies in the Philip-

pines can grow while improving people's lives and protecting natural resources, then sustainability becomes not a program, but a way of doing business." Aligning with global best practices in Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG), the Aboitiz Group views workforce diversity not merely as a metric, but as a strategic asset. The

Group continues to invest in talent development, leadership pathways, and workplace policies that support equitable access to opportunities across its businesses. "Building internal ESG capability allows us to future-proof the business and deepen the trust we hold with our stakeholders," Hontiveros-Malvar added. "It allows ESG

to evolve from a compliance exercise into a core discipline that creates lasting shared value." As the Aboitiz Group advances its transformation into a techglomerate, it remains steadfast in its mission to cultivate a workplace where talent—regardless of gender—can contribute to a more sustainable and inclusive future for the nation.

Cavite commemorates the 157th birth anniversary of General Emilio Aguinaldo



On March 22, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Provincial Tourism and Cultural Affairs Office, in partnership with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines and the local government of Kawit, took part in the commemoration of the 157th birth anniversary of Emilio Aguinaldo, the first President of the Philippine Republic. The ceremony was held at the historic Museo ni Emilio Aguinaldo.

The program formally opened with the rais-

ing of the Philippine flag, conducted under the supervision of the Philippine Navy, Philippine National Police Kawit Police Station, and the Cavite Tourist Police Unit. Representing Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel D. Remulla, Provincial Tourism Officer Elinia Imelda Rozelle S. Sangalang delivered a message highlighting the enduring legacy of General Aguinaldo. Also present during the ceremony was Kawit Mayor Cynthia Aguinaldo.

The event was further graced by key figures, including Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, who attended on behalf of 1st District Congressman Ramon "Jolo" Revilla III; Carminda R. Arevalo, Executive Director of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines; and Ms. Emilie Aguinaldo-Pulido, a member of the Aguinaldo family, whose presence underscored the continuing significance of the Aguinaldo legacy in Philippine history.

— OPIO

CARD RBI opens 41st branch in Bago City

CARD MRI Rizal Bank Inc. (CARD RBI) marks another milestone as it opened its 41st branch located in Bago City on January 26, 2026, to meet the growing needs of the micro-entrepreneurs in the area.

"This expansion is an opportunity to widen the bank's reach and extend our services to more clients.

By opening new branches, we can serve a greater number of clients and help more Filipinos improve their businesses and uplift the quality of their lives," said CARD RBI President and CEO Lyneth Derequito.

CARD RBI management strategically positioned its new branch location near neighboring provinces where the bank already operates branches and branch-lite units (BLUs).

Its location near the center of Negros al-



CARD RBI President and CEO Ms. Lyneth Derequito led the opening of the CARD RBI branch in Bago City together with CARD RBI Executive Vice President Juliana De Leon, CARD RBI Board Director Ms. Elma Valenzuela, CARD MRI Executive Committee members, senior advisers, konek-2CARD ambassador Mr. JC Santos, CARD MRI officers, and staff.

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PHILIPPINE BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS,
Mortgagee,

EJF NO. TG-26-005

FOR: Application for Extra-judicial
Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage
Under Act No. 3135, as amended

-versus-

JUSTINE JOSEPH RAYMUNDO YOUNG,
Mortgagor,

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as Amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **PHILIPPINE BANK OF COMMUNICATIONS**, a universal banking corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at PBCom Tower, 6795 Ayala Avenue corner V.A. Rufino Street, Makati City, Metro Manila 1226, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on March 6, 2023 by Mortgagor, **JUSTINE JOSEPH RAYMUNDO YOUNG**, of legal age, Filipino, with addresses at (1) Lot 9, Block 1, Bamboo St., Phase 8, Greenwoods, Taytay, Rizal and (2) Unit 219 2nd Floor, Serin East Tagaytay Tower 1, Brgy. Silang Crossing East, Tagaytay City, Cavite, in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee, over then real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **Condominium Certificate of Title NO. 076- 2021000359** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Debtors/Mortgagors in the amount of **TWO MILLION FORTY-TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETEEN PESOS & 19/100 (Php2,042,419.19)** inclusive of unpaid interests, penalties and other fees, as of December 29, 2025, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Alex E. Martinez, will sell at public auction on **April 22, 2026 at 10:00** o'clock in the morning or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076- 2021000359
Registry of Deeds For Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as:

TOWER 1	
FLOOR	2ND FLOOR
UNIT CALL OUT	1-219
UNIT TYPE	STUDIO
UNIT AREA	30.45
BALCONY AREA	
TOTAL AREA	30.45

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended

to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on TRANSFER Certificate of Title 2017002080; 2017002083; 2017002087; 2017002088 which embraces and describes the land located at BRGY. OF BRGY. OF SILANG CROSSING EAST, CITY OF with an area of (20,251) Square Meter, is registered in the name of:

Owner: JUSTINE JOSEPH RAYMUNDO YOUNG, SINGLE, OF LEGAL AGE, FILIPINO
Address: LOT 9, BLOCK 1, BAMBOO ST., PHASE 8, GREENWOODS, TAYTAY RIZAL,
1920

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on April 29, 2026 without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021000359**, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, March 31, 2026.

(sgd.) **ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA**
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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14,025 personnel for deployment across the region.

This includes 8,453 police personnel, 1,306 augmentation forces from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), and other partner agencies, as well as 4,266 force multipliers from advocacy groups and trained volunteers.

For a comprehensive coverage, PRO

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Calabarzon has identified 1,023 critical areas in the region that require intensified police presence and security operations.

These include 216 places of worship, such as the Antipolo Cathedral in Rizal, Kamay ni Hesus Shrine in Quezon province, and the Diocesan Shrine of St. John the Baptist in Laguna. Additionally, security will cover 261 major thoroughfares, 87 transportation

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IN RE: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT AS NOTARY PUBLIC FOR AND WITHIN TRECE MARTIRES CITY, GENERAL TRIAS CITY and MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, PROVINCE OF CAVITE

TMNP-005-26

ATTY. ABEL T. TUZARA,
Petitioner.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice of hearing given that a summary hearing on the petition for application of notarial commission of **ATTY. ABEL T. TUZARA** shall be held on **April 14, 2026, at 8:30 in the morning** at the Court Room of the Executive Judge, Regional Trial Court, Branch 23, Trece Martires City. Any person who has cause or reason to object the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

The petitioner should be ready to present all the pieces of evidence in support of his petition. Pre-marking should be done prior to the scheduled hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Trece Martires City, Cavite, March 23, 2026.

(sgd.) **PURIFICACION A. BARING TUVERA**
Executive Judge

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late **LEONARDO M. TRINIDAD** and **SUSANA L. TRINIDAD**, consisting of a parcel of land, known as Lot 1871-D-2 of the subd. Plan Psd-04-030043, being a portion of Lot 1871-D, Psd-04-0019933, L.R.C. Rec.) located at Bo. of Capipisa, Mun. of Tanza, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzonxxxxxxxxx with a total area of 1000 square meters and embraced and covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No.T-1141057 of the Register of Deeds of Cavite Province, has been the subject of an Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate of the Deceased **LEONARDO M. TRINIDAD** and **SUSANA L. TRINIDAD** Among the Legal Heirs, as per Doc.No.381; Page No.78; Book No. XXV and series of 2026 of Notary Public Jameswell M. Resus of Naic, Cavite.

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Mekeni ...

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Camp Vicente Lim Press Corps officials said the inclusion of representatives from the business sector highlights the growing importance of collaboration between media and industry in addressing societal challenges.

Mekeni Food Corporation, which started as a regional food company in Pampanga, has grown into a recognized brand with a wider national presence, continuing to advocate for community development and responsible business practices. **PR**

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Trce Martires City, Cavite — Interior Secretary Juanito Victor "Jonvic" Remulla Jr. on Tuesday led the destruction of approximately P4.56 billion worth of confiscated illegal drugs, underscoring both the scale of the narcotics problem and its devastating impact on Filipino communities.

The destruction was carried out at the facility of Integrated Waste Management Inc., witnessed by Police Regional Office CALABARZON Director PBGen Hansel Marantan, officials from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), and representatives from other law enforcement and oversight agencies.

Authorities reported that a total of 1,136.5 kilograms of illegal drugs and controlled substances were destroyed, including:

- Methamphetamine Hydrochloride (Shabu) – 555.2393 kg (P3.77 billion)
- Cocaine – 117.4860 kg (P622.14 million)
- Marijuana – 442.9399 kg (P82.38 million)
- Ephedrine – 15.8149 kg (P75.91 million)
- MDMA (Ecstasy) – 1.6651 kg (P6.61 million)
- Ketamine – 0.5070 kg (P106.162)

Also destroyed were liquid forms and chemical components such as methamphetamine solution, marijuana extracts, amphetamine mixtures, and toluene, along with around 3,000 pieces of assorted expired drug evidence.

Dangerous Drugs Board Secretary Oscar Valenzuela, in his message, emphasized the far-reaching dangers of illegal substance use and the destruction it brings to individuals, families, communities, and the nation.

"At the heart of this fight, it is not just policy or function, it is our people," Valenzuela said.

Officials noted that many of the destroyed substances had already been presented in court, adjudicated, and cleared for disposal by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Authorities stressed that the destruction of illegal drugs is not merely procedural—it is a critical safeguard to ensure these substances do not re-enter circulation and cause further harm.

Remulla emphasized that every kilogram destroyed translates to lives saved and crimes prevented, particularly in vulnerable communities where illegal drugs often fuel violence, theft, and family disintegration.

Illegal drugs, especially shabu, have long been linked to rising criminality, mental health deterioration, and economic instability.

Families are often torn apart, with breadwinners losing livelihoods and children exposed to neglect and abuse.

For ARD Marantan, the fight against illegal drugs goes beyond enforcement. "I will never allow illegal drugs to thrive in CALABARZON. We have seen how it destroys lives and ruins families," he said.

He stressed that dismantling drug networks requires collective action not only from law enforcement, but also from communities, local governments, and civil society.

"Dismantling illegal drug networks does not just involve police work. It involves the whole community, those who advocate for the future of our children and our country," PBGEN Marantan added.

The large-scale destruction reflects the government's continuing push for a balanced anti-drug strategy, combining enforcement with prevention, rehabilitation, and community engagement.

Authorities reiterated that while billions worth of drugs have been removed from circulation, the broader challenge remains: breaking the cycle of addiction, criminality, and social harm that continues to afflict Filipino communities.

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Cayetano...

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Ito ay matapos aprubahan ng Senado ang kanyang resolusyon na nananawagan sa Executive Branch na bumuo ng national contingency framework sa lalong madaling panahon.

Ang Senate Resolution No. 343, na co-authored ng 22 senador at co-sponsored ng Senate President, ay naglalayong maitatag ang isang National Contingency Framework na magbibigay daan sa bansa na paghandaan, tugunan, at makabangon mula sa malalaking krisis sa loob at labas ng bansa sa pamamagitan ng maayos na koordinasyon ng buong gobyerno at buong bansa.

Ayon kay Cayetano, kailangan mung magkaroon ng pagkakasundo sa mga institusyon bago epektibong makatugon sa malalaking emergency.

"Pag sobrang bigat ng problema, apektado y'ung region at buong mundo dahil we are now a global village and we now see na intricate na masyado ang koneksyon ng mga ekonomiya," sabi niya.

"It's like clockwork. 'Di mo pwedeng sabihin na ito lang ang sira kaya umaandar pa y'ung relo," dagdag niya.

Binigyang diin niya na layon ng resolusyon na palakasin ang kooperasyon sa pagitan ng national government, local government, at private

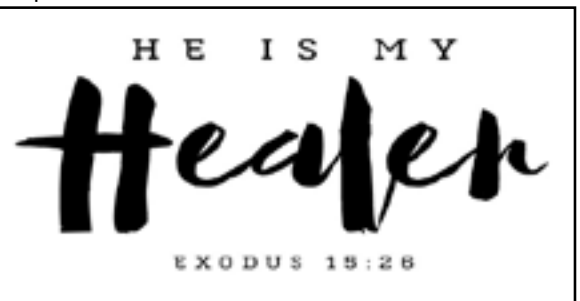
CARD RBI...

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lows the bank to tap into existing market opportunities while strengthening its presence nationwide.

Establishing another branch in Visayas will allow the bank to manage the corresponding risk of geographical diversification.

The Bago branch is expected to serve more



CARD RBI is one

Profriends...

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Property Company of Friends, Inc. (Profriends) recently handed over the title for the 5,400 sq.m. lot donated to Meralco where the latter's substation now stands in Lancaster New City. The infrastructure services the electricity requirements of the over 24,000 families presently in Lancaster, over 60 commercial locators, and even surrounding communities.

In 2014, Profriends collaborated with Meralco in anticipating the progressive needs of its residents and locators. Five year later, the state-of-the-art sub-station came into fruition, providing switching flexibility in case of outages, translating to fewer and shorter power interruptions.

"It was a timely partnership between Meralco and Profriends... having the substation in Lancaster New City, since we were

Korte ...

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tuntuning ipinatutupad ng Korte Suprema sa Filipino Sign Language (FSL) sa Hudikatura.

Niilaw ng dalawang panig ang mga proseso sa pagsasagawa ng Visual Communication Assessment for the Deaf (VCAD) kabilang ang pagtalakay sa dokumentasyon at pagbabayad sa Deaf Assessor, alinsunod sa A.M. No. 21-12-04-SC (Re: Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Filipino Sign Language Act).

Nakaangkla rin ito sa Batas Republika 11106 o FSL Act na naglalayong palakasin ang akses ng Deaf Community sa mga serbisyong panghudikatura at maisu-

of the financial institutions of CARD Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (CARD MRI), established to widen financial services for underserved communities.

Founded in 1996, the bank has remained committed to empowering women and improving the well-being of their families while actively promoting the values of hard work and discipline.

CARD RBI offers a wide range of services, including loans,

able to have reliable electric service in the community at the height of the pandemic from 2020 to 2022," avers Roberto 'Jojo' Isip, SAVP and Head of Meralco's Network Planning & Design, who was part of the team that worked with Profriends from the beginning. "A lot of people were working from home during that time, and we were happy that we could provide uninterrupted electricity to the residents."

In her remarks, Profriends President Kathleen Choa underscored the importance of the partnership, "The close collaboration with Meralco will continue and we are already working on our future plans.

I'm happy that they are very supportive in our community-building efforts, even with our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects."

Enchanted Kingdom celebrates the return of its legendary Wheel of Fate with magic and nostalgia

Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, proudly celebrated the official return of its legendary ride, the Wheel of Fate, as the highlight of The Legend Shines Again campaign last March 21.

Following the theme park's successful 30th anniversary celebration last October, its signature ferris wheel ride took a four-month break to make way for enhancements, which include a fresh thematic look, smoother ride experience, and updated ride system technology.

This is part of EK's ongoing revitalization of its existing facilities and iconic rides to ensure that their longevity and legacy can be sustained for the years to come.

Regarded as one of longstanding rides of its kind in the country, the Wheel of Fate has been

bringing magical experiences to countless Filipinos since EK opened its gates in 1995. It eventually grew into a crowd favorite among its multigenerational guests, especially with families and friends.

This towering ride lifts guests 130 feet above the ground, showcasing the breathtaking view of its home city, Santa Rosa. Aside from this, it also elevates the EK experience by illuminating the whole park, especially during nighttime.

The Legend Shines Again! Wheel of Fate Relaunch

The official relaunch of the Wheel of Fate on March 21 featured spectacular performances, with EK's very own P-pop girl group SMS launching their new song, The Legend Shines Again; and OPM band The Bloomfields serenading the crowd with time-

less hits. The cast of Viva One's My Husband is a Mafia Boss also made a special appearance to unveil the show's photobooth installation. Meanwhile, the youth-led organization Lion City Youth Inc. surprised parkgoers with a teaser for Hello Santa Rosa, their flagship tourism program launching this year in collaboration with EK.

The ride's relaunching ceremony was graced by Santa Rosa City Mayor Arlene B. Arcillas, along with EK Chief Operating Officer Cynthia R. Mamon, Ph.D., and Head of Integrated Marketing Nico R. Mamon.

Serving as the festivities' enchanting finale were the Sky Wizardry Fireworks Display and a flash mob led by the EK Storyverse characters.

The Wheel of Fate is now available for guests to enjoy during the



Santa Rosa Mayor Arlene Arcillas, EK COO Cynthia Mamon, and Integrated Marketing Head Nico Mamon led the relaunching ceremony of the Wheel of Fate



Enchanted Kingdom's legendary Wheel of Fate officially shines again after its grand relaunching last March 21, Saturday



Lion City Youth Inc. launched its Hello Santa Rosa teaser at EK's The Legend Shines Again! Wheel of Fate Relaunch



OPM band The Bloomfields brought nostalgia at EK's The Legend Shines Again! Wheel of Fate Relaunch with their classic hits

Park's operational days from 12PM to 8PM, alongside EK's other attractions and experiences.

For more information and updates on the Wheel of Fate and EK's other events and offerings, visit https://www.enchantedkingdom.ph and

EK's official social media accounts @enchantedkingdom.ph for Facebook and TikTok, and @ek_philippines for Instagram.

THE 7 KINGS ARE COMING BACK

ARMYs, the throne is calling...

We are beyond excited to welcome the powerful comeback of the one and only BTS with their album Arirang — a new era where seven voices rise as one, louder and prouder than ever.

Get ready for The Return of BTS: Echoes of Seven at SM City Dasmariñas as we celebrate the reign of our 7 Kings in the most unforgettable way!

- Merchants Booths
- Random Dance Play
- Aesthetic Photo Zones
- Fun Games & Surprises
- Program Proper filled with ARMY energy

Let's gather, cheer, and echo their music together as one fandom, one heartbeat, one kingdom.

This is a FREE EVENT, join the celebration by registering through the SMO App!

Registration link: https://bit.ly/SMDMArirangLiveEchoesOfSeven... The kings are back. The echoes are rising. And ARMY will reign with them.

Get ready for a MAX-OUT Easter Sunday experience at your most-loved SM City Calamba! We're bringing you the FIRST-EVER Easter Parade packed with colorful mascots, festive vibes, and non-stop fun for the whole family! Hop into the celebration, strike a pose with your favorite characters, and make this Easter a memorable one!

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