

CALAX Earns Three GREEN Awards for Environmental Sustainability



Aerial view of the MPT South Hub, featuring 1,184 solar panels that generate about 97% of the building's energy needs. The facility also has a rainwater harvesting system that reduces water use by 10%, along with EV charging stations for company electric vehicles.

MPCALA Holdings Inc. (MPHI), a subsidiary of Metro Pacific Tollways Corporation (MPTC) and the concessionaire of the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX), has been recognized by the City Government of Santa Rosa, Laguna, for its unwavering commitment to environmental sustainability. This marks the fourth consecutive year the company has been honored by the local government.



The Guarantee of the Environment & our Ecological Niche (GREEN) Awards is the city's annual recognition program that honors organizations, institutions, and individuals for their significant contributions to environmental protection and sustainability.

This year, CALAX received three major awards in recognition of its green initiatives:

- Sustainable Development Partner:** Recognizing MPCALA's contributions to environmental sustainability through its active participation in various coastal clean-up initiatives that help preserve ecosystems, reduce pollution in Laguna Lake, and support climate change mitigation efforts.
 - Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partner:** Awarded for the company's excellence in reducing energy consumption, promoting renewable energy solutions, and implementing energy efficiency initiatives across its offices, toll plazas, and facilities.
 - Earth Hour Advocate:** Presented for the company's active participation in the annual global Earth Hour movement and its continued efforts to promote energy conservation and environmental awareness.
- The awards were presented by the City Government of Santa Rosa and received by representatives of MPCALA.
- "We are deeply honored to receive this recognition from the City Government of Santa



From L-R: Santa Rosa City Councilor Hon. Carmela Rosa Gonzales-Colmenar; MPCALA Holdings Inc. Facilities Management and MEPF Senior Engineer Dhale Angelo D. Santos; MPTC Assistant Vice President for Central Quality, Environment, Safety and Health (QESH) Allan Jeffrey N. Ang; MPTC Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement Arlette V. Capistrano; Santa Rosa City Mayor Hon. Arlene B. Arcillas; Santa Rosa City ENRO Head Engr. Maria Amor A. Salandanan, ENP.; and Santa Rosa City Councilor Hon. Mythor C. Cendaña. Photo credit: Santa Rosa City Environment and Natural Resources Office

Currently, its operational segments span from Biñan, Laguna to General Trias, Cavite, significantly reducing travel time from an hour to just 26 minutes.

Beyond improving mobility, CALAX also advances environmental sustainability by helping reduce fuel consumption and vehicle emissions through shorter travel times. Its green initiatives include the integration of solar power systems, rainwater harvesting facilities, and the progressive transition of its corporate fleet to electric vehicles (EVs), reinforcing the company's commitment to responsible and sustainable expressway operations.

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BAGONG PILIPINAS RICE SA BACCOOR, CAVITE

44th ASEANAPOL Conference Philippines 2026



Nakiisa si Congressman Roy M. Loyola sa 44th ASEANAPOL Conference Philippines 2026 Golf Tournament na ginanap sa Manila Southwoods Golf & Country Club, City of Carmona, Cavite, kasama sina PMGen. Dindo Regis Reyes, Director for Comptrollership ng PNP; PBGen. Dominic L. Baccay, Regional Director ng PRO 4A; PCOL Ariel R. Red, Provincial Director ng Cavite PPO; PLTCOL Rene Joy A. Mosquiza, Chief of Police ng Carmona CPS; at iba pang regional police delegates. Ang aktibidad ay bahagi ng 44th ASEANAPOL Conference, na naglalayong patatagin ang kooperasyon at ugnayan ng mga law enforcement leaders mula sa mga bansang kasapi ng ASEAN.

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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY AND INAUGURATION OF WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 2026

The City Government of Dasmariñas, in partnership with the Dasmariñas Water District (DWD) and Hiraya Water Corporation, successfully conducted the Groundbreaking Ceremony and Inauguration of the Water Supply Improvement Projects this July 29, 2026. The event commenced with the ceremonial groundbreaking and blessing of the water supply improvement projects in 10 barangays, followed by the inauguration program held at the Sangguniang Panlungsod Session Hall, Socio-Economic Building.

The project briefing was presented by Mr. Cristian Encamina, Branch

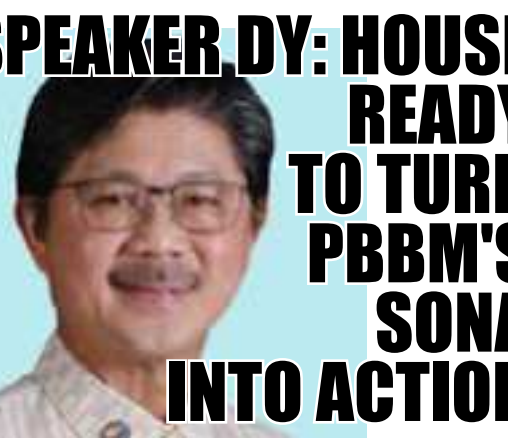


Manager of Hiraya Water Corporation, highlighting the development and improvement of Dasmariñas City's water infrastructure. The program featured messages from Atty. Reina M. Villa-Guro, Chairperson of the DWD Board of Directors; Engr. Joven B. Artiaga, DWD General Manager; Acting Mayor Third Barzaga; and Mr. Jose Santamarina, President of Hiraya Water Corporation. Also present during the event were Acting Vice Mayor Rudy Lara and the members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

DOLE CAVITE HOLDS CAPACITY BUILDING ON FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION FOR EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS

Cooperative Transformation and CSO Accreditation Training para sa mga Corn Clusters ng CALABARZON pinangunahan ng DA-4A

Cavite PPO Earns National Recognition as Outstanding PCAD Police Provincial Office for Cy 2026



SPEAKER.DY: HOUSE READY TO TURN PBBM'S SONA INTO ACTION



Cayetano sa kanyang Kontra-SONA: Malaki ang potensyal ng bansa kung may 'national vision'



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EDITORIAL:

“ISANG PAALALA HINDI SUKAT ANG PANGARAP SA KATAYUAN SA BUHAY “

GLENN OBIAS

May mga taong madaling husgahan dahil lamang sa kanilang pinagmulan o kalagayan sa buhay. Isa na rito si Bobet. Sa kanyang kwento, makikita natin ang isang taong dumaaan sa maraming pagsubok ngunit patuloy na lumaban.

Hindi naging madali ang kanyang paglalakbay, ngunit pinili niyang harapin ang bawat hamon nang may tapang at pag-asa.Ipinapakita ng kwento ni Bobet na ang tunay na tagumpay ay hindi nasusukat sa dami ng pera o sa taas ng katayuan sa lipunan.

Mas mahalaga ang sipag, tiyaga, at pananalig sa sariling kakayahan. Sa kabila ng mga pagsubok at panghuhusga ng iba, hindi niya hinayaang mawala ang kanyang pangarap. Ang kanyang karanasan ay nagsisilbing paalala na maraming tao ang nangangailangan ng pagkakataon, hindi pangmamaliit.

Sa halip na manghusga, mas makabubuting magbigay ng suporta at pag-unawa. Kapag ang isang tao ay bininyang ng tiwala at pagkakataon, mas malaki ang posibilidad na maabot niya ang kanyang mga pangarap.Sa huli, ang kwento ni Bobet ay hindi lamang tungkol sa isang tao. Isa itong salamin ng realidad na nararanasan ng marami.

Nawa'y magsilbi itong inspirasyon upang maging mas maunawain, mas mapagmalasakit, at mas handang tumulong sa kapwa. Sapagkat ang tunay na pagbabago ay nagsisimula sa paggalang sa dignidad at pangarap ng bawat isa.



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“GUARDED AND GRATEFUL: A Look at Safety, Seen and Unseen”

Leslie Anne Nuestro-Gatdula

There is a special kind of peace that comes from feeling safe- the kind you see in small, quiet and simple moments. It can be a neighbor who never fails to wave good morning; or a well-lit road in the middle of the night. It is like coming home to a family that waits, a community that watches out for you even when you do not ask them to. Safety, in its genuine sense, is not just the absence of danger- it's the presence of care. Few weeks ago, our beloved province of Cavite was filled with fear when there were school stabbing incidents and the suspects and victims are minors. How are we sure of our safety? Is there still a safe place to be? In this column, I want to explore what safety may mean, both in the streets we walk every day and

in the pages of the Scripture many of us turn to for comfort. Because as it turns out, the two are not as separate as we might think. It is common to us that we feel secured at home, because it is our “own”- family is the best place to be as we say. Another thing is when we stepped out on the road, we feel secure when we see traffic police, or officers that will surely protect us, since it is their “jobs” to do so. But you know what, we do not need to be security officers or chiefs of police to share safety to others. Yes, we can be a haven of safety as who we are.

Simple gestures of kindness and extending help to our neighbors and loved ones; being a shoulder and an ear to listen to their cries and griefs – this is safety and an ordinary

individual can definitely do this. No labels, no titles needed, just a humble heart and an assurance to be a help is one of a kind. As mentioned in the start, the Scripture is also telling a lot about safety. This often means more than the physical protection- it is about trust, refuge, and peace of mind. In Psalm 91:1-2 the Scripture says “Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.’” It is very clear and of the truth that more than the safety we see and feel physically, is the peace that comes for the Lord almighty.

Those incidents happening nowadays are not new. But we can be an avenue of change and a vessel of peace. In the end, maybe safety is not

meant to be built alone. It takes a neighbor who checks in from time to time, a stranger who lends a hand, a community that remembers we're all in this together- and it takes a leap of faith that reminds us we are never truly unguarded, even in the midst of uncertainties. The barangay tanod on his rounds and the psalmist's quiet trust in the “strong tower” are, in their own way, telling us the same story: that safety is something we build and receive at the same time.

So perhaps the real question is not whether we feel safe, but whether we are willing to be that safety for someone else. Be a safe haven, be a vessel of peace and kindness, LESGoPositive Cavite!

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“Nahihirapan na po ngayon ang ating mga trabahador. We have a minimum wage, but we do not have a living wage that the Constitution envisions,” sabi niya.

Tugunan ang mga suliranin ng bansa. Sinabi ni Cayetano na hindi maaabot ng bansa ang buong potensyal nito hangga’t hindi natutugunan ang matagal nang mga suliranin tulad ng malnutrisyon ng mga bata, paghina ng sektor ng agrikultura, mababang sahod, at korapsyon.

Isa sa mga bininyang diin ng senador ang child malnutrition. Aniya, kailangang magtutungan ang pamahalaan at mga komunidad upang masugpo ang stunting, na ayon sa kanya ay nakaapekto sa isa sa bawat apat na batang Pilipino at naglalagay sa kinabukasan ng bansa sa panganib.

Nanawagan din siya na muling bigyang ng pansin ang agrikultura dahil napapabayaang ito habang abala ang marami sa pagtatalo sa pulitika.

“Kung sino naman po magsasabi na OK naman ang takbo ng ating agrikultura, it's OK to disagree. Parati kasi tayong nag di-disagree kaya napapabayaang yung [ating] agri [agrikultura],” wika niya.

Iginiit din ni Cayetano na marami pa ring manggagawang Pilipino ang nahihirapan dahil hindi na sapat ang kanilang kinikita para sa tumataas na halaga ng mga pangunahing bilihin.

“We could’ve reacted faster and better. Having said that, how do we prepare ourselves to

really achieve what we can achieve through our potential [at] hindi y’ung ‘pwede na?’” sabi niya.

Sa kabila ng mga hamon, naniniwala ang senador na kayang umunlad ang Pilipinas kung magkakaisa ang mga Pilipino sa iisang layunin.

“Malaki kasi ang potensyal ng mga Pilipino, maabilidad kasi ang mga Pilipino. Kaya po natin. May pag-asa [tayo, at] hindi [natin] kailangang maghintay ng matagal,” aniya.

“Let us believe, but let us act,” dagdag niya. PR

PGC brings healthcare to GMA

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Office of the Provincial Governor and Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO) brought essential healthcare closer to the community during the successfully conducted Medical and Dental Mission in Barangay Memije, benefiting 597 residents.

The outreach delivered 425 medical consultations, 49 dental services, 100 Fasting Blood Sugar (FBS) tests, and 23 Electrocardiogram (ECG) examinations, providing residents with accessible healthcare services that

ENCHANTED KINGDOM A MAGICAL 30TH BIRTHDAY ELДАР’S

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Eldar’s 30th Birthday Bash Brings Magic, Music, and Meaningful Moments to Enchanted Kingdom

Amid the laughter of children and the vibrant parade that filled the Spaceport Grounds of Enchanted Kingdom, the celebration became more than just a birthday party it was a day dedicated to sharing joy, hope, and kindness.

On July 25, Enchanted Kingdom marked another milestone with Eldar’s 30th Birthday Bash, a grand celebration honoring one of the park’s most beloved Story verse characters, Eldar the Wizard. The event also served as a tribute to three decades of magic, imagination, and unforgettable memories that Eldar has shared with generations of Filipino families since the park opened in 1995.

The park was transformed into a colorful birthday wonderland

adorned with vibrant decorations, towering birthday cakes, festive balloons, and magical displays. Guests of all ages were treated to colorful parades, spectacular live performances, interactive games, exciting prizes, special character appearances, thrilling rides, and a variety of surprises that brought the celebration to life.

Beyond the dazzling entertainment, the occasion carried a deeper purpose through the participation of children from Hope Worldwide Philippines Inc. and Children’s Joy Foundation, Inc., to Laguna-based child welfare organizations. As Eldar’s special guests, the children experienced the magic of Enchanted Kingdom firsthand, taking part in a celebration filled with warmth, inclusion, and unforgettable moments. Their joyful smiles served as a reminder that true magic is found not only

in attractions and performances but also in acts of kindness that make every child feel valued, welcomed, and part of a caring community.

One of the day’s most memorable highlights was the special musical performance by Nev-in Adam, whose heartfelt vocals and commanding stage presence captivated the audience from the moment he stepped on stage. Guests enthusiastically sang along and cheered as his performance added excitement and emotion to the celebration. More than just musical entertainment, his appearance became a heartfelt tribute to Eldar’s 30-year legacy of spreading joy, imagination, and happiness. Set against the vibrant backdrop of Enchanted Kingdom, every song reflected the spirit of unity, nostalgia, and wonder that has defined Eldar’s enduring legacy.

As the festiv-

ities continued, guests enjoyed encounters with Enchanted Kingdom’s beloved characters, exciting giveaways, and the much-awaited birthday parade that filled the park with music and celebration. The evening concluded with a spectacular fireworks display that illuminated the night sky, as thousands of guests joined together in singing “Happy Birthday” to Eldar, creating a truly magical finale.

More than a birthday celebration, Eldar’s 30th Birthday Bash showcased Enchanted Kingdom’s continuing commitment to delivering not only world-class entertainment but also meaningful experiences that inspire hope, strengthen communities, and create lasting memories. As the park celebrates three decades of bringing happiness to millions of Filipinos, the event reaffirmed that the greatest magic lies in bringing people together, spreading kindness, and creating moments that will be cherished for generations to come.

AdventEnergy, Chinabank sign 2-MW retail aggregation deal covering 153 branches

Makati, Philippines – AdventEnergy, the retail electricity supply arm of Aboitiz Power Corporation (AboitizPower), agreed to aggregate and supply clean power to 153 branches of China Banking Corporation (Chinabank), the fourth largest private universal bank in the Philippines.

More than 30% of the bank’s branch network across Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna, and Metro Manila will be supplied primarily with 2 megawatts of renewable energy, marking one of the biggest partnerships of a retail electricity supplier and a banking institution to date.

The partnership also extends a long-standing relationship between AdventEnergy and the SM Group, which holds majority ownership of Chinabank, aligning with the latter’s broader sustainability and strategic energy contracting efforts to advance its sustainability goals.

The aggregation of power demand was made possible through the Energy Regulatory Commission’s (ERC) Retail Aggregation Program (RAP), which allows eligible businesses and institutions to

pool the demand of multiple facilities and participate in the competitive retail electricity market.

“In line with our commitment to support the development of renewable energy projects in the country, Chinabank believes that its own operational electricity should be sourced from renewable alternatives whenever possible,” said Chinabank President and Chief Executive Officer Romeo D. Uyan, Jr.

“Our partnership with AdventEnergy enables us to secure clean energy, reduce our carbon footprint, and actively build a more sustainable future.”

Amidst volatile global fuel costs, the retail aggregation supply deal not only supports the bank’s sustainability initiative but also allows for cost-saving measures and more predictable financial planning.

AdventEnergy intends to deliver integrated and sustainable energy solutions that are always-on, always reliable, and always ready to meet the needs of the industries we serve,” said AdventEnergy Vice President for Retail Energy Sales and



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Banking on reliable energy. (L-R) AdventEnergy VP for Retail Energy Sales and Services Catherine Del Villar-Pasilaban and President James Yu sign a retail aggregation supply deal with China Banking Corporation, represented by Chief Sustainability Officer William Wayne T. Quesang and Enterprise Services Segment Head Atty. Jose German M. Licup.

Services Catherine Del Villar-Pasilaban.

The deal also reflects the continued expansion and adoption of the ERC’s customer choice programs, complementing the recent implementation of Phase IV of retail competition and open access (RCOA), which lowered the contestability threshold from 500 kilowatts in monthly peak demand to just 100.

AdventEnergy continues to support these programs especially for a wider base of Philippine businesses, including those in critical sectors such as banking and finance.

“As contestability thresholds continue

SEMINAR EMPOWERS TOURIST DRIVERS IN CAVITE

The Seminar on Tourist Drivers as Tourism Frontliners was successfully held on July 21–23, 2026 at the Magsikap Multipurpose Building in Imus, Cavite. The three-day program gathered 48 tourist drivers from the Crisdon Transport Service Cooperative, highlighting their vital role in shaping the tourism experience in the region.

Tourist drivers were recognized as the first point of contact for many visitors, making them essential ambassadors of local culture and hospitality.

Bren Kenneth V. Ramos served as the resource speaker, sharing insights on professionalism, customer service, and the importance of cultural sensitivity in tourism.

Nutrition in Motion: PGC Promotes Healthier Workplace Through Zumba

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Workplace Organization Committee, promoted active and healthy living among its employees through a lively Nutrition Month Zumba Activity held on July 28, 2026, at the New Provincial Government Ceremonial Grounds in Trece Martires City.

The wellness initiative highlighted the importance of pairing proper nutrition with regular physical activity as essential components of a healthy lifestyle. More than an exercise session, the gathering provided employees with an opportunity to stay active, foster camaraderie, and take a meaningful break from their daily work routines.

The program commenced with an invocation led by Ms. Ma. Grace G. Galang from the Provincial Housing Development and Management Office, followed by an inspirational message from Ms. Michelle F. Alcud, Quality Management Representative, who underscored the value of maintaining a healthy mind and body. She encouraged employees to incorporate healthier habits into their daily lives, recognizing that personal wellness contributes to a more pro-

Franz Victor P. Mendoza acted as the training facilitator, guiding participants through interactive sessions and practical exercises. The seminar emphasized the need for tourism frontliners to uphold safety, courtesy, and knowledge of local destinations.

This initiative strengthens Cavite’s tourism sector by equipping drivers with the skills to provide not just transportation, but also meaningful interactions that enhance visitor experiences. By investing in the training of transport service providers, the cooperative ensures that every tourist journey begins with professionalism and genuine Filipino hospitality. PR

ductive and effective workplace.

Employees from various provincial government offices enthusiastically joined the energetic Zumba session, filling the ceremonial grounds with movement, enthusiasm, and positive energy. The lively gathering reinforced the message that staying physically active can be both enjoyable and beneficial to overall well-being. Adding to the celebration, employees participated in photo-op activities with their colleagues, and photobooth was also provided, allowing participants to capture fun and memorable moments with their co-workers.

The program concluded with closing remarks from Ms. Luzviminda S. Amparo, Chairperson of the Workplace Organization Committee, who thanked everyone who participated in and supported the celebration. She encouraged employees to continue practicing healthy habits and staying active beyond Nutrition Month.

The celebration highlighted the importance of staying active and making healthy choices. Through activities like this, the Provincial Government of Cavite continues to encourage its employees to practice healthy habits and maintain a healthy and productive workplace. — OPIO

ENCHANTED KINGDOM GIFTS FILIPINOS WITH MAGIC, FUN, AND HOPE AT ELDAR'S BIRTHDAY BASH

Enchanted Kingdom, the first and only world-class theme park in the Philippines, brought Filipino families and communities together for an enchanting and uplifting celebration of its iconic Storyverse character at Eldar's Birthday Bash on July 25.

This signature event officially launched this quarter's Love Saribuhay campaign, a precursor to EK's 31st anniversary celebration in October and the introduction of even more educational and immersive experiences at AGILA The EKsperience: SARIBUHAY. This also coincided with the park's soft opening over 30 years ago.

Through this year's festivities, Eldar's Birthday Bash showcased how EK transforms every personal milestone into a magical celebration through themed setups, fun games, captivating performances, and appearances by its Storyverse characters, with the Park serving as the enchanting backdrop for these unforgettable moments.

Eldar the Wizard served as the main character of the magical EK Storyverse which brought fun and hope to Filipinos inside and outside the Park ever since it opened



in 1995.

Guests were welcomed into the festivities on the morning of July 25 as the Park opened with a live band and dance performance of the 'I Love EK' song at the entrance and Victoria Park.

Later in the afternoon, the event kicked off with Eldar's Birthday Parade, featuring signature EK music performed by the Muntinlupa Black Diamonds marching band, together with the EK Storyverse characters and some of Eldar's friends from beyond the Park's magical gates. The lively parade then led guests from different themed zones to the Spaceport Grounds where the main birthday festivities were held.

Everyone was treated to a lineup of guest performances and spectacular shows that

paid an enchanting tribute to Eldar, featuring an energetic dance show-down by invited mascots of brand partners, Eldar's Surprise Show with all of EK's Storyverse characters and Eldar's Collection Fashion Show which showcased attendees dressed in their best Eldar look or in EK-inspired outfits.

Kids and the young-at-heart had the chance to get to know more about the jolly and wise wizard while getting enchanting giveaways through trivia and games.

The iconic wizard also extended the celebration to his friends from the Women and Children Crisis Center, a social welfare facility in Santa Rosa, who were welcomed as special guests at the event.

Eldar's Birthday Bash was hosted by members of EK's very own P-pop girl group, SMS, Nina and Zyrene, and was capped off with the Sky Wizardry Fireworks Display in the evening.

Earlier this July, Eldar notably brought his birthday celebration closer to the elderly and children across Laguna through visits to community welfare centers and



schools, including Bahay ni Maria Home for the Abandoned Elderly and Children with Special Needs, Ang Bahay Parola, and Southville IV Elementary School, through which he shared treats, gifts, and a meet-and-greet with the beneficiaries.

EK also collaborated with Universal Robina Corporation (URC) for Eldar's Enchanted Kindness, an in-park interactive booth which featured fun activities where guests can enjoy and score snack

packs. Continuing his birthday celebration, Eldar will spread the magic further through special visits and appearances at various partner brands and institutions across South Luzon this August.

For more information and updates on Eldar's Birthday Bash 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.

Cavite...

The Cavite Police Provincial Office has once again brought pride to the province after being named the Outstanding Police Community Affairs and Development (PCAD) Police Provincial Office for Calendar Year 2026 during the 31st Police Community Relations (PCR) Month Culminating Activity.

The award, given by the Chief, Philippine National Police through the Directorate for Police Community Relations (DPCR), recognizes the unwavering commitment of Cavite PPO in strengthening police-community partnerships, promoting meaningful public engagement, and implementing

impactful community development programs that foster peace, order, and public trust.

This prestigious recognition reflects the dedication, professionalism, and teamwork of all Cavite PPO personnel under the leadership of PCOL ARIEL R RED, Provincial Director, whose guidance has inspired the organization to continuously deliver responsive, people-centered, and service-oriented policing.

PCOL RED expressed his gratitude to every member of Cavite PPO and its stakeholders, emphasizing that the award is a testament to the strong partnership be-

tween the police and the community.

"This recognition belongs not only to every Cavite PPO personnel but also to our partner stakeholders and the people of Cavite who continue to trust and support the Philippine National Police. We remain committed to strengthening our partnership with the community and delivering public service with integrity, excellence, and compassion."

As Cavite PPO celebrates this milestone, it remains steadfast in advancing programs that promote safer communities, stronger public confidence, and the PNP's vision of a more secure and peaceful Cavite.

SPEAKER DY...

Speaker Faustino "Bojie" G. Dy III on Monday said the House of Representatives is ready to translate the priorities outlined by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. in his fifth State of the Nation Address (SONA) into legislation and concrete action.

The House chief said the President's address provides Congress with a clear legislative direction as lawmakers begin work on the administration's priority measures, including proposals to ease the tax burden on Filipinos and lower electricity costs.

"Ang SONA ang nagtatakda ng direksyon ng administrasyon. Ang papel ng Kamara ay tiyaking mabibigyan ito ng kinakailangang suporta sa pamamagitan ng maayos, masusi, at napapanahong pagtalakay ng mga panukala," the Speaker from Isabela said.

Responding to the President's legislative requests, Dy said the House is prepared to prioritize measures that would expand the income tax exemption to cover

more workers earning up to P350,000 annually; reduce income taxes for other workers; exempt small businesses from the minimum corporate income tax; and grant tax amnesty for unpaid income tax, estate tax, donor's tax, value-added tax (VAT), and the corresponding penalties.

"The House fully supports the President's call to provide meaningful tax relief to our people. We will carefully study these proposals and work to pass measures that will allow Filipino workers to keep more of what they earn, help small businesses grow, and give qualified taxpayers a fresh start through a fair and responsible tax amnesty," Dy said.

He also welcomed the President's call for reforms aimed at reducing electricity costs, including the passage of the Sariling Kuryente Act to make rooftop solar panels and battery storage systems more accessible and affordable for households, as well as amendments to the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA)

to prohibit the charging of systems loss and the corresponding VAT to consumers.

"The President has made it clear that bringing down electricity costs is a national priority, and the House stands ready to do its part. We will give due priority to the proposed Sariling Kuryente Act and the amendments to the EPIRA to ensure that consumers are no longer made to shoulder charges that should not be passed on to them," Dy said.

Dy said the President's message is in line with the direction he outlined at the opening of the Second Regular Session of the 20th Congress, where he urged fellow lawmakers to prioritize reforms that directly benefit ordinary Filipinos.

"Ang hamon ngayon ay tiyaking ang bawat panukalang tatalakayin ng Kamara ay may malinaw na pakinabang sa bawat Pilipino. Iyan ang magiging sukatang ng ating trabaho," Dy said.

He also underscored the importance of close coordination be-

tween the Executive and Legislative branches in carrying out the administration's agenda.

"These are practical reforms that respond to the everyday concerns of Filipino families. The House is committed to working closely with the Executive to turn these priorities into laws that will ease the cost of living, strengthen our economy, and improve the quality of life of every Filipino," said the Speaker.

Dy said the House would continue to uphold responsible and people-centered lawmaking.

"Sa huli, iisa lang ang layunin ng Ehekutibo at Lehiislatura—ang makapaghatid ng mas maayos na serbisyo at mas magandang buhay para sa bawat Pilipino. Mas madali natin itong magagawa kung sama-sama tayong kumikilos," he said.

"Hindi lamang pagpasa ng batas ang mahalaga. Ang mas mahalaga ay ang pagtiyak na ang bawat batas ay may tunay na saysay at pakinabang sa ating mga kababayan." PR

DOLE...

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Cavite Provincial Office conducted the Capacity Building on Freedom of Association: Building Respect and Collective Representation, A Guide for Employers and Workers, reaffirming the department's commitment to promoting harmonious labor-management relations and protecting the rights of workers and employers.

In line with the directive of Labor Secretary Francis N. Tolentino to uphold workers' rights and strengthen social dialogue, the activity highlighted the significance of Freedom of Association in enabling workers to organize, negotiate collectively, protect their rights and interests, participate in workplace decisions, promote job security, and improve working conditions through collective bargaining.

Provincial Director Marivic B. Martinez emphasized that the exercise of freedom of association is a fundamental right that fosters unity, cooperation, and mutual respect in the

workplace. She underscored that workers' organizations are partners in the growth and success of every enterprise, and as companies progress, workers should likewise benefit and advance. She also reaffirmed that DOLE remains a steadfast partner, ready to provide guidance, assistance, and support to both employers and workers in fostering productive and harmonious workplaces.

The orientation also featured discussions on human rights, the Freedom of Association Roadmap, the salient provisions of Executive Order No. 23, s. 2023, which reinforces and protects the freedom of association and the right of workers to organize through strengthened inter-agency coordination, and the Omnibus Guidelines on the Exercise of Freedom of Association and Civil Liberties, further enhancing stakeholders' awareness of labor rights, responsibilities, and the promotion of social dialogue. #DOLECavite

2026 OTOP Session 4 Equips MSMEs with Digital Marketing Strategies

The Office of the Provincial Cooperatives and Development Officer facilitated the 2026 One Town, One Product (OTOP) Session 4 – Seminar on Digital Marketing for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Cavite to strengthen their digital marketing knowledge conducted on July 22, 2026, at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City.

The seminar formally opened with welcome remarks delivered by Ms. Lilibeth R. Chavez, Provincial Director of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-Cavite, who underscored the importance of digital innovation in helping local enterprises remain competitive and resilient in today's rapidly evolving business landscape.

The discussion on digital marketing was

facilitated by Ms. Jane Maghanoy, Digital Transformation Consultant and Trainer, who shared practical strategies and valuable insights on leveraging digital platforms to strengthen brand presence, increase customer engagement, and expand market reach. Participants learned about effective social media marketing, content creation, branding, and the use of various digital tools to promote products and services in the online marketplace.

The activity was part of the Provincial Government of Cavite's continuing support for the development of local enterprises through the One Town, One Product (OTOP) Program. By providing capacity-building opportunities, the provincial government aims to enhance the competitiveness of Cavite's MSMEs and enable them to maximize digital platforms for sustainable business growth.— OPIO

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