

WalterMart Community Malls welcomes the first Starbucks in Cabuyao City



Cabuyao City, Laguna – August 2, 2026 — A new milestone in Cabuyao City's continued growth was celebrated today as Starbucks officially opened its doors at WalterMart Cabuyao, marking the first-ever Starbucks store in Cabuyao City and the second Starbucks branch located inside a WalterMart Community Mall.

The opening reinforces WalterMart's commitment to bringing globally recognized brands closer to Filipino families while creating meaningful everyday experiences within the communities it serves.

Designed to become a welcoming destination for families, professionals, students, and friends, Starbucks WalterMart Cabuyao offers the world-renowned Starbucks experience in a warm and convenient community setting. The store is open daily from 7:30 AM to 10:30 PM, providing customers with more opportunities to enjoy their favorite handcrafted beverages and food throughout the day.

For WalterMart Community Malls, the partnership goes beyond opening another coffee shop—it is about enriching the quality of life of the

Cabuyao community. "At WalterMart, our mission has always been to uplift the lives of Filipino families by bringing meaningful experiences closer to their communities. We are proud to welcome Starbucks to WalterMart Cabuyao and offer a world-class coffee experience that our customers truly deserve. This is more than just opening a new store—it is about creating a place where families, friends, and the community can gather and create lasting memories," said Marygina Leonera, Regional Manager for Operations of WalterMart Community Malls.

Cabuyao City Mayor Dennis "DENHA" Hain also expressed his enthusiasm over the historic opening, describing it as another milestone in the city's rapid development.

"The arrival of Starbucks in Cabuyao is a testament to the city's continuous progress and growing investment potential. We are proud to welcome the first Starbucks in our city, made possible through WalterMart's continued confidence in Cabuyao. This development sends a strong message that Cabuyao is ready for more investors, more business opportunities, more livelihood for

our people, and greater progress for our city," Mayor Hain shared.

The opening of Starbucks WalterMart Cabuyao reflects the shared vision of WalterMart and Starbucks in creating vibrant community spaces where people can connect, relax, and enjoy world-class products and service close to home.

As WalterMart continues to strengthen its role as the community's preferred shopping destination, the addition of Starbucks further enhances the overall mall experience, giving Cabuyao residents another reason to gather, celebrate, and enjoy moments together—one cup at a time. As Starbucks says, "It's not just coffee, it's Starbucks!". PR

Mekeni Brings Filipino Flavor and Innovation to WOFEX 2026

MANILA, Philippines — Homegrown Filipino food brand Mekeni Food Corporation strengthened its commitment to bringing quality Filipino-made products closer to consumers and business partners as it participated in the recently concluded World Food Expo (WOFEX) 2026 at the World Trade Center Manila.

Held from July 29 to August 1, WOFEX 2026 brought together food manufacturers, distributors, retailers, foodservice professionals, and industry stakeholders, providing a platform for brands to showcase their products and connect with potential business partners.

Mekeni made its

presence felt throughout the four-day exhibition, featuring its diverse portfolio of well-loved products designed for Filipino families and foodservice businesses.

Among the products highlighted at the Mekeni booth were its growing sausage portfolio, including the Mekeni Specials 4Cheese Sausage, Hungarian Sausage with Cheese, and Breakfast Sausage, offering consumers a variety of flavors and options for everyday meals and occasions.

Beyond product showcasing, the event also provided Mekeni an opportunity to engage directly with consumers, retailers, distributors, and industry partners, reinforcing



ing the company's position as a homegrown Filipino brand with a growing presence in both domestic and international markets.

"WOFEX gives us a valuable opportunity to connect with our consumers and partners while showcasing the quality,

innovation, and Filipino pride that continue to define Mekeni," said Pruds Garcia, Mekeni President. The company's

participation also reflects its continuing efforts to expand its market presence, strengthen business partnerships, and introduce its products to more consumers through meaningful industry engagements.

As Mekeni celebrates its 40th year, its participation in WOFEX 2026 forms part of the company's broader anniversary journey under the theme "May Kwento sa Bawat Timpla," celebrating four decades of stories, flavors, and shared moments with Filipino families.

With another successful WOFEX participation, Mekeni looks forward to bringing its products to more homes, businesses, and communities while continuing to tell its story through food.

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DTI Rizal, PCCI Rizal and LGU Teresa Successfully Lead 3rd Eastern Rizal Business Conference

The Department of Trade and Industry-Rizal, in partnership with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Rizal and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Teresa, successfully conducted the 3rd Eastern Rizal Business Conference on July 28, 2026, at the Teresa Learning Resource Center.



Carrying the theme "Navigating the Shift: Building Resilient and Future-Ready MSMEs," the conference gathered almost 300 participants including MSMEs, key industry leaders, and government stakeholders across Rizal Province to drive business dialogue, investment opportunities, and local economic growth.

The program commenced with an overview presented by DTI Rizal OIC-Provincial Director Ms. Sharon F. Dioco, followed by a warm welcome from PCCI Rizal President Mr. Gladdie Mallari. "Ang inyong presensya, suporta, at pagdalo ay patunay na iisa ang ating layunin—ang patuloy na pagpapaunlad ng ating mga negosyo, pagpapalakas ng lokal na ekonomiya dito sa ating lalawigan, at paglikha ng maraming oportunidad para sa ating mga kababayan," Mr. Mallari stated.

Distinguished leaders delivered messages of

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RCBC, Raquel Pawnshop partner to expand access to digital banking



From L-R: Aaron Giberson, Vice President and Head of Agency Banking, RCBC; Lito Villanueva, Executive Vice President and Chief Innovation and Inclusion Officer, RCBC; Raquelita Rafa, President and CEO, Raquel Pawnshop; and Ronaldo Raquel, Vice President for Operations, Raquel Pawnshop.

TAGUIG CITY, Philippines — Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) and Raquel Pawnshop Inc. have partnered to expand access to digital banking services by deploying RCBC ATM Go terminals across the pawnshop's branch network, bringing convenient cash and banking services closer to more Filipino communities.

The partnership extends the reach of RCBC ATM Go, the bank's dual-SIM mobile point-of-sale (mPOS) ATM network with nationwide coverage across all 82 Philippine provinces. Through Raquel Pawnshop's 154 branches, customers can access a wider range of banking services, including cash withdrawals, deposits, bills payment, remittances, and other

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Cayetano team rumesponde sa mga binahang lugar sa Parañaque, Cavite, Las Piñas



Naghatid ng pagkain at inumin ang Emergency Response Team ni Senate Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano sa mga residenteng appektado ng pagbaha sa ilang lugar sa Parañaque, Cavite, at Las Piñas habang patuloy ang pag-ulan dahil sa Southwest Monsoon o Habagat.

Sa Barangay

San Isidro, Parañaque City, nakipag-ugnayan ang team sa mga barangay responder at rescue personnel na nagsasagawa ng clearing at recovery operations.

Ayon kay Barangay Chairman Noel Japlos, walang naitalang nasawi sa lugar. Patuloy naman ang paglilinis ng mga natumba na puno,

gayundin ng mga creek at kanal, upang maiwasan ang panibagong pagbaha.

Sa Cavite, namahagi ng tulong ang team sa mga residenteng naapektuhan ng baha, gayundin sa mga barangay personnel at rescuers. Ayon kay Barangay Captain Benedicto Camia, walang naitalang nasawi sa lugar.

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EDITORIAL:

MALIGAYANG BUWAN NG WIKA MIKAELA GUIMARE

Ang buwan ng Agosto ay pagdiriwang buwan ng wika taon-taon, na naglalayong itaguyod ang ang wikang Filipino, para parangalan ang pambansang identidad, at kilalanin ang katutubo ng ng bansang pilipinas.

Itinatag ito sa pamamagitan ng Proklamasyon Blg. 1041 na nilagdaan ni Pangulong Fidel V. Ramos noong 1997 sa loob ng buwang ito, ang mga paaralan, at komunidad ay nagsasawa ng iba't ibang program at patimpalak na may kinalaman sa buwan ng Wika. Ang buwan ng Wika ay ginaganap sa Pilipinas, ang buwang ito ay pagbibigay-pugay sa Wikang Filipino.

At may iba't ibang patimpalak na ginaganap, katulad ng pagsulat ng tulad Lakan at Lakambini. Patimpalak sa kantahan, at mga larong Pilipino, may mga pagtatanghal rin para ipakita ang mayaman nating kulturang Filipino. Ang buwan ng Wika ay isang paalala sa lahat ng Pilipino na ang kahalagahan ng ating sariling Wika at kultura.

BIR extends tax filing and payment deadlines in habagat-affected areas; 53 revenue district offices, 5 large taxpayer divisions covered

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), through Revenue Memorandum Circular (RMC) No. 89-2026, has extended to Monday, August 17, 2026, specified statutory tax deadlines falling from August 10 to 16, 2026, for taxpayers under Revenue District Offices (RDOs) affected by the continued heavy rainfall brought about by the Southwest Monsoon or Habagat.

The Circular covers 58 BIR offices and units, including 53 regular RDOs and five Large Taxpayer Audit and Excise Divisions. The extension applies to specified tax filings, payments, remittances, registration, and required submissions through e-Filing, e-Payment, eFPS, and manual channels, as enumerated in the Circular.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Charlotte Martin R. Mendoza said

the extension reflects the BIR's commitment to putting taxpayers at the heart of its decisions.

"We recognize the difficulties brought about by the prevailing weather conditions. We are giving our affected taxpayers additional time so they can prioritize their safety this week and comply with their tax obligations without having to worry about penalties."

The BIR has likewise issued Bank Bulletin No. 2026-09 covering the acceptance by Authorized Agent Banks (AABs) of applicable tax returns and payments from taxpayers under the affected RDOs until August 17, 2026, without the corresponding penalties.

RMC No. 89-2026 was issued pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 123, dated August 9, 2026, issued by the Office of the President upon the recommendation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), allowing work-from-home arrangements in government offices in Metro Manila and 15 provinces on August 10, 2026, due to the continued heavy rainfall brought about by the Southwest Monsoon.

The BIR reminds taxpayers to check the complete list of affected

Beyond the Headlines: Media Literacy as Our Best Defence

By Abigail C. Gomez

planning to do.

So what is really happening? Are organized groups behind these acts? Are online games to blame? These are questions for investigators, and it is NOT our place to speculate. Let us leave that to the authorities navigating the cyberworld and the deep web.

But while we wait for answers, we must confront an uncomfortable truth: many of us lack the media literacy to separate fact from fear. We scroll, we share, we react. In seconds, an unverified post travels from a chat group to a public forum, morphing from rumor to "news."

We consume headlines without reading the full story. We repost screenshots without checking their origin. We let algorithms, not our judgment, dictate what we believe.

This gap becomes dangerous when anonymous threats appear. Panic spreads faster than verification. Parents pull their children from school. Teachers scramble.

Beyond media literacy, we must anchor

ble. And somewhere, a troubled teenager watches the chaos and learns that a single post can command national attention. That is the seed of the copycat effect.

As a community, we can still control our reaction. Anonymous posts create the illusion that freedom comes without consequence. Freedom to say anything. Freedom to do anything. But that freedom comes at a terrible cost when it inspires imitation. When we share unverified threats, we are not being cautious; we are being complicit. We give the original poster exactly what they want: attention, fear, and power.

Worse, we provide a template for others seeking the same notoriety. Before clicking "share," pause. Ask yourself: Is this confirmed? Will sharing this help anyone? Could this inspire someone else to do the same? Sometimes, the most responsible act is silence.

Beyond media literacy, we must anchor

our children in Filipino values: paggalang (respect), pakikipagkapwa-tao (concern for others), and hiya (accountability). These values are not lost; they simply need to be reintroduced as tools for navigating the digital age. Faith, too, has a role. Let us bring youngsters back to faith, not as punishment, but as a compass. In a world where digital facelessness makes cruelty feel consequence-free, faith reminds us that we are always accountable to God, to our community, and to ourselves.

We cannot stop every threat. But we can stop amplifying it. We can deny notoriety to those who seek it through fear. We can teach our children to see through the noise. And in doing so, we protect not just our schools, but our children and the soul of Cavite. The news will keep coming. The threats may not stop. But how we respond, with prudence, discernment, and media literacy, is entirely up to us. Let that be our legacy.

President Marcos swears in new DOH Secretary, PhilHealth head

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Tuesday administered the oath of office to newly appointed Department of Health (DOH) Secretary Dr. Edwin Mercado and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. Beverly Lorraine Ho.

Before joining PhilHealth, Mercado held leadership positions in various hospitals from 2000 to 2016. Mercado also served as a consultant for the Asian Development Bank and the Zuellig Family Foundation and was part of the DOH Strategic Advisory Group for Universal Health Care Implementation.

He earned his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of the Philippines Manila. He also completed a Master of Medical Sciences in Global Health Delivery at Harvard Medical School and a master's degree in Hospital Administration from the University of North Carolina -Chapel Hill.

RDOs and Large Taxpayer divisions, as well as the specific tax deadlines covered by the extension, under RMC No. 89-2026.

Read the full RMC No. 89-2026 here: https://bir-cdn.bir.gov.ph/BIR/pdf/RMC%20No.%2089-2026_redacted.pdf

Meanwhile, Ho

DICT's NESCP to deliver stronger emergency communications mechanisms by 2028

TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Recognizing the critical need for seamless and continuous communication during disasters, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) launched the National Emergency Communications Strategic Plan (NESCP) to mark the country's shift to an integrated communication architecture in all phases of risk reduction and management.

Launched on August 10, NECSP serves as a national roadmap for identifying and strengthening mechanisms to ensure uninterrupted telecommunications services and enable rapid delivery of vital information during disasters and emergencies.

Sarah Maria Sison, DICT Undersecretary for Policy and Legal, highlighted the uncertainty that communities face when key infrastructure such as roads and telecommunication lines fail during disasters.

"Sa panahon ng sakuna, ang unang nawawala kadalasan ay ang katiyakan—nawawalan ng kuryente, napuputol ang signal, hindi madaanan ang mga kalsada, hindi agad nalalala-

man kung sino ang ligtas, sino ang nangangailangan ng tulong, at saan dapat rumesponde," she said.

Sison added that disruption in communication gateways also affect government response and further exposes communities to danger.

"The quality of communication affects the quality of action, a delayed warning exposes a community to danger. [A delay] in instruction creates confusion, a disconnected command center slows down rescue. This is not a technical footnote to disaster response, it is disaster response," she noted.

Pablo Lorenzo, Undersecretary for Civil, Veteran, and Reserve Affairs of the Department of National Defense (DND), welcomed the NECSP, emphasizing its role in the country's shift toward an integrated national communication architecture.

"The successful formation of the NECSP 2028 is very much welcome in establishing a unified and technology-driven framework for emergency communications across [the Philippines]. At its core, it is a decisive shift towards an integrated national communication ar-

chitecture that combines advanced technologies into operational realities on the ground," said Lorenzo.

As its key partner, the private sector has also expressed its support to the NESCP. Veronica Gabaldon, Executive Director of the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation, underscored the importance of technology in ensuring a seamless emergency response.

"Innovation does not require every institution to replace its systems or uses. Their practical role is interoperability. Technology should bridge national and local government, public and private networks and establish systems and new opportunities," Gabaldon said.

Currently in its early phases, the DICT is establishing systems and standards needed for the implementation of the NECSP through governance, standards and capacity-building initiatives. Within the next two years, the national framework will focus on strengthening systems, infrastructure and interoperability, leading to a resilient nationwide emergency telecommunications system by 2030

MATCHA LOVERS, IT'S FINALLY HERE!



The wait is over—Matcha Tokyo is now OPEN at SM City Dasmariñas! Step into a world of authentic Japanese matcha and discover your next favorite sip. From rich, smooth flavors to that unmistakable matcha goodness, there's plenty to love. Drop by, grab your cup, and let the matcha magic begin! THE MATCHA TOKYO PH—SM City Dasmariñas

DSWD lauds LGUs for timely response as govt assistance reaches Php 20-M

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has credited local government units for the timely completion of their relief operations for the continuous report of the families affected by tropical depression Maymay and the southwest monsoon.

In its August 10 report, the DSWD CALABARZON has logged a total of 100,020 families consisting of 366,427 persons across 554 barangays who were affected by the weather disturbance.

"The increase in the reported affected population is primarily attributed to the completion of Search, Rescue, and Retrieval (SRR) operations conducted by LGUs, resulting in the validation

and consolidation of additional affected families and individuals."

The DSWD has accounted for Php 20,668,403.86 worth of humanitarian assistance for the affected provinces. Of this, the DSWD provided humanitarian assistance amounting to Php 19,562,604.96, consisting of Family Food Packs (FFPs), 35 Non-Food Items, and Financial Assistance amounting to Php 20,000.00 provided for the bereaved families of the reported casualties in Rodriguez, Rizal.

Local Government Units also provided various assistance worth Php 1,105,798.00 consisting of hot meals and Non-Food Items. Meanwhile, Non-Government Organizations and other

institutions also extended aid worth a total of Php 132,622.44.

The DSWD has initially distributed Ready-to-Eat Food (RTEF) for the stranded passengers at the Port of Lucena for Locally Stranded Individuals (LSIs).

Meanwhile, FFPs were dispatched for distribution to the affected families in Ternate, Cavite; Lian and Talisay towns in Batangas, the cities of Calamba and San Pedro in Laguna, and Binangonan, Rizal.

Last August 10, Secretary Rex Gatchalian visited Kawit, Cavite to oversee the situation of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) who were relocated as part of the local government's preemptive evacuation operations.

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SMC's Backyard Bukid farms expand to 9 sites, including first in Visayas and an all-women farm in Luzon



Established in 2020 as SMC's pilot urban farming project, the Backyard Bukid at the SMC Head Office Compound continues to provide a healthy harvest for its volunteer employee-farmers.

San Miguel Corp.'s Backyard Bukid initiative has expanded to nine sites nationwide, including its first in the Visayas, as the concept grows beyond its original urban farming model to support food security and supplemental livelihoods in local communities.

The program was launched in 2020 at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic to provide food for utility and security personnel stranded by lockdowns at San Miguel's headquarters in Mandaluyong City. It has since evolved into a community-based organic farming program implemented in several areas through San Miguel Foundation Inc. (SMFI).

Its newest site was launched earlier this year by San Miguel Foods (SMF) at the Antipolo Elementary School in Albuera, Leyte, where a Magnolia Poultry Processing Plant is located, setting the record as SMC's first-ever Backyard Bukid in the Visayas. It now operates as a support program for health, nutrition and livelihood, with 25 community farmers composed of parents, barangay officials and school staff.

"I am proud of our teamwork here in Backyard Bukid and what we've learned in making our own organic inputs.

We really developed a strong sense of community, which is why our farm has been very productive," Jonathan Dimailig, a community farmer, said at the harvesting ceremony that launched the new farm recently.

In March, another Backyard Bukid by San Miguel Foods was launched at the Soyung Elementary School in Echague, Isabela, together with SEED Philippines — an institutional partner that has been training SMC's volunteers in organic farming.

Uniquely, this expansion in Northern Luzon enlisted an all-women farming group, thereby strengthening SMC's support for women empowerment on the occasion of Women's Month.



"We're excited to see how this farm will continue to grow in Isabela under its all-female team. More than managing a source of food for their families, their taking charge of this livelihood project is a strong statement for the role of women not just in the family but in the community," said SMC Chairman and CEO Ramon S. Ang.

These two new farming sites add up to the seven active SMC Backyard Bukid farms located at the SMC Head Office Complex in Mandaluyong City; the San Miguel Yamamura Packaging Corp. facility in Gen. Trias, Cavite; the Better World Smokey Mountain Community Center in Tondo, Manila; and the SMF-led project sites in Barangay

Sagurong in Pili, Camarines Sur; Barangay Guihing in Hagonoy, Davao del Sur; Barangay Impalutao, Impasug-ong, Bukidnon; and at Darong Marcos P. Saez Elementary School in Santa Cruz, Davao del Sur.

To date, the nine SMC Backyard Bukid farms have produced more than 4,300 kilos in assorted crops and generated additional income for 155 active employee and community farmers.

Among the leafy vegetables and salad herbs produced in these farms are lettuce, bok choy, kangkong, eggplant, lady finger, tomato, moringa, kalamansi, basil, arugula, and oregano, alongside fruit-bearing crops including banana and papaya.

In the coming months, San Miguel Foods is set to develop more SMC Backyard Bukid sites located in public elementary schools in Bulacan, Iloilo, and Misamis Oriental. At the same time, SMC's San Miguel Properties is also setting up its own community-managed farm in Barangay Tagabuli, Santa Cruz, Davao del Sur to be a fully fledged SMC Backyard Bukid before the end of the year.

From the first SMC Backyard Bukid activated at the company's Head Office Compound in Mandaluyong City, the program has since expanded, with SMC ensuring that all participants undergo training by San Miguel Foundation partner, SEED Philippines, in organic farming methods, soil management, and crop care to keep the initiative sustainable.

Today, all SMC Backyard Bukid farmers practice organic and sus-

tainable farming by using natural alternatives to chemical pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. They apply fermented plant-based sprays, vermicast, and organic fertilizers to maintain healthy crops while protecting the environment. They also learned how to produce their own organic inputs, including fermented plant and fruit juices (FPJ/FFJ), fish amino acid (FAA), and oriental herbal nutrients (OHN).

"Our Backyard Bukids are a showcase of the initiative, teamwork, and resilience of our employee and community volunteers, which San Miguel is proud to support and encourage through the years," said Ang. "We will continue to replicate these farms in other areas to provide healthier food options and additional income for families, and turn idle land into a shared space for learning and sustainable livelihood — and a stronger community in the process."

Implementasyon ng Farm-to-Market Road Projects sa CALABARZON, Ikinakasa na ng DA4A

Mas pinagtibay ng Department of Agriculture IV- CALABARZON (DA-4A) Regional Agricultural Engineering Division (RAED) ang pagpapalano at koordinasyon para sa implementasyon ng mga Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) Projects sa ilalim na General Appropriation Act (GAA 2026) sa p amagitan ng isang pagpupulong na ginanap noong ika-8 ng Hulyo sa Argosino Hall, LARESCompound, Brgy. Marawoy, Lipa City, Batangas.

Layunin ng aktibidad na mabigyan ng pagkakataon ang mga kalahok na maglahad ng kanilang ideya, suhestyon, at pananaw ukol sa implementasyon ng proyekto sa iba't ibang bahagi ng CALABARZON. Aktibong nakibahagi sa programa ang 28 lokal na pamahalaan mula sa rehiyon at provincial engineer at provincial agriculturists mula sa Quezon.

Ayon kay OIC – Regional Executive Director Engr. Redelliza A. Gruezo, mahalaga ang presensya at pakikiisa ng mga kalahok para sa pagkakaroon ng kongkreto at epektibong plano sa implementasyon ng FMR projects na may malaking kapakinabangan sa mga magsasaka at iba pang benepisyaryo nito sa pagpapabilis ng transportasyon ng mga produktong pang-agrikultura.

Samantala, dumalo rin sa aktibidad sina OIC-Regional Technical Director, Engr. Romelo F. Reyes, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Division (PMED) Chief Carmelita S. Ramos, RAED Standards, Regulations, and Enforcement Section Chief, Engr. Triniza S. Jardin-Millare, RAED Program and Project Management Section Chief Joe Jana M. Baja, at Accounting Section Chief Anthony O. Mercado. PR



ALBUERA, LEYTE
Proud of their new skills and productivity in farming, members of SMC's Backyard Bukid in Albuera, Leyte pose at their farm site at the Antipolo Elementary School during the project's harvesting ceremony last April.

AFFIDAVIT OF SELF-ADJUDICATION

Notice is hereby given that the estate comprising a 112.5 sq. m. portion of a parcel of land situated in Blk. 81 Lot 19 metro South Subd., Brgy. Manggahan, General Trias City, Cavite, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1302521, containing an area of One Hundred Fifty (150) square meters, registered under the name of the late WILLIAM DOLOT TAN, who died on September 8, 2020 in Manila and MARY HAZEL ESLABON TAN, who died on April 29, 2009 in Manila, has been extra-judicially settled by their sole legal heir, per deed executed on June 2, 2026 at General Trias City, Cavite before Notary Public, ATTY. CHRISTOPHER P. COLUMNA, per Doc. No. 26; Page No. 7; Book No. 145; Series of 2026.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH DEED OF ABSOLUTE SALE OF A PORTION OF LAND

Notice is hereby given that the estate comprising a parcel of land located at Lot 341-I, Brgy. Bacao I, General Trias City, Cavite, covered by Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-1123457, containing an area of Three Hundred One (301) Square Meters, registered under the name of the deceased MARCIAL DE GUZMAN ALFARO, who died on October 28, 2023 at Manila, has been extrajudicially settled among his surviving legal heirs, in equal shares pro indiviso; and thereafter, a Seventy-Five (75) square meter portion of the above-described property was sold, ceded, transferred, and conveyed, by way of Absolute Sale, in favor of SPOUSES CLAUDETH J. ESCAÑAN and EDWIN C. ESCAÑAN, represented herein by their Attorney-in-Fact, Marilyn J. Romero, per deed executed on AUGUST 06, 2026 at General Trias City, Cavite before Notary Public Atty. Christopher P. Columna, per Doc. No. 165; Page No. 34; Book No. 148; Series of 2026.

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gar. Nananatili naman sa evacuation center ang mga apektadong pamilya habang patuloy silang tinutulungan at minomonitor ng mga awtoridad.

Sa Barangay Talon Tres naman sa Las Piñas City, dinalhan din ng pagkain at inumin ang mga residenteng naapektuhan ng baha, kasama ang barangay personnel at responders, habang unti-unti nang humuhupa ang tubig at nagsisimula nang makauwi ang mga evacuee.

Nagpasalamat ang mga opisyal ng barangay sa patuloy na pag-abot ni Cayetano sa kanilang komunidad tungmay sakuna. Ayon

kay Barangay Talon Tres Chairman Chris Lucena, matagal nang nakatutok ang senador sa kanilang lugar, mula pa noong pandemya.

Isinagawa ang relief operations habang nagbabala ang PAGASA na magpapatuloy ang pag-ulan sa Luzon at kanlurang bahagi ng Visayas dahil sa Habagat.

Patuloy ang emergency relief operations ng team ngayong August 10 sa Taytay, Tanay, at Rodriguez sa Rizal, gayundin sa Bacoor City, General Trias, at Naic sa Cavite para maabot ang mga komunidad na apektado ng pagbaha at masamang panahon

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Respondent-Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by mortgagee, **RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION**, a 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 30th Floor AT Yuchengco Centre, 25th & 26th Sts., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement (Real Estate) executed and notarized on September 28, 2021 by mortgagors, **SPOUSES EDWIN F. CARPIO AND TONIE ANN APPLE M. CARPIO**, both of legal age, Filipinos, with residence and postal addresses at (1) 521 A La Naval Road, Naval Base, Cavite City, Cavite and (2) 521A La Naval Rd Naval Base Heracle Alano Sangley Point Cavite City and collateral address at (3) Block 19 Lot 1, Camella Alta Silang, Brgy. Biga 1, Silang, Cavite, in favor of the mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021004000** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the mortgagors in the amount of **THREE MILLION SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE PESOS AND 85/100 (Php3,073,455.85)** inclusive of penalties and interest but excluding attorney's fees, litigation expenses and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure, as of June 10, 2026, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Ryan M. Genova, will sell at public auction on **September 10, 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 property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE
NO. 076-2021004000**
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF BIGA 1, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, more particularly bounded and described as follows:
LOT NO: 1, BLOCK NO: 19, PLAN NO: PCS-04-031789
PORTION OF: CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 2781-C TO 2781-G & 2781-I, CSD-04-016802-D; LOTS 2 TO 8, PSU-226272; LRC RECORD NO. (F. PATENT)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF BIGA 1, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON
BOUNDARIES:
LINE DIRECTION ADJOINING LOT (S)
1-6 NE, SE ROAD LOT 18, PCS-04-031789
6-7 SE ROAD LOT 14, PCS-04-031789
7-8 SW LOT 24, BLOCK 19, PCS-04-031789
8-1 NW LOT 2, BLOCK 19, PCS-04-031789

TIE POINT: BLLM NO. 1, CAD 452-D, SILANG CADAS-TRE

TO CORNER M.	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
	1	N. 03 o 18' W	2213.43
	1-2	S. 03 o 45' E	7.40 M.
	2-3	S. 07 o 36' W	1.57 M.
	3-4	S. 30 o 17' W	1.57 M.
	4-5	S. 52 o 59' W	1.57 M.
	5-6	S. 75 o 40' W	1.57 M.
	6-7	S. 87 o 01' W	7.95 M.
	7-8	N. 03 o 45' W	11.29 M.
	8-1	N. 86 o 15' E	12.00 M.

AREA: ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE (133) SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS

DESCRICTION OF CORNERS: ALL POINTS ARE REFERRED ON THE PLAN BY P.S CYL. CONC. MONS. 15X40 CMS.
BEARING: TRUE
DECLINATION:
DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: NOV. 20, 1965 & DEC. 7, 1973 – DEC. 4, 1975
DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY: NOV. 5-10, 2018
DATE APPROVED: JAN. 21, 2019
GEODETIC ENGINEER: MARIETTA D. ESPIRITU

NOTES:
is registered in accordance with the provision of Section 103 of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

Owner: SPOUSES EDWIN FLORA CARPIO AND TONIE ANN APPLE MENDOZA CARPIO,
BOTH FILIPINO, OF LEGAL AGES
Address: 521A LA NAVAL RD NAVAL BASE HERACLE ALANO SANGLEY POINT CAVITE CITY"

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on September 17, 2026 without further notice.

Prospective bidders of buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021004000, 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, July 24, 2026.

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

(SGD) RYAN M. GENOVA
Sheriff-In-Charge

WARNING:
IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AUCTION SALE UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW

Copy Furnished:
RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION,
Petitioner-Mortgagee
30th Floor AT Yuchengco Centre, 25th & 26th Sts., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City,

SPOUSES EDWIN F. CARPIO AND
TONIE ANN APPLE M. CARPIO
Respondent-Mortgagors
(1) 521 A La Naval Road, Naval Base, Cavite City, Cavite
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BIR chief...

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) commits to realizing ease of doing business through the continued improvement of public service delivery and the adoption of digitalization efforts in its revenue offices nationwide.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Charlito Martin Mendoza stressed that under his leadership, a taxpayer-centric approach will be implemented, encompassing the simplification of tax requirements, improvement of taxpayer services, and increased revenue collection, in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to ease the burden on Filipinos.

"Matutuwa ang mga taxpayers natin na mas maganda, mas maaaliwalas, mas malamig ang

mga opisina ng BIR na binibisita nila pero ang mas matatandaan ng mga taxpayers natin ay hindi lang 'yung ganda ng opisina kundi kung papaano natin sila tinanggap sa opisina ng ito," Mendoza said in his remarks during the opening of a new five-story, modern-style building of BIR Revenue District Office No. 56 Central Laguna in Calamba City, Laguna, on Monday, August 3.

The Commissioner stressed the need to simplify transactions, saying that doing so would contribute to meeting the bureau's collection targets while increasing the productivity of business owners.

"Kinakailangan na maging mas mabilis, mas maayos, at mas mahusay ang mga serbisyong ibinibigay natin

sa ating mga taxpayers and that will boost the voluntary compliance on their part na magpapataas ng revenue collection ng BIR," Mendoza stated.

BIR has since implemented the digitalization of transactions to lessen paperwork in its offices and reduce the need for taxpayers to be physically present to transact with the bureau.

"Importante na meron tayong taxpayer portal, meron tayong interactive digital tax calendar, among many other digital initiatives na inilunsad natin upang padaliin ang buhay ng ating mga taxpayers dahil dapat mas maraming oras na ginugol ang ating taxpayers especially ang ating business taxpayers sa pagpapatakbo ng kanilang negosyo,"

In Laguna, many transactions can now be completed virtually, including payment options,

the generation of Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TINs), business registration, records updating, and other services.

"Mas higit na mapagpagbuti pa natin ang paglilingkod sa ating mga taxpayer at may mga proyekto tayong ilulunsad na mas makakatulong sa ating mga taxpayer. May mga regulation na ginagawa kung paano matutulungan ang ating mga taxpayer na magkaroon ng discounts pa na mabawasan ang taxes at 'yan po ay darating sa ilang mga buwan o araw na darating ay maibibigay sa ating taxpayer," BIR RDO 56 Assistant Revenue District Officer Marlon Cabance emphasized.

Under Mendoza's leadership, the BIR has received recognition from the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) as one of the most improved government agencies, serving as a testament to the effective-

iveness of taxpayer-centric measures aimed at simplifying tax collection processes, streamlining the list of documentary requirements and ensuring that taxpayers are properly assisted with their concerns.

"Palagi nating sinasabihan ang ating mga kasama sa BIR na magiging patient sa pagpapaliwanag sa taxpayers ng proseso ng mga requirements para nauunawaan nila bakit ganito ang requirements. Kadalasan ng reklamo ng mga taxpayer ay nagmumula sa hindi nila naiintindihan ang proseso at kapag naipaliwanag naman sa kanila nang maayos ay sumusunod naman sila at tanggap nila," the BIR commissioner added.

SSS...

QUEZON CITY, 04 August 2026 — The Social Security System (SSS) and the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) have strengthened their partnership to expand access to social security protection for Overseas Filipinos (OFs) and their families through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph Montes de Claro and CFO Chairperson Secretary Dante "Klink" Ang II led the signing ceremony, reaffirming both agencies' shared commitment to advancing the welfare and interests of Filipinos overseas through stronger inter-agency cooperation.

Under the MOU, SSS and CFO will collaborate on information, education, and communication (IEC) initiatives to increase awareness among OFs on SSS membership, benefits, loan programs, and the MySSS Pension Booster. The partnership also aims to enhance access to social security services and em-

power Filipinos abroad to make informed decisions in securing their financial future and protecting their families.

"This MOU marks another significant step in strengthening the partnership between SSS and CFO," de Claro said. "Through this collaboration, we aim to reach more Overseas Filipinos and provide them with the knowledge they need to access SSS programs and services that support their financial security and well-being."

The agreement builds on the agencies' existing collaboration since 2025 through the KaSSS-Sangga Collect Program, which supported the expansion of SSS coverage among the Job Order and Contract of Service workers of CFO.

Through this strengthened partnership, SSS and CFO will continue to work together in promoting social protection programs and ensuring that more Overseas Filipinos and their families can benefit from enhanced access to social security services. PR



Success built on decades of hard work



Nice Flora Nanol carefully mixes her hot cacao drink, best enjoyed alongside puto maya and mango, a classic combination well-loved by her customers.

Even before the sun begins to rise and long before the rooster's crow can be heard, the rich aroma of hot cacao drink (sikwate) and freshly cooked puto maya already fills the air at Cogon Public Market, Cagayan de Oro City.

At her stall, Nice Floral Nanol works alongside her children and helpers to prepare and serve food that brings warmth to early marketgoers. From as early as 1:00 in the morning until 7:00 in the evening, they remain busy cooking, serving customers, and keeping their business running.

Story behind her venture

Limited financial resources forced Nice to stop studying after her first year in college. Instead of doing nothing, she followed her mother's footsteps in selling puto maya and sikwate. Helping in the family's business while growing up gave her an advantage and made it easier for her to start a venture.

In 1970, Nice started her small business of selling sikwate and puto maya, renting a stall in the old public market. As she worked daily at the market, she grew closer to one of her customers, and their friendship later led to marriage in 1982.

Over time, their eatery became known for

its good quality food and affordable prices. Their well-loved combination of sikwate and puto maya is sold for PHP 40.00, with an option to add ripe mango for a sweeter taste.

As word spread, Nice's business began attracting not only regular customers but also tourists from outside the city, including some celebrities and vloggers who came to try her well-loved snacks.

The visits of well-known personalities further boosted the business's popularity, leading to more customers. To accommodate growing demand, she gradually expanded her space and took over nearby stalls in the cafeteria.

As her business continued to grow, challenges also became inevitable, especially in terms of limited capital. Nice uses around 30 kilos of glutinous rice daily, so when funds fall short, she turns to CARD SME Bank, Inc., a thrift bank under CARD MRI, for loans to keep her business going.

She became a CARD SME Bank client in 2007, encouraged by its low-interest loans. Currently, she has an active loan of PHP 50,000.00 from the bank, which she uses as additional capital for her business.

There may be other vendors selling the

same products as hers, but the years of serving quality food have built each of them a loyal customer, making competition seem almost nonexistent.

Now at 74, Nice remains a hands-on entrepreneur who still goes to the market to help and oversee her business. Through her hard work, she was able to build a house, acquire vehicles, and provide for her family's daily needs.

With more than five decades of experience in business, her simple advice is to always keep moving. "Work hard, and by doing so, little by little, you will find yourself slowly getting ahead of life," she stated.

For those who wish to try their snacks, Nanol's Sikwate & Puto Maya is located at the cafeteria of Cogon Public Market in Cagayan de Oro City. PR



Carmona opens PH's first fully-integrated PWD resource, residential facility



CARMONA CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The City Government of Carmona opened the country's first fully integrated resource center and residential care facility for Persons With Disabilities (PWD) as part of its continuous bid towards a more inclusive community.

On July 31, the Kalingyakap Integrated Shelter, Support, and Services for PWDs opened its doors to the public.

A program launched in partnership with the Delos Santos Family Foundation, the Kalingyakap Shelter features PWD-friendly facilities, including classrooms and areas for speech, physical, and occupational therapies.

Having previously been recognized by the United Nations' Public Service Awards, Mayor Dahlia Loyola noted that the Kalingyakap Integrated Shelter was a 'dream' and a product of the support and involvement of stakeholders and commu-

nity members in their city.

"Ito na po ang katuparan ng ating pangarap, kung saan ang shelter facilities natin ay bubuksan na.

Tayo ay naririto hindi lang upang i-celebrate ang blessing, kundi para i-celebrate ang mga totoong nangyayari sa City of Carmona kung saan mayroong inclusive development [where] nobody is left behind. Ito po ay nangyari sa pamamagitan ng strong political will, sustained leadership, at involvement of many stakeholders."

As the first of its kind, the Kalingyakap Integrated Shelter, Support, and Services and its accompanying programs earned praises from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Education (DepEd), and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

Secretary Rex Gatchalian lauded the city, which has long been a business-friendly community, for its PWD-centered governance.

"The true mark of a progressive city is how it takes care of its citizens, more so those who are poor, marginalized, and vulnerable.

Dito sa Carmona,

ipinamalas ng lungsod na hindi lang sila progresibo sa imprastraktura, ease of doing business, at sa iba't ibang larangan, kundi ipinakikita nila na pati

ang kanilang number one agenda sa governance, [which] is taking care of its kind in the country, focusing on helping PWDs adapt to society by offering various livelihood packages and psychosocial support.

"The innovation of this Center lies not in the structure itself, kundi doon sa community-based programs na fully integrated.

Most of the Learning and Resource Centers sa buong Pilipinas normally ang point of view is always as an education facility."

Gatchalian added, "[But] Carmona took it a bit further and looked at it as part of the community-complete package of services na kasama ang livelihood, involvement ng mga magulang, [at] kasama pagtatala ng People with Disabilities sa community, and I think this is the only type of [integrated shelter facility] right now."

Currently, the Kalingyakap program caters to 368 PWD learners, including college students, in partnership with the Cavite State University (CvSU).

The Shelter is also caring for neglected and abandoned PWDs, and can accommodate up to 20 male and female residents.

RCBC...

digital financial transactions, significantly expanding RCBC's customer touchpoints. Customers of participating banks, digital banks, and e-wallets may also make QR Ph-enabled withdrawals by simply scanning a QR code at RCBC ATM Go terminals.

The agreement was signed by RCBC Executive Vice President and Chief Innovation and Inclusion Officer Lito Villanueva and Raquel Pawnshop President and Chief Executive Officer Raquelita Rafa, together with officers from both organizations.

Rafa welcomed the collaboration, saying it would create greater opportunities for the communities served by Raquel Pawnshop.

"We firmly believe that our partnership with RCBC will open meaningful opportunities for the communities we serve, opportunities that can genuinely transform lives and drive lasting progress. Raquel Pawnshop, Inc. is deeply grateful to RCBC for being part of this shared vision," Rafa said.

For his part, Villanueva said collaborations with communi-

ty-based institutions help accelerate financial inclusion by making banking more convenient and accessible, particularly in underserved communities.

"Partnerships such as this allow us to bring banking services closer to where Filipinos live and work. By expanding the RCBC ATM Go network through trusted community partners like Raquel Pawnshop, we continue removing barriers to financial access while promoting greater financial participation across the country," Villanueva said.

"Financial inclusion is achieved one community at a time. Every new access point strengthens our ability to connect more Filipinos to the formal financial system and improve their overall financial well-being," he added.

RCBC continues to strengthen its digital banking ecosystem through RCBC Pulz, RCBC DiskarTech, and RCBC ATM Go, with initiatives focused on expanding financial inclusion, accelerating digital payments adoption, and delivering banking services to underserved communities nationwide. PR