

SMC first-half core net income rises 48% as revenue climbs 34%

San Miguel Corporation (SMC) posted consolidated core net income of P54.2 billion in the first half of 2026, up 48% from a year earlier, as its underlying businesses remained resilient despite volatile global markets, higher costs and cautious consumer spending.

Consolidated revenues rose 34% to P964.1 billion, driven by higher volumes and prices in its Fuel and Oil business, stronger contributions from Power, and continued growth in Food. Operating income increased 17% to P102.3 billion.

Reported consolidated net income was 44% lower at P37.7 billion, reflecting foreign exchange effects and other non-core items. Last year's result also benefited from a P21.9 billion gain from the Chromite transaction which involved the de-consolidation of certain power assets.

"Our businesses performed well in the first half despite a more challenging operating environment. While cost and market pressures may continue, our underlying operations remain sound. We will stay disciplined on costs, continue improving efficiency, and invest in areas that support our long-term growth and the country's broader economic development," SMC Chairman and CEO



Ramon S. Ang said.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

San Miguel Food and Beverage Inc. (SMFB) posted revenues of P205.3 billion in the first half, up 2%, as growth in its Food business helped offset softer consumer spending and disruptions in some export mar-



kets. EBITDA slipped 1% to P38.8 billion, with margins at 19%, while operating income and net income both declined 4% to P28.8 billion and P22.1 billion, respectively.

Food revenue rose 5% to P99.3 billion, driven by growth in feeds and sustained demand for branded products, including Magnolia dairy and coffee products, Purefoods Luncheon Meats and Pinoy Favorites, as well as its more affordable product lines. Operating income increased 2% to P8.8 billion, while net income rose 8% to P6.4 billion.

Beer revenue declined 1% to P73.7 billion as

consumers became more selective with discretionary spending amid inflation and a weaker peso. Domestic beer revenue was steady at P65.9 billion despite softer volumes. International operations posted revenues of US\$128.5 million, lower year-on-year as shipping disruptions in the Middle East affected deliveries to the region. Operating income fell 11% to P14.4 billion, while net income declined 12% to P11.4 billion.

Spirits revenue was steady at P32.3 billion as higher prices offset softer volumes. Profitability improved, with operating income rising 8% to P5.4 billion and net income increasing 3% to P4.4 billion.

FUEL AND OIL

Petron Corporation's revenues rose 57% to P605.9 billion in the first half, driven by higher prices and sales volumes. Net income declined 27%

to P3.8 billion, while operating income fell 17% to P12.6 billion, as geopolitical tensions in the Middle East pushed up crude prices, import premiums, freight costs, and other operating expenses.

Oil markets remained volatile during the period, with Dubai crude averaging US\$91 per barrel, up 27% from the same period last year. Consolidated sales volume rose 6% to 67.9 million barrels, driven by an 86% increase in trading transactions by the company's Singapore subsidiary.

INFRASTRUCTURE

SMC Infrastructure posted first-half revenues of P20.5 billion, up 3%, even as average daily traffic



dipped 1% to 1.07 million vehicles. Elevated fuel prices weighed on road travel demand. Operating income was steady at P11.1 billion, while EBITDA increased 8% to P17.0 billion.

POWER

San Miguel Global Power (SMGP) posted first-half revenues of P101.9 billion, up 27%, while operating income rose 90% to P42.0 billion.

CEMENT



SMC's Cement business, which includes Eagle Cement Corporation, Northern Cement Corporation, and Southern Concrete Industries, Inc., posted first-half revenues of P18.2 billion, up 2%, as higher sales volumes and market share gains offset lower average selling prices amid intense competition and continued pressure from cement imports. Operating income declined 9% to P3.2 billion. **PR**

sa pampinansyal na serbisyo, at mabigyan sila ng parehong oportunidad para sa kanilang pag-unlad."

Ang Gawad TANYAG (TANGing Yaman at Galing) Awards ay isang programa ng pagkilala sa mga kliyente at partner na nangunguna sa pagpapaunlad ng komunidad sa pamamagitan ng kahusayan, makabagong pamamaraan, at serbisyo.

Ang CARD RBI, na isang microfinance-oriented rural bank ng CARD MRI, ay nagbibigay ng mga produkto **cont. on page 6**

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Rexon Hora Gaston, Hinirang ng KWF na mananaysay ng Taon 2026!



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Gagawaran ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) si Rexon Hora Gaston ng KWF Mananaysay ng Taon 2026 para sa kaniyang sanaysay na: "Ang Paglimot sa Panahon ng Pag-alala: Paniyaw, Ngilin, at Bain sa Panahon ng Artificial Intelligence." Makatatanggap siya ng PHP30,000.00 (net), plake, at medalya.

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Rice Distribution in Cavite City

The Provincial Government of Cavite continues the rollout of the Food Assistance-Rice Distribution Program (AIIF-FA-RDP) today, August 18, 2026, in Cavite City, in partnership with the City Government of Cavite headed by Mayor Denver Chua. The activity forms part of the national government's Assistance to Indigent Individuals or Families through Food Assistance-Rice Distribution Program (AIIF-FA-RDP) under the Bagong Pilipinas agenda, funded through the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF-FA).

Through the program, families in need are provided with essential food assistance to help strengthen food security and ease the effects of rising living costs. **OPIO**



CARD RBI, kinilala sa Gawad TANYAG Awards 2026 ng LANDBANK

Tinanggap ni Lyneth Derequito, Pangulo at CEO ng CARD RBI (pangalawa mula sa kaliwa), ang Gawad Partner Financial Institution sa ginanap na LANDBANK Gawad TANYAG 2026.

Kinilala ang CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc. (CARD RBI) bilang isa sa mga natatanging institusyong pinansyal sa Gawad TANYAG Awards sa pagdiriwang ng ika-63 anibersaryo ng LANDBANK noong Agosto 8, 2026.

Tinanggap ng bangko ang Gawad Part-

ner Financial Institution (PFI) Outstanding Rural Bank Award bilang pagkilala sa mga pagsisikap at kontribusyon nito sa pagpapalawak ng akses sa serbisyong pinansyal para sa mga nasa laylayang komunidad at pamilyang Pilipino.

"Ipinakikita ng parangal na ito ang aming dedikasyon sa pagpapatibay ng mga komunidad sa malalayong lugar sa bansa at sa paggamit ng mga pagkakataon upang palawakin ang kanilang mga oportunidad



EDITORIAL:

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(MIKAELA GUIMARE)

For years, the word resilient has been repeatedly used to describe the Filipino people.

Whenever typhoons destroy homes, floods swallow communities, earthquakes leave destruction behind, or fires take away livelihoods, Filipinos are often praised for their resilience. They are admired for their ability to stand again, rebuild their homes, return to work, and continue with their lives despite the difficulties surrounding them.

At first glance, the word appears to be a compliment.

It speaks of courage, perseverance, and strength. It presents the Filipino people as individuals who can endure even the most difficult circumstances. However, when the word is continuously used to describe suffering without addressing the reasons behind that suffering, its meaning begins to change.

Eventually, resilience can become an insult. The problem is not that Filipinos are resilient. The problem begins when resilience becomes an expectation.

A Filipino family loses its home to a flood, and instead of asking why the community remains vulnerable to flooding, the family is praised for surviving. A farmer loses an entire harvest to a storm, and instead of asking whether adequate support and protection were provided, the farmer is admired for his ability to start again. A community experiences another disaster after years of dealing with the same problems, and once again, its people are told to remain strong, hopeful, and resilient.

The cycle continues. A disaster occurs. Filipinos survive. They rebuild. Another disaster arrives. They survive again. They rebuild once more.

Over time, this cycle creates a dangerous idea, that Filipinos are simply expected to endure whatever happens to them.

Instead of becoming a reason to demand change, resilience becomes a justification for accepting the circumstances.

This is where the word begins to carry a darker meaning.

When Filipino suffering is constantly followed by praise for resilience, attention can shift away from the questions that actually matter. Why are communities repeatedly exposed to the same risks? Why do some areas remain vulnerable after years of promises and projects? Why are citizens repeatedly forced to rebuild what disasters destroy? Why are ordinary Filipinos expected to carry the burden of problems that should have been addressed through stronger systems and better governance?

These questions are often more uncomfortable than simply praising people for their strength.

It is easier to say that Filipinos are resilient than to ask why they constantly need to be.

There is nothing wrong with recognizing the courage of ordinary people. Filipino communities have repeatedly demonstrated compassion, cooperation, and determination during times of crisis. Neighbors rescue one another, volunteers distribute food, families share what little they have, and strangers provide assistance to those in need.

These acts are admirable. However, admiration should not replace accountability.

A society should not measure its success by how well its citizens can survive preventable hardship. A government should not be considered successful simply because its people can endure the consequences of inadequate preparation, weak infrastructure, poor implementation, or ineffective public services.

Survival is not the same as progress. Endurance is not the same as justice. And resilience should never become an excuse for inaction.

There is a difference between being strong in the face of adversity and being conditioned to accept adversity as normal.

The Filipino people have often been celebrated for their ability to smile after a disaster. Even after losing

homes, possessions, or sources of income, many continue working and finding reasons to hope. This ability to remain hopeful is one of the strengths often associated with Filipino communities.

But hope should not be confused with acceptance. Being hopeful does not mean accepting poor conditions.

Being patient does not mean remaining silent. Being resilient does not mean believing that nothing can be changed.

Yet the repeated use of the word can sometimes send precisely that message.

It can create the impression that Filipinos are simply expected to endure.

The flood happened, but they are resilient. Their homes were destroyed, but they are resilient. Their livelihood disappeared, but they are resilient. Their community was neglected, but they are resilient.

Eventually, resilience becomes less of a celebration and more of an expectation.

It begins to sound like society is saying: endure the problem, recover from it, and continue without demanding too much.

That mindset is dangerous.

The Filipino people should not be expected to endlessly adjust to conditions that can be improved. They should not be told that hardship is simply part of life and that surviving it should be enough.

There is a difference between accepting reality and surrendering to it.

A Filipino citizen can acknowledge that disasters happen while still demanding better preparation. A community can recover from a flood while still questioning why the same flood continues to happen. Citizens can appreciate government assistance while still demanding transparency, accountability, and effective public service.

Resilience should lead to action, not complacency. It should encourage communities to rebuild stronger, speak louder, and demand better.

The Filipino people have the ability to question. They have the ability to organize, to participate, to demand accountability, and to insist that their communities deserve better protection and better governance.

They should not be reduced to a population that merely survives whatever is placed before them.

Perhaps the real problem is not that Filipinos are resilient.

Perhaps the problem is that the country has become too comfortable with needing resilient citizens.

A government should not have to depend on the strength of its people to compensate for weak systems. Communities should not have to rely on courage to make up for inadequate preparation. Families should not repeatedly sacrifice their homes, livelihoods, and security before meaningful improvements are made.

The Filipino people deserve more than praise for surviving.

They deserve systems that protect them before disasters happen.

They deserve infrastructure capable of reducing risks.

They deserve public institutions that respond effectively.

They deserve leaders who can be held accountable when systems fail.

They deserve opportunities that allow them not merely to recover, but to progress.

Most importantly, they deserve a future in which resilience is a choice rather than a requirement.

There is strength in resilience, but there is also danger in glorifying it without examining its cause.

When people are repeatedly told that their greatest quality is their ability to endure suffering, society may eventually stop asking whether that suffering should have existed in the first place.

That is when resilient stops sounding like praise. It begins to sound like an insult.

Not because the Filipino people are weak, but because they are capable of demanding much more than survival.

The Filipino people should not be remembered simply as those who can withstand every storm.

They should also be recognized as citizens who have the right to ask why the storms keep leaving them unprotected, and the right to demand that things finally change. By: Hanz Darwin Corciega

OVER 33,000 PANGASINAN FAMILIES HIT BY HABAGAT RAINS

PANGASINAN, Philippines — More than 33,000 families in Pangasinan were affected by the continuing rains brought by the southwest monsoon, or habagat, prompting local authorities to intensify their disaster response and monitor communities vulnerable to flooding.

The heavy rains affected several areas in the province, causing flooding and disrupting the daily activities of residents. Local disaster response offices continued to assess the situation and monitor the condition of affected communities as unfavorable weather persisted. The latest figures underscore the extent of the impact of the enhanced southwest monsoon on families whose homes and livelihoods were placed at risk by rising floodwaters and prolonged rainfall.

Authorities have been coordinating with local government units and other concerned agencies to provide assistance and ensure the safety of residents in affected areas. Emergency response efforts include monitoring flood-prone communities, facilitating evacuations when necessary, and preparing relief assistance for

families who may require immediate support.

The southwest monsoon is a recurring weather system that can bring prolonged rains to parts of the Philippines, particularly the western sections of Luzon. Its effects can be intensified by tropical cyclones and other weather disturbances, increasing the possibility of flooding and landslides.

In Pangasinan, local officials have continued to remind residents to remain alert and follow advisories issued by authorities, particularly those living in low-lying and flood-prone areas.

The situation also highlights the importance of sustained disaster preparedness as communities face increasingly disruptive weather conditions. Residents have been urged to monitor official weather and emergency announcements and to coordinate with local authorities during evacuation or other emergency measures.

The Philippine News Agency reported the number of affected families as more than 33,000, reflecting the continuing effects of habagat on communities in Pangasinan. By: Hanz Darwin Corciega

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SILANG, Cavite (PIA) – With a stronger push for inclusive and affordable health services, the Municipal Government of Silang touted its policies and reforms that ensured equal access to healthcare.

In his very first State of the Municipality Address (SOMA) last August 17, Mayor Edward Carranza revealed that the passage of the Carranza Bill has been the highlight of this first year as local chief executive, which resulted to equitable access to healthcare services especially during emergencies.

GOV T AID FOR HABAGAT-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES IN CALABARZON REACHES PHP141-M

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – Various aid from local government units and national government agencies have reached to more than Php 141 million after tropical cyclones Luis, Maymay, and Neneng combined with the effects of the Southwest Monsoon (Habagat) battered the region.

In its August 19 report, the CALABARZON Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (RDRRMC) noted that government aid, including those

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Silang town touts health programs in State of the Municipality Address

In an interview, Carranza noted that the Municipality of Silang is pushing for services where indigent patients no longer need to secure guarantee letters to receive care from healthcare facilities.

“Ang very proud ako is ‘yung Carranza Bill kung saan walang Silanguero na may emergency cases ang maiiwan at hindi magagamot. Hindi ‘nyo na rin kailangang hanapin ang mga pulitiko para gamutin kayo sa pribadong ospital sa bayan ng Silang. Ayokong may mga kababayan tayong hindi ginagamot dahil sa kahirapan.”

Since its passage in 2022, the Carranza Bill has provided Php 10,000 deposit in local hospitals as a subsidy for residents needing emergency treatment. Currently, this program is being patronized in Silang Specialist Medical Center, Velazco

Hospital, Estrella Hospital, and St. Mazenod Hospital.

“Sa ilaim ng programang ito, nagbibigay ang ating pamahalaan ng Php 10,000 hospital deposit assistance upang hindi maantala ang agarang pagpapaga mot ng ating mga kababayan sa oras ng emergency. Hindi natin kayang pigilan ang aksidente o karamdaman ngunit kaya nating tiyakin na walang mawawalan ng pag-asakang mabuhay dahil lamang sa kakulangan ng perang pang-deposito.”

Aside from its services, the Municipality also provided training for Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars as part of their efforts towards a stronger community-based anti-dengue drive.

In the coming years, the residents will also receive a wider range of services upon the completion of the Silang Public Hospital, which is currently in its third phase.

individuals opted to stay with relatives from nearby communities.

Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture (DA) has reported agricultural damage amounting to Php 204,150, 669.00

Public infrastructure was also damaged during the heavy rains and flooding. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) valued the cost of damages in the provinces of Batangas and Cavite at Php 537,945,548.00.

Meanwhile, the Municipality of Morong, Rizal reported a total of Php 5,314,857.02 cost of infrastructure damage, subject for the validation of the Provincial Engineering Office.

Health infrastructure were also affected, as the Department of Health (DOH) reported damages in the Provinces of Batangas and Cavite valued at Php 14,219,663.23.

DTI HIGHLIGHTS TRADE EXPO AMONG KEY PLATFORMS IN PROMOTING LOCAL COCONUT PRODUCTS

MUNTINLUPA CITY (PIA) — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) emphasized the importance of trade fairs as an effective marketing platform for local products, particularly coconut-based products from the CALABARZON region, during the opening of Coconut Philippines featuring Kalakal Calabarzon trade fair held on Monday, August 17.

Sixty micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from the Calabarzon region joined the DTI trade fair showcasing various value-added coconut products, highlighting the region’s abundant coconut resources that can be transformed into innovative and marketable goods.

DTI Assistant Secretary for Regional Operations Group Dominic Tolentino Jr. said trade fairs provide local entrepreneurs with opportunities to directly reach consumers, expand their market, and secure bulk orders for their products.

“It’s a very good sign na ang mga Pilipino ay tumatangkilik sa gawang Pilipino. As you know, CALABARZON, most especially Laguna and other places in CALABARZON, is doing very well in the product coconut, and it’s our primary reason why we have this trade fair because we want to give importance to our coconut products,” Tolentino said.

Through its programs for the coconut sector, DTI helps create opportunities for coconut farmers and MSMEs to move beyond selling raw agricultural products by encouraging the development of processed and value-added coconut products.

These include coconut food products, personal care items, handicrafts, and other products that generate additional income and create greater economic opportunities within coconut-producing communities. DTI also assists entrepreneurs through product development, packaging and labeling improvement, skills and capability-building activities, and market access initiatives.

These interventions help local producers improve the quality and competitiveness of their products while preparing them for wider markets.

The trade fair also comes as the country celebrates National Coconut Week every August 24 to 30 under Proclamation No. 142, s. 1987 which aims to highlight the importance of the coconut industry and recognize its contribution to the Philippine economy and the livelihood of millions of Filipinos.

“This initiative also answers the call of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. who wants to help entrepreneurs build their businesses, expand their markets, and create more opportunities for them,” he added. Moreover, the administration of President Marcos Jr. continues to strengthen its convergence program involving the DTI, Department of Agriculture (DA), and other national government agencies to provide more comprehensive support to coconut farmers and industry stakeholders.

BUGSO NG HABAGAT BUHOS RIN NG BASURA

Patuloy na nakararanas ng matinding pagbaha ang ilang residente ng Barangay Damayang Lagi sa E. Rodriguez Avenue, Quezon City, ngayong Miyerkules, Agosto 19, 2026, dulot ng malakas na pag-ulan na dala ng habagat.

Kasabay ng pagtaas ng tubig-baha ang pagdating ng mga basura na inanod mula sa mga kalapit na ilog. Dahil dito, hindi lamang baha ang kinakaharap ng mga residente kundi maging ang mga basurang bumabara sa kanilang mga daanan.

Ilang residente ang nagtulong-tulong upang alisin ang mga basurang inanod ng baha gamit ang mga dustpan at iba pang kagamitan. Ginawa nila ito upang malinis ang mga daanan at mabawasan ang mga basurang naiwan matapos ang pagbugso ng malakas na ulan.

Ayon sa mga residente, pabalik-balik ang mataas na baha sa kanilang lugar at umaabot umano hanggang dibdib sa ilang bahagi ng barangay. Sa kabila ng patuloy na pag-ulan, patuloy naman ang pagtutulungan ng mga residente upang maalis ang mga basurang inanod ng baha at mapanatiling malinis ang kanilang paligid.

Hindi lamang tubig-baha ang kanilang kinakaharap, kundi pati na rin ang panganib at perwisyo na dulot ng mga basurang inaanod mula sa mga kalapit na ilog. By: Mikaela Guimare

Mt. Kamhantik Archaeological-ecological Tourism Site sa Mulanay, inilunsad katuwang ang DA-4A

Pormal nang inilunsad ang Mt. Kamhantik Archaeological-ecological Tourism Site Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP) sa bayan ng Mula-nay, lalawigan ng Quezon katuwang ang Department of Agriculture IV-CALA-BARZON (DA-4A) noong ika-11 ng Agosto.

Ayon kay Punong Bayan ng Mulanay, Hon. Jay Castilleja, ang Mt. Kamhantik ay itinuturing na lokal na yamang-kul-tura ng mga mamamayan at siya ring pinakamataas na bundok sa ikatlong dis-trito ng Quezon. May laki itong humigit-kumulang 300 ektarya na nagtata-glays ng likas na yaman at pinagkukuhanan ng kabu-hayan lalo na sa larangan



ng agrikultura.

Sa tulong ng CADP ay inaasahan ang pagkakaroon ng mas pro-gresibong mga estratehi-ya, programa, aktibidad, at mga proyektong magpa-paunlad sa lugar habang isinusulong ang respons-ableng paglinang o pag-gamit ng likas na yaman sa Mt. Kamhantik.

Ipatatupad ito sa pagkakaisa ng DA, De-

partment of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), at Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), katuwang ang lokal na pamahalaan ng Mulanay at lalawigan ng Quezon.

Bilang tanda ng opisyal na paglulunsad ay nag-karoon ng ribbon cutting, presentasyon ng CADP, men-sahe ng mga opisyal, at pagpirma sa commitment wall kasama ang mga lider at representante ng mga kabilang na ahensya.

Si Brgy. Captain Felix Aguirre mula sa Bue-navista ay ikinatuwa ang proyekto bilang isa ang ba-rangay nila sa mga makikinabang sa pagpapaunlad ng convergence area. Aniya, marami sa kanila ang mga



magsasaka na umaasa rito ng araw-araw na ikinabubu-hay kaya malaking tulong ito sa kanilang komunidad. **PR**

GAWAD JULIAN CRUZ BALMASEDA 2027, TUMATANGGAP NA NG LAHOK

Ang Gawad Ju-lian Cruz Balmaseda ay ang pinakamataas na pa-gkilála na handog ng KWF para sa natatanging tesis at disertasyon sa agham, matematika, agham panli-punan, at iba pang kaug-nay na larangan gamit ang wikang Filipino.

Layunin nitó na hikayatin at palaganap-in, sa pamamagitan ng sistemang mga insenti-bo, grant, at gawad, ang pagsusulat at publikasyon sa Filipino at ibang mga wika ng Pilipinas ng mga akdang orihinal, kabilang ang mga teksbuk at sang-guniang materyales sa iba’t ibang disiplina.

May dalawang kategorya ang gawad: (1) tesis at (2) disertasyon. May isang magwawagi lámang sa bawat katego-rya. Maaari ding walang tatanghaling magwawagi sa alinmang kategorya.

Nagsimula ang gawad noong 2015 at nakapagtala ng sam-pung nagwagi: Marlon S. Delupio, disertasyon sa kasaysayan (2015); Gilbert E. Macarandang, disertasyon sa agham pampolitika at Roman Sarmiento Jr., tesis sa ka-saysayan (2016); Lovella G. Velasco, disertasyon sa panitikan, at Christian Ezekiel J. Fajardo, tesis sa antropolohiya (2017); Emmanuel S. De Leon, disertasyon sa pilosopiya

(2018); Wenilyn F. Fajilan, disertasyon sa pagsasalin (2019); Regina Starr B. Abelardo, tesis sa musika at panitikan (2020); Roque Augustus L. Lamadrid, tesis sa araling kultural at Jonathan V. Geronimo, disertasyon sa araling kul-tural (2022); Kristine Mae M. Nares, tesis sa araling kultural, at Mariyel Hiyas C. Liwanag, disertasyon sa araling wika (2025); at Darwin P. Plaza, tesis sa katutubong kaalaman sa kalamidad, at Ferdinand P. Jarin, disertasyon sa pani-tikan ng banwa at bansa (2026).

M a k a t a t a n g - gap ng halagang PHP100,000.00 (net) at isang plaque ng pagkilála ang magwawagi sa mga kategorya ng naturang gawad. Lahat ng kopya ng mga lahok, nanalo man o natalo, ay hindi na ibabalik sa mga kalahok. Angkin ng KWF ang unang opsi-yon na mailathala ang mga nagwaging lahok nang walang royalti sa may-ak-da.

TUNTUNIN:

1. Ang gawad ay bukas sa lahat ng mga estudyante, babae man o laláki, sa antas gradwado (masteral at doktorado), maliban sa mga empleado ng KWF at kanilang mga kaanak.

2. Ang ilalahok na tesis at/o disertasyon ay



naipagtanggol at naipasá sa mga taóng 2023–2025.

3. Kinakailangan itong isulat bilang kahingian sa mga kursong may kaugnayan sa agham, matematika, agham panlipunan, humanidades, at sa iba pang kaug-nay na larangan.

4. Kailangang orihinal na isinulat at ipinagtang-gol sa wikang Filipino ang lahok, orihinal na gawa ng may-akda, hindi pa nailalathala bilang aklat, at hindi rin salin mula sa ibang wika.

5. Marapat na gamitin ang KWF Manwal sa Ma-sinop na Pagsulat (MMP) (i-download ang libreng sipi sa website ng KWF) bilang format sa pagsulat ng talababa, talasanggunian, at iba pa.

6. Para sa paglahok, kinakailangang isumite nang apat (4) na limbag na kopyang makinilyado o computer-ized (hardcopy). Ang kopya ng mga lahok ay kinakail-angang walang taglay na anumang pagkakakilanlan ng may-akda. Nangangahulugan ito ng pag-aalis ng mga preliminaryong pahina ng tesis at disertasyon na nagtataglay ng pagkakakilanlan ng may-akda. Tanging pamagat ng tesis/disertasyon at sagisag-panulat lámang ang pahihintulatang nakalimbag sa manuskrito.

7. Ang mga preliminaryong pahina ng tesis/diser-tasyon, gaya ng katibayan ng pagsang-ayon, tungkol sa mananaliksik o bionote, pasasalamat, pag-aalay, pahina ng grado at ebalwasyon, at iba pang katulad ay ilalikip sa isang bukod na brown envelope, kasáma ang su-musunod:

7.1. Apat (4) na kopya ng limbag na lahok (soft-

bound o ring bind);
7.2. curriculum vitae ng may-akda;
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7.4. notaryadong aw-tentipikasyon ng lahok;
7.5. notaryadong kati-bayan ng etikong panana-liksik (walang plahiyo) na nilagdaan ng tagapayo;
7.6. rekomendasyon mula sa dalawang prope-sor sa kinabibilangang la-rangan;
7.7. rekomendasyon mula sa tagapangulo ng kinabibilangang departa-mento;
7.8. rekomendasyon mula sa dekan/a ng kin-abibilangang kolehiyo; at
7.9. dihital na kopya ng lahok na nása isang universal serial bus (USB) drive.

8. Ang dokumen-tong ito ay nakalagay sa isang expanding envelope na may pangalan at adres ng kalahok. Ipadadala ang mga lahok sa:
Lupun sa Gawad Julian Cruz Balmaseda 2027
Komisyon sa Wikang Fili-pino
2P Gusaling Wat-son, 1610 Kalye J.P. Lau-rel,
1005 San Miguel, Lung-sod Maynila

9. Ang huling araw ng pagsusumite ng mga lahok ay sa 8 Oktubre 2026, 5:00 nh. Para sa

mga ipinadala sa pama-magitan ng koreo, tatang-gapin lámang ng KWF ang mga lahok na naipadala bago o sa nabanggit na petsa.
10. Ang mga mag-wawagi sa kategorya ng tesis at disertasyon ay makatatanggap ng PHP100,000.00 (net), plake, at medalya. May isang magwawagi lámang sa bawat kategorya. Maaari ding walang tatan-ghaling magwawagi sa alinmang kategorya. An-gkin ng KWF ang unang opsiyon na mailathala ang mga nagwaging la-hok nang walang royalti sa may-akda.

11. Ang pasiya ng Lupon ng Inampalan ay pi-nal at hindi na mababago.

12. Hindi patatawarin ang sinumang mahuhúli nagplahiyo. Kakanselahin ng KWF ang ipinagwaging lahok at hindi na muling makasasalí pa sa alin-mang timpalak ng KWF.

13. Ang mga doku-mentong ipinadala ng mga lumahok, nanalo o hindi, ay hindi na ibabalik sa mga may-ari.

14. Pára sa karagda-gang detalye, mag-email sa <timpalak.gawad@kwf.gov.ph>.

Paalala: Para sa pagbubukas ng mga link, tiyaking kayo ay naka-log-in sa inyong Google ac-count upang maakses ang mga pormularyo. **PR**

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. Christo-pher P. Columna, per Doc. No. 165; Page No. 34; Book No. 148; Series of 2026.

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Rexon ...

Nanalo rin si Mark Anthony S. Angeles ng Ikatlong Gantimpala sa kaniyang sanaysay na “Artipisyal ma’y Nakikipagkápuwâ: Artificial Intelligence at ang Buháy na Wikâ’t Dánas ng Filipino.” Makatatanggap siyá ng PHP15,000.00 (net) at plake.

Si Rexon H. Gaston ay kasalukuyang Assistant Professor sa Kalinga State University na nagtuturo ng mga asig-naturang Kontekstuwal-sadong Komunikasyon sa Filipino, Art Appreciation, The Life and Works of Rizal, Indigenous Knowl-edge Systems and Prac-tices (IKSP), at Language and Literature. Nagwagi rin siya ng “Most Creative Short Story of the Year” sa

Instabright Third Nation-al Literary Award noong 2024. Nagsusulong siya ng pagpapalaganap ng wikang Filipino, ISKP, in-gklusibong edukasyon, at mga pedagohiyang pangkultura.

Ang Sanaysay ng Taon ay taunang patim-palak ng KWF na nagla-layong himukin ang mga natatanging mananaysay ng bansa, na ilahok ang kanilang mga sanaysay. Ang paksâ ngayong taon ay tungkol sa tema ng Bu-wan ng Wikang Pamban-sa 2026 na “Wikang Fili-pino at AI: Kasangkapan sa Pananaliksik at Tulay sa Yaman ng Impormasyon.” Ang Bunyi: KWF Gabi ng Parangal 2026 ay gaganapin sa 27 Agosto 2026. (PR)

Republic of the Philippines
Fourth Judicial Region
Regional Trial Court of Cavite
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue,
Kaybagal South, Tagaytay City
Email Address: rtc1tgtocc@judiciary.gov.ph
Contact Nos. 09676699985/ (046) 419-0464

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,
EJF NO. TG-26-067

FOR: Extrajudicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act No. 3135, As Amended by Act No. 4118

-versus-

SPOUSES EDWIN F. CARPIO AND TONIE ANN APPLE M. CARPIO,
Respondent-Mortgagors.

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 collat-eral 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 mort-gagors 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 Re-gional 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 situ-ated in BARANGAY OF BIGA 1, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, more particu-larly 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	LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
	1	N. 03 o 18' W	2213.43 M.
	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

DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS: ALL POINTS ARE RE-FERRED 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 encum-brances 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

W A R N I N G:
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
(2) 521A La Naval Rd Naval Base Heracle Alano Sangley Point Cavite City
(3) Block 19 Lot 1, Camella Alta Silang, Brgy. Biga 1, Silang, Cavite

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SSS offers...

QUEZON CITY, 17 August 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) announced that members affected by Tropical Storm Maymay and the enhanced Southwest Monsoon (Habagat) may avail themselves of the existing Emergency Loan Program (ELP) to help address their financial needs arising from the calamity. SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said the ELP remains available to qualified members nationwide and serves as a readily accessible source of financial assistance for those experiencing financial hardship due to calamities and other emergency situations.

“The ELP is part of SSS’ continuing commitment to provide immediate financial relief to members affected by unforeseen events. Through the ELP, qualified members affected by Tropical Storm Maymay and the enhanced Southwest Monsoon may access much-needed financial assistance under more flexible eligibility requirements,” de Claro said.

“Under the ELP, which has been in effect

since 01 May 2026, the required number of monthly contributions has been reduced from 36 to 18, provided that the member has at least six posted contributions in the last 12 months,” de Claro said.

He added that self-employed, voluntary, non-working spouse, and land-based Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW) members must have at least six-monthly contributions under their current membership type before the month of loan application. Other eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Under 65 years old at the time of loan application;
- Have a valid Philippine home address on SSS records;
- Have an updated contact information in the SSS database;
- Have no past-due emergency, calamity, salary, Educational Assistance Loan, or other short-term or long-term member loans;
- Have no outstanding restructured loan;
- Have not been disqualified due to fraud committed against the SSS;
- Have not been

granted any final benefit like retirement or permanent total disability benefits; and

• Have an active disbursement account enrolled through the Disbursement Account Enrollment Module (DAEM) in the My.SSS Portal.

Qualified members may borrow up to ₱20,000 at an interest rate as low as 7% per annum. The loan is payable over 30 months, inclusive of a six-month moratorium period.

“Members are not required to make monthly amortization payments during the first six months from the date of loan approval. No penalties will be imposed during this period. Regular monthly amortization payments will begin in the seventh month,” de Claro explained.

De Claro added that members affected by the tropical cyclone may also apply for an SSS salary loan at the same time, subject to the eligibility requirements.

Members may apply online for both the ELP and the salary loan through the My.SSS Portal at www.sss.gov.ph. **PR**

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SSS continues...

QUEZON CITY, 12 August 2026 – The Social Security System (SSS) announced today its plan to expand its investment portfolio in foreign markets while continuing to actively participate in the domestic capital markets, as part of its strategy to diversify assets, enhance returns, and strengthen the long-term sustainability of the pension fund.

SSS President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Joseph M. de Claro said the SSS’ improved financial position provides greater capacity to pursue investment opportunities while continuing to contribute to nation-building through investments in the domestic market

“We are very conservative, but at the same time, we are also in a very good position now because of our surplus, that for the first time, we have an opportunity to help in nation-building,” de Claro said.

As of 30 June

2026, SSS had ₱1.27 trillion in consolidated investments, distributed across various asset classes in the domestic market. These include ₱629.05 billion in government securities, ₱179.44 billion in equities, ₱154.56 billion in property, ₱151.90 billion in member loans, and ₱96.34 billion in corporate notes and bonds, among others.

The diversified portfolio generated ₱27.16 billion in actual investment income as of 30 June 2026, equivalent to an annualized return on investment of 4.53 percent. The figures exclude realized gains from the sale of equity securities classified as fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI).

SSS remains an active institutional investor in the Philippine capital market through investments in equities, government securities, and other financial instruments allowed under its investment policies. Its exploration of

international investments is intended to complement, not replace, its existing domestic investments, providing greater diversification across markets and asset classes.

The planned overseas expansion will allow SSS to explore additional investment opportunities while maintaining its role in supporting the local capital market.

He emphasized that exploring overseas investments does not mean reducing SSS’ participation in the Philippine market. Rather, the initiative is intended to complement its existing domestic investments by providing greater diversification across markets and asset classes.

SSS aims to grow its reserve fund to ₱2 trillion by 2030, supporting its capacity to provide meaningful and sustainable social security protection to current and future generations of members and pensioners. **PR**

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Benteng Bigas, Meron na sa Kadiwa ng Pangulo sa Jomalig, Quezon

Umatot na sa Jomalig, Quezon ang programang “Benteng Bigas, Meron Na " program sa pamamagitan ng KADIWA ng Pangulo sa pangunguna ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Division (AMAD) at Agribusiness and Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS), katuwang ang Food Terminal Incorporated

(FTI) at Lokal na Pamahalaan ng bayan ng Jomalig noong ika-15 ng Agosto.

Ang naturang programa ay naglalayong maghatid ng abot-kayang bigas sa mga kwalipikadong benepisaryo

mula sa vulnerable sectors, kabilang ang mga senior citizens, Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), solo parents, 4Ps beneficiaries, indigents, magsasaka, farm workers, mang-ingisda, minimum wage earners, benepisaryo ng Walang Gutom Program, mga guro at non-teaching personnel ng DepEd, lower-middle income households, at mga nasa transport sector.

Ayon kay Gng. Emilita Abanto Quintan, isang senior citizen sa nasabing bayan, malaking tulong umano sa kanila ang programa lalo pa’t hindi na kayang magtrabaho ng kaniyang asawa at hindi rin makasuporta

ang kanilang mga anak. Aniya, malaking katipiran ito kumpara sa regular na presyo ng bigas sa kanilang lugar .

Sa kabila ng pagiging isang isla ng naturang bayan, patuloy na naghahatid ng serbisyo ang

pamahalaan sa pamamagitan ng Kagawaran upang matiyak na maging ang mga komunidad na malayo sa sentrong pamilihan ay maaabutan ng tulong. Ito ay bahagi ng pagsisikap ng pamahalaan na mapalawak ang access ng mga Pilipino sa de-kalidad at abot-kayang pagkain at mapatatag ang food security sa bansa. **PR**

CARD RBI...

at serbisyong pinansyal na nakatuon sa mga nasa laylayan at sa maililit na negosyante. Kabilang dito ang microfinance, solar loan, tulong pinansyal sa edukasyon at kalusugan, savings account, at serbisyo sa remittance. Sa

pakikipagtulungan nito sa CARD MRI network, nagbibigay rin ito ng microinsurance, suporta sa pagpapalago ng negosyo, at iba’t ibang programang pangkomunidad.

Mula noong Hunyo 2026, ang CARD RBI

ay may 405 opisina at 2,016 na empleyado na naglilingkod sa 946,868 na kliyente sa buong bansa. Ang bangko ay mayroon na ring mahigit PHP 9 bilyon na naipautang na may 99.32% repayment rate. **PR**

25 KAWANI NG DA'YA, SUMAILALIM SA BASIC INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM TRAINING



Sumailalim sa tatlong araw na Basic Incident Command System (ICS) Training ang dalawampu’t limang kawani ng #DACalabarzon bilang bahagi ng patuloy na pagsisikap ng ahensya na palakasin ang kahandaan at kakayahan sa pagtugon sa mga emergency, sakuna, at kalamidad.

Pinangunahan ng Disaster Risk Reduction Management unit ang pagsasanay na isinagawa noong Agosto 5-7, 2026 sa Tagaytay City, Cavite. Nakatuon ito sa pagpapalawak ng kaalaman at kasanayan ng mga kalahok sa paggamit ng Incident



Command System (ICS), isang organisadong pamamaraan na naglalayong mapahusay ang koordinasyon, komunikasyon, at pamamahala sa panahon ng mga insidente at kalamidad.

PHP500-K HALAGA NG MGA ALAGANG HAYOP AT FEEDS, TINANGGAP NG MGA MAGPAPALAY SA BATANGAS

Tinanggap ng dalawang samahan ng mga magpapalay mula sa Rosario, Batangas ang mga alagang hayop at pakain na may halagang ₱537,230, handog ng Department of Agriculture IV-CALABARZON (DA-4A) Rice Program noong ika-13 ng Agosto.

Dito ay 10 kambing, 2 inahing baboy, at 72 bag ng mga pakain ang tinanggap ng Mayuro Farmers Association at Lumbangan Farmers Association na mayroong 17 magsasaka na kabilang sa mga miyembrong kasali sa proyekto.

Ito ay sa ilalim ng programang Palayamanan katuwang ang Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) na tumutukoy sa isang sistema ng pagsasaka na may layong paunlarin ang buhay ng mga magsasaka sa pamamagitan ng pagtatanim ng palay kasabay ang pag-aalaga ng mga hayop.

Sa kabila ng patuloy na pagbabago ng panahon ay hangad din nitong magsilbing dagdag na kabuhayan para sa mga magpapalay lalo na sa panahon ng El Niño na may suliranin sa irigasyon.

Ayon kay Geoffrey Gonzales, miyembro ng Lumbangan Farmers Association, hindi niya sasayangin ang pagkakataon na siya ang pinagkatiwalaang mag-alaga ng inahing baboy na pakikinabangan ng samahan. Aniya, maganda ang hangarin ng proyekto upang unti-unti ay matuto na rin ang mga kasamahan na mag-alaga ng hayop upang may alternatibong pandagdag kita bukod sa pagtatanim ng palay. **PR**



Sa pamamagitan ng training, nabigyan ang mga kawani ng pagkakataong higit na maunawaan ang mga pangunahing prinsipyo at mekanismo ng ICS, gayundin ang mga tungkulin at responsibilidad sa ilalim ng framework nito. Ang kahalagahan ng malinaw na pagkakahati ng mga responsibilidad upang matiyak ang maayos na daloy ng impormasyon at mabilis na koordinasyon sa oras ng emergency.

Bukod sa pagtugon sa mga insidenteng may direktang epekto sa operasyon ng ahensya, layunin din ng pagsasanay na tiyakin ang kahandaan ng mga kawani hindi lamang sa kanilang mga regular na tungkulin, kundi handa ring kumilos nang maayos at episyente sa panahon ng krisis at iba pang emergency situations.

Sa pagtatapos



ng tatlong araw na pagsasanay, nagpasalamat ang mga kalahok sa pagbabahagi ng ganitong kaalaman sa kanila. Hinikayat ni Maria Ana Balmes mula sa Field Operations Division ang mga nakasama sa pagsasanay, na ibahagi rin ang kanilang natutunan sa kanya kanyang opisina upang mapalakas ang kahandaan ng bawat isa.

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Kidz Groove Special Advocacy Show Celebrates Talent, Inclusion, and confidence at SM City Tanza



SM City Tanza came alive with music, laughter, and inspiring performances during the Kidz Groove Special Advocacy Show, a celebration of talent, confidence, and inclusion for neurodivergent

children.

The special event featured Ms. Gladys Reyes, Christof, McCoy, Coach Dar, and Kidz Groove Founder Ms. Princess Ryan, who joined the celebration and helped

create a fun and meaningful experience for the young participants.

More than a showcase of talent, the event highlighted the importance of providing an inclusive space where every child can express themselves, build confidence, and shine in their own way.

The advocacy continues through the Kidz Groove weekly dance workshop, held every Monday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at SM City Tanza, where children can learn, connect, and groove together in a welcoming and supportive environment.