

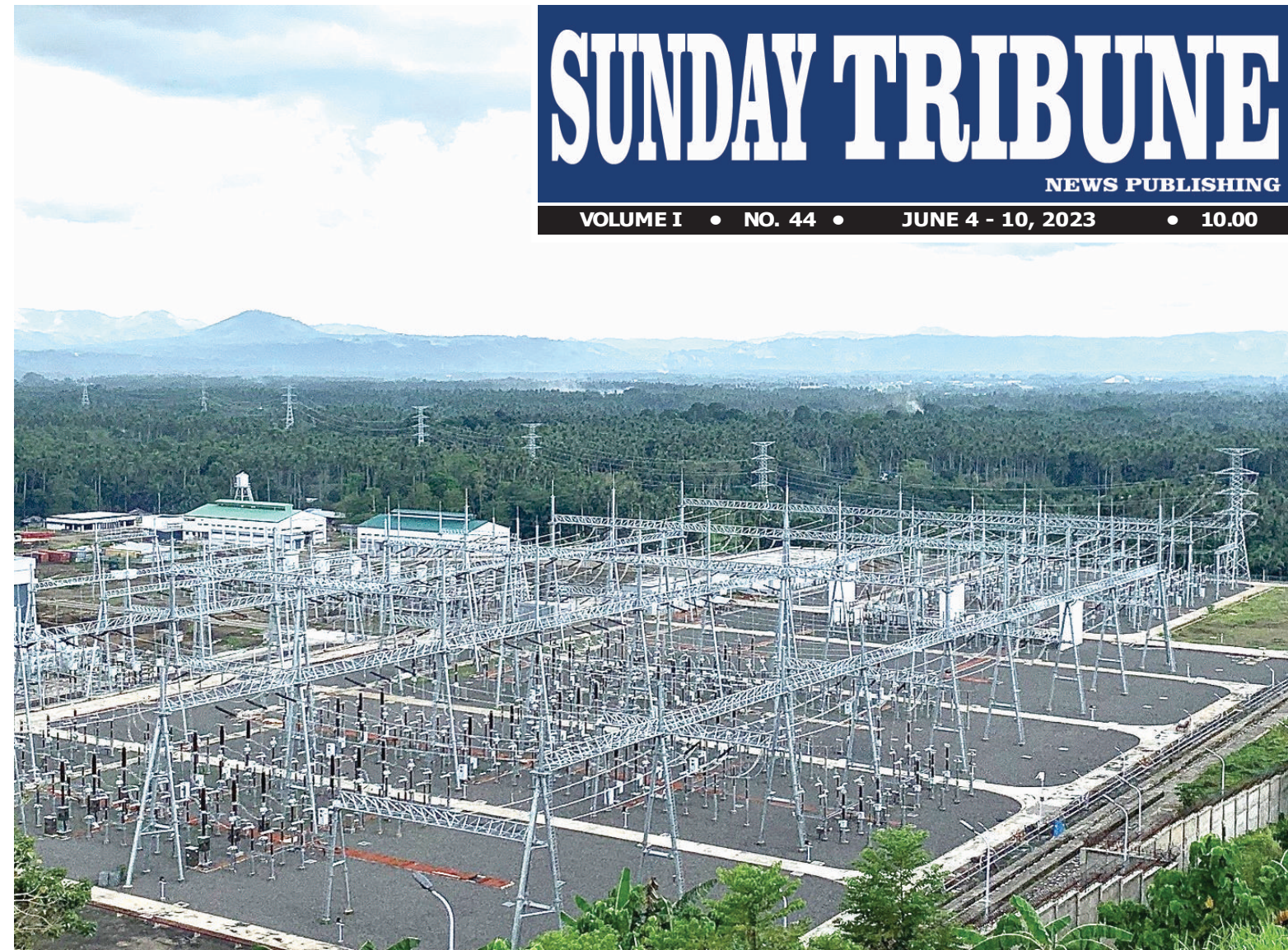
NGCP invests over PhP 300Bn in grid improvement projects

As the country's sole power grid operator and since it took over transmission operations from the government in 2009, NGCP has significantly expanded the country's transmission network. Its roster of completed projects reflect the company's dedication to its mandate of improving and expanding the grid.

Upgraded facilities, improved services for the nation

NGCP has so far invested PhP 300 billion into what was in 2009, the government's aging transmission system. A total of 3,729 circuit-kilometers of transmission lines, 28 new substations, and an additional 31,190MVA of transformer capacity has been installed in the past 14 years.

From 2009 to 2022, the company completed 56 projects which include the following: the Mariveles-Hermosa 500kV Transmission Line, expanding the transmission capacity in the area to accommodate more than 2,500MW of generation from the Bataan Peninsula; the Luzon Voltage Improvement Projects Stages 1, 3, and 4, which provided additional MegaVolt Ampere (MVA) capacity to boost voltage; the San Jose-Quezon 230kV Transmission line 3 project, widening the power corridor serving Metro Manila; and the



Pagbilao 500kV Extra High Voltage Substation, which accommodated the connection of around 1,420MW from power plants in Quezon province.

For Visayas, NGCP energized its Cebu-Negros-Panay 230kV Backbone Stage 1, interconnecting Cebu, Negros, and Panay for faster and more efficient power sharing; the Ormoc-Babatngon 138kV Transmission Line, reinforcing power transmission delivery in

the Leyte and Samar provinces; the Calong Calong-Toledo-Colon-Cebu 138kV Transmission Line, constructed to create an N-1 system between Negros and Panay grids; and the Bohol 138kV Backbone Line, which solved the overloading condition and provided a more stable and reliable transmission network in Bohol.

In Mindanao, the company completed the Maramag-Bunawan 230kV Transmission Line, the first 230kV



transmission line in the region; the Villanueva-Maramag 230kV Transmission Line, linking northern and southern Mindanao; the Aurora-Polanco 138kV Transmission Line, which mitigated voltage fluctuations in Zamboanga del Norte all the way to Misamis Occidental.

On 30 April 2023, NGCP successfully energized the PhP 52-Billion Mindanao-Visayas Interconnection project (MVIP), a landmark undertaking connecting the power grids of Visayas and Mindanao. The MVIP will provide a more reliable and sustainable transmission service as well as promote energy resource sharing.

More projects in the pipeline
N G C P ' s Transmission Development Plan (TDP) details these priority projects to

improve transmission backbones and alternative transmission corridors, and to develop resiliency policies for power transmission facilities.

The company is set to complete more projects in 2023, particularly critical projects such as the Hermosa-San Jose 500kV Transmission Line Project, Cebu-Negros-Panay Stage 3 Backbone Project, Nabas-Caticlan-Boracay Transmission Line Project, Cebu-Bohol Interconnection Project, and commence new projects approved by the Energy Regulatory Commission such as the Batangas-Mindoro Interconnection Project.

"NGCP's PhP 300 Billion grid expansion, reinforcement, and upgrading initiatives from 2009 to present, as well as those in the

pipeline, are meticulously planned by our engineers and updated year after year with careful consideration for the needs of every single area in the country," NGCP noted. "We continue to be hopeful that improvements in all 3 sectors of the power delivery system are in sync with each other, so that one sector is not made to be the sole or principal solution to challenges in the other sectors," the company stressed. "This is a system, and to make it robust, resilient and responsive to the needs of a fast growing economy, the direction and coordination must be clear, equally implemented, and objectively pursued. Our stakeholders can be assured that we remain committed to improving and delivering reliable power transmission services," NGCP said.

Only 25% of daily calls to child abuse hotline are legit

DAVAO CITY (PIA) — Only 25% of the 100 calls received by the Kean Gabriel hotline are legitimate.

Jackie Lou Roble, Center Head of Quick Response Team for Children's Concerns/

Kean Gabriel Hotline revealed that 75% of the calls are considered as prank calls or those that have no bearing to the function of the hotline.

Operational in 2016, the QRTCC hotline was created to receive

reports of kids being abused and respond to these calls by rescuing the victims. It was named after Kean Gabriel Agustin, a 3-year old child who died after being maltreated by his

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Imus commemorates National Flag Day, Battle of Alapan's 125th anniversary



IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The city government of Imus and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) led on Sunday, May 28 the commemoration of the 2023 National Flag Day and the Battle of Alapan's 125th Anniversary in Imus Heritage Park.

To mark this year's commemoration, the historic city of Imus unveiled the "Bantayog ng Inang Laya," which was built to represent Philippine Independence.

The inauguration and ceremonial wreath-laying and flag-raising ceremonies were led by Senator Francis M. Tolentino and Mayor Alex Advincula, Cavite 3rd District Rep. Adrian Jay Advincula, National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) Chairman Emmanuel Franco Calairo, and other local officials.

In his message, Advincula called on the parents to be one with the educators in instilling in their children the love of country and being proud of the Filipino race, stressing the waning spirit of nationalism among Filipinos.

"Tungkulin natin bilang mga magulang at mga nakatatanda na buhayin ang diwa ng nasyonalismo sa kanila.

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DTI Cavite partners with e-commerce platform to support Cavite MSMEs

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) has partnered with an online shopping e-commerce platform to help local micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Cavite market their products online.

To kickstart their partnership, the DTI Cavite initiated an orientation for 35 MSMEs recently to introduce how the SOMAGO e-commerce portal could help their business thrive.

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stepfather. Put up by then Davao City Mayor now Vice President Sara Duterte, the hotline is the city government's initiative to prevent more Kean Gabriels.

Roble said many are prank calls, or those from riders who have pending delivery or the number was used by those taking out a loan.

"We just explain to them (prank callers) that we would like to drop the call so that only legitimate calls will be received and given action," Roble said.

Of the legitimate calls, the top cases are physical abuse being reported by concerned citizens.

In 2016, they received 35 physical abuse cases, 2017- 194 cases, 2018- 213 cases, 2019- 104 cases, 2020- 88 cases, 2021- 22 cases, 2022- 72 cases, and 19 cases from January to March 2023.

She said most of the reports were from citizens who personally witnessed the child being maltreated or chased by their parent carrying a sharp object.

After physical abuse cases, received calls are on neglected children, having the second highest number, while ranking third are rape cases, followed by child custody cases.

"The Kean Gabriel hotline will automatically dispatch the team kauban ang atong kapulisan sa area (accompanied by our policeman to the area) to respond to the call," Roble said.

She added "After the validation, we will rescue the child and we will put the kid in the quick response team temporary shelter, within two weeks we will process documents so we can transfer the child to another appropriate shelter," Roble said.

The Kean Gabriel hotline is not just limited to calls within Davao City but can also receive calls from other municipalities even as far as Cavite.

Roble appealed to the public to only call the hotline number for legitimate issues so they can attend to real child abuse cases reported to them. The Kean Gabriel Hotline number is 0908-818-4444. (RGA/PIA-11)



Remarkable Medical Mission in the constituents of Dasmariñas. On May 25, 2023, Cavite provincial government's medical mission spearheaded by the Office of the Provincial Governor-Extension and the Provincial Health Office touched the lives of the 234 beneficiaries from Brgy. Luzviminda 1, City of Dasmariñas, who received free medical consultation, maintenance medicines, and vitamin C supplements.

The dedicated healthcare professionals of General Emilio Aguinaldo Memorial Hospital led by Dr. Michael Joe D. Medina and Dr. Ariana Coleen M. Colobong, with the assistance of Carsigma District Hospital team headed by Dr. Maria Imelda Simon, rendered free medical consultation to patients during the mission.

For the safety of everyone, screening process and antigen swab testing to selected patients were done prior to consultation.

The success of the medical mission would not have been possible without the active support and involvement of Brgy. Chairman Benjamin M. Marcha Jr., who played a vital role in ensuring the smooth execution of the event. The dedication and commitment of the barangay officials and Barangay Health Workers were also instrumental in reaching out to the beneficiaries and facilitating their participation. Many beneficiaries expressed their great appreciation for the conducted medical mission.

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Tulongan natin silang pahalagahan at bigyang galang ang kaganapan ng kasaysayan," Advincula said.

Meanwhile, citing the role of history in the country's progress and

development, Dr. Calairo recalled the events leading to the historic Battle of Alapan. He said the battle reignited the Philippine revolution toward the attainment of the nation's freedom.

Meanwhile, recognizing the

sacrifices of every Filipino, Senator Tolentino stressed his long-time dream for a second Battle of Alapan — one which will signify equality and freedom of his countrymen from poverty.

"Ingatan po natin ang alaala ng Labanan sa Alapan, Ingatan po natin ang ating Watawat na tunay na sumasalam sa ating mithiin. Ingatan po natin ang katarungan at karangalan ng ating bayan, at pagyamanin sa bawat sandali, sa bawat dako at sa ibabaw ng lahat, paglingkuran ang ating dakilang bayan," Tolentino said.

The Battle of Alapan is considered the first military victory of the Filipino Revolutionary Army under General Emilio Aguinaldo following his return from exile in Hong Kong. It led to the declaration of Philippine

Independence on June 12, 1898, in Kawit, Cavite.

Proclamation No. 374, signed on March 6, 1965, by Former President Diosdado Macapagal, declared May 28 of every year as National Flag Day to commemorate the event the national emblem was first unfurled after Aguinaldo's forces defeated the Spanish regiment in the Battle of Alapan.

Section 26 of Republic No. 8491, also known as the 'Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines' also declared May 28 to June 12 of each year as "Flag Days," in which, all offices agencies, and instrumentalities of the government, business establishments, institutions of learning and private homes are enjoined to display the Philippine Flag. (RBF)

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Director Revelyn Cortez welcomed the partnership noting that this would allow entrepreneurs in the province to expand their businesses and reach more consumers.

She added that the collaboration would also help promote local products and strengthen the digitalization of the "One Town, One Product" (OTOP) by onboarding MSME owners to have their e-retail stores.

With the collaboration, SOMAGO would assist the DTI in upskilling entrepreneurs to market and sell their products across the country and globally.

At least 10 small business owners who joined the orientation were successfully onboarded through the e-commerce platform and now enjoying its full benefits.

DTI-Cavite said MSMEs may coordinate with their office for the process of onboarding with the SOMAGO online channel. (RBF)

Naujan District 7 residents, beneficiaries of free dental services

CITY OF CALAPAN, Oriental Mindoro (PIA) – A total of 200 residents from District 7 of the municipality of Naujan were given free dental services during the Dental Mission conducted on May 27, at Brgy. Aurora Covered Court.

The activity was spearheaded by the Municipal Government of Naujan in partnership with the ang Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Mindoro Provincial Office led by CHR Mindoro Officer-in-Charge Atty. Estrella C. Baltazar. Numerous dentist volunteers from Metro Manila and Cavite also took part in the activity.

Naujan Vice Mayor Great M. Delos Reyes and members from the municipal council also attended the activity.

The dental mission is part of the health services offered under the "Bayang Mapagkalinga ng Serbisyong THE BEST" of Mayor Henry Joel C. Teves. (JJGS/PIA Mimaropa-OrMin)



Residents from District 7 in Naujan line up to avail the free dental services offered by the Municipal Government of Naujan and Commission on Human Rights (CHR) Mindoro Provincial Office. (Photo credit: Naujan Public Information Office)

DAR settles Tinang Estate case following PBBM's directive to resolve pending land cases

The Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) will be distributing 450 land titles after resolving the decades-old land ownership dispute in Tinang Estate in Concepcion, Tarlac, following President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s directive to settle all pending land reform issues.

"I would like to inform everybody, most especially the public, of a historic accomplishment. The President instructed us from the beginning of his term to address all pending cases, agrarian reform cases, because the President definitely subscribes to the adage

that 'justice delayed is justice denied,'" Agrarian Reform Secretary Conrado Estrella III said in a press briefing in Malacañang on Tuesday.

"And we are happy to inform everybody that our formula of multiple shuttle diplomacy and (after) constantly holding dialogue with the stakeholders, finally we were able to resolve this case and mayroon tayong nailabas na desisyon tungkol dito sa Hacienda Tinang," he said.

Based on the

President's instruction, Estrella said DAR was able to release the decision on the case, with no one filing an appeal or protest.

Since the matter is final and executory, and nobody questioned the decision, the Department will soon issue a writ of execution, according to the DAR chief.

"Siguro in a matter of two weeks magdi-distribute na kami ng land tiles dito para wala hong gulo and, again, we will be able to forge peace and prosperity for our farmers," he said,

saying 450 titles will be released by DAR to 450 families.

The case of the Tinang Estate in Tarlac had been pending for almost three decades. It began as a land issue between a farmer versus a landowner and eventually evolved into a farmers' group against another farmers' group.

The resolution of the land issue is expected to boost the administration's food security program as farmer beneficiaries receiving lands could now till their land possession which would eventually increase agricultural productivity.

"The President just like his father... kasi noong panahon ng kaniyang ama at noong aking lolo eh isang tambak ang support services na naipamigay sa ating mga magsasaka," Estrella said.

"At inuulit natin ngayon iyan. Marami tayong support services na ibinibigay sa kanila so

they will stay put and plant and feed the nation."

In his 50-page order, Estrella wanted the immediate execution of the order as part of the land acquisition and distribution (LAD) process at least in the absence of any restraining order.

He also ordered the cooperatives and other agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) who may be in possession of the landholding to turn over the possession of the whole segregated portion awarded in favor of the 90 ARBs.

The DAR chief also wants involved stakeholders to consider the order consolidation of all pending related cases concerning the subject landholding, which binds the parties and all concerned stakeholders.

Also on Tuesday, Estrella reported resolving some 1,200 "vintage" land cases as

a response to the President's directive, with most of them to be about five- to 20-year-old land cases.

According to Estrella, they inherited 2,300 cases under the Department of Agrarian Reform Adjudication Board (DARAB), and in the Agrarian Law Implementation (ALI) cases, there are around 2,400 cases.

"I am happy to note that out of these 240 – of course iyong numbers niyan nag-increase kasi, may mga dumadating na bago. But ang baseline ko iyong nag-takeover kami. By tomorrow, because I am set to sign the resolution of other 200 more cases, aabot na kami ng 1,200. By tomorrow, makacatch-up na kami ng kalahati, we can address half of them already," he said.

"And we can be optimistic. We have more reason to be optimistic in the future." | PND



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