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The Cavite Career Education Caravan, spearheaded by Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM), made a significant impact at Alta Tierra Integrated School in General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite. Twenty-nine students participated in an inspiring event designed to guide them in making informed decisions about their academic and career aspirations.

Organized to address the evolving demands of the modern workforce, OPPESM Head, Ms. Rizalie Pinpin-Enero, shared their expertise on emerging career trends, the essential skills for today's job market, and the importance of aligning personal interests and talents with career goals.

The event's interactive discussions and engaging activities sparked enthusiasm and curiosity among the students. The activities encouraged them to explore diverse career paths that resonate with their passions and strengths, empowering them to envision a future full of possibilities.

The initiative underscores Cavite's commitment to fostering youth development and ensuring that students are well-prepared to navigate the challenges of an ever-changing global landscape. **(R. Tanael)**

LRT-1 Cavite extension phase 2 alignment seen finalized by Q1

THE Department of Transportation (DoTr) is hoping to finalize the realignment of the Light Rail Transit Line 1 (LRT-1) Cavite extension within the first quarter.



"Around February or March," Transportation Undersecretary for Railways Jeremy S. Regino told reporters in response to queries about the timeline.

The Transportation department considers the LRT-1 extension as among its 16 flagship infrastructure projects.

Mr. Regino said the

second phase of the LRT-1 Cavite extension, which includes Las Piñas and Zapote stations, needs to be realigned due to a flyover set to be built in the area.

"Once we resolve the conflict with the skyway, we also hope to resolve the remaining right-of-way acquisition in Las Piñas within the year," he

said.

Last year, the first phase of the LRT-1 Cavite extension was opened which will accommodate an additional 80,000 passengers daily.

This initial phase adds a total of 6.2 kilometers from Pasay City to Parañaque City.

The five new stations are Redemptorist-Aseana

Station, MIA Road Station, PITX Station, Ninoy Aquino Avenue Station, and Dr. Santos (formerly Sucat) Station.

In August the DoTr said the second and third phases of construction of the LRT-1 Cavite extension may begin by 2026 amid right-of-way acquisition issues. **(Ashley Erika O. Jose)**

NHA conducts first 2025 housing caravan in Cavite

THE National Housing Authority (NHA) has launched its first 2025 housing caravan held in Naic, Cavite, Assistant General Manager Alvin Feliciano said on Monday.

The initiative aimed to foster connections with NHA beneficiaries and provide an avenue for addressing their housing-related concerns and queries, Feliciano said.

More than 500 beneficiaries showed up

during the event to inquire about their concerns about their housing amortization, among others.

Filipino beauty pageant chairman and BPO exec arrested in alleged book publishing scam

Late last year, Feliciano said the agency conducted

two housing caravans attended by more than 1,500 beneficiaries in Baras, Rizal and Cabuyao, Laguna.

Meanwhile, 109 fire victim families from Davao City, Davao Oriental, Davao de Oro and Pasay City received aid under

NHA's Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP).

EHAP provides financial assistance to identified families affected by calamities to help them rebuild their houses, the NHA officials said. **(By Arlie O. Calalo)**

Rodante Marcoleta Emphasizes Transparency, Accountability, and Strategic Reforms in Governance

Senatorial candidate and Partylist Representative Rodante Marcoleta shared his views on critical national issues during the third episode of *Ikaw Na Ba? The Senatorial Interviews*.



On the issue of Confidential and Intelligence Funds (CIF), Marcoleta highlighted the need for transparency and accountability while expressing reservations about the current approach to investigations. He acknowledged the importance of congressional inquiries into CIF but questioned why only one office was being targeted out of 400 government agencies that manage such funds. He called for a more comprehensive approach by investigating at least 10% of these offices to ensure fairness and prevent any perception of political bias. Marcoleta also emphasized the need for clear legislative guidelines to ensure **► RODANTE • 4**

DTI-Laguna, Center for Competencies Enhancement and Development conduct Employment Job Coaching Seminar

Calamba City — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Laguna Provincial Office, in collaboration with the Center for Competencies Enhancement and Development (CCED), successfully conducted a seminar titled "Employment/Job Coaching Seminar" on January 17, 2025 at the 3rd Floor Kristine Business Center, Calamba City Hall, Brgy. II (Poblacion), Calamba City, Laguna.



The seminar was participated by a total of sixty-five (65) students from different qualifications, specifically in Food and Beverage Services, Events Management Services, Housekeeping, and Bookkeeping under the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

Ms. Lored Amansec,

President of CCED, delivered a warm welcome and introduced the following resource speakers for the seminar:

1. Ms. Dessy Encinas, Supervising Labor and Employment Officer of the Information, Investment Promotions and Employment Services Office - City Government of Calamba, shared "Practical

Advice on Improving Employability".

2. Ms. Alma Arenal, Business Counsellor of DTI Laguna Negosyo Center in Calamba City, facilitated an engaging session on "How to Start a Business", guiding the participants through the fundamentals



of entrepreneurship, including business registration and accessing government support through DTI programs.

3. Atty. April Casabuena, Regional Director of the Department of Migrant Workers CALABARZON, discussed "Working Abroad and Illegal Recruitment", highlighting essential precautions for aspiring overseas workers and ways to protect themselves against

fraudulent schemes.

4. Ms. Marcelina Alcantara, Former DTI NCR Regional Director, provided an enlightening session on "Ethics at Work", emphasizing the importance of professionalism, integrity, and ethical behavior in both business and employment.

The event offered the participants actionable insights and practical tools to navigate their career paths effectively.

Key takeaways included strategies to enhance job readiness, foundational business knowledge, and awareness of ethical practices. Participants also gained access to government resources, such as DTI's business support services, and learned the importance of networking and leveraging opportunities for growth. For more inquiries, kindly contact DTI Laguna at r04a.laguna@dti.gov.ph (ARarenal, DTI-Laguna)

DOJ to improve anti-cybercrime capacity in 2025

The Department of Justice (DOJ) will embark on capacity-building this year to improve its anti-cybercrime efforts, according to a senior official.

In an interview on PTV-4's "Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon" on Wednesday, DOJ Undersecretary Raul Vasquez said that for 2025, they will "take major strides in strengthening the DOJ's fight against cybercrime by conducting advanced technological and forensic trainings for its personnel and law enforcement units."

He added that the department will also improve its collaboration efforts with other government agencies, especially those under the Judiciary.

The DOJ has an Office of Cybercrime (OOC) created under Republic Act No. 10175 or the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 that serves as the central authority in all matters relating to international mutual assistance and extradition for cybercrime and cyber-related matters.

The OOC also acts as "the focal agency in formulating and implementing law



Justice Undersecretary Raul Vasquez (PNA file photo)

enforcement investigation and prosecution strategies in curbing cybercrime and cyber-related offenses nationwide," according to the DOJ.

Vasquez made the statement following the arrest of a foreign national and two Filipinos suspected of engaging in months-long electronic intelligence-surveillance-reconnaissance (ISR) operations in key military

and civilian infrastructures in the country.

The DOJ confirmed that it is pursuing other members of the group who may have procured equipment used in the eavesdropping operations, even as the military said it is monitoring the role played by Philippine Online Gaming Operators (POGOs) in the alleged spying activities.

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., during his State of the Nation Address last year, ordered the closure of all POGOs in the country due to their involvement in illegal activities.

The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) on Wednesday likewise announced the arrest of eight foreigners in Parañaque City allegedly engaged in online phishing operations. (PNA)

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Romualdez at WEF 2025: PH committed to business-friendly reforms

Speaker Martin Romualdez has reaffirmed the Philippines' commitment to fostering a business-friendly environment through ongoing legislative and regulatory reforms in a meeting with top business executives at the 2025 World Economic Forum (WEF).

Addressing a breakfast interaction between the Philippine delegation and top business executives in Davos, Switzerland on Wednesday (Switzerland time), Romualdez highlighted the administration's efforts to strengthen partnerships and attract foreign investment.

"I wish to emphasize that a key objective of our engagement is to seek the private sector's counsel and listen to your concerns," Romualdez said. "Our desire is to stimulate national development that will build durable partnerships and attract foreign investment, particularly through continued legislative and regulatory reform."

Romualdez cited the recently enacted CREATE MORE (Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises to Maximize Opportunities for Reinventing the Economy) law as a cornerstone of the government's reform agenda.

Signed in November by President Ferdinand R.

Marcos Jr., the law offers enhanced tax incentives, streamlines investment processes, and targets strategic industries.

"The CREATE MORE law is a clear manifestation of a positive feedback loop, where the current administration has committed to significantly rationalize the investment framework and create a truly business-friendly investment climate," Romualdez said.

Romualdez also underscored the Philippines' robust economic trajectory, which included 5.5 percent gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2023 and 5.8 percent growth in the first nine months of 2024—making it the second fastest-growing economy in ASEAN.

Romualdez said inflation eased to 3.2 percent in 2024, reflecting the government's focus on macroeconomic stability.

He said the establishment of the Maharlika Investment Corporation, the country's first sovereign wealth fund, is a "transformative

step" in catalyzing development and attracting strategic investments in critical sectors such as energy security, digital infrastructure, and tourism.

"We are cognizant that we cannot do it alone, so for this reason, an important objective for the Fund's future is to pursue co-investments with the private sector, including foreign investors," Romualdez said.

He said sustainability remains a focus of the Philippines' economic agenda, citing the 2022 policy allowing full foreign ownership of renewable energy projects.

Since then, 141 renewable energy initiatives valued at USD70 billion have been approved, with projects fast-tracked through green lane access.

As the Philippines prepares to assume the ASEAN Chairmanship in 2026, Romualdez expressed optimism about the country's role in fostering economic cooperation.



INVESTOR-FRIENDLY PH. Speaker Martin Romualdez reaffirms the commitment of the Philippines to listen to the concerns of investors to foster a more business-friendly climate in the country in his message during the breakfast interaction of the Philippine delegation to the 2025 World Economic Forum annual meeting with global business leaders Wednesday (Switzerland time, Jan. 22, 2025). The dialogue centered on investment opportunities in the Philippines. (Photo courtesy of House Press and Public Affairs Bureau)

"Manila was once the fulcrum of global commerce through the Manila-Acapulco Galleon trade, and in 2026, we hope to continue to be a 'BRIDGE' in Building Resilient, Inclusive,

Digital, Green Economies for all our partners," he said.

Romualdez assured stakeholders of the government's dedication to engaging with multiple sectors to refine its

economic policies.

"Rest assured, the government will continue its practice of multi-stakeholder engagement as we continue to adjust and refine our economic agenda," he said. (PNA)

DOTr expects approval of MAPALLA ferry project by mid-2025

The Manila Bay-Pasig River-Laguna Lake (MAPALLA) ferry system may be greenlit after its feasibility study is completed in the first half of 2025, an official of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) said Thursday.



DOTr Undersecretary for Planning and Project Development Timothy John Batan. (Photo courtesy of DOTr)

"Nakikita po natin na matatapos ang feasibility study nito by the first half of this year. Inaasahan natin na by the middle of 2025 makakakuha na tayo ng approval para sa proyektong ito (We're expecting the feasibility study to conclude by the first half of the year. We're also expecting it to be approved by the middle of 2025)," DOTr Undersecretary for Planning and Project Development Timothy John Batan said in an interview over Radyo Pilipinas.

The project seeks to provide commuters with an additional and efficient transit system by using the arterial rivers of Pasig and

Marikina, as well as Manila and Laguna Bay.

It will use "high-capacity, high-frequency and low carbon commuter vessels" through several electric ferries, Batan said.

"[We're] making the most of what's already there kasi nandyan na po ang mga ilog, ang Laguna Bay at Manila Bay. Kailangan na lang po nating maglagay ng high-capacity ferry system (because the rivers are there, Laguna and Manila Bay. We just need to place a high-capacity ferry system)," he said.

The project is a partnership between the DOTr and the Public-Private Partnership (PPP)

Center. Once approved, the project's first phase will cover a 30-kilometer stretch of the Marikina River and Pasig River and the construction of at least 32 ferry stations. It will be plied by 40 electric ferries that can accommodate 100 to 150 passengers in a single trip.

Batan said the project will be patterned after the Chao Phraya River Ferry System in Bangkok, Thailand, and the New York Ferry System in the United States.

Once completed, the MAPALLA ferry system will also be connected with other transit systems and active mobility networks. (PNA)

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FC Case No. 19286-24
EXTRA-JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE OF
REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE UNDER ACT
3135 AS AMENDED BY ACT 4118

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ANA ROSE KATHLEEN I. COPON,
Respondents-Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135 as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK**, mortgagee, with principal office at PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, against **ANA ROSE KATHLEEN I. COPON**, mortgagor, with residence and postal address at Block 47 Lot 10, Phase 1, Windward Hills Subd., Dasmariñas City, Cavite and/or Block 28 Lot 6, Phase 1, Parksville, Alapan II, Imus City, Cavite to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 30, 2024 amounts to **TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT PESOS and 41/100 (Php 2,604,378.41)**, Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees, and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **February 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2018014873

"LOT NO: 6 BLOCK NO: 28 PLAN NO: PCS-04-028413
PORTION OF: THE CONSOLIDATION OF LOTS 1645 & 6043, IMUS ESTATE; LOT 1642-B, (LRC) PSD-165355; LOTS 1642-C-1 & 1642-C-2, (LRA) PSD-363872; LOTS 1656-A & 1656-B, PSD-04-017696; LOT 1656-C-1, PSD-04-224039 & LOT 1658-D-1, PSD-04-224038; LRC REC. NO. 8843
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF ALAPAN II, CITY OF IMUS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON
BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SE	LOT 8, BLOCK 28, PCS-04-028413
2-3	SW	ROAD LOT 12, (8.00 M. WIDE), PCS-04-028413
3-4	NW	LOT 4, BLOCK 28, PCS-04-028413
4-1	NE	LOT 5, BLOCK 28, PCS-04-028413

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AREA: FIFTY FIVE (55) SQUARE METERS

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

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **FEBRUARY 25, 2025** at 10:00 a.m. without prior notice.

Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the titles to the said properties and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Imus City, Cavite, Philippines, January 8, 2025.

(Sgd.) BRYAN C. CERVANTES
Sheriff IV

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HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND
(otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund),
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SHERYLL VEE P. PADERO married to
WILFREDO B. PADERO,
Mortgagors.

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Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135 as amended by Act 4118 filed by **HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND (otherwise known as PAG-IBIG Fund)**, mortgagee, with principal office at The Petron Mega Plaza Building, No. 358 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City, against **SHERYLL VEE P. PADERO married to WILFREDO B. PADERO**, mortgagors, with residence and postal address at Blk. 2 Lot 24 Boston Heights, Brgy. Toclong, Kawit, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of November 19, 2024 amounts to **SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT PESOS and 31/100 (Php 743,658.31)**, Philippine Currency, including interest and penalty charges but excluding attorney's fees, sheriff's fees, and all other charges incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff IV will sell at public auction on **FEBRUARY 18, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** or soon thereafter at the main entrance of the Office of the Clerk of Court, RTC-Imus, Bulwagan Ng Katarungan, Aguinaldo Highway, Imus City, Cavite, to the highest bidder, for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following properties with all the improvements therein, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 071-2020000473

"A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 24, BLOCK 2, OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN, PCS-04-025180, BEING A PORTION OF THE CONS. OF LOT 1788-A, PSD-04-165640 & LOT 1787, CAD 203-D, LRC RECORD NO.), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF TOCLONG, MUNICIPALITY OF KAWIT, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 23, BLOCK 2 OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN; ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 1903, CAD 203-D; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY LOT 25, BLOCK 2; AND ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY ROAD 4 (8.00 ?.), BOTH OF THE CONS.-SUBD. PLAN. x x x CONTAINING AN AREA OF **FIFTY FOUR (54) SQ. M.** x x x"

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

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Prospective bidders/buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the titles to the said properties and encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

Imus City, Cavite, Philippines, January 7, 2025.

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Sheriff IV

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Clerk of Court VI

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Rodante... (FROM PAGE 1)



CONG. MARCOLETA: NANINIWALA AKO NA WALANG TAO NA GUSTO NA HABAMBUHAY SIYANG AASA O BIBIGYAN NG AYUDA

inquiries are purposeful and protect the rights of those affected. He proposed legislation to either abolish or restrict confidential funds for agencies found to misuse them.

Addressing allegations of abuse of confidential funds, Marcoleta acknowledged the possibility but stressed the need for a thorough audit across all offices to establish clarity and prevent misuse. He underlined the necessity of crafting stronger laws to support transparency and proper fund utilization.

Marcoleta also highlighted his legislative achievements, including his role in the Cheaper Medicines Act, which aimed to make medicines more affordable, though he acknowledged issues in implementation. He took pride in the Magna Carta for the Poor, a law he worked on for 15 years, which guarantees the poor access to five basic rights: food, medicine, housing, education, and livelihood.

In addressing rising food prices, Marcoleta advocated for strategic reforms in the agriculture sector. He called for the implementation of clustered farming to improve production and emphasized the need for collaboration and

patriotism to address the challenges in the sector effectively. He expressed confidence that food prices, particularly rice, could be reduced through collective efforts.

Marcoleta also discussed other critical issues, including his opposition to passing electricity system losses to consumers and his call for PhilHealth to maintain a two-year reserve fund while rejecting subsidy cuts. He voiced his support for measures to combat political dynasties, enforce penalties for abusive political families, and ensure the public disclosure of Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth (SALNs). Furthermore, he emphasized the importance of creating a master plan to address flooding and other infrastructure challenges.

Concluding his discussion, Marcoleta underscored the importance of unity, strategic planning, and long-term solutions to the nation's problems. He stressed that no individual wants to rely on aid indefinitely and that effective governance must focus on empowering citizens and addressing systemic issues. (**Nelson Santos**)

DOST Region... (FROM PAGE 8)

The awarding ceremony and training were held in Candon City. Engr. Jordan L. Abad, Provincial Director of PSTO-Ilocos Sur, representing DOST Region 1 Regional Director Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, awarded the kits and equipment to Dr. Clara Lay-yag, City Veterinarian; Atty. Dan Gacusana, LGU Representative; Mr. Leoncio Balbin, Jr., City Information Officer; and Mr. Eric Gacutan, City Agriculturist.

Dr. Domingo, led the technical training, ensuring that the participants could effectively use the diagnostic tool to monitor and control ASF within the city.

The awarding of the ASFV Nanogold Biosensor Test Kits and laboratory equipment is a testament to DOST's commitment to

Science, Technology, and Innovation. Equipping Candon City with these advanced tools as a Smart City would address agricultural challenges specifically in the swine industry and ensure food security.

This initiative also aligns with efforts to boost the local swine industry, which has been heavily impacted by ASF. Through timely detection and control of ASF outbreaks, Candon City is set to enhance its livestock management, support economic recovery, and boost public confidence in pork production.

DOST Region 1 is committed to advancing local communities and enabling smart, sustainable development in Ilocos Sur!

House's high public satisfaction rating due to effective leadership

The House of Representatives maintained a majority-level public satisfaction rating due to the effective leadership of Speaker Ferdinand Martin Romualdez, House leaders said on Thursday.

The Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey conducted from Dec. 12 to 18, 2024 showed that the House had an overall public satisfaction rating of 54 percent.

"We are happy with this result, which we attribute to the effective, strong and compassionate leadership of our Speaker and his being a dependable ally of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.," Senior Deputy Speaker Aurelio Gonzales Jr. said in a statement.

"Because of the transformational style of leadership of our Speaker, the House has accomplished much in terms of legislative and

oversight achievements that aim to benefit all of our countrymen," he added, citing Romualdez's initiatives to bring down the cost of rice, electricity, and health care, and other important public services and necessities.

Deputy Speaker David "Jay-Jay" Suarez echoed Gonzales' statements, saying the rice prices decreased due to the House's constant exercise of its oversight function.

"We intend to bring down the cost of electricity as well. We have already initiated the process to accomplish this goal," he said.

Meanwhile, Majority

Leader Manuel Jose Dalipe said the House has delivered all the priority measures of President Marcos to sustain economic growth and improve the lives of Filipinos.

"We have a 100-percent approval record. The President can depend on the House under the leadership of Speaker Romualdez to help him in his aspiration of making life better for all of us," he said.

In the SWS survey, the House got the highest mark in Balance of Luzon (57 percent), while it had 55 percent, 51 percent and 49 percent satisfaction levels in Visayas, Metro



(Photo courtesy of House of Representatives)

Manila and Mindanao, respectively.

In terms of age groups, the House enjoyed the

highest satisfaction of 58 percent among those aged 18-24 and 45-54.

It has 56 percent in the

35-44 bracket, 53 percent among 55-year-olds and older, and 50 percent in the 25-34 group. (PNA)

Lawmaker: 2025 budget underwent thorough, constitutional process

The 2025 national budget underwent a thorough and constitutional process and was signed into law without irregularities, a House leader said on Thursday.

Deputy Majority Leader and La Union 1st District Rep. Paolo Ortega V made the statement, as he dismissed former president Rodrigo Duterte's claims of "blank appropriations" in the 2025 budget as misinformation aimed at restoring Vice President Sara Duterte's controversial confidential funds.

"Former President Duterte's allegations of blank appropriations in the 2025 budget are pure disinformation. This is a deliberate effort to mislead the public and manipulate the budget process to bring back the confidential funds previously allocated to the Office of the Vice President," Ortega said.

He criticized the spread of disinformation as a tactic commonly employed by internet trolls to manipulate public perception.

"Lumang style na ng mga internet troll ang magpakalat ng kasinungalingan. Pero ngayon, mas maalam na ang mga tao kung alin ang totoo at alin ang peke (Spreading lies is an old tactic used by internet trolls. But now, people are wiser and can discern what is true and what is fake)," Ortega said.

Ortega highlighted that the budget reflects fiscal transparency and accountability, noting that Congress had significantly reduced the Office of the Vice President's (OVP) budget from PHP2 billion in 2024 to PHP733 million in 2025.

"Let's set the record straight – there are no blank allocations in the budget. The reductions made were necessary to ensure that government funds are properly utilized and directed to priority programs that benefit the

Filipino people," he said.

He accused Duterte of attempting to undermine the budget's credibility to reinstate the confidential funds removed by Congress through a reenacted budget.

"This sudden concern for budget integrity is laughable, especially given the unresolved corruption scandals during Duterte's term, such as the Pharmally fiasco," Ortega said. "This is nothing more than a desperate ploy to regain control over public funds."

Ortega urged the public to remain vigilant against efforts to exploit the budget process for personal or political gain, reaffirming the government's commitment to ensuring that every peso is spent wisely, in line with the nation's development goals.

"Ang administrasyong



Deputy Majority Leader Paolo Ortega V (File photo)

ito ay nakatuon sa tamang paggastos at walang itinatang pondo. Huwag tayong magpalinlang sa mga nagpapakalat ng kasinungalingan (This administration is focused on prudent spending and transparency on public funds. Let us not be deceived by those spreading lies)," he said.

"This administration is focused on progress, and we will not let baseless accusations derail our efforts to provide quality services to Filipinos," he added.

"The Filipino people deserve a government that works with integrity and transparency, not one that thrives on lies and

deception," he added.

Malacañang has denied the allegations regarding the blank items and said that the 2025 budget, spanning 4,057 pages across two volumes, underwent a thorough review by Congress and Department of Budget and Management professionals. (PNA)

DFA takes alleged foreign espionage ops in PH seriously

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) is taking seriously any indication of espionage operations by foreign nationals in the Philippines.

In a statement Thursday, DFA spokesperson Ma. Teresita Daza said the agency notes the ongoing investigation being conducted over alleged espionage activities by a Chinese national in collaboration with Filipinos in the country.

"In accordance with its mandate to help protect national security, the Department takes any indication of espionage operations by foreign nationals seriously," she said.

The DFA, Daza said, stands ready to support the Department of Justice, the National Bureau of Investigation, the Armed Forces of the Philippines and other relevant government agencies as they undertake their respective mandates in accordance with the law.

Initial reports said a Chinese national and his two Filipino accomplices conducted surveillance operations in key civilian and military installations using a sports utility vehicle loaded with devices for espionage.

The three were arrested on Jan. 17 by National Bureau of Investigation operatives at a condominium in Makati City. (PNA)



SPY. The National Bureau of Investigation presents to the media the alleged Chinese spy and his two Filipino accomplices on Jan. 20, 2025. The Department of Foreign Affairs said Thursday (Jan. 23) is taking seriously any indication of espionage operations by foreign nationals in the Philippines. (PNA photo by Ben Pulta)

PH, Thailand ink 5-year tourism deal

The Philippines and Thailand have signed a five-year tourism agreement aimed at driving mutual growth in both nations' tourism sectors.

Tourism Secretary Christina Frasco and Thailand Minister of Tourism and Sports Sorawong Thienthong signed the Implementation Program of the Agreement on Cooperation on Tourism in Malaysia, according to the Department of Tourism in news release Monday.

The deal follows the longstanding partnership established by the original Agreement on Cooperation on Tourism signed on March 24, 1993 in Manila.

Frasco said the country could tap into Thailand's success in attracting visitors for cultural tourism and medical tourism.

"In return, Thailand stands to gain from the Philippine expertise in hospitality, where we have earned a reputation for excellence," she said.

"Additionally, the Philippines is a premier destination for dive tourism—home to some of the world's biodiverse marine ecosystems—and

for English language tourism, where our world-class language schools attract students from all over the globe."

Thienthong said he is looking forward to working with the Philippines in exchanging knowledge and technology.

The program, which will be effective from 2025 to 2030, focuses on tourism cooperation, exchange of best practices, human resource development and joint tourism promotions and marketing.

Proposed deal with Malaysia

Meanwhile, Frasco proposed a similar cooperation with Malaysia during her bilateral meeting with Malaysian Minister of Tourism, Arts, and Culture Dato Sri Tiong King Sing on the sidelines of the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2025.

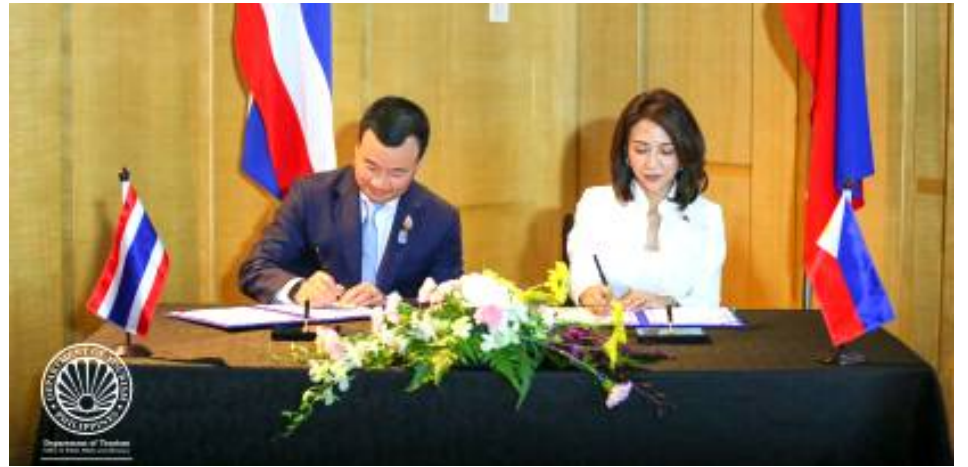
"We are proximate in our locations, therefore providing enormous opportunities for

increased tourism flows. We seek to exchange information and best practices with Malaysia, especially on the aspects of product and market development and tourism promotions," she said.

Frasco told Sing that the proposed agreement would focus on the promotion of sustainable tourism and commitment to practices that ensure environmental and social sustainability.

She touted the development of Muslim-friendly and Halal tourism in the Philippines by developing infrastructure, facilities, products, and services that align with these concepts.

"Our President [Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.] has accelerated public-private partnerships in the country, invested heavily in airport tourism infrastructure, and passed legislation to make tourism investments more attractive as far as corporate income recovery is concerned," she said. (PNA)



TOURISM COOPERATION. Thailand Minister of Tourism and Sports Sorawong Thienthong (left) and Tourism Secretary Christina Frasco sign the Implementation Program of the Agreement on Cooperation on Tourism at the Double Tree Hotel in Johor Bahru, Malaysia on Sunday (Jan. 19, 2025). The program aims to drive mutual growth within both nations' tourism sectors. (Photo courtesy of Department of Tourism)

Galleries Tower, San Juan triumph in Women's MPBL

Galleries Tower and San Juan won in similar fashion to kick off their respective title bids in the Women's Maharlika Pilipinas Basketball League at the Ynares Sports Center in Pasig on Wednesday night.



UNCONTESTED. Cindy Resultay of Galleries Tower in an uncontested shot during the game against Centro Escolar University in the Women's Maharlika Pilipinas Basketball League at the Ynares Sports Center in Pasig on Jan. 22, 2025. The Skyrisers won, 102-46. (WMPBL photo)

Cindy Resultay, a former University of the East Lady Warrior, had a game-high 16 points, eight rebounds, four assists, and five steals in leading the Skyrisers to a 102-46 victory over the Centro Escolar University Lady Scorpions.

Kamba Kone chipped in 15 points, six boards, and four steals, followed by Princess Fabruada with 13 points and four steals, Rachel Lacayanga with 12 points, and Ambie Almazan with 10 points, 19 rebounds and six assists.

"Actually, before we came here, we were very thankful because first of all, it was the first WMPBL so the kids were really excited. When we formed this team, we all got goosebumps," said Galleries Tower head coach Ai Lebornio after the match.

"We are thankful to

Coach Haydee (Ong), to all the members who made it possible. It's not just for us, it's also for the new generation, the girls (for) them to boom here in women's basketball," added Lebornio, who also coaches the UE Lady Warriors.

Jhianne Ferolino and Diana Defeles scored seven points each for CEU, the reigning WNCAA champion.

In the other game, San Juan clobbered Solar Home, 75-39.

Cameroonian center Annick Edimo Tiky scored 12 points on top of 10 rebounds for the Lady Knights, who took a 34-17 lead at halftime.

Rejoice Adlawan contributed 12 points, nine boards and five assists.

"For me, first game, I can say good performance. But of course, because that's what we still want, we still lack some things in offense

and defense since we only started last December. There are still some missing that we can't see," San Juan head coach Christopher John Tolentino said.

LJ Miranda, who played for Ateneo, and Jhenn Angeles, a former UST Tigress, scored 11 points each.

Miranda also had 14 rebounds and five assists, while Angeles made four assists, three rebounds, and two steals.

Ex-Ateneo Jollina Go led the Suns with seven points, while Tin Cortizano, Maria Therese Medina, and Pesky Pesquera added six points each.

Winners in the opening day last Jan. 20 were UST over Discovery, 82-67; Imus-Sis-VBL over PSP, 73-70; and New Zealand-Bluefire over Cavite, 54-51. (PNA)

WMPBL opens up opportunities for female cagers

The Women's Maharlika Pilipinas Basketball League (WMPBL), the country's first women's professional hoops league, will open up opportunities for female athletes.



Senate Majority Leader Francis Tolentino on Monday said the WMPBL would contribute to national sports development, calling it a "breakthrough" for women's basketball.

"May this league serve as platform for women empowerment and promote national unity through sports," Tolentino said in a news release.

The league will attract more athletes nationwide as it plans to play their games in selected provinces, Tolentino

said.

He thanked former senator Manny Pacquiao for organizing the league, which the latter described as a "revolution that brings women's basketball to the forefront."

"It's an honor to be part of the WMPBL. May our Filipina basketball players inspire young girls from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao to also dream of becoming athletes," he said.

During Sunday's opening of the tournament's invitational

edition at the University of Santo Tomas Quadricentennial Pavilion in Manila, Pacquiao told the 14 teams that the league is "more than a competition" but a platform for "empowerment and a celebration of excellence from Filipinas who dare to dream big".

The inaugural invitational will serve as a prelude to the first season of the WMPBL, expected to start later this year. (With a report from Leonel Abasola/PNA)

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EJF NO. TG-24-076
FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate
Mortgage, under Act No. 3135, as Amended

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

-versus-

MICHAEL LUIS C. MORENO,
Respondents-Debtors/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Petitioner/Mortgagee-Assignee, **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK**, a universal banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, with principal office and place of business at 11th Floor Allied Bank Centre, 6754 Ayala Ave. cor. Legaspi St., Makati City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Loan and Mortgage Agreement executed and notarized on November 27, 2015 by Borrower-Mortgagor, **MICHAEL LUIS C. MORENO**, of legal age, Filipino, and with postal address/es at: (1) 397 L. Hipodromo 3 St. Sta. Mesa, Manila; and (2) Block 1 Lot 2, Phase 1B, RCD Royale Homes, Brgy. Kalubkob, Silang, Cavite, in favor of Mortgagee-Assignor **PNB SAVINGS BANK (PNBSB)**, which assigned its loans by virtue of Deed of Assignment in favor of the Petitioner/Mortgagee-Assignee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2017010577** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Mortgagors/Borrowers in the amount of **TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX PESOS & 81/100 (Php 2,950,286.81)** inclusive of interest, penalties, partial litigation expense and other agreed changes, as of May 31, 2024, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Rhiz Sañel C. Toledo, will sell at public auction on **April 8, 2025 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. 076-2017010577
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

"IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT CERTAIN LAND SITUATED IN BARANGAY OF KALUBKOB, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
LOT NO.: 2 BLOCK NO: 1 PLAN NO: PCS-04-028823
PORTION OF: LOT 401-A & 401-B, PSD-04-180693
LOCATION: BARANGAY OF KALUBKOB, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON
TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION:
BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	LOT 365, CAD. 452-D, SILANG CADASTRE
2-3	SE	LOT 3, BLOCK 1, PCS-04-028823
3-4	SW	ROAD LOT 2 (8.00 ? WIDE), PCS-04-028823
4-1	NW	LOT 1, BLOCK 1, PCS- 04-028823

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LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
TO CORNER 1	S. 53° 14' W	3013.33 M.
1-2	S. 08° 26' E	6.00 M.
2-3	S. 83° 41' W	12.74 M.
3-4	N. 06° 19' W	6.00 M.
4-1	N. 83° 41' E	12.52 M.

AREA: SEVENTY SIX SQUARE METERS (76), MORE OR LESS
DESCRIPTION OF CORNERS: ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S. CYL. CONC. MONS 15X40 CMS.
BEARINGS: TRUE
DECLINATION:
DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: JUNE 9. 1981
DATE OF SUBD/CONS SURVEY: OCTOBER 21-25, 2013
DATE OF APPROVED SURVEY: APRIL 8, 2014
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Address: 397 L. HIPODROMO 3 ST., STA. MESA, MANILA

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **APRIL 15, 2025** without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to

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combat corruption, proposing to lower the threshold for plunder cases from ?50 million to ?5 million and to impose the death penalty for plunder convictions.
On the issue of peace and security, particularly regarding the West Philippine Sea, Rodriguez acknowledged the critical role of diplomacy. He underscored that while the President is the architect of the country's foreign policy, senators can guide the administration toward peaceful and diplomatic resolutions to avoid escalating tensions with China. He emphasized prioritizing the safety and welfare of Filipinos living in contested areas.
Addressing inflation, Rodriguez criticized the government's budget for being inflationary rather than developmental. He called for fiscal discipline and austerity measures to minimize borrowing and reduce inflation. Rodriguez advocated reallocating resources to agriculture and cutting unnecessary expenditures, such as unprogrammed appropriations and excessive aid programs. He also raised concerns about the rice crisis, lamenting the lack of accountability for smugglers and calling for stricter enforcement rather than new legislation. Similarly, he cited past instances of sugar hoarding that led to price hikes, urging stronger regulatory measures.
To alleviate the impact of high fuel prices, Rodriguez suggested providing targeted subsidies to fishermen, farmers, and drivers. He also called for reforms in the energy sector, including eliminating the practice of passing system losses onto consumers and holding power companies accountable. Furthermore, he opposed treating water and electricity as commodities, warning that such a stance would exacerbate poverty. On healthcare, Rodriguez deemed it unconstitutional and unacceptable for the government to withdraw subsidies for PhilHealth, advocating instead for penalizing incompetent management within the agency.
Rodriguez also proposed significant labor reforms, including abolishing the regional wage system and instituting a legislated uniform wage across the country. He expressed the need to reassess the K to 12 program, citing the country's poor performance in key subjects internationally. On social issues, Rodriguez voiced support for penalties against political turncoats, the death penalty for plunder and drug-related crimes, and opposition to divorce and legalizing jueteng.
Atty. Victor Rodriguez's platform highlights a bold vision for governance, emphasizing integrity, accountability, and socioeconomic reforms aimed at addressing the nation's pressing issues. His proposals reflect a commitment to addressing systemic problems and uplifting the welfare of every Filipino. (Nelson Santos)

investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2017010577**, 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, January 3, 2025.
(Sgd.) **ATTY. APRIL GRACE M. TENORIO**
Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff
(Sgd.) **RHIZ SAÑEL C. TOLEDO**
Sheriff-In-Charge

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BLACK PANTHER
Karamihan ng mga eksena sa Africa sa pelikulang *Black Panther* ay kinunan sa Atlanta, USA.

PGC Brings Essential Healthcare to Residents of San Rafael I, Noveleta, Cavite

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, in coordination with Noveleta Rural Health Unit (RHU), held a successful medical mission in Barangay San Rafael I, Noveleta, Cavite.



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The event benefited 346 local residents by offering a wide range of healthcare services including free medical consultations, health check-ups, prescribed medications, and multivitamins aimed at

addressing the community's health needs. The initiative was designed to ensure that residents of Noveleta, particularly those who are most vulnerable and in need, have access to essential

healthcare services.

Governor Athena Bryana Tolentino remains committed to improving public health and ensuring that all residents have access to necessary medical care. **(F. Tamio)**



The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones

– Confucius

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DOST Region 1 Awards ASFv Nanogold Biosensor Kits and Laboratory Equipment to Candon City

The Department of Science and Technology-Region 1 (DOST Region 1), through the Provincial Science and Technology Office-Ilocos Sur (PSTO-IS), awarded ASFv Nanogold Biosensor Test Kits and Laboratory Equipment to Candon City as part of its Smart and Sustainable Communities Program.



This project aims to enhance the city's capability to combat African Swine Fever (ASF) through early detection and response while promoting sustainable agriculture through innovative technologies.

The ASFV Nanogold Biosensor Test Kit, developed by Dr. Clarissa Yvonne J. Domingo and her team from Central Luzon State University (CLSU), is the first Filipino-designed screening tool for ASF. This advanced diagnostic kit detects ASF viral nucleic acids in biological and environmental samples, including blood, tissues, surface swabs, farm water, and processed pork products.

With results available in just 30 minutes, the technology combines a nucleic acid-based assay and nanotechnology using gold nanoparticles for quick and reliable visualization. The cost-effective and environmentally friendly kit provides a vital tool for managing ASF outbreaks and rebuilding the swine industry. **► DOST REGION • 4**

Senatorial Aspirant Rodriguez Advocates for Diplomatic Solutions, Anti-Corruption Laws, and Economic Reforms

In a recent episode of *Ikaw Na Ba? Senatorial Interviews*, senatorial candidate Atty. Victor Rodriguez emphasized his strong advocacy for transparency, accountability, peace, and security.



ATTY. RODRIGUEZ: ISINUSULONG KO NA PABABAIN ANG THRESHOLD NG PLUNDER SA P5-M MULA SA P50-M

When asked about the ongoing investigation into the confidential funds of the Office of the Vice President (OVP), Rodriguez stated it is justifiable to conduct such probes as these involve public funds.

However, he stressed that true transparency requires scrutinizing all agencies and offices utilizing confidential funds, not just the OVP.

He also highlighted that intelligence funds should only be allocated to law

enforcement and intelligence agencies, adding that accountability must follow if these funds are misused.

Rodriguez reiterated his commitment to **► SENATORIAL • 7**