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## MAYTINIS sa Kawit 2025



The streets of Kawit were once again brought to life with a festive spirit as colorful floats and the cheerful sounds of Christmas carols echoed through the town, signaling the start of the long-standing Maytinis Festival on December 24.

The Maytinis Festival, a beloved annual tradition in Kawit, takes place every Christmas Eve and serves as a vibrant retelling of the creation of humanity leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ.

The festival showcases musical performances and a procession of beautifully crafted floats that bring to life various biblical scenes and characters. **(Kawit PIO)**

## Gen. Trias Farmers Graduate from Sustainable Pig Farming Program

The City Government of General Trias marked a milestone in local agriculture with the graduation ceremony of the Farmers Field School on Sustainable Pig Farming (FFS-SPF) held on December 19, 2025, at the Animal Pound Center in Bagong Kalsada, Brgy. Pasong Kawayan II.

The program celebrated the completion of learning-by-doing training by local farmers aimed at promoting environmentally sound, safe, and profitable pig farming practices. Participants were equipped with practical knowledge on animal health, biosecurity, and sustainable livestock management to **► GEN. TRIAS • 5**



GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE FARMERS FIELD SCHOOL ON SUSTAINABLE PIG FARMING (FFS-SPF)  
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MULA SA BAYAN, PARA SA BAYAN

## Dawn of DepEd Heroes: Angara, pinarangalan ang mga bayaning guro at education partners ng 2025



**LUNGSOD NG MAKATI, 26 December 2025** – Sa pagtatapos ng 2025, itinampok ng Department of Education (DepEd) ang mga guro at education stakeholders na sa tahimik ngunit masigasig na paraan ay tumutulong sa mga mag-aaral, paaralan, learning community, at nagsisiguro na ang mga reporma sa edukasyon ay tunay na naipatutupad sa mga komunidad.

Sa unang anibersaryo ng kanyang panunungkulan, binigyang-pugay ni Kalihim Sonny Angara ang mga tahimik na bayani ng edukasyon—ang mga nagbubuhay ng bigat sa **► DAWN OF DEPED • 5**

## Budget boost paves way for more farm-to-market roads in 2026



Agriculture Secretary Francisco P. Tiu Laurel Jr. welcomed Congress' decision to more than double funding for farm-to-market roads (FMRs), calling it a "game-changing investment" for farmers, food supply chains, and rural economies as lawmakers finalize the 2026 national budget.

Under the spending plan approved by the bicameral conference committee, funding for FMRs will jump to P33 billion from the P16 billion originally proposed for next year.

The increase, pushed by the House of Representatives, is intended to expand road **► BUDGET BOOST • 5**



# How GCV Leaders Remain Unshaken, Clear, and Enduring

In every meaningful movement, leaders are not tested by success first — they are tested by pressure, misunderstanding, and human weakness.

The Global Consensus Value (GCV) Movement is no exception.

If you are a Pioneer, an Ambassador, a General, or a community organizer, understand this clearly:

External attacks do not destroy leaders.

Internal leakage does.

This is why every true leader must build an Inner Defense System.

1. Do Not Receive What Is Not Yours

Negativity, insults, betrayal, rumors — these are not weapons unless you accept them.

What does guarding the self mean?

It means: I do not accept your negative energy.

Your punch swings toward me, but it doesn't land on my body—

it strikes empty air,

or sinks into cotton.

All the force is dissolved.

In the end, who feels frustrated?

Not me— but the one who is attacking.

Because they realize: no matter how much they curse, there is no echo;

no matter how hard they strike, there is no resistance.

Eventually, they feel only one thing:

it's meaningless.

A leader with a strong inner defense knows one rule:

I do not absorb what does not belong to me.

When you do not receive negative energy:

Anger has no landing point

Provocation finds no resistance

Attacks dissolve on their own

This is not avoidance.

This is energetic sovereignty.

A leader who does not react impulsively already controls the field.

2. Guard Your Energy Like Strategic Resources

In leadership, energy is more valuable than time.

What are those who hurl insults at others emitting? It's a burning, pungent

blood of jealousy and anger. If you run out and argue with them, you're essentially inhaling that burning blood, and you'll definitely get sick.

Arguing with the wrong people

Explaining yourself to those who have no sincerity

Trying to change people who refuse self-reflection

All of these drain your core energy.

A leader with an inner defense system

understands:

Not every message deserves a response

Not every misunderstanding needs correction

Not every disrespect requires engagement

Silence, when rooted in clarity, is not weakness — it is command.

3. Understand Human Nature, Then Detach

Many attacks come from inner deficiency, based on Chinese medicine, it is kidney 'Qi' deficiency.

When people lack

kidney's Qi, they project:

Jealousy

Insecurity

False superiority

Emotional volatility

Once you see this, you stop personalizing behavior.

You no longer fight people —because they are patients.

you recognize patterns.

This recognition creates calm.

Calm creates authority.

Authority stabilizes communities.

4. No Expectations, No Disappointment

Leaders who expect everyone to be loyal, rational, or grateful will suffer.

Reality is simple:

Some rise when others rise

Some step on others to feel tall

This is not new.

This is human nature.

When leaders release unrealistic expectations:

Disappointment disappears

Emotional injuries stop

Strategic clarity

improves

This is how leaders stay long-term stable.

5. Inner Stability Creates Outer Trust

People do not follow the loudest leader.

They follow the most stable one.

A leader with an inner defense system:

Speaks calmly during chaos

Acts consistently under pressure

Does not panic during uncertainty

This steadiness becomes contagious.

In the Pi Network and GCV ecosystem,

trust is not built through promises —

it is built through behavior over time.

6. Winning Without Fighting Is the Highest Leadership Skill

True leadership is not domination.

It is non-reactive strength.

When attacks fail to provoke you,

when rumors fail to



Doris Yin

move you, when time proves your consistency —

you have already won. This is leadership that does not shout.

This is power that does not need display.

The GCV Movement needs grounded leaders.

Guard your center.

Protect your energy.

Do not leak strength through emotion.

If enough leaders build strong inner defense systems,

the movement becomes unbreakable

## Speech for the GCV India Conference

Distinguished guests,

Respected organizers, Dear Mr. Raaj, Head GCV Ambassador of India, Honorable leaders, merchants, pioneers, and friends from across India, Good evening to all of you.

It is a great honor and privilege for me to stand before you today at what I truly believe is one of the most important GCV events in India's history.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Raaj, the Head GCV Ambassador of India, and to the entire organizing team—for this invitation, for your dedication, and for your unwavering commitment to the Global Consensus Value movement.

India: A Pillar of the Global GCV Movement

India is not just another country in the Pi Network ecosystem.

India is a pillar.

India represents:

One of the largest Pioneer communities in the world

A nation with deep cultural respect for value,

discipline, and long-term vision

And most importantly, a

community with the power to shape global consensus

When India moves with clarity and unity, the world pays attention.

That is why today's event is not just a national conference.

It is a global signal.

What GCV Really Means

Let me be very clear from the beginning.

GCV is not a slogan.

GCV is not speculation.

GCV is not hype.

GCV is a social and economic agreement built by people.

In every successful monetary system in history, value was created before free selling:

First came usage

Then repetition

Then trust

And only later, liquidity

Pi Network is following the same path.

GCV represents the price memory of Pi—a memory created through real transactions,

real merchants, and real discipline.

Why GCV Is Necessary

Some people ask, "Why not just sell Pi freely and let the market decide?"

History gives us a

very clear answer.

Early selling without structure:

Destroys trust

Rewards short-term behavior

And collapses value before it can mature

A currency that learns how to sell before it learns how to spend never becomes real money.

GCV protects Pi from that fate.

GCV gives Pi time

to grow, space to stabilize, and structure to mature.

The Role of India at This Stage

India's role in this phase is absolutely critical.

India has:

Millions of Pioneers

Thousands of potential merchants

And a growing leadership structure within the GCV framework

This means India is not only a participant.

India is a value builder.

Every merchant who accepts Pi at GCV,

Every transaction that respects price discipline,



Jojo

Every leader who educates instead of speculates—

All of these actions strengthen Pi globally.

The Role of GCV Leaders and Ambassadors

I want to take a moment to recognize the leadership present here.

GCV Ambassadors are not promoters.

They are not influencers.

They are: Guardians of price discipline

Educators of economic understanding

Builders of ecosystem trust

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Speech for the Palestine Conference

Good day to everyone.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Samer Sioury, Chair Envoy, Arab Region—for the kind invitation to join this historic gathering.

It is truly an honor to be part of the First Alliance Conference in the Arab Region—a milestone that reflects unity, collaboration, and a shared vision for the future.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to stand before such distinguished leaders, visionaries, and advocates—committed to creating meaningful impact across regions and communities.

Allow me to respectfully acknowledge our key speakers and leaders.

First and foremost, Ms. Doris Yin, the Founder of the GCV Movement—thank you for your visionary leadership, unwavering commitment, and for creating a movement rooted in values, purpose, and global cooperation.

Your guidance continues to inspire leaders across nations. I say this with the utmost respect.

Next, I would like to recognize Jojo, Vice Chair of the GCV Industry Alliance.

Thank you for your dedication to strengthening industry collaboration and for bridging innovation with real-world impact. I also acknowledge this respectfully.

Additionally, I would like to acknowledge: Thaer Zamari, Head GCV Ambassador, Palestine Asaad Mansour, Palestine Vice Chair Envoy Abed Maher, Vice Chair, Arab Region

Your presence reflects the strength of alliance, dialogue, and shared responsibility.

At this point, I would like to congratulate the Arab Region for a concrete and measurable achievement.

The successful trade of goods from Jordan to Saudi Arabia clearly demonstrates that our alliance is not only visionary, but actionable.

More importantly, the Arab Region has now connected over 100 real businesses to the Map of Pi dApp, and 40 real businesses have officially joined the GCV Industry Alliance.

These include real estate companies, retail stores, and other operating enterprises.

This is real adoption, backed by real numbers—and this is how an ecosystem becomes alive.

I want to talk about the GCV Industry Alliance and how India can take full advantage of joining it.

The GCV Industry Alliance exists to support businesses, create real economic activity, and ensure that no community is left behind.

Every shop, every company, every entrepreneur in your area must be given the chance to be part of this movement.

Across the world, the International Industry Alliance is growing rapidly:

In China, Yiwu has 2.1 million products ready to export soon.

In Vietnam, more than 100 real businesses joined the GCV Industry Alliance and are now accepting Pi partial payments for trade, marking real-world adoption in agriculture.

Thailand has a very strong ecosystem, onboarding hundreds of businesses, and now even car showrooms are embracing the Pi Network.

Africa is connecting more businesses every day to the GCV Industry Alliance.

Korea, under Chair Mr. David, is registering businesses and integrating them into the GCV ecosystem.

And here at this moment, the GCV Industry Alliance is thriving globally, with 29 Special Envoys actively driving business adoption and connecting real enterprises in their countries.

And this is just the beginning.

Soon, many more companies globally will accept Pi, support GCV, and help build a new value chain.

Businesses can use Pi within the ecosystem—or exchange it for goods and services—creating a self-sustaining Pi economy.

Our ultimate goal is clear:

Businesses worldwide must accept Pi, giving the world a reason to recognize and respect GCV—because real businesses are using Pi in commerce and trade.

I would like to emphasize that we have now given the signal to formally establish local envoys, and this step is critically important.

Empowering local envoys allows leaders on the ground to strengthen the ecosystem by connecting real businesses at the local and regional level to the national framework.

This creates a powerful bridge—from local to national, and from regional to global.

I want to clearly encourage all Special Envoys:

We must work harder now so that your country is not left behind.

Businesses in your communities should already be using Pi—and actively participating in the GCV Industry Alliance.

Connecting businesses in your country is not

optional—it is the core role of a Special Envoy.

When we connect real businesses, our ecosystem grows.

When businesses participate, the ecosystem becomes active.

And when the ecosystem is active, it becomes sustainable and thriving.

Let us look at our own national data.

For example, if Palestine has two million registered businesses, those businesses represent your potential reach.

They are not just numbers—they are opportunities. Reach out to them.

Engage them.

Invite them to join Pi and become part of the GCV Industry Alliance.

This approach is powerful because it enables our ecosystem to grow—driven by real businesses, real trade, and real impact across regions.

When these businesses begin accepting partial Pi payments and actively supporting GCV, global recognition and respect for the GCV Industry Alliance, the GCV Movement, and most especially the Pi Network, will naturally follow.

This conference is more than a meeting—it is a platform for unity, understanding, and action.

As we come together in this region, we reaffirm our commitment to peace, development, and cooperation—guided by shared values and mutual respect.

May today's discussions lead to stronger partnerships, clearer direction, and meaningful outcomes that benefit not only our organizations, but also the communities and future generations we serve.

Once again, thank you to the organizers, the leadership of the Arab Region, and all participants.

I look forward to the insights, collaboration, and inspiration that will emerge from this important conference.

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Ms. Lumari

Speech...

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Leadership in GCV is not about popularity.

It is about responsibility.

And I can say with confidence that India has shown strong, responsible leadership.

Merchants: The First Line of Value Defense

Let me say something very important about merchants.

In every stable economy, merchants are the first line of defense for value.

Not traders.

Not speculators.

Merchants.

When merchants:

Price goods responsibly

Accept Pi consistently

And repeat transactions daily

They create stability.

They create confidence.

They create real economic gravity.

India's merchant adoption will be one of the strongest foundations of GCV worldwide.

A Message to Pioneers: Do Not Sell Your Future

To all Pioneers in India, I want to speak to you directly.

Do not sell Pi out of fear.

Do not sell Pi because others are impatient.

Do not sell Pi because you underestimate what you hold.

Pi is not a lottery ticket.

Pi is infrastructure.

Those who sell early may gain short-term relief,

but those who build patiently will shape the future.

GCV Is a Transition, Not a Destination

Let me clarify something important.

GCV is not permanent.

GCV is a transition phase—a bridge between mining and open-market liquidity.

Its purpose is to:

Protect early value

Prevent chaos

And allow the ecosystem to mature

India's success during this phase will determine its strength after Open Mainnet.

A Historical Moment

Friends, Years from now, people will ask:

"Which countries stood firm when Pi's value was being formed?"

India will be one of those countries.

This event will not be remembered for speeches alone,

but for the commitment behind them.

Final Message

Let us move forward together with:

Discipline instead of panic

Education instead of rumors

Cooperation instead of division

If India stands united, GCV will stand strong, and Pi will enter its next phase with dignity and power.

Thank you, Mr. Raaj.

Thank you to the organizers.

Thank you to the Indian Pioneer community.

Let us continue building—

not just a currency, but a fair and people-driven economic future.

Thank you very much. (JoJo - Assistant

Executive Director – Vice Chair, GCV, International Industry Alliance | Global GCV Core Team)

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## PGC Holds... (FROM PAGE 8)

Messages of support and direction were delivered by Provincial Administrator Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia, underscoring the importance of institutionalizing quality standards across

provincial offices.

A Top Management Meeting, led by Ms. Michelle F. Alcid, Provincial Board Secretary and Quality Management Representative, served as a key platform to assess

performance and align strategies.

The program concluded with closing remarks from the Chief of Staff Mr. Ferdinand A. Belamide, emphasizing continuous improvement and accountability in governance.

The activity reaffirmed



the provincial government's dedication

to strengthening systems and delivering responsive

services to the public. (A. Sarte)

## Cavite holds... (FROM PAGE 8)

called the meeting to order. Afterwards, he led the signing of the PTF-ELCAC's pledge of recommitment to sustain Cavite's Stable Internal Peace and Security together with members of the council.

The Provincial Government of Cavite recognized outstanding local government units (LGUs) and barangay peacekeeping personnel for exemplary performance in barangay justice, peacekeeping, and anti-drug initiatives.

Under the 2025 Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Award (LTIA) – Municipality Category, the provincial winners were:

- \* Barangay Castaños Cerca, Municipality of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo – 5th Class Municipality
- \* Barangay San Agustin, Municipality of Magallanes – 4th Class Municipality
- \* Barangay Talipusngo – 3rd Class Municipality
- \* Barangay Mahabang Kahoy Lejos, Municipality of Indang – 1st Class Municipality

For the 2025 Lupong Tagapamayapa Incentives Award – Component City Category, the provincial award was conferred on Barangay Maharlika, City of Imus.

The CY 2025 Trailblazers for Outstanding Performance of Barangay Tanods (TOP

Barangay Tanod) award was also given to Barangay Maharlika, City of Imus, with Barangay Tanod Joey Garba receiving individual recognition for exemplary service in community peacekeeping.

The councils also took note of the CY 2024 Peace and Order Council (POC) and Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Performance Audit, reflecting the collective efforts of LGUs in strengthening local governance mechanisms against criminality and illegal drugs. All 23 LGUs were recognized with varying local POC performance and local ADAC functionality.

Following the awarding ceremonies, the joint councils proceeded with the formal meeting and deliberations. Several joint resolutions of the CPPOC, PADAC, and PTF-ELCAC were presented and approved, covering updates on council membership and meeting schedules, the pursuit of proposed peace and development initiatives, and the utilization of budget allocations as stipulated in the Peace and Order and Public Safety (POPS) Plan.

Major General Ronald Jess Alcutia, Commander of the Reserve Command of the Philippine Army, delivered a directional

message urging all stakeholders to remain vigilant, proactive, and closely coordinated to sustain the province's gains in peace, order, and security.

DILG-Cavite OIC Provincial Director Marcial Juangco also conveyed the agency's message of support, emphasizing the importance of sustaining peace and order and strengthening coordinated efforts toward ensuring drug-free communities.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Colonel Rommel S. Panganiban, Executive Officer of Task Force Ugnay, presented situational updates on the Status of the Internal Peace and Security Plan (SIPS) in Cavite. Updates from other member agencies were likewise presented, reflecting their strong commitment to the implementation of programs aimed at maintaining peace, order, and security in the province.

The joint meeting underscored the Provincial Government of Cavite's continued commitment to an integrated, whole-of-government approach in promoting peace, countering illegal drugs, and safeguarding communities through strong collaboration among LGUs, law enforcement agencies, national government partners, and other stakeholders. (EMR)

## Iskolar... (FROM PAGE 8)

A total of 15,249 students from Cavite State University (CVSU) received ₱2,000 in cash assistance, benefiting enrollees from CVSU campuses in Silang, Imus, Rosario, and Cavite City. The program seeks to provide direct educational

support to deserving Caviteño students, helping them meet academic and daily school-related expenses.

The initiative reflects the provincial government's ongoing efforts to invest in human capital by ensuring

that students have access to resources necessary to pursue and complete their studies.

Through programs like Iskolar ng Lalawigan ng Cavite, the province reaffirms its commitment to empowering the youth and building a more educated and resilient Cavite. (A. Sarte)



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## Dawn of DepEd... (FROM PAGE 1)

likod ng eksena para umunlad ang mga paaralan at mag-aaral.

Sa kanyang pangunguna, kinilala ng DepEd Heroes ang mga indibidwal at grupo na tumindig sa mga sandaling hindi man palaging napapabalita, ngunit may malinaw at konkretong epekto sa mga paaralan at komunidad sa buong bansa.

"Kapag may isang tumulong, may sumusunod. Hanggang sa maramdaman ang epekto nito sa ating mga paaralan at komunidad. Iyan ang diwa ng ating DepEd Heroes," ayon kay Secretary Angara.

Mula nang unang igawad ang parangal noong Agosto 14, kinilala na ng programa ang 12 indibidwal: pitong guro, anim na mag-aaral, at tatlong pribadong mamamayan—bawat isa ay pinarangalan para sa tiyak na gawa ng serbisyo na sumasalamain sa mga pagpapahalagang nais palakasin ng DepEd sa buong sistema.

**Mga Guro: Dedikasyon sa gitna ng hamon**

Kabilang sa mga pinarangalan ang pitong guro na, sa pamamagitan ng kanilang mga pang-araw-araw na pagpili, personal na sakripisyo, at tahimik na pamumuno, ay nagpanatili sa ningas ng karunungan kahit sa pinakamahirap na sitwasyon.

Mula noong 2012, nagsilbi si Grace Bohol sa isang liblib na komunidad sa Samar. Naglalakad siya nang ilang oras sa putik at baha upang makarating sa paaralan. Higit pa sa pagtupad sa tungkulin, nagtatag siya ng mga programa sa literasiya, nakakuha ng scholarship para sa kanyang mga mag-aaral, at ginawang mas ligtas na palaruan at lunan ng pagkatuto ang mga bakanteng espasyo.

Ipinagpatuloy ni Marivic Villacampa ang pagtuturo ng dalawang klase habang sumasailalim sa chemotherapy. Pinili niya ang magturo kaysa magpahinga, at nagsilbing matatag na sandigan ng kanyang mga mag-aaral sa gitna ng kanyang

pakikipaglaban sa kanser.

Nang tumama ang lindol sa kanilang lugar, binuhat ni Elmer Sugarol, isang Grade 6 teacher, ang isang mag-aaral na may kapansanan pababa ng tatlong palapag, inuuna ang kaligtasan ng bata kaysa sa kanyang sarili.

Sa Bulacan, araw-araw na sinuong ni Lorlita Lubao ang ilang buwang pagbaha makarating lamang sa kanyang silid-aralan. Hindi niya hinahayaan na maging hadlang ang malupit na kondisyon sa karapatan ng kanyang mga Grade 1 pupil na matuto.

Para sa pagdadala ng edukasyong Pilipino sa pandaigdigang entablado at sa pagpapatibay ng pagkatutong kultural sa loob ng bansa, kinilala si Ma. Lourdes Rola ng Caloocan High School sa kanyang pakikilahok sa Korea-Philippines Teacher Exchange Programme at sa pamumuno sa mga inisyatibang gaya ng SALIN-KULTURA at LET IT GROW.

Sa Laguna, inilunsad ni Mary Jane Reodica ang L.A.L.A. Project na nagbigay sa ALS learners ng mga practical skills—tulad ng pagbe-bake, paghahabi, at meat processing—na nagbukas ng pinto para sa trabaho at pangkabuhayan.

Sa C.P. Sta. Teresa Elementary School sa Taguig City, ginawang isang masiglang Gulayan sa Paaralan ni Erik Jim Bongon ang mga dating hindi nagagamit na espasyo. Tinuturuan niya ang mahigit 200 na mag-aaral taon-taon tungkol sa kahalagahan ng sustainable agriculture na sumusuporta sa feeding program ng paaralan.

**Mga Mag-aaral: Batang bayani sa oras ng sakuna**

Itinampok din ng pagkilala ang mga mag-aaral na nagpakita ng tapang at mabilis na pag-iisip sa mga sandaling nakataya ang buhay.

Pinarangalan si Mark Borila at ang kanyang mga kaklase na sina Marco Alegro, Jared Allicaya, John Vincent Teñido, at Christian Jay Maglasang ng Davao del Norte Regional

Sports Academy matapos nilang magtulungan upang mailigtas at maihatid sa ligtas na lugar ang isang nasugatang kaklase sa gitna ng lindol.

Sa Cebu naman, kinilala si Jayboy Magdadaro, 15 taong gulang, ng Jubay Integrated School matapos niyang mailigtas ang mahigit 50 residente noong Typhoon Tino, gamit lamang ang isang maliit na bangka at life vest—at tumangging tumanggap ng anumang kapalit sa kanyang ginawa.

**Mga pribadong indibidwal: Kaagapay ng komunidad sa edukasyon**

Kinilala rin ng DepEd ang mga pribadong mamamayan na kusang-loob na tumulong sa pagpapalakas ng mga paaralan, lampas sa kanilang pormal na tungkulin.

Pinarangalan si Mommy Dea Solayao, isang parent-volunteer sa Maybancal Elementary School, sa patuloy niyang paglinang sa pagmamahal ng mga bata sa pagbabasa sa pamamagitan ng storytelling na isinasagawa niya mula pa noong pandemya.

Kinilala si Atty. Blake Feken sa kanyang pamumuno sa isang probono initiative na tumutulong mag-secure ng mga titulo ng lupa para sa mga pampublikong paaralan sa buong bansa, upang matiyak na ang mga mag-aaral ay nagkakaroon ng mga permanenteng espasyo, protektado, at tunay nilang maituturing na sarili.

Sa Southern Leyte, pinarangalan si Capt. Edcel Viraque, isang Master Mariner, sa personal niyang pagtulong sa pagpapabuti ng mga paaralan kung saan naglilingkod ang kanyang asawa—mula sa pagtatayo ng silid-aralan, pag-upgrade ng pasilidad, hanggang sa donasyon ng mga kagamitan.

Sa pagharap sa 2026, layon ng DepEd na pagtibayin pa ang kanilang pangako ay ipagpatuloy ang pagkilala at pagsuporta sa mga araw-araw na bayani ng edukasyon, upang sila ay malinaw na makita, mabigyan ng pangalan, at mapahalagahan ang serbisyo.

"Sa bawat kuwentong ating pinarangalan, umaasa tayong mas marami pang gawa ng

malasakit at dedikasyon ang susunod. Ang epekto ng ating mga DepEd Heroes ay magpapatuloy

hanggang sa bagong taon, at aabot sa mas marami pang buhay at komunidad," dagdag ni Kalihim Angara.

## Budget boost... (FROM PAGE 1)

access to more farming communities and accelerate agricultural and countryside development.

Beginning in 2026, the Department of Agriculture (DA) will assume full responsibility for the development of FMRs, taking over the function from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). The transition is meant to streamline implementation and better align road construction with the needs of farmers and agricultural producers.

Tiu Laurel said the DA has been laying the groundwork to manage the expanded mandate. This includes strengthening the agency's engineering capacity, coordinating closely with local government units and other national agencies, and encouraging public participation to ensure projects are completed on time and built to specification.

The DA has also established an infrastructure projects watchdog and is rolling out

a digital monitoring portal to reinforce transparency and accountability for the road project. The platform will allow lawmakers and the public to track FMR projects in real time—from fund releases to construction progress.

The agriculture chief said early estimates indicate the DA can deliver FMR projects at roughly 20 percent lower cost than the DPWH's average of P15 million per kilometer, potentially freeing up funds to build more roads.

"With a P33-billion budget, we can build about 2,750 kilometers of farm-to-market roads that will lower production and transport costs, raise farmers' incomes, and help bring down food prices for consumers," Tiu Laurel said.

Business groups and agribusiness stakeholders have also welcomed the expanded FMR program, describing it as a productivity multiplier that can reduce logistics costs, cut post-harvest losses, and improve the competitiveness of

Philippine agriculture in both domestic and export markets.

Tiu Laurel assured legislators that only legitimate and clearly identified FMR projects will be undertaken by the DA. "We will only implement properly vetted and justified farm-to-market road projects," he said.

Senate President Pro Tempore Panfilo Lacson, however, has raised concerns over whether the list of FMR projects tied to the higher allocation resulted from DA planning or from congressional insertions following the realignment of P255 billion in controversial flood-control funds.

The DA has long estimated that the country needs about 131,000 kilometers of farm-to-market roads to spur rural development, boost farmers' incomes, and reduce food costs. Roughly 60,000 kilometers of these roads have yet to be built—an undertaking estimated to cost around P720 billion. At current budget levels, completing the network would take at least 21 years. (By DA – OSEC Comms)

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strengthen food security and livelihood opportunities in the city.

The ceremony featured messages from key officials and partner agencies, including Dr. May M. Magno, Provincial Veterinarian, Ms. Marian Lovella, Learning Specialist, ATI CALABARZON, Hon. Mario C. Amante, Barangay

Captain and the City Government, highlighting the importance of empowering farmers through education and innovation.

Graduates were formally recognized during the event, underscoring their commitment to adopting sustainable practices that benefit both the community and the

environment. The activity reaffirmed General Trias' dedication to developing resilient farmers and advancing responsible livestock production.

The program concluded with a closing message from Dr. Gloria C. Digma, the City Veterinarian, who expressed her sincere gratitude to all the dedicated graduates for their hard work and commitment throughout the program. (A. Sarte)



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MULA SA BAYAN, PARA SA BAYAN



# Marcial wins lone PH boxing gold medal in SEA Games

Filipino boxer Eumir Marcial clobbered Indonesian Maikhel Muskita, 4-1, to capture the men's 80kg gold medal in the 33rd Southeast Asian (SEA) Games boxing competition at the Chulalongkorn University Sports Center in Bangkok, Thailand on Friday.

Both fighters were tied after two rounds before Marcial, a bronze medalist at the Tokyo Olympics, went for the kill in the final frame, hurting the Indonesian with a big right that put him on the ropes.

"I didn't expect it at all. I didn't expect to be able to participate here and win my fifth gold medal in the SEA Games. This is not just for me. This is for the entire country and the Philippine boxing team, this is for all of us," the 30-

year-old boxer said after winning the gold medal in the biennial meet.

The Philippine boxing team also bagged three silvers (Aira Villegas, Jay Brian Baricuatro, and Flint Jara) and six bronzes. (PNA)



**TRIUMPHANT.** A referee raises the hand of Filipino boxer Eumir Marcial during the semifinal round in the 33rd Southeast Asian Games in Thailand on Friday (Dec. 19, 2025). Marcial beat Indonesian Maikhel Muskita, 4-1, to capture the gold in the men's 80kg final at the Chulalongkorn University Sports Center (Photo courtesy of POC Media Pool)

## PH to host Karate One-Youth League in 2026

The Philippines will host the third leg of the Karate One-Youth League on May 14-17, 2026 at the SM Mall of Asia Arena.



**OPTIMISTIC.** Karate Pilipinas president Richard Lim (left) looks forward to the successful hosting of the Karate One-Youth League at the SM Mall of Asia Arena on May 14-17, 2026. With him are Mixed Martial Arts gold medalist Charlie Radcliffe (center) and her brother Travis, who won a silver, during the Asian Youth Games in Bahrain last October. (Contributed photo)

The Karate One-Youth League, a tournament for athletes 14-17 years old, will kick off in Fujairah, United Arab Emirates (Feb. 12-15) followed by the Harare (Zimbabwe) leg on March 27-29.

The other legs are in Porec, Croatia (July 2-5), Guadalajara, Mexico (Sept. 17-21), and Venice, Italy (Dec. 10-13).

A National Championships will be staged in Tagaytay, Cavite in March to select the athletes for the world-class competition.

"We can't say for now since most of them will be competing for the first in a high-caliber championships," Karate Pilipinas president Richard Lim said in an interview Thursday when asked about the medal chances of Filipino athletes.

An estimated 100

countries are expected to join the Karate One-Youth League, the biggest tournament to be held in the Philippines after the 2024 Asian Youth (Cadet, Junior and U21) Karate Championships at the PhilSports in Pasig City.

"We started hosting the Youth since last year to promote and upgrade our young athletes because they will be the next generation of karatekas in the Philippines. Also to give them world-class karate event. Those who will not participate will benefit from it by experiencing the hosting," he added.

As an athlete, Lim had a career-best world ranking at No. 8. He won medals at the 1989 (team kata gold and individual bronze) and 1991 (individual kata gold) SEA Games, 1994 Asian Games (individual kata bronze),

and 1995 Asian Championships (individual kata bronze).

The Philippine Sports Commission, as lead of the National Sports Tourism Inter-Agency Committee (NST-IAC), is helping Karate Pilipinas organize the Karate One-Youth League.

Under Administrative Order No. 38, which was signed by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Oct. 29, PSC chief Patrick "Pato" Gregorio will serve as chairman of the NST-IAC with his counterparts from the Department of Tourism as vice-chairperson.

Members are the Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Budget and Management, Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority and Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (PNA)

## Ando gives PH 1st weightlifting gold in 2025 SEA Games

**CHONBURI** – Elreen Ando secured the Philippines' first gold medal in weightlifting in the 33rd Southeast Asian Games on Monday at the Chonburi Sports School.

The 27-year-old Ando reasserted her supremacy in the region with lifts of 98 kilograms in the snatch and 127 kgs in the clean and jerk for a total of 229 kgs to claim the women's 63kg gold.

Ando won the second SEA Games gold of her career, having previously won in the 2023 SEA Games in Cambodia in the 59kg category.

The Philippine weightlifting team finally bagged a gold after a silver from Albert Delos Santos in the men's 71kg on Sunday.

Favored to win the gold medal with her bronze medal win in the World Championships last October, Ando still had anxious moments in the snatch, barely lifting 96 and 98 on her first two attempts before finishing with 102.

In the clean and jerk, the Cebu native had a no lift on her first attempt at 123, but looked untroubled on the second try on the same weight to essentially seal the gold.

Ando added four more kilos in her final attempt for good measure as the Philippine weightlifting contingent, that included Tokyo Olympic gold



**GOLDEN LIFT.** Elreen Ando wins the Philippines' first gold medal in weightlifting in the 33rd SEA Games at the Chonburi Sports School in Thailand on Monday (Dec. 15, 2025). Ando lifted 98 kilograms in the snatch and 127 kgs in the clean and jerk for a total of 229 kgs to claim the women's 63kg gold. (Photo courtesy of PSC)

medalist Hidilyn Diaz celebrated from the sidelines.

"Nadala siguro sa first attempt, mahirap talaga i-lift 'yung first attempt na nandoon lahat 'yung kaba, ang dami mong iniisip paano mo siya i-lift. Tapos second attempt, sinabi ko sa sarili ko na alam kong kaya ko ito at binubuhay ko lang ito sa training (I probably got carried away on the first attempt, it's really hard to lift the first attempt when all the nervousness is there, you're thinking a lot about how to lift it. Then the second attempt, I told myself that I knew I could

do it, and I was just lifting it in training)," the Hangzhou Asian Games bronze medalist said on her first few lifts.

"Pagdating sa clean and jerk, kailangan ko kunin 'yung gold para may gold naman tayo ngayon (When it comes to the clean and jerk, I need to get the gold so we have gold now)," said Ando, who is coached by Ramon Celis.

Nguyen Thi Thuy Tien of Vietnam won the silver with 98-121-219, while Thanaporn Saetia of Thailand wound up with the bronze with a lift of 98-120-218. (PR)



# SC sets guide in proving identity of socmed account in criminal cases

The Supreme Court (SC) has laid down guideposts for proving who owns or controls a social media account in criminal cases.

In a 30-page decision made public Friday, the SC's First Division affirmed the conviction of an individual, "John," for committing psychological violence against his ex-girlfriend, "Mary," by posting derogatory statements about her on Facebook.

John and Mary were in a relationship for three years when Mary became pregnant. He offered her marriage, but she refused because of their problems. She raised their child alone, living with her parents.

Years later, Mary's siblings received a private message on Facebook Messenger from an account they knew belonged to John. In the message, he insinuated that Mary was causing his mother a heart attack.

The next day, Mary learned from a friend that the same account posted a statement in Kapampangan on Facebook, calling her a dirty woman and an animal, and threatening to punch her when he sees her. He repeated the insults in the comments to the post, which was public.

Fearing for her safety, Mary filed a complaint against John for violating Republic Act No. 9262 or the Anti-Violence Against

Women and Their Children (Anti-VAWC) Act. A protection order was issued in her favor pending the resolution of the case.

During trial, printouts of the screenshot of the Facebook post were presented. Mary admitted she created the account long ago for John but said he had been the one using it.

Her two siblings testified that the account was John's and they received messages from him through the same account.

John denied owning the account but identified the persons in the profile photo as himself and one of his children with his current live-in partner.

He claimed someone might have used his photo to create a fake account. John also argued he could not have made the post because he was working as a waiter at a restaurant at the time, without access to his phone.

The Family Court and the Court of Appeals found him guilty, rejecting his mere denials. Both courts noted that he and his live-in partner were able to identify the people in the profile photo.

The SC affirmed the conviction, stressing that in criminal cases, the prosecution must prove not only the elements of



the crime but also the identity of the offender.

Noting that Facebook is widely used in the Philippines, the SC held that a Facebook account can easily be created by anyone claiming to be at least 13 years old with an email address or mobile number.

Given this, the SC ruled that guideposts are necessary to establish who owns or controls a social media account.

It said the following must be shown to prove ownership or access: admission of ownership or authorship; being seen accessing the account or composing the post; containing information known only to the offender or a few people; language consistent with the offender's characteristics; records from the internet service provider, telecommunications company, or social media site, and results from device forensic analysis showing geolocation features, and other attributes linking the

account to the offender; acts consistent with previous posts; or other instances showing ownership, access, or authorship.

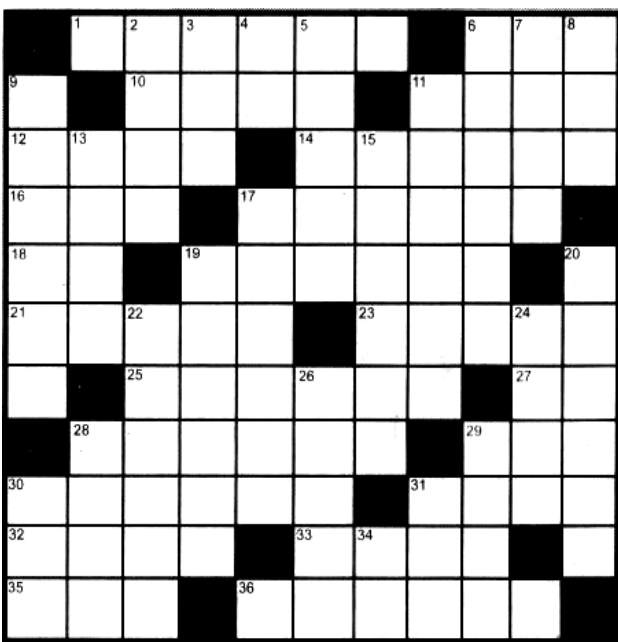
Applying these, the SC found that several factors proved John wrote the Facebook post.

The account name bore his full name, and the profile photo showed him with his child from his current live-in partner. The post also contained statements John was expected to know, such as Mary's nickname and the fact that he had been blocked by her.

Having established that John made the post, the SC ruled that all the elements of psychological violence under Section 5(i) were present, including the public ridicule Mary suffered.

John was sentenced to up to eight years in prison, fined PHP100,000, and ordered to undergo psychological counseling or psychiatric treatment. (PNA)

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# SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



# Comelec to hold technology fair on new election system

The Commission on Elections (Comelec) is planning to hold another technology fair early next year to be able to know the latest automated election systems (AES) available in the market.

Comelec Spokesperson John Rex Laudiangco said the holding of such event will give them an idea of the newest technologies for the holding of electoral exercises.

"As early as next year, you will see that the Comelec will conduct a more in-depth research where we will have a technology fair again," he said at the Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon public briefing Friday.

"We will look at what is new in the world when it comes to election

technology and that is what the Comelec wants."

The poll body chief said they will be looking at several components in the new election system which include easy to use, produce accurate results, among others.

"(The) technology must not be complicated. To make the process easy, it must be safe, it must be accurate and above all, easy to audit and understand by our countrymen," Laudiangco said.

"Because of this, we will

intensify our efforts in auditing ability, in accuracy, in transparency and again, people's participation in all parts and stages of preparation."

In the last May 2025 polls, Comelec utilized automated counting machines (ACMs) provided by Miru Systems, a Korean-based company.

It was in 2019 when the poll body, together with the Department of Information Communication Technology (DICT) and the Comelec Advisory Council (CAC), last held an AES



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Technology Fair, where several technology providers participated. (PNA)



# PGC Holds Top Management Review

The Provincial Government of Cavite conducted a Top Management Review on December 11, 2025, bringing together department heads and key personnel to reinforce the province's commitment to efficient, transparent, and quality public service.



The program opened with an invocation, followed by a presentation of the province's Quality Policy and an audio-visual overview highlighting ongoing quality initiatives. Participants were formally acknowledged by Ms. Anne Minnette M. Dastas, Unit Head of the Office of the Provincial Governor–Office of the Provincial Internal Audit Services.

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## Cavite holds 4th quarter joint CPPOC, PADAC, PTF-ELCAC council meeting; LGUs honored for excellence in barangay justice and security



The Cavite Provincial Peace and Order Council (CPPOC), Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PADAC), and Provincial Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (PTF-ELCAC) convened their 4th Quarter Joint Meeting on December 17 at The Bayleaf Hotel in the City of General Trias, reaffirming the province's unified approach to maintaining peace, order, and community security.

Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla formally ► **CAVITE HOLDS • 4**

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The Provincial Government of Cavite, under the leadership of Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" D. Remulla, continues to prioritize education through the Iskolar ng Lalawigan ng Cavite program, an initiative aimed at easing the financial burden of students in higher education. ► **ISKOLAR • 6**



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