

Schneider Electric Shifts Cavite Operations To 100% Renewable Energy Through ACEN RES Partnership

Schneider Electric has shifted all five of its manufacturing facilities in the Cavite Economic Zone to 100% renewable energy, marking a major step toward industrial sustainability in the Philippines. The transition was made possible through a renewable energy supply agreement with ACEN RES, the retail electricity business of the Ayala group, under the government's Green Energy Option Program.

This program allows businesses with high electricity demand to choose renewable energy as their main power source instead of relying on traditional distribution utilities. By joining this program, Schneider Electric is able to directly source clean power and

support the rapid expansion of renewable energy in the country.

The shift began in December 2025 and now covers Schneider Electric's office and production sites in Cavite. These facilities, which are mainly involved in semiconductor manufacturing, now run

completely on renewable power. This move is expected to prevent close to 11,600 tons of carbon dioxide emissions every year, showing how renewable energy can significantly reduce industrial carbon footprints. Schneider Electric said this milestone

is a key part of its journey to reach net-zero emissions, and it places the Cavite Smart Factory among the first in Luzon's economic zones and the first in East Asia within Schneider Electric's network to be fully powered by clean energy.

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DOST Batangas opens SETUP application, offers financial, technical assistance to MSMEs

BATANGAS CITY (PIA) — The Department of Science and Technology (DOST)-Batangas has opened the application for the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP), providing financial and technical assistance to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across the province, January 05.



Through SETUP, DOST-Batangas supports MSMEs in improving productivity and competitiveness by offering zero-interest financial assistance for technology acquisition, along with technical consultancy, workforce training, product testing, and assistance in packaging and labeling.

Qualified MSMEs may avail of financial assistance of up to ₱5 million, payable over three years with a one-year grace period. The ► **DOST BATANGAS • 5**

PGC Conducts Medical and Dental Mission in Kawit

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the collaborative efforts of the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, successfully conducted a medical and dental mission in Brgy. Magdalo, Poto, Kawit on January 6, 2026, delivering free healthcare services to a total of 425 residents.



The activity provided essential health interventions, with 350 residents receiving medical check-ups, 49 availing of dental extractions, and 26 u n d e r w e n t

electrocardiogram (ECG) examinations. Free medicines were also distributed to beneficiaries. Medical and dental professionals from OPHO shared their expertise, underscoring

the importance of preventive care and the promotion of healthier communities.

The mission was made possible through the combined efforts of the ► **PGC CONDUCTS • 4**

LLDA safeguards Laguna de Bay watershed through tree-growing activity

The Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA) reinforced its commitment to multi-sectoral environmental protection and climate resilience initiatives by tapping community stakeholders in rehabilitating and protecting the Laguna de Bay watershed.

In a tree-growing activity conducted under the Laguna de Bay Watershed Greening Program in Barangay Langgam, San Pedro City, Laguna in December 2025, 300 participants from various government agencies, private institutions, and partner organizations gathered to support and advance the environmental cause.

LLDA Community Development Division Chief Jaime Mora expressed appreciation for LLDA's partner institutions, noting that effective environmental action often begins with mobilizing committed stakeholders.

"Tree planting does not end with the act of planting, we all need to sustain care and protection of the seedlings to ensure their survival and long-term impact. The mix of forest and fruit-bearing trees was

intentionally selected so that, in time, the fruit-bearing species would provide direct benefits to the host community. Also, planted seedlings will be monitored and reported under the One Million Trees Challenge," he stated.

During the activity, participants planted hundreds of assorted forest and fruit-bearing tree seedlings within the identified watershed area despite the challenging terrain.

The initiative not only aimed to rehabilitate degraded portions of the watershed but also to prevent soil erosion, improve water quality, and reduce the risk of flooding in nearby communities.

It also reinforces the importance of collective action in safeguarding Laguna de Bay, which serves as a vital source of livelihood, water supply,

and ecological balance in the region.

As part of the program, Forester Azyl Abino, Division Manager of the Watershed Management Division of the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), delivered an advocacy-oriented

presentation highlighting the vital link between healthy watersheds, forests, and water security.

"Watershed degradation undermines water infrastructure investments, noting that forested areas have significantly higher groundwater availability,

reduced soil erosion, and lower flood discharge compared to denuded and urbanized areas. Healthy forests can delay downstream flooding by up to five hours, providing critical protection to lowland communities," she said in a statement.

Through sustained

tree-growing, monitoring, and community engagement activities, LLDA reiterates that in strengthening watershed resilience, shared responsibility is vital to protect Laguna de Bay for the sake of the present and future generations. (AM/PIA CALABARZON)



Over 13.7 million in Calabarzon registered under nat'l identification system

More than 13.7 million Filipinos in Calabarzon have registered under the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys), according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Region IV-A.

Based on the PSA's preliminary count as of December 15, 2025, Cavite recorded the highest number of registrants with 3,503,633, followed by Rizal with 2,938,672. Batangas and Laguna posted comparable figures at 2,729,112 and 2,722,663, respectively, while Quezon registered 1,931,698 individuals.

PSA Regional Director Charito Armonia said the number of registrants reflects strong public participation in the government's national identification program.

"We attribute the steady increase in registrations to the expanded availability of national ID services through fixed and mobile registration centers across Calabarzon," Armonia said.

Armonia also reaffirmed PSA's commitment to ensuring inclusive identification and improving service delivery by bringing National ID registration and related services closer to the



public.

The National ID is widely recognized as a valid proof of identity and facilitates access to government services, social protection programs, and financial transactions.

On Dec. 22, the PSA conducted National ID services to bring essential government programs closer to communities. The initiative aimed to improve accessibility for elderly residents and

katutubong 4Ps beneficiaries who often face mobility challenges and difficulty traveling to distant registration centers.

"By deploying the National ID Registration Team directly to communities, PSA Quezon ensured a convenient, efficient, and responsive registration process tailored to the needs of katutubong 4Ps beneficiaries," Armonia

added.

The PSA continues to encourage unregistered residents in the region to register at the nearest PSA offices, malls, and partner local government units.

Registered individuals are also reminded that updating or correcting demographic information in the National ID System is free of charge at select registration centers. (PIA4A with reports from PSA4A)

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P950-M warehouse project breaks ground in Batangas, to boost job, investment opportunities

The Philippines is strengthening its role in the ASEAN region's supply chain following the groundbreaking ceremony of Amplefield Malvar Inc. at the LIMA Technology Center, Lipa City, Batangas, held recently.

Malaysian investment firm Amplefield Ltd. has committed an estimated P950 million to build 13 warehouse buildings seen to provide job and investment opportunities once operational this year.

The project will cover the construction, operation, and maintenance of the warehouse buildings that will be sold or leased to companies registered with the Investment Promotion Agency (IPA). This initiative is seen to expand the region's capacity for industrial spaces for export-oriented and supply-chain-driven locators.

Andrew Koh, President of the Singapore Philippines Association Inc. (SPA), noted that the project will create new employment opportunities

and drive technology transfer, both of which are crucial in the country's role in the global value chain.

"[The project] is exactly the kind of partnership that builds sustainable economic growth."

The move is designed to promote incentives and streamline processes to attract foreign investments, create jobs, and boost exports, Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) Director-General Tereso Panga said, assuring that South Luzon will remain a reliable and competitive partner for long-term growth.

"In PEZA, we say investments grow when they are invested right. With your trust in doing business in Philippine ecozones, rest assured that your investments will be protected, and we are



fully committed to supporting you as you grow your business."

Housing major ports and industrial hubs, Batangas Province is crucial in the country's logistics and industrial sectors.

During the third quarter of 2025, the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DepDev) IV-A reported 6.41M MT cargo throughput and 9,368 ship calls at the Batangas Port. **(PB-PIA4A, Philippine Economic Zone Authority/Department of Economy, Planning and Development 4A)**

Returning Calabarzon OFW-teachers get financial aid, livelihood support from DMW

The Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) in Calabarzon has continued to provide financial and livelihood support to returning overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), including teachers, as well as to distressed OFWs and their families across the region.



In a report, DMW Calabarzon said that in December 2025, more than 60 returning OFW teachers received educational financial assistance worth ₱20,000 each under the Sa Pinas, Ikaw ang Ma'am at Sir (SPIMS) program.

According to DMW, the SPIMS program is a reintegration initiative designed to support returning OFW teachers and encourage those abroad to come home and serve permanently in the country's education sector.

Aside from financial aid, beneficiaries were allowed to secure plantilla positions in the Department of Education (DepEd) without undergoing the usual hiring process, allowing them to continue their teaching careers seamlessly in the Philippines.

DMW Calabarzon also extended financial and livelihood support to

distressed OFWs and their families. Beneficiaries received assistance through the Agarang Kalinga at Saklolo para sa mga OFWs na Nangangailangan (AKSYON) Fund to address urgent needs such as hospitalization, legal concerns, and daily expenses.

Meanwhile, others were granted livelihood assistance under the Livelihood Program for OFW Reintegration (LPOR) to help them start businesses or secure stable employment.

Eigramer Bocotan, one of the beneficiaries, thanked DMW Calabarzon for the support, noting that the programs have provided much-needed relief and opportunities to rebuild their lives after returning home.

DMW IV-A Regional Director Atty. April R. Casabuena reaffirmed the agency's commitment to supporting OFWs, highlighting the Department's fourth year of providing assistance and programs for overseas Filipinos and their families. **(PIA4A)**

PGC's Medical Mission in Paliparan III, Dasma

Through the collaborative initiative of the Office of the Provincial Governor and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer, a medical mission was successfully conducted in Barangay Paliparan III, City of Dasmariñas, serving a total of 452 patients.



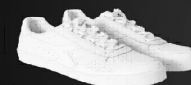
The provincial government's health outreach program provided free medical consultations, X-ray services, fasting blood sugar tests, and electrocardiogram (ECG) examinations, allowing constituents to directly

consult medical practitioners regarding their health concerns.

Prescribed medicines and vitamin supplements were also distributed to help ease the financial burden of residents, particularly those at the grassroots level.

The Provincial Government of Cavite, under the leadership of Governor Abeng Remulla, remains steadfast in its commitment to safeguarding the health and overall well-being of every Caviteño. **(J. Reyes)**

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The initiative was led by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Development Cooperation and the Geospatial Analytics and Technology Solutions (GATES) Program, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Philippines, experts from the University of the Philippines - National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP NCPAG), and the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRC).

A Vision for Data-Driven Governance

In his speech, DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum, Jr. emphasized that the department's goal is to evolve into an agile, data-driven, and future-ready organization that transforms information into national value. He underscored that decisions must be firmly grounded in evidence to ensure they align with global cooperation priorities and national development goals.

"Data must be connected. It must speak a common language. It must

move from information to insight to action," Secretary Solidum stated. "As the Department that leads innovation, we must also lead in harmonization, integration, and translation".

Strengthening Proposal Development for Global Competitiveness

In collaboration with the UNDP Philippines, the first two days of the series focused on developing high-impact project proposals.

Experts guided participants through problem framing and stakeholder mapping to create a pipeline of project concept notes addressing three strategic areas: human capital development, innovation and economic development, and climate change and disaster risk reduction.

UNDP Resident Representative Knut Ostby noted that improving the ability to leverage Official Development Assistance (ODA) and external financing positions science and technology initiatives as

catalysts for private-sector engagement and domestic investment.

"This is about scaling innovations where they are needed most," Ostby said.

DOST Assistant Secretary for Development Mr. Rodolfo J. Calzado, Jr. also encouraged participants to further develop their group outputs into full draft concept notes, as these will serve as a preparatory step for the proposed one-on-one coaching sessions with the UNDP team scheduled to begin in the early months of 2026, refining the outputs into investment-ready project concept notes.

Bridging Research to Policy and Open Data

The final day of the series, conducted with experts from the UP-NCPAG, focused on the research-to-policy landscape.

Participants explored pathways to translate technical findings into actionable insights for national and sectoral policies while discussing the institutionalization of open data to advance good governance and transparency.

Asec. Calzado, Jr.

through a Power Supply Agreement, mainly during the daytime, while the remaining 1,650MW will be injected into the grid via the Wholesale Electricity Spot Market (WESM). As a variable renewable energy source, Terra Solar operates on a must-dispatch basis under Republic Act 9513. The law mandates that all variable renewable energy sources, including solar farms, must be given priority in scheduling plants for dispatch into the transmission grid.

NGCP reiterated its call on the Department of Energy (DOE) for more incisive and progressive policies on the entry of VREs, focusing on grid stability as the primary consideration. The company stressed that the entry of bulk VRE should be complemented by dependable baseload and fast-ramping energy resources to ensure a stable and reliable power supply for the country. **#NGCPAdvisory #NGCP**

concluded that while the DOST system generates a wealth of geospatial data and technical knowledge annually, impact only occurs when that data is translated into strategic, people-centered action.

By maximizing the use of its organizational data through the GATES Program, DOST continues to reinforce its commitment to a data-driven government that provides solutions and opportunities for all

Filipinos.

Through the "Collaborate, Translate, Transform: Seminar and Writeshop Series on Partnership and Proposal Development, Research Translation, and Policy Development," held recently, the Department gathered representatives from its Central Office and attached agencies to bridge the gap between information generation and actionable results.

GATES Program is one

of the eight banner research and development programs of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) aimed at providing science-based, innovative, and inclusive solutions across four strategic pillars: human well-being, wealth creation, wealth protection, and sustainability. These pillars embody the mantra OneDOST4U: Solutions and Opportunities for All. For more information, visit www.dost.gov.ph.

Bagong Taon... (FROM PAGE 8)

pawikan ay simbolikong mensahe ng pag-asa at pagmamahal sa kalikasan para sa bagong taon.

Ayon sa SLPP, mula pa noong Setyembre 2025 ay umabot na sa 106 na naitalang pugad (nest holes) ng pawikan sa kanilang talaan, na nagpapakita ng aktibong

itinataguyod na nesting at conservation efforts sa lugar.

Ang ganitong mga aktibidad ay mahalaga para sa pagtulong sa pagpreserba ng mga pawikan, na kabilang sa mga nanganganib na species at nangangailangan ng

proteksyon para sa kanilang patuloy na pag-iral.

Ang pagpapakawala ng pawikan hatchlings ay isa ring paalala ng kahalagahan ng pangangalaga sa marine biodiversity at ng aktibong pakikilahok ng mga lokal na komunidad sa konserbasyon ng kapaligiran. **(Sid Samaniego)**

Over 116,000... (FROM PAGE 8)

with 28,599 children, followed closely by Cavite with 28,102. Batangas served 23,396 children, Rizal reached 18,817, and Quezon accounted for 17,895, underscoring the wide coverage of the SFP across the region.

Jennylyn Rapiso, a National Child Development Center (NCDC) Teacher in Victoria, Laguna, shared that feeding sessions typically consist of hot meals with rice and viand, complemented by nutritious snacks such as nutribun paired with milk. These meals are prepared to be age-appropriate and nutritionally balanced, supporting children's physical and cognitive development.

Beyond improving children's nutrition, the program has also positively influenced

family practices at home. Liezel Estrada, a parent of a child-beneficiary from Barangay Longos, Kalayaan, Laguna, noted that her child developed healthier eating habits, including a greater preference for vegetables.

"Natutunan ko din dito kung paano gawing mas masustansya ang mga niluluto kong pagkain sa aming bahay," Estrada shared, adding that the knowledge she gained from the program helped improve the overall nutrition of her household.

Parents like Estrada actively supported the program by volunteering in food preparation throughout the feeding period. Through hands-on participation, they gained practical skills in proper food handling, meal planning, cooking, and

basic nutrition, enabling them to sustain healthy practices beyond the program's duration.

In CALABARZON, the SFP was implemented through a fund transfer scheme to local government units (LGUs). Local social welfare and development offices oversaw the procurement of supplies, conduct of feeding sessions, monitoring of children's nutritional status, and fund liquidation, ensuring transparency and effective service delivery.

The success of the SFP highlights the importance of collaboration among national government agencies, local government units, parents, and communities in ensuring that young children receive the nutrition and care they need during their most critical years. **(CCM/PIA CALABARZON/DSWD 4A Facebook)**

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(such as wind or solar) are, by nature, variable or supply intermittently, and therefore need to be handled more carefully.

There are operational considerations that must be carefully managed on both the side of the transmission, and more importantly, on the side of the generating plant. Doing so will help grid stability and mitigate any fluctuations inherent in variable renewable energy sources (VREs). In addition, all required facilities on the plant side, as determined in the system impact study, must be fully complied with," NGCP said.

This concern was underscored by a recent voltage fluctuation incident in parts of North Luzon, which occurred due to the unstable output of renewable energy sources in the area. The incident highlighted how sudden variability in RE generation can affect voltage levels

and system stability, prompting NGCP to take mitigating actions to prevent further disturbances.

"Operational experience at the San Marcelino Solar Farm in Zambales indicates that short term solar variability of up to 300MW can occur due to brief cloud cover. While such variability can be effectively managed with fast-acting resources, conventional generation (such as coal power plants) has limited capability to respond quickly due to longer ramping times. Battery energy storage systems are among these "fast-acting resources," and therefore play a critical role in providing rapid support to maintain frequency stability as solar penetration increases," the company said.

The Terra Solar Power Project will be supplying 850MW to MERALCO

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provincial government, healthcare practitioners, and the barangay officials led by Brgy. Chairperson Francis V. Fernandez, ensuring the smooth and efficient delivery of services.

This health initiative reaffirms the Provincial Government of Cavite's

commitment to bringing

accessible, responsive, and quality healthcare services closer to communities. **(R. Dones)**



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EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE
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BY ACT 4118

BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

VON PATRICK S. VIADOR
A.K.A. VON PATRICK SANTOS VIADOR,
Respondent/Mortgagor.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **BANK OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS** with postal address at 27th Flr., BPI Buendia Center Bldg., 372 Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Brgy. Bel-Air, Makati City 1209 against the respondent/mortgagor **VON PATRICK S. VIADOR A.K.A. VON PATRICK SANTOS VIADOR**, with postal addresses at 396 Dr. J. Fernandez Street Highway Hills, Mandaluyong City and Unit 1758, 17th Floor, Phase 2, Bldg. B02, Tower 2, Green 2 Residences, Governors Drive Mangubat Avenue, Brgy. BuroI Main, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 20 November 2025 amounts to **THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE PESOS & 35/100 (Php3,463,195.35)**, exclusive of all legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned sheriff will sell at public auction on **February 19, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter in the Ground Floor Lobby of Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, BuroI II, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

CONDOMINIUM CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2024001694

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the unit identified and described as: GREEN 2 RESIDENCES - PHASE 2, BUILDING NO. B02, FLOOR LEVEL 17, UNIT NO. 1758 UNIT TYPE: STUDIO, TOTAL AREA 18.98 SQ. M.

In the diagrammatic floor plan appended to the enabling or master deed of the condominium project annotated on **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE 2016059399** which embraces and describes the land located at DASMARIÑAS CITY with an area of **SIXTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR (16,174) Square Meter**, is registered in the name of:
Owner: VON PATRICK S. VIADOR, FILIPINO CITIZEN, OF LEGAL AGE, SINGLE

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This condominium certificate is a transfer from Condominium Certificate of Title No. 2019001843, which is/are cancelled by virtue hereof insofar as the above-identified unit is concerned. Entered at Province of Cavite, Philippines on the 10th day of JULY 2024 at 02:10pm.

Prospective buyers and/or bidders are hereby enjoined to investigate for themselves the title of the said real property and the encumbrance thereon, if there be any.

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IN RE: PETITION/APPLICATION FOR
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App. No. 2025-33

ATTY. JOSHUA A. FLORES,
Petitioner.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the Petition for Appointment as Notary Public shall be held on **January 20, 2026 at 09:00 in the morning**. Any person who has any cause or reason to object to the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

Let this notice be published once in the newspaper of general circulation in the Cities and Province of Cavite at the expense of the petitioner.

City of Bacoor, Cavite. January 6, 2026.

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In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **March 05, 2026**, at the same time and place without further notice.

07 January 2026, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite.

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The company believes this proves the practicality and scalability of renewable energy for complex industrial operations.
ACEN RES, which currently holds the largest market share under the Green Energy Option Program, emphasized that the partnership with Schneider Electric shows how major manufacturers can lead the energy transition by choosing clean power solutions.
The company noted that more businesses are beginning to understand that renewable energy is not only good for the environment but also reliable and feasible for daily operations. Through its efforts, ACEN RES continues to support companies nationwide as they move away from fossil fuels.
To recognize Schneider Electric’s full transition to renewable energy, ACEN RES awarded the company its “Powered by Renewable Energy” badge. This seal is given to businesses that operate entirely on clean energy and is already displayed in almost 100 facilities across the Philippines. Schneider Electric said the badge helps communicate its environmental commitment to its stakeholders and reflects its broader global efforts to support climate action.
The company’s shift to clean energy strengthens the country’s renewable energy push and highlights how industry can play a central role in reducing emissions and supporting a more sustainable future.

DOST Batangas... (FROM PAGE 1)

program prioritizes enterprises in food processing, metals and engineering, agriculture and forestry, aquaculture, halal products, furniture, gifts and handicrafts, health and wellness, information and communications technology, creative industries, energy and environment, and other regional priority sectors.
SETUP accepts applications from Filipino-owned firms operating in the Philippines that seek to upgrade their existing processes through appropriate technologies. Associations, cooperatives, and community-based groups may also apply through their respective local government units.
Interested applicants must submit a project proposal, letter of intent, business permits and licenses, financial statements, and other required documents to DOST-Batangas.
Through SETUP, DOST-Batangas continues to deliver science- and technology-based interventions that strengthen MSMEs, promote innovation, and contribute to sustainable economic development in the province. (DOST Batangas)

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PH athletes ready for 2026 ASEAN Para Games campaign

The Philippines will send 216 athletes to the ASEAN Para Games scheduled January 20-26 in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand.

Wheelchair racer Jerrold Pete Mangliwan, who competed at the Paralympic Games in 2024 (Paris, France), 2016 (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) and 2020 (Tokyo, Japan), has been chosen as flag bearer in the opening ceremony parade of nations.

Of the 19 sports calendared, the Filipinos will not compete in blind football, wheelchair tennis and wheelchair shooting.

Philippine Paralympic

Committee Secretary General Goody Custodio — appointed chef de mission and to be assisted by Millette Bonoan and Francis Diaz — said the athletes have returned to training after the Christmas and New Year break, and are in high spirits as the competition nears.

The athletes will leave in three batches, two on Jan. 15 and one on Jan. 16.

Custodio, who will leave with Bonoan on Jan. 12 to attend the chef de mission meeting, cited cycling,

badminton and table tennis as sports where the Philippines may also win medals.

At the 2023 edition in Cambodia, the Philippines placed fifth behind Indonesia (159 golds, 148 silvers and 94 bronzes), Thailand (126-110-92), Vietnam (66-58-77) and Malaysia (50-38-35).

Swimmer Angel Mae Otom won four of the 33 golds won by the Philippines, which also grabbed 33 silvers and 50 bronzes. (PNA)

PH to host U19 Asian Sepak Takraw Championship in November

Promising young sepak takraw athletes will display their talents in the Under-19 Asian Championship to be hosted by the Philippines at Rizal Memorial Coliseum in Manila on Nov. 16 to 22.



LANDMARK EVENT. Asian Sepak Takraw Federation and Philippines Sepak Takraw Association Inc. officials pose for a photo opportunity after the meeting and signing ceremony for the holding of the Under-19 Asian Sepak Takraw Championship in Thailand in December 2025. The Philippines will host the first Under-19 Asian Sepak Takraw Championship on Nov. 16 to 22, 2026. (Photo courtesy of ASTAF/PASTAI)

The landmark continental tournament features regu, quad and mixed quadrant categories.

The hosting was formalized with the signing of the letter of agreement between the Asian Sepak Takraw Federation (ASTAF) and the Philippine Sepak Takraw Association, Inc. (PASTAI) in December last year.

Under the agreement, ASTAF officially authorizes PASTAI to host the tournament in full compliance with the International Sepak Takraw Federation (ISTAF) 2023-2025 tournament hosting requirements, including adherence to international technical standards, competition formats and governance protocols.

The championship will be officiated by international technical officials and match officials appointed by ISTAF.

The letter of agreement also outlines the host association's responsibilities covering local event delivery, venue preparation, logistics, security, athlete services, media facilities, transportation, accommodation, tournament promotion and technical operations.

Marketing, commercial and broadcasting rights for the championship remain vested with ISTAF, reinforcing the event's international positioning and ensuring global visibility for one of Asia's premier youth sepak takraw competitions.

The hosting of the ASTAF

U-19 Asian Championship 2026 marks a significant milestone for Philippine sepak takraw, strengthening the country's role in regional sports development and youth high-performance pathways.

The championship is expected to bring together Asia's top under-19 athletes, officials and stakeholders, while contributing to sports tourism, regional cooperation and grassroots-to-elite athlete development in the Philippines.

The event further reflects ASTAF's confidence in PASTAI's organizational capacity and the Philippines' readiness to deliver a world-class international sporting event aligned with global standards. (PNA)



FLAG BEARER. Wheelchair racer Jerrold Pete Mangliwan during the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris, France. He will lead Team Philippines in the ASEAN Para Games opening ceremony parade of nations on Jan. 20, 2026 in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. (Contributed photo)

Asian Tour Series PH leg scheduled Feb. 5-8 at Wack Wack

As part of the government's sport tourism campaign, the Philippines will host a leg of the 2026 Asian Tour Series on Feb. 5 to 8 at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club in Mandaluyong City.

The event, with a total cash purse of USD500,000 (PHP29.6 million), is expected to attract the finest players from the Asian Tour, including the top Filipino pros, and will once again put the Philippines in the spotlight.

In a news release on Thursday, Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) Chairman Patrick "Pato" Gregorio, who heads the NST-IAC, cited sports tourism as a "vital tool for economic growth, cultural exchange and global recognition."

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., through Administrative Order No. 38, created the National Sports Tourism-Inter Agency Committee (NST-IAC) in November last year. Malacañang has already given its stamp of approval on the hosting.

"The organization is very excited to once again partner with the Philippine Sports Commission, one of our premier supporters. Moreover, we are aligned in the plans of chairman Pato Gregorio in elevating Sports for all



Filipino golfer Miguel Tabuena in action

our Filipino athletes," National Golf Association of the Philippines (NGAP) Chairman Al Panlilio said.

NGAP Secretary-General Bones Floro said they are in the process of "finalizing all major arrangements for the prestigious international tournament."

A Pro-Am tournament is scheduled on Feb. 4 with teams featuring three amateurs and one professional who is in the official tournament roster. Practice rounds are set on Feb. 2 and 3.

The Asian Tour is globally recognized, with its tournament results contributing to the Official World Golf Ranking.

A full field of 144 players is expected for the Philippine leg led by 97

Asian Tour members, 25 local pros, six national amateurs and four invites each from the NGAP, Asian Tour, venue host and sponsors.

Last October, the Philippines hosted the International Series Philippines, which is also part of the Asian Tour and a pathway to the lucrative LIV Golf.

Major champions Dustin Johnson, Patrick Reed, Charl Schwartzel and Louis Oosthuizen joined the event dominated by Filipino Miguel Tabuena.

Tabuena, currently ranked No. 3 on the Asian Tour, earned USD360,000 (PHP21 million) in the biggest victory of his professional career. (PNA)

Calabarzon police reaps major operational accomplishments in 2025, commits to people-centered policing in 2026

As a result of the intensified efforts in maintaining peace and order in the Calabarzon region, the Philippine National Police Regional Office IV-A records significant operational accomplishments in 2025.



Under the leadership of PRO IV-A Regional Director Police Brigadier General Paul Kenneth Lucas, the Calabarzon police conducted 8,770 operations in its anti-illegal drug campaign, leading to the arrest of 11,391 individuals.

During the said operations, the authorities confiscated 84,235.02 grams of shabu and 91,349.27 grams of marijuana, with a combined estimated value of Php646,319,834.60, which led to a major blow of illegal drug networks operating in the region.

According to PBGen Lucas, these achievements reflect the hard work, discipline, and

unity of Calabarzon police officers and personnel in carrying out the agency's mandate to maintain peace and security across the region.

"These achievements are a testament to the hard work, discipline, and unity of our personnel and our partners. Guided by the principle of Bagong PNP para sa Bagong Pilipinas: Serbisyong Mabilis, Tapat at Nararamdaman, PRO 4A will continue to deliver responsive, honest, and people-centered policing for the people of CALABARZON." PBGen Lucas said in an official press release.

He also highlighted the crucial support of partner government agencies and

local communities, emphasizing that these successes are crucial in the police's commitment to uphold the law, protect the public, and sustain peace and order throughout the region.

Additionally, the Calabarzon police has successfully arrested 4,073 wanted individuals under its campaign against most wanted persons. This includes the arrest of 6 National Level; 1,006 Regional Level; and 1,433 Provincial Level Most Wanted Persons.

As part of its intensified campaign against illegal gambling, PRO IV-A conducted 9,686 operations across the region, resulting in 22,619

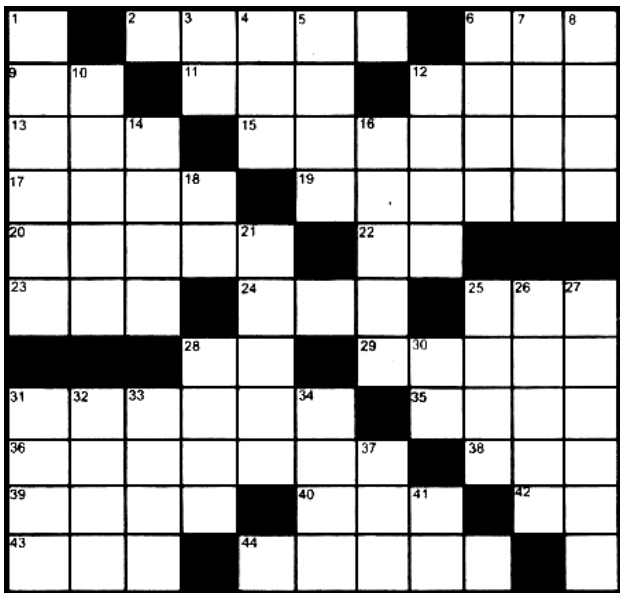
arrests and the confiscation of over P4 million in betting money.

Meanwhile, campaign against loose firearms in the region has yielded notable results, with 1,478 operations leading to the confiscation, surrender, and recovery of 2,708 firearms, helping reduce election-related and other gun-related incidents.

As the new year begun, PRO IV-A sets its sight in delivering responsive, honest, and people-centered policing, making law enforcement fair and effective to build trust and maintain community engagement to deter crimes.

(CO/PIA-CALABARZON with reports from RPIO)

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MEETING WITH DEPED SDO CITY OF CARMONA: Kamakailan ay nakipagpulong po tayo kasama ang Department of Education (DepEd) Schools Division Office of the City of Carmona sa pangunguna ni Dr. Joepi F. Falquez, EdD, OIC - Schools Division Superintendent at ni Dr. Wilson G. Centeno, CESE, OIC - Assistant Schools Division Superintendent. Dito ay atin pong pinag-usapan at tinalakay ang mga programa at mga bagong inisyatibo na ating inihahanda para maisaayos at mapaunlad pa ang sektor ng edukasyon sa taong 2026. Asahan niyo po ang ating patuloy na pagtutok at pagtugon sa mga suliranin pang-edukasyon para sa kapakanan ng ating mga guro at mag-aaral. #CityOfCarmona #LungsodNgCarmona #LGUCarmona #BayanMunaLagi #DapatAngatLahat



BAGONG TAON PARA SA KALIKASAN, 217 NA BATANG PAWIKAN NAGBALIK SA KANILANG TAHANAN

Isang makabuluhang pagsalubong sa Bagong Taon ang isinagawa ng Samahan ng Labac Pawikan Patrollers (SLPP) noong Enero 1, 2026 sa Barangay Labac, Naic, Cavite nang 217 pawikan hatchlings ang pinakawalan pabalik sa dagat upang simulan ang kanilang buhay sa natural na tirahan.

Ang mga batang pawikan, na kabilang sa Olive Ridley species, ay unang inalagaan ng mga pawikan patrollers matapos silang matagpuan sa baybayin noong Oktubre 31, 2025.

Pinangalagaan ang mga itlog sa kanilang hatchery para maiwasan ang panganib mula sa mga predator at masiguro ang mas mataas na pagkakataon na mapisa ang mga ito.

Sinaksihan ang ceremonial release ng



mga hatchlings ng mga lokal na pinuno kabilang ang dating kapitan del baryo ng Labac na si Roger Bilugan, pati na rin

ng ilang mga opisyal ng Cavite police. Ayon kay Bilugan, ang pagpapakawala ng mga

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Over 116,000 Calabarzon children benefit from DSWD supplementary feeding program

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has provided critical nutrition support to more than 116,000 children in the CALABARZON Region through its Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP), reinforcing government efforts to address malnutrition during early childhood.



In 2025, a total of 116,809 children enrolled in child development centers across 121 cities and municipalities benefited from the program, receiving ₱350.43 million worth of meals and nutrition interventions designed to improve and maintain

healthy growth. Prior to implementation, around 9,000 children were identified as nutritionally at risk, including those classified as stunted, wasted, overweight, or obese.

As of December 31, 2025, 73,077 children have already completed

the program's required 120-day feeding cycle, while the remaining beneficiaries are expected to finish within the first quarter of 2026.

Among the five provinces, Laguna recorded the highest number of beneficiaries

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DOST boosts capacity to turn research and data into bankable projects and national policies

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) is taking significant strides toward strengthening its capacity to transform technical data and research insights into bankable project proposals and evidence-informed policies that drive national development. ► **DOST BOOSTS • 4**



Representatives from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) gathered recently, for the "Collaborate, Translate, Transform" seminar-writeshop to strengthen the department's capacity to turn research and data into bankable project proposals and evidence-informed policies. Conducted in collaboration with UNDP Philippines, UP-NCPAG, and NRCP, the initiative aims to harness DOST's wealth of information for strategic actions that contribute to national development. (Photo by John Kenneth Fraga, DOST Gates Program)

NGCP welcomes new capacity from Terra Solar Project; cautions on potential grid impact

NGCP welcomes Terra Solar Power Project as a significant addition to the country's growing renewable energy capacity, supporting national efforts toward a cleaner energy mix. Terra Solar has a total capacity of 2,500 Megawatts (MW), supported by a 1,125MW battery energy storage system (BESS) capable of sustaining output for around four (4) hours.

NGCP, however, cautioned that heavy reliance on intermittent power sources such as solar generation, may pose operational challenges to grid stability, potentially causing fluctuations in system frequency and voltage that if not properly managed, could lead to under-frequency load shedding or rotating power interruptions in some areas.

"Renewable energy initiatives such as the



Terra Solar Power Project are welcome. Any new power source introduced into the system will help keep supply stable.

However, not all renewable energy technologies are equal. Some technologies

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