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## NanoForge opens air filtration manufacturing plant in Cavite



Photo shows (from left) NanoForge co-founder Victor Aliwalas, NanoForge co-founder Paul Rivera, American Chamber of Commerce chair Donald Felbaum, Carmona Cavite mayor Dahlia Loyola, Swedish Trade Commission's Johan Lennefalk, NanoForge CEO and co-founder Michael Hansson, Medify Air COO Louis Holder, Medify Air senior executive Ferdinand Piano, PEZA deputy director general Vivian Santos.

NanoForge Solutions Inc. officially opened its advanced air filtration manufacturing facility in Carmona, Cavite last Jan. 15, marking a new addition to the country's growing export-oriented manufacturing sector.

The 2,600-square-meter facility, located at Golden Mile Business Park, represents an initial investment of nearly \$1.2 million and is designed to produce high-performance air filtration products for international markets, primarily the United States.

The company currently employs 65 workers and plans to expand its workforce to about 250 by 2027 as production scales up.

The site, previously an underutilized warehouse, has been converted into a manufacturing plant built to meet international quality, safety, and environmental standards.

Company officials said the facility is intended to support export-led growth while positioning the Philippines as a competitive location for high-value, technology-driven manufacturing.

The inauguration and ribbon-cutting ceremony

was attended by local government officials, representatives from the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA), trade groups from the United States and Sweden, and executives from a US-based air filtration firm that is among NanoForge's clients.

NanoForge co-founders said the company aims to integrate sustainability into its operations, including plans to incorporate locally

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## DepEd turns over 4-story classroom building in Cavite

The Department of Education (DepEd) on Tuesday turned over a four-story, 16-classroom school building at the Santiago Elementary School in General Trias, Cavite in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to address classroom shortage.



**NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.** Education Secretary Sonny Angara (in light green shirt) leads the blessing and turnover of the four-story, 16-classroom building at the Santiago Elementary School in General Trias, Cavite on Tuesday (Jan. 20, 2026). The new classroom building is equipped with smart televisions, armchairs, and safety features, including fire alarms and emergency lights. (Photo courtesy of DepEd)

In a statement, Education Secretary Sonny Angara said the turnover shows the

government's resolve in easing the current pressure on both time and space in public schools.

"Proven naman po yan, kapag siksikan ang mga silid, hindi

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## CFO and Manila Bulletin to Explore Potential Collaboration

The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) Secretary Dante "Klink" Ang II met with Manila Bulletin Publishing Corporation President, Emilio C. Yap III, to discuss possible partnerships for the Commission's upcoming projects and initiatives.



Secretary Ang provided an overview of the Commission's general work and highlighted the upcoming Presidential Awards for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (PAFIOO). Mr. Yap III acknowledged the importance of the Commission's initiatives, agreeing on the need to perceive more stories of excellence among Filipinos overseas to inspire the greater public.

# DOST SOCCSKSARGEN Engages Cotabato Vice Governor on Project SARAI for Smart Agriculture

Amas, Kidapawan City | The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) SOCCSKSARGEN Project SARAI team, paid a courtesy visit to the Office of Vice Governor Rochella Marie Ella Taliño Taray, on January 12, 2026, at Amas, Kidapawan City. This is part of its continuing engagement with provincial and local leaders to strengthen science- and technology-driven agriculture in North Cotabato.

The discussion highlighted how Project SARAI — S m a r t e r Approaches to Reinvigorate Agriculture as an Industry in the Philippines—can support evidence-based planning and policy formulation for the province’s agricultural sector. The team shared how climate, crop, and data analytics generated by SARAI can be translated into practical tools that guide farmers and local decision-makers in improving productivity and climate resilience.

Vice Governor Taliño-Taray welcomed the initiative and stressed the importance of integrating smart agriculture solutions into provincial development

programs, noting that access to timely and science-backed information is crucial in empowering farmers and safeguarding livelihoods amid changing climate conditions.

The meeting also opened discussions on the Knowledge, Innovation, Science and Technology (KIST) Park/Ecozone Program, emphasizing its potential role as a hub for agri-innovation, research collaboration, and technology commercialization in the province. North Cotabato’s participation in the KIST Park/Ecozone orientation held in June 2025 was cited as an initial step toward fostering an enabling environment for



innovation-led growth.

The courtesy visit reaffirmed the shared commitment of DOST

SOCCSKSARGEN, led by Regional Director Engr. Sammy P. Malawan, and the Provincial Government

of Cotabato, headed by Governor Emmylou Lala Taliño-Mendoza, to advance sustainable

agriculture and innovation through strategic partnerships and science-based solutions.

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## DOST-Central Luzon Joins Uhay Festival celebration in Nueva Ecija

The Department of Science and Technology - Central Luzon, under the leadership of its Regional Director Dr. Julius V. Sicat, joined in the festivities of the 2026 Uhay Festival in Science of Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, on Tuesday, January 20.



DOST PSTO-Nueva Ecija staff, led by Provincial Director Ms. Leidi Mel B. Sicat, participated in the 13th Uhay Festival Grand Parade alongside SCM local government units and agencies.

The agency’s floats introduced DOST’s flagship programs and

services, highlighting the Community Empowerment through Science and Technology (CEST) Program with the inclusion of the Mobile Command and Control Vehicle (MOCCOV), manned by the Nueva Ecija Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO).

The Continuous Solar Power-Charging Electric Utility Vehicle, an eco-friendly automobile developed by Tarlac State University in partnership with DOST, was also present.

Also showcased during the parade were “Ring Bubbles” and “Pedal Power”, two exhibits that

can be found in DOST-Central Luzon’s Regional Mobile Science Centrum.

DOST-Central Luzon’s participation in the event underscores its sincere dedication to promoting science, technology, and innovation to the people, ensuring that “Agham na Ramdam” is truly felt by everyone.

# DOST, CINCO Digital, ESWF, and BB 88 Expand ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 with SALPAKAN and Vi the Game Competitions

Bicutan, Taguig City — The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), in partnership with key leaders in the Philippine esports and digital innovation sectors, has officially announced a major expansion of ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026, introducing SALPAKAN (Games of the General) and Vi the Game alongside its flagship Mobile Legends National Tournament – Road to the World Cup.

The announcement was made during a high-level meeting at DOST Bicutan led by DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Maborang, with participation from Chairman Francisco “Popoy” Pagayon (FISMPC-CINCO), Chairman Reynaldo Sanches (ESWF-CINCO), ESWF President Arniel Gutierrez, and Henry V. Bayubay, President and CEO of BB 88 Advertising and Digital Solutions Inc. Officers from DOST-CINCO and the Vi the Game Group were also present.

## Building a Broader, Homegrown Esports Ecosystem

The inclusion of SALPAKAN, a strategy- and leadership-driven competition, and Vi the Game, an emerging digital platform designed for competitive and

educational engagement, transforms ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 into a multi-genre national esports movement.

This expansion highlights the shared commitment of organizers and DOST to support both globally recognized esports titles and Filipino-developed game concepts, strengthening local innovation while sustaining international competitiveness.

“Esports is no longer limited to a single title. By integrating SALPAKAN and Vi the Game, we are building a uniquely Filipino esports ecosystem that values strategy, leadership, innovation, and inclusivity,” organizers said.

## Three Competitive Pillars

Presented by BB 88 Advertising and Digital Solutions Inc., produced by CINCO Digital Inc. and the



E-Sports World Federation (ESWF), and supported by DOST, ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 will feature three major competition pillars:

- \* Mobile Legends – Official pathway to the World Cup
- \* SALPAKAN (Games of the General) – Strategy, leadership, and tactical competition
- \* Vi the Game – Digital innovation, emerging gameplay, and youth engagement

**Inclusive, Nationwide, and Innovation-Driven**

ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 is inclusive by design, offering competition categories for Men, Women, and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). With FREE entry, the

tournament ensures nationwide accessibility and participation.

The event targets the mobilization of 1,200 teams across the Philippines, featuring three months of regional qualifiers leading to live national finals in March 2026.

## Aligning Esports with DOST’s Digital Development Agenda

The expanded tournament supports DOST’s mandate to advance digital transformation, creative industries, and youth-led innovation. SALPAKAN and Vi the Game are recognized for promoting critical thinking, leadership, S T E M - a l i g n e d

competencies, and responsible digital engagement, helping prepare Filipino youth for the future workforce.

## Beyond Competition: A National Digital Movement

With projected online viewership ranging from 1 to 5 million, ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 is positioned as a major national platform for esports and digital culture, generating:

- \* New digital and creative industry jobs
- \* Opportunities for Filipino game developers
- \* Youth leadership and skills development

\* Strong national pride through global and homegrown competition

## Philippine Esports

Stakeholders reaffirmed their shared commitment to building a sustainable, ethical, and globally competitive Philippine esports ecosystem, where international titles and Filipino-developed games coexist and thrive.

ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 is more than a tournament—it is a national movement that brings together technology, talent, culture, and innovation to propel the Philippines onto the global esports stage.

“ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 – Where the Philippines Enters the Global Arena” (NPO News Team)

# DepEd chief hails ‘transformative’ 2026 budget

GENERAL TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Education Secretary Sonny Angara hailed the passage of the 2026 national budget, describing it as a ‘transformational’ milestone for the sector.

In an interview following the blessing and turnover of a new school building at Santiago Elementary School on Tuesday, January 20, Angara emphasized that the 2026 General Appropriations Act is a vital step to establish a ‘world-class’ education system.

“Matagal nang itinutulak ni Pangulong Bongbong Marcos ang truly transformational education budget. Napakalaking tulong nito sa adhikain ng ating pangulo na maging world class ang quality ng educational system natin.”

To recall, President Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

recently signed the P6.793-trillion national budget.

Angara noted that the 2026 budget allocation for education comprised four percent of the country’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which will allow funding for reforms and programs for the Department of Education (DepEd).

“Umabot tayo ng four percent for the first time of GDP or yung size ng ekonomiya ng bansa.”

With its historic funding, DepEd already has a laundry list of targets, including hiring more teachers and non-teaching personnel, and solving the

classroom backlog.

“We need to hire more teachers, we need to hire admin officers to help our teachers so they can concentrate on teaching. We need to build more classrooms, we need to build learning facilities dahil ‘yung iba ay naluluma na rin po.”

With one of the highest enrollment rates in the country, CALABARZON faces challenges in classroom shortage to meet the needs of its students and personnel.

DepEd is also working with the private sector through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in constructing more school



buildings around the country.

“Region 4-A is one of the hotbeds of classroom deficit, so to speak, one of the highest. That’s why, in pushing the PPP, we have included region 4-A. We are prioritizing LGUs (local government units) in the

NCR, Region 4A, 3 (Central Luzon), and Region 7 (Central Visayas).”

Beyond the 2026 national budget, Angara assured that the DepEd will continue hiring more teaching and non-teaching personnel and building

more classrooms in the years to come.

“Pero hindi lang sapat na isang taon lang natin gagawin yan. Kailangan sunod-sunod, yung momentum hindi tumigil, at taon-taon yan ang gagawin.” (PB-PIA CALABARZON)



**2026 NEW YEAR'S CALL TO THE GOVERNOR.** Bulacan Governor Daniel R. Fernando and Vice Governor Alexis C. Castro together with (second from left) Philippine National Police Bulacan Provincial Director PCOL Angel L. Garcillano during the PNP Bulacan's 2026 New Year's Call to the Governor held last January 16, 2026 at the Balagtas Hall, Hiyas ng Bulacan Convention Center, City of Malolos, Bulacan. Also in the photo are (back row from left) Bustos MPS PCPT Heherson M. Zambale, Pulilan MPS Acting Chief PLTCOL Jerome Jay S. Ragonton, Baliwag Chief of Police PMAJ Jayson F. San Pedro, (front row from left) Provincial Administrator Antonia V. Constantino, Police Regional Office 3 Regional Staff Chief PCOL Maharlika Oscar Villasis, and PRO 3 Regional Community Affairs and Development Division Chief PCOL Ferdinand D. Germino. Sina Gobernador Daniel R. Fernando at Bise Gob. Alexis C. Castro kasama si (pangalawa mula sa kaliwa) Philippine National Police Bulacan Provincial Director PCOL Angel L. Garcillano sa ginanap na 2026 New Year's Call to the Governor noong Enero 16, 2026 sa Balagtas Hall, Hiyas ng Bulacan Convention Center, Lungsod ng Malolos Bulacan. Kasama rin sa larawan sina (likod na hanay mula kaliwa) Bustos MPS PCPT PCPT Heherson M. Zambale Pulilan MPS Acting Chief PLTCOL Jerome Jay S. Ragonton, Baliwag Chief of Police PMAJ Jayson F. San Pedro, (unang hanay mula kaliwa) Panlalawigang Tagapangasiwa Antonia V. Constantino, Police Regional Office 3 Regional Staff Chief PCOL Maharlika Oscar Villasis, at PRO 3 Regional Community Affairs and Development Division Chief PCOL Ferdinand D. Germino.

More than... (FROM PAGE 8)

healthcare professionals from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO), who ensured the efficient delivery of quality and accessible healthcare to residents of the

barangay. The initiative reflects the continuing commitment of the provincial government to promote the health and well-being of its

constituents, especially those in grassroots communities. Residents expressed their gratitude for the timely and comprehensive services, which helped address their immediate medical and dental concerns. (OPIO)

CvSU develops... (FROM PAGE 8)

Cereneo Santiago, thesis adviser and Project Leader of the OneSys Extension Project, emphasized that OneSys was built to modernize barangay recordkeeping to ensure that local services are more responsive to community needs.

"Yung real-time access sa mga data, mas mabilis 'yung pag-issue ng certificates, at mas organized 'yung blotter and permit tracking. Mayroon rin itong built-it analytics para sa planning, and reporting."

By integrating resident

profiling, certificate issuance, and blotter management into a real-time database, the One Bayani, One System can help barangays transition to digitized and data-driven governance.

"Yung records ay standardized at nao-audit, at nakakapag-generate agad ang mga barangay ng reports na nasesent nila sa DILG [Department of the Interior and Local Government]."

Slated for adoption across all barangays in Silang, the three-year project began in 2025 with

a goal of streamlining government services.

According to Santiago, the local government and barangay leaders have shown strong support for the project.

"[By] 2028 ay dapat ginagamit na ng lahat ng barangay. Actually ngayong 2026 ay maa-achieve na namin yun. Yung ibang barangay kasi ay nagrerequest na. In 2026, start na namin yung cluster 2 with 16 barangays."

Once fully implemented in Silang, the One Bayani, One System for possible adoption in the entire Cavite Province. (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

NanoForge... (FROM PAGE 1)

sourced raw materials into its manufacturing processes over the long term.

The firm also intends to pursue global product certifications and expand its manufacturing capabilities in partnership

with government agencies and industry stakeholders.

Founded by Filipino-American and Filipino-Swedish partners, NanoForge Solutions operates in the clean technology and advanced manufacturing sector,

focusing on the production of HEPA-grade air filtration products for export markets.

Company leaders said the Carmona plant is part of a broader strategy to attract global manufacturing mandates and contribute to the Philippines' industrial upgrading efforts.

Cavite set... (FROM PAGE 8)

MUPH Cavite co-founder Norman M. Acuba provided the swimwear and evening gowns of the contestants, as well as the judges, who included executive committee member Gale Salazar.

Socialite-philanthropist Lynn Bautista, the founder of MUPH Cavite, gave an inspiring opening speech:

"Tonight is not about perfection. It is about presence. It is where preparation meets truth. Where every candidate reveals not only how she moves, but who she is when the lights are on and the expectations are high.

"Miss Universe Philippines Cavite 2026 stands for women who are self-aware, composed and fearless in their individuality. This competition is an experience in shaping you into leaders beyond this

pageant. To the team of partners who shaped this journey, your dedication has made this stage possible. May tonight remind us that when beauty is guided by purpose, it becomes a force that can change lives.

"And now, the journey begins. The runway transforms into a stage of confidence, voice and empowerment. Here, strength meets elegance.

"And every step reflects the discipline, the dedication and courage of our candidates. Just a display of beauty, it is a celebration of confidence, fitness and self-assurance. It is a moment where our queens showcase the strength that lies within.

"The grace they carry in every movement and the voice that will guide them

on the path to the crown. Get ready to witness the power, the elegance and the unstoppable spirit of the candidates."

The lovely candidates for Miss Universe Philippines Cavite are:

Avonlea Paraiso from Dasmariñas City (Barangay Salitran 1), Jna Micole Kwong – Dasmariñas City (Barangay San Roque), Joyce A Barcelona from Ternate, Clytemestra Miaflor Juan from General Trias (Barangay Santiago), Felicia Fran Aldana from Bacoor City;

Angel Joyce Parawan from Alfonso, Narriet Nicole Gamilla from Indang, Jencel Manansala Caña from Cavite City, Angela Andrist from General Trias (Barangay Pasong Camachile 20, Tyra Jane Godino from Dasmariñas City (Barangay Sampaloc 3) and Lianah Joy Trias from Cavite City (Barangay 8).

Equipping... (FROM PAGE 8)

risk reduction, including HazardHunterPH, How Safe Is MyHouse, VolcanoPH, and the PHIVOLCS website. These platforms highlighted how science and technology can help communities

assess risks, make informed decisions, and enhance safety at both the household and community levels.

Through these interactive discussions and digital demonstrations,

learners from across Ilocos Region gained valuable knowledge on geologic hazards and disaster preparedness, empowering them to become informed, proactive, and resilient members of their communities. (Lemuel G. Castigo)



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File No. FC-DC-2003-25  
EXTRA JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE  
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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. Buro 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, Buro 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

as owner(s) of said unit in fee simple, with all the incidents provided by the Condominium Act, subject to such of the encumbrances noted on this condominium certificate of title and on the certificate of title of the land as may affect the unit; to those mentioned in the enabling or master deed and declaration of restrictions; and to those provided by law. 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.

DepEd turns... (FROM PAGE 1)

makapagturo nang maigi ang teachers. Ayaw na po natin ng (That's proven, when rooms are overcrowded, educators cannot teach efficiently. We do not want) shifting as much as possible," he said. The four-story building boosts the school's capacity, which currently caters to more than 2,400 primary learners. It comes with smart televisions, armchairs, and safety features, including fire alarms and emergency lights.

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF RUBEN GUSTAVUS LIMOS SORIANO

"Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **RUBEN GUSTAVUS L. SORIANO**, who died intestate on 15 July 2024, has left parcels of land covered by **TCT No. T-1025719** located at **Krause Park Subdivision, Molino I, Bacoor City, Cavite**, containing an area of one hundred eight (108) square meters, with improvements or building; an undivided share in **OCT No. 2014001276** and **Patent No. 0155261043765** located at Poblacion, Manaoag, Pangasinan, containing an area of nine hundred eighty (980) square meters; an undivided share in **TCT No. 026-2013005219** located at Poblacion, Municipality of Manaoag, Pangasinan, containing an area of three thousand two hundred ninety-two (3,292) square meters; and an undivided share in **TCT No. 004-2024001497** located at The District of Balintawak, Quezon City, Island of Luzon, containing an area of four hundred (400) square meters. That pursuant to Rule 74, Section 1 of the Revised Rules of Court of the Philippines, and all the legal heirs herein being of legal age and with full capacity to contract, they do hereby adjudicate unto themselves the foregoing inheritance as per the EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE, entered as Doc. No. 267, Page No. 55, Book No. II, Series of 2025, in the Notarial Registration of Notary Public **Atty. Karissa Marie R. Ramos** of Muntinlupa City."

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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 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.

(Sgd.) **RODRIGO C. ESTOGERO, JR.**  
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The accelerated school building construction was made possible through the partnership between the DepEd and the city government, which utilized its Special Education Fund. In less than three years, more than 100 classrooms have been constructed or are under construction across the schools division of General Trias City. Angara previously said that similar flexible measures are in place to speed up classroom construction and delivery nationwide, with the help of the expanded public-private partnerships, as well as the Adopt-A-School Program. (PNA)

AFFIDAVIT OF LOSS

NOTICE is hereby given that **MICHAEL RAON CUA**, Filipino, Single, of legal age, with address at **Noveleta, Cavite**, after being sworn in accordance with law, do hereby depose and state that: I am the legitimate heir of my late mother **LORNA RAON**, who passed away on April 20, 2022. My late mother own shares of stocks of various companies that is listed and traded under the Philippine Stock Exchange. Upon verification with the respective Transfer Offices of these companies, the following are the outstanding stock certificates evidencing to her ownership at **Philex Mining Corp.** with Cert. Nos. 91946 (05/08/1970) 27 shares; 102369 (07/10/1970) 13 shares; 140370 (08/27/1971) 20 shares; 185286 (03/23/1973) 15 shares; 217723 (07/30/1973) 19 shares; A 012872 (11/14/1973) 95 shares; A 084591 (12/27/1974) 76 shares; A 180770 (02/15/1979) 26 shares; A 242012 (08/25/1981) 73 shares; A 364711 (08/05/1985) 40 shares; A 398438 (07/28/1986) 66 shares; A 469187 (08/18/1987) 128 shares; A 493850 (05/31/1988) 192 shares; A 562911 (07/12/1989) 249 shares; A 616387 (06/04/1990) 162 shares; A 2022106 (10/22/1990) 6 shares; A 665703 (06/17/1991) 372 shares; A 700220 (06/30/1992) 161 shares; B 297691 (07/31/1993) 71 shares; A 737271 (07/31/1993) 106 shares; X015980 (04/04/2008) 878 shares; X038176 (06/23/2009) 951 shares; The above-described stock certificates have been misplaced and in spite of diligent search and effort, the same could no longer be found. These shares have not been sold, pledged, mortgaged, transferred or in any way encumbered, that they are free from any liens or encumbrances. I am executing this Affidavit of Loss to formally declare the loss of the said stock certificates and to support any application for their replacement, estate settlement, or for any other legal purpose it may serve, executed on 21st day of January 2026 and ratified before Notary Public **Atty. Marielle Jenelle L. Laguerta**, under Doc. No. 115, Page No. 18, Book No. V, Series of 2026.

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# Long overdue Maharlika Highway rehab to transform lives of local communities

Improved road access is expected to transform the way of life of local communities in the province of Quezon and spur economic growth in neighboring regions once the major rehabilitation of the Maharlika Highway is completed.

During the visit of Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Secretary Vince Dizon for a thorough inspection, residents of Lopez, Quezon, expressed their support for the long-anticipated government project, saying it will significantly improve accessibility and ease their daily commute.

Dizon said that the department intends to complete the Lopez Viaduct, as it is a critical passageway for goods and transportation, and a vital section of the highway.

"As it was explained to me, the Lopez Viaduct is critical because when it rains, this entire stretch of Maharlika Highway gets flooded since it is low-lying, and during heavy rains or typhoons, vehicles are unable to pass, forcing them to take long detours. This viaduct is the solution to this problem," Dizon said.

Lopez, Quezon Mayor Isaias Ubana explained during an interview with the Philippine Information Agency CALABARZON that during intense rainfall or when a typhoon is hoisted over the province, floodwaters can rise to as high as 12 meters, or about the height of a three-storey building, resulting in a complete standstill for transportation routes and making the roads impassable.

He further stated that the planned continuation of the infrastructure project offers renewed optimism as it will enable the entire community and the majority of road users to access the Maharlika Highway even during the rainy season.

"This project will not only benefit the town of Lopez but the entire South Luzon, as well as the Visayas and Mindanao. This road is a major arterial route, and when the flood reaches 12 meters deep, no vehicle can pass. It takes at least



three days for floodwaters to subside, leaving motorists stranded and cutting off access to and from Mindanao, Visayas, and South Luzon. This is why the project will benefit the entire country," Ubana said.

Elizabeth Pereira, 62, a resident of Barangay Canda Ilaya in Lopez, Quezon, for nearly 22 years, said the completion of the viaduct is expected to improve road accessibility, ease traffic congestion, and prevent vehicles from being stranded during flooding.

"This will be a big help, especially during heavy rains and typhoons, particularly in the low-lying areas. Traffic usually builds up from here all the way to the town proper; that is our main problem. Once the project is completed, tricycles and vans will no longer be delayed, as they will be able to pass through the elevated road," Pereira

stated.

However, this remains a concern for Secretary Dizon, noting that while improved road access and reduced traffic congestion may address transportation challenges, the flooding experienced by the community could persist.

Mayor Ubana has also requested that the project include measures to address the flooding, as it significantly affects local communities and the livelihoods of residents.

During the inspection, Dizon ordered all DPWH offices to halt all procurement activities regarding the Maharlika Highway rehabilitation until the department can create a rehabilitation plan that addresses the root problems of the national highway, not only in Lopez, but in the segment covering the provinces of Quezon and Camarines Sur.

(CO/PIA-CALABARZON)

## DENR-EMB mulls circular economy to improve waste management in Calabarzon

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Department of Environment and Natural Resources–Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) Calabarzon continues to promote the adoption of a circular economy approach to strengthen waste management systems and reduce environmental pollution across the region.



DENR-EMB Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division Chief Corazon Gasapos emphasized that a circular economy shifts the traditional "take-make-dispose" model into a more sustainable system where materials are reduced, reused, recycled, and recovered, allowing waste to be transformed into resources that can still generate value.

"Currently, what we are doing is the linear economy, we are taking resources from our environment. We are making good products, only the ones we need, but when we use them, we throw them in the trash. So that's the linear economy. Our direction is towards the circular economy where the things that we can still benefit from, we recover them and we use them," Gasapos stated during an interview with Philippine Information Agency.

The circular economy is a global sustainability framework that aims to decouple economic growth from environmental degradation by maximizing

the efficient use of resources.

Unlike the linear economy, which relies heavily on extraction and disposal, the circular economy focuses on extending the life cycle of products, minimizing waste generation, and reducing pressure on natural resources, Gasapos further explained.

"(For) example is plastics, when it burns, it releases toxic smoke, or it clogs the drains. Now, what we will do is, after we use these plastics, we will recover these plastics, we can melt them, we can make good products. Or we can grind them, we can incorporate them into concrete products. We will incorporate them into what we throw away, we will continue to use the things that still have benefits through recycling and cycling," the DENR-EMB official adds.

In the Philippines, the circular economy is increasingly being recognized as a key sustainable strategy to address mounting waste concerns, particularly plastic pollution, landfill

congestion, and marine debris.

It complements existing environmental policies such as Republic Act No. 9003, or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, and Republic Act No. 11898, or the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Act of 2022, which directs large companies to recover and recycle their plastic packaging waste.

Moreso, DENR-EMB Calabarzon actively promotes waste segregation at source, recycling programs, composting of biodegradable waste, and the establishment of materials recovery facilities (MRFs). The bureau also works closely with LGUs and the private sector to encourage compliance with RA 9003.

The bureau then stressed that public participation remains essential, noting that households and communities play a vital role in reducing waste through mindful consumption, reuse, and proper waste disposal. (AM/PIA Calabarzon)

# Laguna gov introduces 'citizen journalism' approach in policing, law enforcement

SANTA CRUZ, Laguna (PIA) — Aiming to make policing more community-centered and people-oriented, Laguna Governor Sol Aragonés is pushing for a renewed strategy in maintaining peace and order in the province through citizen journalism and participatory policing.



Aragonés issued the directive during the New Year's Call of the Laguna Police Provincial Office on January 16, attended by Acting Provincial Director Police Colonel Jonar Yupio and the chiefs of police of the province's cities and municipalities.

A former veteran news broadcaster, Aragonés said the initiative aims to strengthen information dissemination on police and emergency operations. Central to the plan is the establishment of a command center where residents can instantly report possible risks, hazards, and suspicious activities to authorities using their smartphones.

"Paigtingin natin ang information dissemination. Dapat ang bawat tao, parang citizen journalism—kung may makita silang krimen o danger sa isang lugar, gamit ang kanilang mga

cellphone ay agad nilang maitext o matatawagan ang mga pulis. Mangyayari lang ito kung malinaw at kalat sa buong Laguna kung sino ang dapat nilang tawagan," Aragonés said.

To support the initiative, information, education, and communication materials containing police contact details will be displayed in high-convergence areas such as markets, churches, and other public places starting this week.

The governor emphasized that a clear and accessible reporting system can help change public behavior, making emergency reporting a routine practice for residents.

"Sa panahon na may nangyaring krimen, madalas aligaga at litong-lito ang tao—hindi alam kung saan dapat tumawag, kanino hihingi ng tulong, o saan tatakbo. Kung ang mga numerong

ito ay araw-araw nilang nakikita, magkakaroon ng retention at alam na nila kung saan sila lalapit," Aragonés explained.

She also reminded police forces to further expand their presence across the province, including in remote communities and sitios, following the recent gruesome killing of an eight-year-old boy in San Pablo City, Laguna.

"Iba kapag may police visibility sa bawat barangay. Kung bawat barangay at bawat bayan ay may presensya ng pulis, ngayon ay susuungin na rin natin ang bawat sitio para masigurong may nagbabantay, dahil isa itong deterrent sa mga krimeng maaaring mangyari," she said.

Aragonés further stressed that police work must extend beyond stations and into the communities.

"Para sa akin, ang

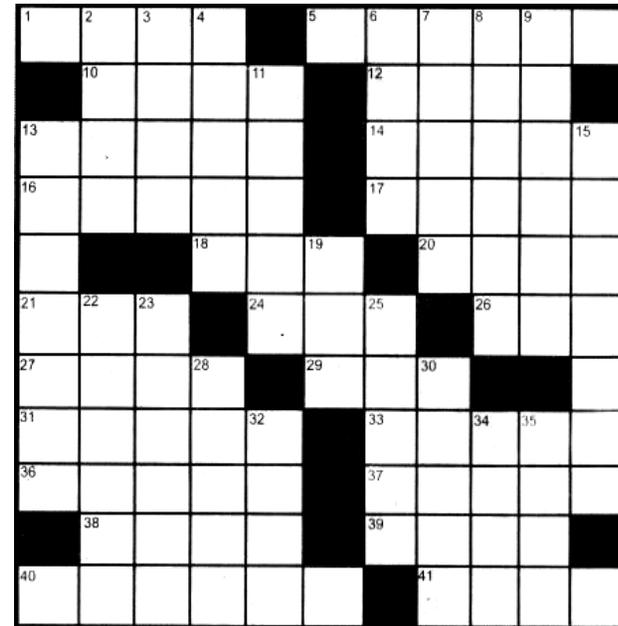
totoong laban ng mga pulis ay wala sa police station. Ang totoong laban ay nasa lansangan kung saan nagaganap ang mga krimen," she added.

Meanwhile, the Laguna PPO reported a further decline in the province's crime rate, attributed to sustained police operations, including arrests related to illegal drugs, illegal possession of firearms, and intensified campaigns against gambling, smuggling, and illegal logging.

Laguna currently has a police-to-population ratio of one police personnel for every 1,786 residents. With a stronger community-engaged and people-centered approach, the Laguna PPO remains committed to carrying out the governor's directives and implementing programs that ensure the safety and well-being of Lagunenses.

(CH/PIA-Laguna)

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## SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



# Cavite set to crown its Miss Universe Philippines 2026 contender on January 24

On January 17, the Province of Cavite presented its roster of captivating candidates for Miss Universe Philippines 2026. Held at Bellevue Hotel Manila in Alabang, 11 ladies competed in preliminary rounds for the evening gown and swimwear categories.



The coronation night, to be directed by Raymond Villanueva, is set on January 24 at Fernwood Gardens in Tagaytay. The titles at stake are Miss Universe Philippines- Dasmariñas, Miss Universe Philippines – Bacoor, Miss Universe Philippines- Cavite, Miss Charity, Miss Tourism, a first runner-up and a second runner-up. **► CAVITE SET • 4**

## Equipping Young Minds for Disaster Readiness with DOST-PHIVOLCS

Recognizing the efforts of DOST Ilocos Region under the leadership of Regional Director Teresita A. Tabaog, in coordinating and facilitating initiatives for young learners, the MAGHANDA for Kids program continued its activities during the 3rd MANGIDAULO REHIYON UNO: Regional Learners' Convergence in Bolinao, Pangasinan. Experts from DOST-PHIVOLCS Ms. Lucille Rose D. Sanico, Senior Science Research Specialist and Ms. Kristine Dionne B. Lagunsad, Science Research Specialist I engaged student participants in informative discussions on geologic hazards. **► EQUIPPING • 4**



Sessions focused on volcanoes and volcanic hazards, earthquake hazards and preparedness, and the proper reporting of earthquake intensity using the PHIVOLCS Earthquake

Intensity Scale (PEIS). Emphasis was placed on understanding local hazards and the importance of preparedness before, during, and after seismic and volcanic events.

To further promote practical and accessible disaster preparedness, participants were introduced to PHIVOLCS-developed digital tools and applications for disaster **► EQUIPPING • 4**

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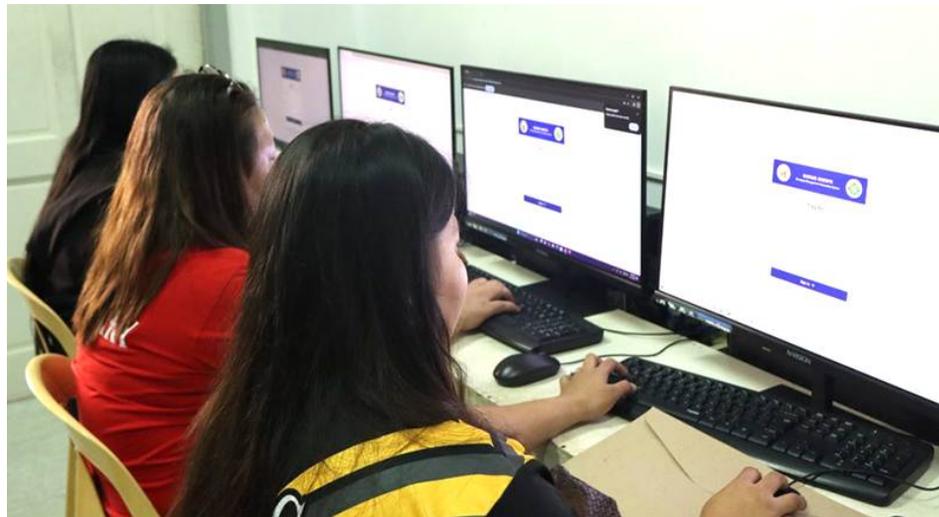
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## CvSU develops e-governance system for barangays

SILANG, Cavite (PIA) — Students at the Cavite State University (CvSU) in Silang have developed a digital platform to modernize barangay services and enhance the efficiency of grassroots governance. **► CVSU DEVELOPS • 4**



Developed as a thesis by Dave Espiritu, Neejay Lazaro, Arianne Jose, Kenneth Naquila, Luvrickx Kelley Lanzona, Ruel Panti, and Ruel Vincent dela Peña of the CvSU Silang's College of Information Technology, the One Bayani, One System was designed to digitize barangay records management systems, improving services and governance. **► CVSU DEVELOPS • 4**

## More than 600 residents benefit from PGC's Medical and Dental Mission in Brgy. Halang, Naic

More than 600 residents of Barangay Halang, Naic benefited from a successful medical and dental mission conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite on January 20, aimed at bringing essential healthcare services closer to the community. **► MORE THAN • 4**



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The activity provided a wide range of free medical services, including general medical consultations, X-ray, electrocardiogram (ECG), and fasting blood sugar (FBS) testing. Dental services such as tooth extraction and dental consultation were also made available to address the oral health needs of the beneficiaries.

The medical and dental services were rendered by the **► MORE THAN • 4**