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Cavite's 'Alagang Ina' ordinance pushes aid for kids with chronic diseases

TRUCE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Local legislators in Cavite province are prioritizing ordinances advocating for the welfare of children undergoing long-term treatment – an effort that did not go unnoticed by the Philippine Councilors' League (PCL).

Proposed by Councilor AJ Humarang of Truce Martires City, the Alagang Ina ordinance aims to provide P 30,000 annual financial assistance to children aged 0 to 17, undergoing long-term

treatment for non-communicable diseases. This includes diseases such as childhood cancer, autism, epilepsy, hydrocephalus, heart diseases, chronic kidney diseases, among others.

Known as the Alagang Ina Program, the measure was chosen as a finalist to the very first Gawad Galing Lokal na Bataas of the Philippine Councilors' League.

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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 2024 - 498

“Alagang Ina Program”

An ordinance institutionalizing **Health Care Assistance for Children** with non-communicable disease which requires longer treatment or management.



Nailunsad din po ng inyong lingkod, AJ HUMARANG ang Ordenansa na tumutugon sa pangangailangan ng mga Kabataang may taong gulang 0-17 na may karamdaman tulad ng Childhood Cancer, Epilepsy, Autism Cerebral Palsy Diabetes

Cavite fisher shows diesel he bought amid oil price hike

A fisherfolk leader in Cavite displayed a four-liter container of diesel he bought for his fishing trip, noting the impact of the staggered oil price hikes.



A fisherfolk leader in Cavite shows a gallon of diesel he bought for his fishing trip, following the second tranche of the staggered oil price hikes on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. — Photo from Pamalakaya/ Facebook

The photo posted on Facebook by fisher group Pambansang Lakas ng Kilusang Mamalakaya ng Pilipinas (Pamalakaya) was captioned: “This four-liter container of diesel had a 60% price increase, from P250 to P400, after the staggered price increases.” In the same Facebook post on Wednesday, Pamalakaya urged the government to remove the value-added tax (VAT) and excise tax on fuel, which it said currently add P15 to P17 per liter.

It reiterated that without the VAT and excise tax, a fisherfolk who typically consumes around 10 liters of fuel per fishing trip would be able to save P150 per operation. Pamalakaya also joined demonstrations as fuel price spikes began Tuesday. /das

Maynilad ramps up infrastructure upgrades in Metro Manila, Cavite

West Zone concessionaire Maynilad Water Services Inc. is nearing completion of several major water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades aimed at strengthening system reliability and environmental protection across Metro Manila and Cavite.



Maynilad personnel inspect a large valve component for installation at La Mesa Treatment Plant 2, which is currently undergoing modernization upgrades to enhance operational reliability in the West Zone. | Contributed photo

The projects are part of the company's ongoing capital investment program focused on improving water security, wastewater services, and network efficiency in its concession area. Why it matters The upgrades are expected to boost treatment capacity, improve water distribution, and support environmental rehabilitation efforts—

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DOST SOCCSKSARGEN, Kilambay Plantation Champion Sustainable Bamboo Industry at the Bamboo Technology and Innovation Summit 2026

The Department of Science and Technology hosted the Bamboo Technology and Innovation Summit 2026 on March 4 to 5, 2026 in Cebu City. The summit gathered key stakeholders to strengthen bamboo as a strategic resource for sustainable development and green industrial growth in the Philippines.

DOST SOCCSKSARGEN Regional Director Engr. Sammy P. Malawan and Provincial Director Dr. Michael T. Mayo attended the summit and joined discussions on advancing bamboo technologies, sustainable plantation development, and value chain expansion.

From Carmen, North Cotabato, Mr. Jerry John Taray, Chief Executive Officer of Kilambay Plantation Corporation, served as a guest plenary speaker. He presented the topic "Growing the Future: Sustainable Plantation Models for a Resilient Bamboo Industry."

During his presentation, Mr. Taray highlighted the

Free, Prior, and Informed Consent or FPIC model adopted by Kilambay Plantation Corporation. This model ensures Indigenous Peoples and local communities hold the right to provide consent before projects utilize land and natural resources within their ancestral domains. The approach strengthens community participation, protects indigenous rights, and promotes responsible plantation development.

Mr. Taray also shared the milestone achieved by Kilambay Plantation Corporation in partnership with DOST. The collaboration significantly contributed to a Guinness



World Record recognition through a large-scale bamboo initiative, which demonstrated the country's strong potential to develop bamboo as a major driver

for sustainable industry and climate responsive development.

Through science-based innovations, technology transfer, and partnerships

with communities, industry, and local governments, DOST promotes bamboo as a key resource in the circular economy. These efforts support sustainable

production, efficient resource use, green livelihood opportunities, and climate responsive development for communities.

LTFRB eyes online distribution of fuel subsidy

MANILA – The Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) is eyeing the online distribution of the government's fuel subsidy for public utility vehicle (PUV) drivers to address the rising fuel prices in the world market.

The plan is in line with President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s order to ensure a fast and smooth distribution of fuel subsidy.

On Friday, LTFRB Chair Vigor Mendoza II invited electronic money issuers (EMIs) to become their payment channel providers for the fuel subsidy worth PHP5,000 for each eligible beneficiary.

"In engaging the services of Electronic Money Issuers, our goal is to ensure an efficient, secure, and transparent distribution of fuel subsidy assistance to program beneficiaries," Mendoza said.

To ensure their capability to handle such transactions, these EMIs were asked to submit a letter of intent and other documentary requirements to prove their legitimacy and capability to handle the transactions.

"It is through the submitted documents, as well as other papers that may be required later, which will serve as the



basis for the LTFRB to determine the capability of the EMIs to participate in the program by serving as Payment Channel Provider," he said.

Based on past fuel subsidy distributions, he said digital distribution has proven to be "effective and efficient" as there would be no need to go to distribution venues and stand in long queues.

As of December last year, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas accredited 29 EMI banks, such as the Land Bank of the Philippines, BDO Unibank,

Inc., Citibank, N.A., among others.

The BSP has also accredited 44 EMI non-bank financial institutions, such as Cebuana Lhuillier Services Corporation, G-Xchange, Incorporated, Maya Philippines, Inc, among others.

On Wednesday, Acting Transportation Secretary Giovanni Lopez announced that the distribution of fuel subsidy for PUV drivers in Metro Manila will begin next week, starting with tricycle drivers.

Other beneficiaries in Metro Manila and the rest

of the country are expected to receive their fuel subsidy soon after.

On Wednesday's hearing of the House Committee on Transportation, transport group Manibela chair Mar Valbuena said jeepney drivers are losing half of their average daily income—PHP400 out of PHP800—due to rapid oil price hikes.

In a separate interview, Valbuena also lamented the several requirements by the LTFRB for PUV drivers to be eligible for the fuel subsidy. (PNA)

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Gov't to support Filipino workers amid global uncertainties

MANILA – The government will step up efforts to support the country's workforce amid rising global uncertainties, the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) has said.

The DEPDev made the statement following the release of the latest Labor Force Survey (LFS) results on Friday, which showed that the unemployment rate rose to 5.8 percent in January this year from 4.3 percent in January 2025.

The number of unemployed individuals in January 2026 was estimated at 2.96 million, higher than the number of unemployed individuals in January last year at 2.17 million.

In a separate briefing, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Assistant Secretary Divina Gracia del Prado said survey results showed that 306,000 were still looking for jobs, while other survey participants said they're still waiting for the results of previous job applications.

The country's labor force participation rate (LFPR) also eased to 62.3 percent in January 2026, compared to 63.9 percent in the same month last year.

Employment, meanwhile, was recorded at 94.2 percent, lower than the January 2025 employment rate of 95.7 percent.

"Usually in our time series, after the Christmas

season, employment rate really declines," said del Prado.

DEPDev Secretary Arsenio Balisacan, for his part, assured that amid global uncertainties, the government is ready to support workers who will be affected.

"Given elevated geopolitical tensions and global uncertainties, strategic policies are needed to bolster labor market resilience. The government continues to pursue a comprehensive response to support affected workers in the short term while fostering a dynamic and robust labor market in the medium and long term," Balisacan said.

The government will also provide immediate relief to affected workers amid the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

This includes targeted fuel subsidies for transport operators, farmers, and fisherfolk, as well as measures to ease commuting costs and maximize existing emergency employment assistance programs, such as the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged or Displaced Workers and

other livelihood programs.

Balisacan said the government will also use digital technologies to enhance labor market programs, as seen in the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority's (TESDA) recently launched Skills Passport, which facilitates job-skills matching.

He said this initiative can inform the design of skill training programs to equip job seekers, including repatriated Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), with capabilities for higher-value jobs.

The government is likewise strengthening reintegration programs for OFWs to help affected workers find gainful employment or entrepreneurial opportunities.

Strategies to promote labor market resilience include diversifying the economy's growth drivers, attracting investment in high-productivity sectors, addressing constraints such as high energy costs and low technology adoption, and facilitating the transition to renewable energy to reduce dependence on imported fuels.



JOB FAIR. Job seekers queue up at the Department of Labor and Employment's 92nd founding anniversary job fair, which coincides with Pasay City's 162nd Foundation Day celebration in Pasay City. With the unemployment rate rising to 5.8 percent in January this year, Department of Economy, Planning, and Development Secretary Arsenio Balisacan said the government will implement reforms to create more and better jobs. (PNA photo by Yancy Lim)

"Our priority is clear: create more and better jobs at home, strengthen industries, equip our workers with the skills needed for higher-value employment, and ensure that those affected by global disruptions, including OFWs, can transition smoothly into productive opportunities here in the Philippines," Balisacan said.

The government is also seeking to expand high-quality job opportunities for women, whose

participation in the labor market remains low due to barriers such as domestic responsibilities and limited access to flexible work arrangements.

Based on the January 2026 LFS, decreased participation was observed across all age groups, with the youth citing schooling (+886,000) as the primary reason for not entering the labor force.

Women of prime working age cited family responsibilities (+599,000), while older

respondents mentioned age- or mobility-related limitations (+279,000) as reasons for not participating.

In partnership with the Australian government through Investing in Women, DEPDev recently launched the Juana Trabaho initiative, a strategic framework and action plan aligned with the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 to increase women's participation in the workforce. (PNA)

167K km of roads, 17K bridges mapped via DILG's digital inventory

MANILA – The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) has digitally mapped 167,000 km of roads and 17,000 bridges through its enhanced Local Roads and Bridges Inventory (LRBI) under President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s push for digital governance.

As of Dec. 31, 2025, the inventory shows that 30,525.13 km. are provincial roads, 16,784.66 km are city roads, 15,965.73 km are municipal roads, and 103,828.26 km are barangay roads, the agency said in a news release on Friday.

For bridges, the system lists 3,269 provincial bridges, 1,884 city bridges, and 12,076 municipal bridges nationwide.

The system, managed by the DILG's Office of Project Development Services (OPDS), supports the Marcos administration's directive to expand digital

transformation in government and ensure infrastructure planning is guided by reliable, real-time data.

Recognized under the Philippine Statistics Authority's System of Designated Statistics, the LRBI serves as a key decision-support tool for policymakers, planners, engineers and development partners involved in infrastructure planning, disaster risk reduction, urban development and local economic growth.

The LRBI provides government planners one of the most comprehensive datasets

on local infrastructure in the country and strengthening transparency in public.

The upgraded LRBI also introduces integrated road names, road importance classifications, and an improved user interface, making the platform easier to navigate while allowing more detailed analysis of infrastructure needs and investment priorities.

The DILG has urged all local government units to regularly update their road and bridge data in the system to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the national inventory.

With clearer and more accessible information, the



DILG said both national agencies and local government units can better identify connectivity gaps, prioritize infrastructure investments, and align local development projects with broader national growth and

disaster resilience strategies.

A netizen who commented during the platform's launch described the LRBI as "very useful as a technical reference benefiting LGUs nationwide."

The DILG said the

continued enhancement of LRBI reflects the government's push for stronger digital governance and more data-driven infrastructure planning to support local development across the country. (Lloyd Caliwan/PNA)

DTI QUEZON LEADS CACAO INDUSTRY CLUSTER STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING 2026

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Quezon Provincial Office convened key stakeholders from the cacao sector for the Quezon Cacao Industry Cluster Strategic Planning Meeting, focusing on the Provincial Work Plan formulation aligned with the CALABARZON Cacao Industry Roadmap 2026–2030. The activity was held on March 11, 2026, at the DTI–Quezon Conference Room, LGCTI Bldg. Ilayang Dupay, Lucena City, bringing together representatives from government agencies, the Provincial Government of Quezon, cacao farmers, processors, industry players, and support institutions.



The activity opened with a welcome message from DTI Quezon Provincial Director Julieta L. Tadosa, followed by the presentation of the Quezon Cacao Industry Situationer for CY 2025 by the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA). Lead

agencies also presented their 2025 accomplishments based on the strategies outlined in the industry roadmap. Participating agencies and stakeholders further presented their sectoral commitments to the Philippine Cacao Industry

Roadmap 2026–2030, followed by a target-setting activity facilitated by DTI. Highlights of the Regional Cacao Roadmap 2026–2030 were also presented to provide direction for the province's cacao industry development initiatives. In the afternoon



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particularly for Manila Bay. The improvements also reinforce operational resilience in densely populated urban communities where demand for water and sanitation services continues to grow. **Wastewater facility** Among the projects nearing completion is the upgrade of the 205-million-liter-per-day CAMANA Water Reclamation Facility in Dagat-Dagatan. The plant serves the cities of Caloocan, Malabon, and Navotas and is Maynilad's largest wastewater treatment facility. Once fully upgraded, the facility will expand wastewater treatment capacity in these areas

while supporting broader efforts to improve water quality and rehabilitate Manila Bay. **Water treatment plant** Maynilad is also completing upgrades at the La Mesa Treatment Plant 2 (LMTP2), a key component of the company's water supply network. The modernization of LMTP2 is expected to enhance operational reliability and strengthen the system's ability to deliver a stable water supply across the West Zone. **Pipeline expansion** Complementing the facility upgrades is the ongoing completion of segments of the primary distribution pipeline along Daang Hari in Las Piñas

City. The pipeline forms part of the distribution system connected to the Poblacion Water Treatment Plant in Muntinlupa. Once integrated into the network, the additional pipeline segments will improve water distribution and pressure management in southern parts of the concession area. **What they're saying** "These projects reflect our focus on disciplined execution and system readiness," said Maynilad President and CEO Ramoncito S. Fernandez. "By upgrading critical facilities and strengthening our primary distribution network, we are reinforcing the reliability and resilience of our water and wastewater systems." — **Ed: Corrie S. Narisma**

session, participants engaged in workshops focusing on identifying issues and concerns, as well as action planning, both anchored in the priorities identified in the CALABARZON roadmap. The workshops enabled stakeholders to collaboratively identify challenges, propose

solutions, and formulate concrete action plans to strengthen the cacao value chain in the province. The activity concluded with the presentation of consolidated action plans by the participants, outlining strategic programs and initiatives aimed at improving productivity, enhancing

product quality, expanding market opportunities, and empowering local cacao enterprises. The initiative highlighted the shared commitment of stakeholders to build a more competitive, sustainable, and globally recognized cacao industry in Quezon Province and the CALABARZON region. importantly, a source of strength and support for every parent. We will always be here," Humarang added in Filipino. **(PB-PIA CALABARZON, AJ Humarang/Facebook)** Assistant Secretary Divina Gracia del Prado said survey results showed that 306,000 were still looking for jobs, while other survey participants said they're still waiting for the results of previous job applications. **(PNA)**

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In a social media post, Humarang dedicated the recognition to the parents and youth undergoing

long-term treatment. "For every Treceño family, this is not only a dream for our youth. Most

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on Friday showed that the country's employment rate dropped to 94.2 percent or 47.94 million employed Filipinos, from year ago's 95.7 percent or 46.49

million Filipinos. On the other hand, the unemployment rate is at 5.8 percent or 2.96 million unemployed Filipinos. In a briefing, PSA

FFCCCII Launches TikTok Video Competition to Showcase Legacy of 6,500 Rural Public-School Donations

MANILA, PHILIPPINES — The Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (FFCCCII) is calling on all creative Filipinos to join its newest digital initiative: a TikTok video competition aimed at highlighting the organization's long-standing commitment to education through its "Operation Barrio Schools" project.

FFCCCII President Victor Lim announced the launch of the competition, which is open to the general public. The contest invites participants to create engaging and original short-form videos (1 to 2 minutes) centered on the theme of the FFCCCII's flagship civic project, which has successfully donated and constructed over 6,500 rural public-school buildings across the Philippines since its inception in 1961.

"Operation Barrio Schools is a testament to the enduring philanthropy tradition of the Filipino

Chinese community in promoting better public education and inclusive national economic development," said President Victor Lim. "Through this TikTok competition, we hope to engage the younger generation, raise awareness about this decades-long project, and showcase how this school buildings have become symbols of hope and progress in rural communities."

The FFCCCII, a leading business federation comprising over 170 Filipino Chinese chambers

of commerce nationwide, remains dedicated to advocating for sustainable and inclusive economic growth. This video competition serves as a modern platform to bridge the organization's history of philanthropy with the dynamic creativity of today's digital storytellers.

How to Join:

Interested participants are encouraged to create TikTok videos that capture the spirit and impact of the "Operation Barrio Schools" project. Details regarding specific mechanics, prizes, and deadlines are explained in next pages.



The Local Health Insurance Office (LHIO) Lucena, in cooperation with PhilHealth Customer Assistance, Relations, and Empowerment Staff (PCARES), participated in a Barangay Caravan held on February 24, 2026, at Brgy. Masin Sur in Candelaria, Quezon, bringing essential PhilHealth services closer to community residents. As part of the activity, the LHIO-PCARES team established an on-site service desk to assist constituents with PhilHealth transactions and program enrollment. Services provided included on-site registration, updating of member records, and PhilHealth Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP) registration, enabling residents to conveniently access health insurance services within their barangay. The caravan also highlighted the Rural Health Unit of Candelaria's conduct of its First Patient Encounter under the PhilHealth YAKAP, demonstrating the operational rollout of primary care services at the local level. The initiative aims to strengthen preventive and promotive healthcare by ensuring that members receive timely consultations and continuous primary care support. The collaborative effort among LHIO Lucena, PCARES, and the local health authorities reinforces the commitment to expanding healthcare accessibility and supporting the effective implementation of the Universal Health Care Law through community-based service delivery. Through outreach activities such as the Barangay Caravan, PhilHealth continues to enhance grassroots engagement and ensure that more Filipinos are registered, informed, and able to access essential primary healthcare services. #PhilHealthYAKAP #MalayoSaSakit



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TWO (2) CATEGORIES
Category A: #MyFFCCCIIBarrioSchoolJourney
Category B: #TheFFCCCIIBarrioSchoolsStory

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:
MAY 15, 2026

HOW TO JOIN

- Open to Filipinos nationwide; 13 years old and above
- Create a 1-2 minute vertical TikTok video with English Subtitles
- Must feature FFCCCII Barrio School experience, impact or topic
- Upload your video privately and register via QR code
- Tag @ffcccii.official; Use official hashtags - #FFCCCIIBarrioSchools
- Set your video to PUBLIC during the official posting period — May 5 to May 15

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
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-versus-

ARLENE O. ISHIBASHI
Debtors/Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with business address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against the Debtors/Mortgagors, **ARLENE O. ISHIBASHI represented herein by ERLINDA LA TORRE TORRES as Attorney-in-Fact**, with residence and postal addresses at (1) No. 002 Unit B, Block 3, Lot 2, Meadowville Subdivision, BPS Pasong Buaya 2, Imus, Cavite (Occupied by third party) and (2) Block 09, Lot 11 Westwood Phase 4, Brgy. Pasong Camachile, Gen. Trias, Cavite (abandoned property), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of December 12, 2025 amounts to **ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE PESOS and 75/100 (P1,555,981.75)**, Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of said date but exclusive of all other expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **MARCH 25, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** until 12:00 o'clock noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2020031858

Lot No. 11 Block: 9 Plan No. Pcs-04-031691

Portion of: Block 25, Pcs-04-029303; Block 17, Pcs-04-030704 & Lot 1940 SFDM Estate, Decreed No. 4270, LRC Rec. No. 5964

Location: Barangay of Pasong Camachile, Municipality of General Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

Boundaries:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	SE	Lot 12, Block 9, Pcs-04-031691
2-3	SW	Lot 13, Block 9, Pcs-04-031691
3-4	NW	Road Lot 9, Block 9, Pcs-04-031691
4-1	NE	Lot 9, Block 9, Pcs-04-031691

Area: FIFTY (50) SQUARE METERS, more or less

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 **APRIL 8, 2026** without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, February 27, 2026.

(Sgd.) ANDRES B. ESPINA
Sheriff IV

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SP CASE NO. 1723

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION FOR THE PROBATE OF
THE NOTARIAL WILL OF JIMMY
DILIG SAN JOSE,**

LOLITA DILIG APARICIO,
Petitioner.

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ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 76, Sections 3 and 4 of the Rules of Court, a Petition was filed for the probate of the Notarial Will of **JIMMY DILIG SAN JOSE** by **Lolita Dilig Aparicio**, alleging that **Jimmy Dilig San Jose** died on September 24, 2021 at General Trias City, Cavite with the following heirs and interested parties:

- GINA BUERGO SAN JOSE**, wife, of legal age, Block 7, Lot 10, Rose St., F & E de Castro Village, Aniban 5, City of Bacoor, Cavite;
- JAIMEE BUERGO SAN JOSE**, daughter, of legal age, same residence as her mother;
- JHEENA BUERGO SAN JOSE**, daughter, of legal age, same residence as her mother;
- JHEL BUERGO SAN JOSE**, son, of legal age, same residence as her mother; and
- LOLITA DILIG APARICIO**, mother, Lot 27, Block 73, Cluster 5, Cozensa St., Bella Vista, Brgy. Santiago, City of General Trias.

The decedent left a real property under **Transfer Certificate of Title Number 057-2014073944** located at Barangay Santiago, General Trias City, Cavite having an appraised value of **FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED PESOS (Php44,800.00)** for the land under **TD No. 242-0031-31907** and **TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY PESOS (Php27,970.00)** for the building under **TD No. 242-0031-01725**. It is prayed that the Letters Testamentary of the Notarial Will be issued to Remedios Agustin Lozano or in default thereof to Marilyn De Ocampo Lozano, as substitute and in their default or incapacity, Letters of Administration be issued to any qualified person. The person in custody of the Notarial Will is Lolita Dilig Aparicio.

ACCORDINGLY, notice is given that the Petition will be heard before this Court at 3rd Floor, Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) Office, City Hall Building, Poblacion, Barangay Bagumbayan, General Trias City, Cavite on May 7, 2026 at 9:00 in the morning, at which date and time, all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any, why the Petition should

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MS. ERLINDA LT TORRES**

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not be granted. Anyone appearing to contest the Will must state in writing the grounds for opposing its allowance, and serve a copy thereof on the petitioner and other parties interested in the estate.

Let this Order be published once a week for three consecutive weeks before the date of hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite to be chosen by raffle, to be advanced by the petitioner and chargeable to the estate, and copies thereof sent to the executor Remedios Agustin Lozano and in her incapacity, Marilyn De Ocampo Lozano, the known heir/s of the decedent and other persons who have an interest in the estate at their places of residence, by personal service at least ten (10) calendar days, or by registered mail at least twenty (20) calendar days, before the hearing.

SO ORDERED.

General Trias City, Cavite.

March 4, 2026.

(Sgd.) JACLYN C. VICENTE
Presiding Judge

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PH to push... (FROM PAGE 8)

Ottawa and Manila launched the first rounds of FTA negotiations in 2022.

In the last ASEAN-Canada Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) meeting in September 2025, the two sides formally concluded the chapters on Good Regulatory Practices and Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation.

Canada's modelling projects that an FTA could increase Canada's gross domestic product (GDP) by USD2.54 billion, and boost Canadian exports to ASEAN countries by as much as USD2.67 billion.

Bilateral trade deal

Canada is also working to sign with the Philippines a bilateral FTA by the end of 2026, of which the conclusion of talks is expected to be finished a few months earlier than the Canada-ASEAN FTA, according to Rodolfo.

Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines David Hartman, for his part, said Canada "remains fully committed" to meeting the set timeline with Manila.

"Modern trade agreements are far more than about just reducing

tariffs. They create stable and predictable frameworks that help economies diversify supply chains [and] strengthen investment confidence. In a time of global uncertainty, these qualities are essential," he said.

In the same forum, Canada's Former Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business, and Economic Development, Mary Ng, said the anticipated trade deal serves as a clear demonstration of both nations' commitment to creating a stable trade and investment environments amid global economic uncertainties.

"We are countries that are middle powers who care about the rules-based trade system," she said.

"Economic security is national security. And to have that framework with the Philippines is really important because it says to the private sector as well, who count on governments to create stable investment environments, that that agreement is going to give us that bilaterally." (PNA)

Philippians 3:8: "Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ."

Resilient military infra vital to PH defense - Brawner

MANILA – Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr. reiterated the value of a resilient military infrastructure in a nation's defense particularly an archipelagic one.

"An archipelagic nation requires resilient infrastructure; airfields, ports, camps, logistics hubs, and mobility corridors that allow our forces to operate effectively across our islands and maritime domain," he added.

Brawner underscored this during the 89th founding anniversary of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Corps of Engineers (AFPCOE) last March 12, a military statement on Friday said.

Likewise, the AFP chief highlighted the AFPCOE's contributions to the military for the past 89 years.

"For nearly nine decades, the Corps of Engineers has been a steady, dependable force behind mission accomplishment," he said as the unit has been responsible for strengthening key facilities, and enabling mission readiness across the archipelago.

Brawner also hailed the AFPCOE for its



Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) chief Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr. (Photo courtesy of the AFP)

professionalism, technical excellence, and steadfast service in helping build a stronger and more mission-ready Armed Forces. (PNA)

1.8K care workers, PWDs to benefit from this year's TheraFee – DSWD

MANILA – More than 1,800 family and community care workers and persons with disabilities (PWDs) with high support needs will benefit from the expansion of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)'s Therapy for Fee (TheraFee) Project for 2026, a key official said on Friday.

According to DSWD spokesperson Assistant Secretary Irene Dumlao, the TheraFree Project aims to support family and community members caring for persons with disabilities (PWDs) having high support needs by incentivizing their duty as care workers through cash-for-work.

"As part of our inclusive social protection programs, the DSWD recognizes that caregiving is real work.

Through the TheraFee Project, we are supporting families and community care workers who devote their time and effort to caring for persons with disabilities," Dumlao explained.

Through the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan – Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services, in partnership with the National Council for Disability Affairs, DSWD rolled out the pilot implementation of the TheraFee Project under the Cash-for-Work Program for Persons with Disabilities in the National Capital Region and Region 6 (Western Visayas) in 2025.

For 2026, the TheraFee



Project will be implemented across all regions in the country, except the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, to assist family members and community care workers, as primary beneficiaries; and persons with irreversible physical, sensory, intellectual, or psychosocial impairments that limit independent functioning and require continuous support for daily living, as secondary beneficiaries of the program.

Care workers supporting persons with disabilities with high support needs may engage in the program for a maximum of 90 days per

year and a maximum of eight hours of work per day.

The scope of work or services of the care workers may include basic activities of daily living such as assisting persons with disabilities with high support needs in bathing, dressing, eating, using the bathroom, grooming, and transferring from one place to another.

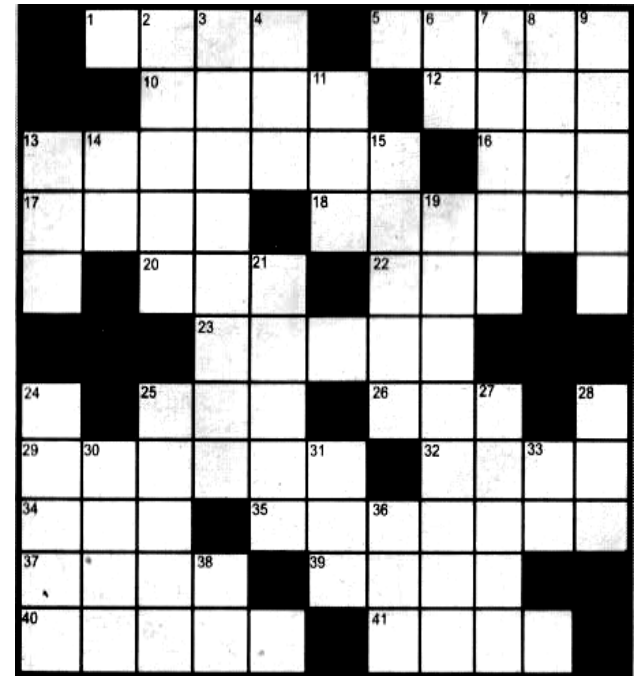
Instrumental activities of daily living like meal preparation, medical management, housekeeping, managing finances, shopping, transportation, communication, and companionship may also be performed by the beneficiaries.

The rendered service is compensable based on the prevailing regional daily minimum wage rate.

Dumlao said this initiative also includes capacity-building activities for care workers to improve their skills in providing home-based care, while promoting gender equality and social inclusion within families and communities.

"By empowering care workers and strengthening family support systems, we also improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities who rely on them every day. This program is about dignity, inclusion, and ensuring that no one is left behind," she said. (PNA)

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DOST Ilocos Region Booth Wins Grand Prize at Agri-Tourism and Community Fair

The Department of Science and Technology Ilocos Region (DOST Ilocos Region) was recognized as GRAND WINNER - Best Agri-Tourism Booth Competition during the Agri-Tourism and Community Fair held from March 6–10, 2026, in celebration of the 28th Cityhood Founding Anniversary of the City of San Fernando, La Union.



The DOST Ilocos Region booth showcased various science and technology programs, services, and innovations aimed at supporting agriculture, local industries, and community development. Through engaging exhibits and discussions, visitors were able to learn how science and technology initiatives help empower communities and promote sustainable growth in the region.

The successful participation of DOST Ilocos Region was made possible through the leadership and coordination of DOST La Union Provincial Director Jonathan M. Viernes and the dedicated efforts of the DOSTOneSCIGLAT Team. **(Sheshenie Janae M. Perez)**

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DOLE to intensify job facilitation services to improve PH employment

MANILA – The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said Friday it would intensify its employment facilitation services for Filipinos to help improve the country's overall job situation.



MORE JOBS. Job seekers line up during the "Trabaho para sa Pinoy" job fair at a mall in Manila in this photo taken on Oct. 24, 2025. The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) said Friday (March 13, 2026) that it would intensify employment facilitation services for Filipinos, aimed at improving the country's employment situation in the coming months. **(PNA file photo by Yancy Lim)**

In a social media post, the DOLE touted the government's initiatives and programs under the Philippine Labor and Employment Plan 2023–2028 and the Trabaho Para sa Bayan Plan 2025–2034.

These measures include skills development programs, youth

employability programs, and enterprise support, among other targeted assistance for workers.

Likewise, the DOLE continues to monitor labor market developments and strengthen employment facilitation services through the expanded reach of Public Employment Service

Offices (PESOs).

The PESO is an employment service facility established in all key towns and cities, maintained by local government units, and linked with the DOLE.

The January 2026 Labor Force Survey (LFS) released by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

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PH to push for ASEAN-Canada FTA conclusion under chairship – DTI

MANILA – The Philippines is planning to push for the conclusion of the free trade agreement (FTA) between Canada and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) within its chairship of the bloc in 2026, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) said on Friday.



"During our chairship of the ASEAN this year, part of our priority economic deliverable would be to sign and

conclude the Canada-ASEAN FTA, plus, of course, to even go faster on a Philippines-Canada FTA," DTI Undersecretary

Ceferino Rodolfo said during a Canada Embassy-led Stratbase forum in Makati City.

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We inaugurated the oath of duty of our countrymen from different associations in response to the welfare of our PWDs in every barangay. Congratulations on your appointment and hope that you will unite the town government in whatever good you wish for in the sector of our fellow PWDs. **#InaNgPusoAtMalasakit #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit #MayorAguinaldo**