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P20 BBM rice program now serving more groups in Bacoor City

CITY OF BACOOR, Cavite (PIA) — More residents in Bacoor City are set to benefit from the government's P20 rice program as the Department of Agriculture (DA) Calabarzon and the Bacoor City government rolled out the expanded "Benteng Bigas, Meron Na!" initiative.

Around 2,500 Bacooreños were able to purchase P20-per-kilo rice during the ceremonial selling held on March 6, which also signaled the start of regular rice distribution by the Bacoor local government unit for qualified residents.

Residents were also registered in the P20 Benteng Bigas Masterlist Registry System (PBBMRS), a web-based application developed by the Information and Communications Technology Service of the Department of Agriculture

(DA-ICTS) to facilitate the registration of program beneficiaries.

According to the city government, around 200,000 Bacooreños are expected to benefit from the P20 rice program, which prioritizes

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DOST launches innovation and agriculture hubs in Cagayan

TUGUEGARAO CITY — The Department of Science and Technology (DOST), in partnership with the Provincial Government of Cagayan, formally launched the Cagayan Innovation Hub, the SARAI Provincial Hub, and the SciTech Philippines Awards on March 16, 2026, strengthening efforts to promote innovation, data-driven governance, and climate-resilient agriculture in the province.



The initiative is anchored on Project SARAI and aims to position Cagayan as a model for smart and sustainable provincial development by integrating science, technology, and innovation into local planning and economic growth.

Leading the launch was DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr., who

highlighted the province's strong partnership with the national government in advancing innovation-driven development. Innovation hubs are envisioned as spaces where students, researchers, startups, and communities collaborate to transform ideas into practical solutions and technology-based

enterprises.

At the center of the initiative is the Cagayan Innovation Hub, which will serve as a platform for enterprise incubation, modernization of micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and collaborative innovation. The facility will connect industry, academe, and

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Silang LGU greenlights P1,500 fuel aid for trike drivers

SILANG, Cavite — Local tricycle drivers in the Municipality of Silang, Cavite, will receive financial relief as the local government rolls out its fuel subsidy program to combat rising oil prices amid global tensions.



Although details on the fuel subsidy distribution will be posted in the coming days, local Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) drivers

and operators are already expressing their gratitude for the assistance that the local government will provide.

Joel Diosina of the OBH

Bayani Drivers and Operators Multi-Purpose Cooperative (DOMPC) thanked the municipal government for the

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Win First, Then Act — The True Strategy of Leaders

In my Sunday Art of War class, I introduced one of Sun Tzu's most important teachings:

"Before the war begins, the winner should already be decided."

This principle is not just about war — it is about leadership, strategy, and life itself. War is a matter of vital importance to the state. It determines the life and death of a nation, the survival of its people, and the direction of history. Every decision carries real consequences. Therefore, it must be carefully examined, thoroughly investigated, and never approached rashly.

Leaders must analyze from five dimensions: The Tao (purpose), Heaven (timing), Earth (conditions), General (leadership), and Law (system). Acting without deep evaluation is the greatest risk. Misjudgment in leadership is not just a mistake; it can be fatal for the people, the nation, or the organization.

The Core Strategy — Win Before You Fight

The essence of Sun

Tzu's strategy can be summarized as:

"First secure victory, then engage in battle."

This means:

Preparation comes before action. The winning army prepares carefully; the defeated army rushes into battle and hopes to win.

Strategy is more powerful than force. Strength alone cannot win if the situation is misjudged.

Knowledge is key. Knowing yourself, the situation, and your environment allows you to act with certainty.

Patience is essential. The right opportunity must be waited for; forcing outcomes leads to mistakes.

Wisdom over conflict. The highest strategy is to win without fighting — to achieve results through planning, insight, and foresight.

In short, war is not chaos — it is precise calculation. Victory is determined long before the first move is made.

Pi Network & GCV — A

Victory Prepared

When we reflect on Pi Network and the GCV movement, this principle becomes clear: the foundation for success was carefully laid from the very beginning.

Before Pi Day 2019, Dr. Nicolas and Dr. Fan has designed the system, structure, and vision to achieve long-term success from the five dimension:

The Tao (purpose), Heaven (timing), Earth (conditions), General (leadership), and Law (system).

So some pioneers said Pi Network fully OM need government approval is not correct. All these conditions has been met before Pi Network launch. What Pi Network need is pioneers action!

If there is no five dimension satisfied, Dr. Nicolas will take high risk of loss for this almost 10 years huge project.

Today, we see:

Global expansion across nations and communities

Strong community foundation built by pioneers worldwide

Growing ecosystem applications and real use cases

This is not luck or chance. This is "winning before fighting."

However, some pioneers misunderstand this. They

think:

"If success is already determined, I can wait."

"The Core Team will handle everything."

This is dangerous. Misplaced expectations create anxiety and inaction. Victory may be prepared, but it is not automatic. Progress slows and opportunities are missed if pioneers remain passive.

Victory Still Requires Action

Even when a system is designed for success, execution is essential.

If pioneers do not act, progress is delayed.

If action is slow or absent, the ecosystem cannot reach its full potential on time.

The system will not fail — but it will not achieve everything it could without your effort.

The journey of Pi Network and GCV is not just about the network itself — it is about your transformation as a pioneer and a leader.

From Participant to Leader

Stepping forward is how you grow:

You develop leadership abilities

You align with long-term opportunities

You move from waiting for success to actively creating it

Leadership is not about passive hope — it is about responsibility, action, and vision. The more you step forward, the stronger you become, and the more you contribute to the community and the system.

Wealth and Virtue — The Hidden Foundation

There is a deeper truth about wealth and success: it is not just about gaining, it is about carrying it. True wealth is supported by inner strength:

Discipline — the ability to act consistently and responsibly

Integrity — aligning actions with principles

Responsibility — carrying the weight of your own choices

Service — contributing selflessly to the community

When you cultivate virtue through service, it protects your life, stabilizes your path, and supports long-term growth. A strong foundation ensures that wealth and success are sustainable, not fragile or fleeting.

Final Message

Yes — Pi Network and GCV are designed for success. The Core Team prepared the foundation carefully. But remember:

Victory is not achieved



Doris Yin

by waiting — it is realized through action.

Understand the system. Strengthen yourself. Step forward.

Align your mind, your discipline, and your purpose with the long-term vision.

Those who truly win are not the ones who wait for success — they are the ones ready to carry it, build it, and expand it.

Prepare first. Act wisely. Win before you fight.

I upload four videos represent our GCV Ambassadors, Special Envoys, warriors who work tirelessly for Pi Network and GCV success! Of course we have more of them contribute to this great humanity revolution! I will introduce them in my future articles.

Salute to all GCV Warriors and Pi Network builders! (Doris Yin - FOUNDER Global GCV Movement8)

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GCV Industry Alliance Vietnam Accelerates Business Integration and Real-World Adoption

The GCV Industry Alliance Vietnam continues to demonstrate strong and measurable progress in building a sustainable, innovation-driven business ecosystem, uniting large-scale enterprises, forward-thinking leaders, and strategic partners across the country.

Through structured collaboration and shared vision, the alliance is actively enabling real-world application of digital solutions, fostering business growth, and strengthening economic participation within the emerging ecosystem.

Growing Business Adoption

The number of enterprises registered on the Map of Pi in Vietnam has now reached nearly 8,000 verified businesses, reflecting increasing awareness and confidence among entrepreneurs and industry players.

This steady expansion highlights a significant shift, as more businesses recognize the value of early participation and take strategic steps to integrate into a rapidly developing digital commerce environment.

Leadership Driving Progress

This milestone is supported by the strong leadership and commitment of Dao Duc Viet, Nguyen Minh Nguyet, and Vo Thi Dien. Their continued efforts play a vital role in guiding businesses, strengthening partnerships, and accelerating ecosystem development.

Upcoming Initiative: Ecotourism with Integrated Payment Model



LUMARI REPORTS

Ms. Lumari

PI NETWORK NEWS : 5 Hidden Signals from the Pi Launchpad Interface That Many Pioneers Haven't Noticed

The appearance of Pi Launchpad inside the Pi dApp is more than just a new feature.

When we carefully examine the interface, several strategic signals become visible.

These signals reveal how the future Pi ecosystem economy might actually work.

Here are five important signals hidden in the Pi Launchpad interface.

1. Launchpad Is Already Integrated into the Core Pi Ecosystem

One of the first signals

appears in the Pi Utilities screen.

Launchpad is placed alongside core services such as:

- * Wallet
- * Blockchain
- * KYC
- * Developer tools

This placement suggests something important:

Pi Launchpad is not just another experimental dApp.

It is likely designed to become a core infrastructure layer of the Pi ecosystem.

In other words, Launchpad may become the primary gateway for new ecosystem tokens.

2. Product-First Token Model

The interface explicitly highlights:

"Product-First Ecosystem Tokens."

This means tokens should only be launched when:

- * the project already has a working application
- * the token has real utility from day one

This is very different from most Web3 token

launches, where:

Token - then product (maybe later)

Pi Launchpad reverses this model:

Product - Users - Token
This dramatically reduces speculative launches.

3. Engagement Becomes an Economic Factor

Another interesting signal is the Engagement-Based Discount system.

Participants are ranked based on their engagement score.

This score comes from:

- * interacting with the project
- * using the app
- * completing tasks

Higher engagement leads to a lower effective token price.

Example tiers shown in the interface:

- Top 1/3 - ~0.909
- Middle 1/3 - ~0.952
- Bottom 1/3 - 1.000

This suggests that real usage may become an economic advantage inside the ecosystem.

4. Staking Does Not Mean Spending

The staking interface shows something many pioneers might misunderstand.

When pioneers stake Pi to generate PiPower, the Pi is:

- * not spent
- * not transferred to the project
- * returned after the staking period

Staking simply determines the maximum allocation capacity.

This is very different from typical launchpads where users must spend tokens upfront.

5. Liquidity Pool Design Protects the Ecosystem

One of the most important signals appears in the Launchpad tutorial:

The Pi committed is NOT kept by the project team. Instead, the committed Pi is used to:

- bootstrap the liquidity pool.

This means:
Pi + Project Tokens
- Liquidity Pool

This design has major implications.



Jojo

It helps:

- * create liquidity immediately
- * prevent rug pulls
- * ensure token trading can start immediately

A Bigger Picture Emerging

When these signals are viewed together, a clear design philosophy emerges.

Pi Launchpad is not just about launching tokens.

It is about creating a system where:

- * applications come first
- * users engage with real products
- * pioneers stake to participate

* liquidity is created automatically

* tokens enter the market with utility

If implemented successfully, this model could become one of the most unique token launch frameworks in Web3.

Final Thought

The Pi Launchpad interface may look simple on the surface.

But hidden within it are several signals pointing to a much larger vision.

A future where the Pi ecosystem is built not only on tokens, but on real applications, real participation, and sustainable economic design.



GVC Industry... (FROM PAGE 2)

This weekend, the alliance will organize an ecotourism experience featuring a 65% Fiat and 35% Pi payment structure—a practical demonstration of how hybrid economic models can be implemented in real-life scenarios.

Recognition of Organizers and Community Effort
The event, highlighted by the Con Den journey, reflects the dedication of the organizing team in

delivering a program that combines environmental appreciation, cultural engagement, and ecosystem participation.

More than a travel activity, this initiative serves as a platform for community building, experiential learning, and applied digital use cases, reinforcing both business confidence and user engagement within the ecosystem.

Strategic Outlook

The continued growth of business participation, combined with initiatives that demonstrate real-world usability, positions Vietnam as a key contributor in

advancing a connected, inclusive, and sustainable digital economy.

As adoption increases and partnerships deepen, the GCV Industry Alliance Vietnam remains committed to building a system where innovation is practical, collaboration is scalable, and value creation is shared.

The growth is steady. The direction is clear. Vietnam is moving forward.

Let's continue building. **(Lumari - Chair, GCV International Industry Alliance)**

PH facing 'water bankruptcy' – DENR chief

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Juan Miguel Cuna said Thursday that the Philippines is at risk of "water bankruptcy" as demand continues to outpace natural replenishment.



'WATER BANKRUPTCY'. Environment Secretary Juan Miguel Cuna speaks during the 2026 World Water Day event at the Diamond Hotel in Manila on Thursday (March 19, 2026). In a press briefing, Cuna said the Philippines is at risk of "water bankruptcy" as demand continues to outpace natural replenishment. (PNA photo by Marita Moaje)

In a press briefing during the 2026 World Water Day event in Manila, Cuna highlighted the call to conserve water as the government ramps up efforts to address water gaps.

"The Philippines is facing a challenge of water bankruptcy, where national consumption outpaces nature's ability to replenish," he said.

"We are meeting this challenge with science and a clear tactical roadmap. Today, we are sharing with you what we have done, the results of our PHP485 million investment, which is set to benefit over 440,000 individuals by the end of 2026."

In his presentation, DENR Undersecretary Carlos Primo David underscored the agency's programs to bring potable water to the country's remote provinces, targeting 250 small islands where drinking water is scarce.

Most of these areas, David said, are in Mindanao and the Visayas.

He, however, also noted areas in Luzon where residents have very little to no access to safe drinking water.

The DENR, he said, is implementing a mix of desalination systems, water refilling stations, and subsurface water extraction technologies.

He said that interventions are concentrated in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas, particularly small islands with little or no freshwater sources.

"The situation is dire," David said, describing communities that still depend on unsafe sources.

"It is unacceptable that we are now in the year 2026 when there are still Filipinos who fetch water from unsafe sources, such as shallow wells like this."

Among the key solutions being deployed are modular desalination systems, which convert seawater into potable water, eliminating the need for residents to travel

to the mainland to fetch water.

Programs reach only a fraction

David, however, acknowledged that despite ongoing interventions in more than 400 locations, the scale remains insufficient compared to the country's total need.

He noted that the 405,000 Filipinos who have already been served or targeted by current projects are only 1 percent of the 40 million people who still lack adequate access to safe water.

The department estimates that PHP200 billion is needed to fully address water scarcity

nationwide.

David, however, said limited fiscal space is the biggest barrier to expanding water access.

"The biggest challenge is funding," he said.

Still, he emphasized the long-term value of its investments.

"We are investing about PHP1,000 per person, and that goes a long way because almost forever, they will have access to water," he added.

David said the current program's cost is equivalent to only a handful of large infrastructure projects but already delivers significant social impact, noting that the budget given to the department is "money well spent."

Meanwhile, Cuna underscored the need for

conservation and inter-agency coordination, especially with the possibility of dry conditions later this year.

He also called on the public to take part in water conservation efforts.

"We hope to remind the public that every drop matters. Water is really something our country should treasure. This is a gift, but we must protect and conserve it," he said.

"As an ordinary Filipino citizen, in terms of helping conserve water, I mean as simple as not allowing your water to run while you're taking a shower or brushing your teeth."

He also urged the public to immediately report leakage due to busted water pipes as their social responsibility. (PNA)

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expertise and lived experience in communities. It allows us to combine perspectives, deepen understanding, and produce solutions that are practical and grounded," said Solidum.

Solidum pointed out that knowledge, when visible, cited, and utilized, reflects the "true capacity" of Filipino scientists and institutions— but it must also be translated into tangible benefits for the people.

"It must move forward— toward application, innovation, and commercialization. But, development must never come at the cost of our rights, dignity, or integrity," Solidum said while underscoring the DOST's Three-Horizon Science, Technology, and Innovation Economic Strategy.

DOST-NRCP President Dr. Ma. Louise Antonette de las Peñas seconded "responsible research" is not only responsive to national needs and public welfare but also upholds truth, fairness, and accountability.

"Research that is not grounded in ethics and a genuine commitment to the common good is not progress, it is failure," de las Peñas emphasized.

The council president also reaffirmed that DOST-NRCP will help shape the

ethical direction of research in the country, as well as dedicate efforts to "understand the world to improve it for the Filipino people."

Former DOST secretary Fortunato T. de la Peña, on the other hand, stressed the need for inclusive collaboration in achieving the goals of the nation, including the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

"If there is no collaboration, there will be difficulty in achieving the common aspirations. There is a need for inclusive collaboration, co-creation of solutions across disciplines, capacity building, and strategizing, as well as the ethical practices that are needed," he stated in his keynote message.

Highlighting leverage on collective effort among various sectors, de la Peña also mentioned that transdisciplinary research hones the visibility, coherence, and sustainability of national initiatives through its programs.

"When we are able to follow this transformation, then we open doors to opportunities and solutions that truly matter for our people, our nation, and our shared future," de la Peña added.

In addition, further tracing the event's theme,

"Transdisciplinary Capacity Building and Ethical Research towards a Progressive, Unified, and SDG-Driven Nation," five experts took turns discussing research collaborations, policy-making, and inclusive development.

Among the speakers were DOST-NRCP regular members Dr. Fidel R. Nemenzo, Dr. Maria Lourdes G. Rebullida, Dr. Agnes C. Rola, and Dr. Marita V.T. Reyes, along with business luminary Dr. Rosalind L. Wee.

Meanwhile, DOST-NRCP welcomed 178 new regular members and 252 new associate members during this year's ASC and GMA, and recognized 13 researchers for their contribution to research excellence in their respective fields and national development.

The National Research Council of the Philippines is one of the attached agencies 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.nrqp.dost.gov.ph. (By Karl Jerome M. del Mundo, DOST-STII)

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The partnership was formally signed by DSWD 4-A Assistant Director for Administration Alkent Bacolod and Bacoor City Mayor Strike Revilla at the S.T.R.I.K.E. Gymnasium on March 9.

The Deed of Usufruct grants the DSWD the temporary rights to establish a Pag-abot Regional Processing Center in Barangay Poblacion (formerly Barangay Composito).

Considering Calabarzon's proximity to Metro Manila, the establishment of the new Pag-abot processing center will enable the DSWD to provide various

immediate interventions, using a rights-based approach, to reach out to people living and staying on the streets in the Southern Tagalog region, one of the highly urbanized areas in the country," Dumlao said.

Started by the DSWD in 2023, the Pag-abot Program was institutionalized in January 2024 through Executive Order 52, signed by President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.

The program provides a wide array of comprehensive interventions, as well as opportunities, to improve the social and economic

status and fundamental rights of FISS.

These interventions include medical assistance, food aid, transportation and relocation assistance, livelihood opportunities, transitory family support packages, and emergency financial and transitory shelter assistance, among others.

To connect with the program or refer someone in need, interested parties can reach the DSWD Pag-abot Program via their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DSWDPagabot/>, email them at pagabotcms@dswd.gov.ph, or call their hotline at 8-931-9141. (PNA)

DTI Rizal Celebrates 'Modern Babaylans' during the WISE Forum in its 5th year

Antipolo City, Rizal | In celebration of the Women's Month, DTI Rizal Provincial Office in partnership with Converge SME Solutions gathered more than 170 participants, most of whom were women, at the Event Hall, Ynares Center, Antipolo City for the fifth run of Women's Initiatives for Successful Entrepreneurs (WISE) Forum last March 11, 2026.

DTI Rizal Provincial Director Cleotilde Duran welcomed the audience by drawing parallels between the Babaylans of earlier times and the modern woman, noting how women today continue to embody strength and leadership while balancing multiple roles in society.

Antipolo City Councilor James Gatlabayan, speaking on behalf of Antipolo City Mayor Jun Ynares, expressed appreciation for women as the ultimate multi-taskers, contributing significantly to their families, communities, and businesses.

Congresswoman Mia Ynares, represented by former Board Member Ross Glenn Gongora, also conveyed her greetings and support for women entrepreneurs and the continued growth of MSMEs in the province.

The W.I.S.E. Forum featured a lineup of inspiring speakers who shared valuable insights on leadership, resilience, digital innovation, and financial stewardship for women entrepreneurs.

Ms. Rio Laine Bringuelo, Health & Wellness Manager at Converge ICT, discussed "Modern Day

Healing: How Woman Entrepreneurs Can Lead with Empathy and Mental Wellness" wherein she emphasized the importance of empathy and mental wellness in leadership. She encouraged women entrepreneurs to create spaces where people feel heard, valued, and supported, reminding everyone that true success includes emotional well-being, balance, and purpose.

Ms. Allyn Joy Cabarles, CEO of Kaulayaw Café, covering "Crisis Management: Drawing Strength from Ancestral Resilience to Navigate Economic Shifts". She encouraged participants to see crisis not only as a challenge, but also as an opportunity to reconnect with deeper sources of strength. Learning strength from those who came before us, entrepreneurs and leaders can develop the courage to adapt, make thoughtful decisions, and guide their teams through change with clarity and purpose.

Sharing her tech expertise was Social Media Specialist and Entrepreneur Ms. MJ Soriano, with the topic "The Digital Woman: Leveraging AI and Technology to Amplify Traditional Crafts", stressing that while no technology can ever replace tradition and human ingenuity, it can serve as a powerful tool to amplify it—allowing craftspeople to share their creations globally, strengthen their businesses, and inspire younger generations to appreciate and continue traditional practices.

Lastly, Ms. Zahan Eileen Figueroa, Channel Manager of GCash MSME, discussed "Financial Stewardship: Managing Business Wealth with a Provider Mindset", sharing insights on the importance of ensuring long-term vision and sustainability alongside striving for financial growth. She emphasized that financial success is not only about profit, but also about stewardship – managing resources that supports not only the business owners themselves but also their employees, families, and communities.

Provincial Governor Nina Ricci Ynares graced the gathering. She shared

personal anecdote from her childhood, recalling how she once sold kamias to neighbors, giving her an early glimpse into entrepreneurship. She commended the participants for their courage in taking the significant risks involved in starting and managing a business.

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Navy missile frigate 'scanned' by Chinese fire control radar

MANILA – The Philippine Navy's Naval Defense Command (NDC) announced that one of its guided missile frigates, the BRP Miguel Malvar (FFG-6), was reportedly scanned by a "fire control radar" (FCR) of a Chinese corvette in the West Philippine Sea (WPS) on March 7.



The guided missile frigate BRP Miguel Malvar. (File photo courtesy of the Department of National Defense and Philippine Navy)

"While underway at (the vicinity of) Sabina Shoal within the Philippines' exclusive economic zone, Chinese PLA (People's Liberation Army)-Navy ship with bow number 622 Jiangkai class corvette aimed its FCR towards BRP Miguel Malvar, exercising freedom of navigation and adhering to international law of order in the WPS," the NDC said in a Facebook post Thursday night.

It added that China's use of a targeting radar against a Philippine Navy vessel was an "alarming and escalatory act."

The NDC said the behavior reflected a pattern of coercion that endangers lives, disrupts lawful operations, and challenges the sovereignty of coastal states.

The incident took place as the ship was steaming toward Naval Operating Base in Subic, Zambales after attending the 3rd International Fleet Review and Multilateral Navy Exercise, which took place Feb. 18 to 26 in India.

On its way to the port, the Filipino ship detected "emissions" coming from the Chinese corvette that indicated that it was targeting its FCR towards BRP Miguel Malvar.

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government to provide mentoring, technical support, and digital transformation opportunities for entrepreneurs and emerging enterprises in the province.

Supporting this effort is the Cagayan Decision Intelligence Center, a facility designed to strengthen local governance through real-time analytics and integrated data systems. The center enables provincial leaders to make evidence-based decisions, improve resource allocation, and respond more effectively to development and disaster-related challenges.

Meanwhile, the SARAI Regional Hub brings science-based agricultural information closer to farmers. Through satellite data, climate modeling, crop forecasting, and suitability analysis, the hub delivers localized advisories on crop selection, planting

schedules, and risk management to help farmers improve productivity and adapt to climate variability.

The initiative comes as the Philippines continues to face increasing climate risks.

The country experiences around twenty tropical cyclones annually, with the agriculture sector accounting for more than sixty percent of disaster-related economic losses. In provinces like Cagayan, where agriculture remains a primary economic driver, these challenges directly affect rural livelihoods and food security.

Cagayan Governor Edgar Aglipay acknowledged the initiative as a major opportunity to strengthen local enterprises and bring innovation directly to farming communities.

DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Sancho A. Mabborang and Virginia G. Bilgera also emphasized

the strong collaboration between DOST and its partners in advancing the initiative, noting that the hubs are expected to help transform various sectors and industries in the region through science, technology, and innovation.

Together, the facilities support the vision of ONE Cagayan D.R.I.V.E.S. (Development of Rural Industries through Value Chain Enhancement and Sustainability), demonstrating how integrated science and technology systems can strengthen agriculture, empower enterprises, and enable smarter governance at the provincial level.

Through the Cagayan Innovation Hub and SARAI Provincial Hub, DOST and its partners aim to establish Cagayan as a Smart Province where data-informed decisions, innovation-driven enterprises, and science-based solutions contribute to inclusive and sustainable development. **(Nelson Santos)**

P20 BMM rice... (FROM PAGE 1)

vulnerable sectors such as senior citizens, persons with disabilities (PWDs), 4Ps beneficiaries, solo parents, farmers, fisherfolk, public transport drivers, minimum wage earners, and public school teachers and non-teaching staff.

Other groups, including teachers, jeepney drivers, students, house helpers, and the city government's job order workers, will also be included among the beneficiaries as endorsed by Bacoor City Mayor

Strike Revilla.

According to Assistant Secretary for Agribusiness, Marketing, and Consumer Affairs Atty. Genevieve E. Velicaria-Guevarra, the program's scope has been expanded in its second rollout in Bacoor City to allow more residents to benefit.

Meanwhile, Efen Capacite, a resident of Barangay Niog III, expressed gratitude after purchasing 10 kilograms of rice at the subsidized price. He said that as a

senior citizen whose wife is currently ill, the program greatly helps reduce their household expenses.

Farmers' groups in Cavite were also allowed to sell their products through KADIWA, which was part of the activity.

DA Calabarzon reaffirmed its commitment to assist local government units in the region in rolling out the Benteng Bigas, Meron Na! program to benefit more residents and help ensure food affordability for vulnerable sectors. **(FC, PIA)**

Silang LGU... (FROM PAGE 1)

subsidy.

"Maraming salamat po kay Mayor Ted Carranza para sa fuel subsidy. Muli, nagpapasalamat po ang buong members ng OBH Bayani DOMPC."

Mayor Ted Carranza announced on March 17 that the Municipal

Government will distribute P1,500 fuel subsidy for 5,000 registered tricycle drivers to help cushion the impact of rising fuel costs triggered by ongoing conflicts in the Middle East.

Carranza clarified that the subsidy will be exclusive to tricycle drivers with franchise

plying routes within the Silang municipality.

"Ito ay tulong sa kinakaharap nating krisis o pagtaas ng petrolyo dulot ng kasalukuyang kaguluhan na nagaganap sa Middle East na pangunahing inaangkatan natin ng langis at gasolina." **(PB-PIA CALABARZON, Municipal Extension Office - Bulihan/Facebook)**

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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;
- JAMEE 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 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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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **JONAH G. IGNACIO**, who passed away on November 9, 2020, left the following properties: a 1/6 share in Land covered by **TCT No. T-101119 (2,776.17 sqm)** located at **Brgy. Real 1, Bacoor City, Cavite**; a 1/6 share in Land and Building covered by **TCT No. 134268 (15.67 sqm)** located at Mayhaligue, Sta. Cruz Manila; a 1/6 share in Land and saltbed covered by **TCT No. T-94590 (1,461.33 sqm)** located at **Brgy. Alima, Bacoor City, Cavite**; a 1/6 share in Land and saltbed covered **TCT No. T-101120 (798.33 sqm)** located at **Brgy. Alima, Bacoor City, Cavite**; a 1/6 share in Land and Saltbed covered by **TCT No. T-101067 (1,489.33 sqm)** located at **Brgy. Alima, Bacoor City, Cavite**; and a parcel of Land covered by **TCT No. 104683 (621 sqm)** located at **Brgy. Alima, Bacoor City, Cavite**; have been Extrajudicially Settled by and among her heirs under Doc. No. 163, Page No. 34, Book No. IV, Series of 2026, before Notary Public **Atty. Donna Marie G. Orilla**.

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DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **WILLIAM MERCADO LARA**, who died on January 8, 2025 without a last will and testament and known outstanding debts; left an account with **Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company ("Metrobank")** under **Account No. 321-3-32129218-7**; that pursuant to Sec. 1 Rule 74 of the Rules of Court, the inheritance was Extra-Judicially Settled by and among the Legal Heirs of the Deceased in the said instrument executed on March 13, 2026 before NOTARY PUBLIC **Atty. Jose A. Mendoza** at **Naic, Cavite** as per Doc. No. 318; Page No. 65; Book No. XXXIII; Series of 2026.

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DOST SOCCSKSARGEN Joins Preparatory Meeting for NSTW 2026

As the next host of the National Science and Technology Week

2026, the Department of Science and Technology SOCCSKSARGEN joined the preparatory meeting held on March 6, 2026 at the DOST Main Building, Bicutan, Taguig City.

2026, presentation of proposals, review of the Special Orders for the NSTW 2026 Steering event. The meeting marked an important step in mobilizing the organizing



The meeting was led by Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Maborang and Host Region Regional Director Engr. Sammy P.

Malawan to begin key planning activities for the national event. Discussions focused on updates on the preparations for NSTW

Committee, and the proposed monthly schedule of committee meetings to ensure the smooth and coordinated implementation of the

teams as SOCCSKSARGEN gears up to host one of the country's biggest celebrations of science, technology, and innovation (STI).

DepEd rolls out program to boost SHS employability

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) on Thursday rolled out the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair (BPSF) to boost the employability of graduating Senior High School (SHS) learners.

The BPSF, launched in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), serves as a one-stop shop intended to provide pre-employment documents to SHS Technical-Vocational-Livelihood (TVL) graduates and Alternative Learning System (ALS) learners.

DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara said the move seeks to help graduating SHS learners to secure appropriate employment amid the "spiraling" effects of oil price surges due to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

The initiative is in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to ensure the employability and skills matching of SHS graduates with the current industry demands.

"We are bringing the government closer to our learners to ensure that their transition from the classroom to the workplace is seamless and cost-free, as envisioned by President Marcos," Angara said in a statement.

With the BPSF in place,



EMPLOYABILITY. The Department of Education (DepEd) leads the rollout of the Bagong Pilipinas Serbisyo Fair at the Makati High School on Thursday (March 19, 2026). The program seeks to boost the employability of graduating Senior High School learners. (Photo courtesy of DepEd)

each student can save up to PHP1,000 for clearance fees and transportation expenses.

Besides eased access to pre-employment requisitions, the program also provides job matching and a career guide to address gaps, as well as employment features from the private sector with job vacancies.

"Through these reforms and partnerships, we are transforming our graduates into highly employable assets who are ready to contribute to our nation's growth," Angara said.

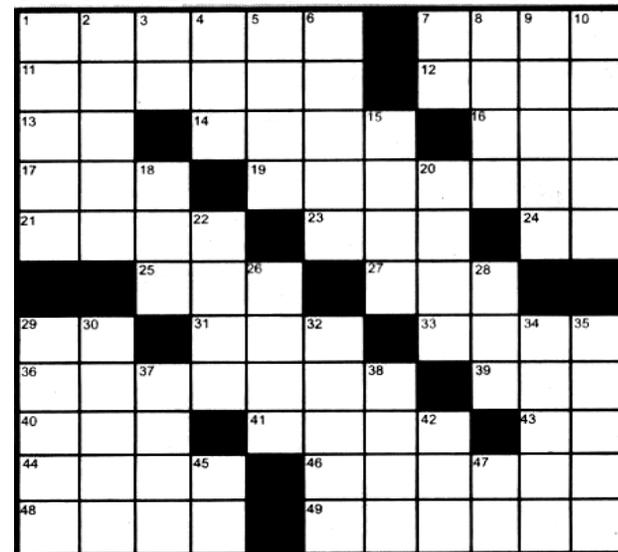
The DepEd rolled out the BPSF in three public schools in Metro Manila: Tala National High School in Caloocan City, Makati

High School in Barangay Poblacion, and Mataas na Paaralang Neptali A. Gonzales in Mandaluyong City.

The BPSF can serve at least 1,175 graduating SHS from the said schools.

The DepEd seeks to scale up the said program as about 550,000 SHS-TVL learners are set to graduate nationwide. (PNA)

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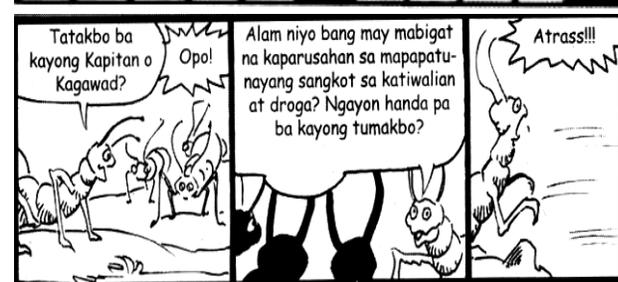
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SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



DSWD to open 4th Pag-abot Program processing center in Cavite

More vulnerable families and individuals in street situations (FISS) will be protected from hazardous and untoward incidents as the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is set to open a new Pag-abot Program processing center in Bacoor City, Cavite.



REACH OUT PROGRAM. The Department of Social Welfare and Development's Pag Abot Program reaches out to individuals living on the streets in this undated photo. The DSWD said Tuesday (March 17, 2026) it is set to open a new Pag-abot Program processing center in Bacoor City, Cavite to help more families in a street situation. (DSWD Oplan Pag-Abot Program Facebook)

"As part of the efforts to reach out to more families and individuals who live on the streets, the DSWD, through its Field Office (FO) 4-A (Calabarzon), recently signed a Deed of Usufruct Agreement with the City Government of Bacoor to set up a new processing center in the locality," DSWD spokesperson Assistant Secretary Irene Dumlao said in a news release on Tuesday. **► DSWD • 4**

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Fire razes building in Cavite City; 80-year-old owner injured

CAVITE – A fire broke out in a building near the San Roque Church in P. Burgos Ave. in Cavite City, injuring a senior citizen on Thursday, March 19.



A fire broke out in a building housing commercial establishments and residential units in Cavite City on March 19 (Photo from Mayor Denver Chua's Facebook page)

The Cavite City Bureau of Fire Protection (Cavite City BFP) told the Manila Bulletin that the building houses both commercial establishments and residential units.

The fire was reported at 7:02 a.m. and reached the second alarm at 7:09 a.m.

before being extinguished at 8:04 a.m.

The 80-year-old owner of the building, who also lived on the premises, sustained a first-degree burn on the arm and was rushed to the hospital.

Among the units affected were a general merchandise

store, a milk tea shop, a drug store, a roast chicken shop, and several residential apartments.

The Cavite City BFP estimates the cost of damage at more than P2.2 million. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

DOST urges PH researchers toward responsive, cross-sector research

The Department of Science and Technology urged the Filipino research community to commit to a cross-sectoral, ethical, and responsive approach to accelerate national progress during the Annual Scientific Conference and 93rd General Membership Assembly of the National Research Council of the Philippines (DOST-NRCP) held at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City, last March 13, 2026.



In his speech, DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. highlighted that progress cannot be made if "remained

confined within rigid boundaries, hence reinforcing transdisciplinary and ethical practices.

"[It] encourages us to cross [...] between disciplines, institutions, and even scientific **► DOST URGES • 4**



Marks the official turnover of the Southern Tagalog Regional Hospital - Kawit Kalayaan BUCAS Center. Public officials, including Cong. Jolo Revilla and Mayor Armie Aguinaldo, alongside provincial government and hospital officials, joined the ceremony and inspected the facility. Simultaneously, the Kawit Primary Care Facility was blessed and inaugurated. The new center will provide essential outpatient services and is set to serve as a PhilHealth YAKAP clinic. #AlagangArmieAguinaldo #RatedTripleA #PusoAtMalasakitParaSaAtingKawit