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## Cavite strengthens flood mitigation efforts and inter-agency coordination through strategic meetings

The Provincial Government of Cavite reaffirmed its commitment to disaster resilience and effective governance through two significant meetings held recently, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City: the Flood Mitigation Committee (FMC) Meeting and the Local Inter-Agency Committee (LIAC) Meeting.

The Flood Mitigation Committee Meeting was convened by Ms. Annabel Cayabyab, Head of the Office of the Provincial



FLOOD MITIGATION COMMITTEE AND LOCAL INTER AGENCY COMMITTEE MEETING

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## More than 3.3K Filipinos flown home, 18K aided in Middle East

More than 3,300 Filipinos have been repatriated from the Middle East, while more than 18,000 others have received assistance amid ongoing regional tensions, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said Tuesday.

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WELCOME HOME. President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. personally welcomes 343 overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) repatriated from the Middle East on March 23, 2026, amid the ongoing regional conflict. As of March 29, Marcos said 2,551 OFWs and 835 dependents have been repatriated. (Photo from Bongbong Marcos Facebook)

## Ugnayan sa Barangay strengthens community engagement in Cavite City



The Provincial Government of Cavite successfully conducted its Ugnayan sa Barangay program on March 26 in Cavite City, reinforcing its commitment to community engagement and responsive public service. ► UGNAYAN • 6

## Community medical-dental mission reaches 996 residents in Imus



Nearly 1,000 residents of Barangay Pasong Buaya 2, City of Imus received free healthcare services during a Medical and Dental Mission conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite on March 28, 2026. ► COMMUNITY • 4

## Iran to allow 'safe, unhindered' passage of PH ships thru Hormuz — DFA

Iran will allow the "safe, unhindered, and expeditious" passage of Philippine-flagged vessels, energy sources, and all Filipino seafarers through the Strait of Hormuz, its top diplomat told the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) on Thursday.

The DFA, in a statement, said the assurance was made during a phone call between Foreign Affairs Secretary Ma. Theresa Lazaro and Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi.

The DFA said the development is vital ► IRAN • 6



# Lenten Season: a reminder of hope and resilience amid crisis

**"Hindi natatapos sa Biyernes Santo ang Holy Week, kundi ito ay natatapos sa Easter Sunday, sa muling pagkabuhay ni Hesus."**

This was the message of Reverend Father Lanz Domingo, Director of the Diocesan Commission on Social Communications of the Diocese of San Pablo, as he encouraged the public to continue to strengthen their faith amid global challenges brought about by ongoing conflicts in the Middle East.

According to Fr. Domingo, the Lenten season is an opportunity to reflect, renew one's spiritual relationship with the Lord, and foster understanding and repentance.

It also serves as a reminder of hope and resilience, as Jesus not only suffered and died during this time, but also rose from the dead, triumphing over death and granting eternal life.

Beyond the traditions and practices observed during Lent, this sacred period serves as a powerful reminder of hope and faith for everyone.

He emphasized that regardless of the challenges or trials one may face, the resurrection of Christ stands as a lasting symbol of renewal and assurance.

"Ito'y napakagandang mensahe sa atin, because if we join Christ in his suffering, kapag nakasama natin si Hesus sa paghihirap sa pagpapakasakit, kapag niyakap natin ang sarili nating krus, hindi naman dun matatapos 'yun, kundi dadalhin tayo ni Hesus tungo sa Easter Sunday, sa muling pagkabuhay."

Amid ongoing conflicts abroad, the Philippines is reeling from the ripple effects, as rising fuel prices drive up the cost of transportation, placing additional burdens on the most vulnerable sectors and impacting public services and essential operations.

Domingo added: "Ano ang pinaka-mensahe sa atin? Anumang

pinagdadaan natin bilang isang bansa, bilang indibidwal, lagi natin iisipin, hindi diyan natatapos 'yan. Kundi may pag-asa dahil may muling pagkabuhay; pero mangyayari lamang 'yun kung ang pagdurusa at paghihirap natin, dadalhin natin kasama ang Diyos. Kaya napakahalaga ng spiritual life kasi doon nararamdaman natin, hindi tayo nag-iisa."

In light of these difficulties, the Church is calling on the faithful to pray for peace and stability, reminding everyone that spiritual solidarity and hope can provide strength during times of global uncertainty.

"Alam naman po natin, may mga digmaan po ngayon sa ibang bansa na kahit malayo sa atin ay nakakaapekto sa atin kaya sana ipagdasal po natin 'yung mga bansang ito na



nasa digmaan, isama po natin sa sacrifices natin, 'yung pagsasakrispisyong natin na ino-offer ngayong Holy Week, 'yun pong pag-aayuno na gagawin natin sa Good Friday ay isama po natin as our intention 'yung kapayapaan sa mundo, lalo na po ngayon

sa Middle East," he said. Meanwhile, he also invites the public to take part in the Church's activities this season, which highlight Christ's journey of sacrifice and offer an opportunity to reflect on and embrace the true meaning of life.

In addition, the Diocese and its parishes in Laguna have started livestreaming Masses and other events, enabling the faithful and more people, in general, to experience and be inspired by the teachings of Christ. (COP/PIA-CALABARZON)

## Sufficient PUVs available ahead of expected holy week rush, LTFRB assures

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) —** The number of public utility vehicles (PUVs) operating across Calabarzon remains sufficient to meet current passenger demand, according to the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) Calabarzon.



LTFRB Calabarzon regional director Rudolph Dimas said that while the agency continues to receive reports from various transport terminals, passenger volume remains at a "light to moderate" level, allowing existing PUVs to adequately serve commuters.

"As of now, reports indicate that passenger volume is still light to moderate, and the number of PUVs currently operating is sufficient to accommodate our

passengers," Dimas said during the Philippine Information Agency's Usapang PIA radio program. He noted, however, that the expected surge of travelers has yet to begin, with a significant increase in passenger traffic anticipated by Wednesday evening to Thursday morning.

"We expect more passengers to arrive either tomorrow or in the following days, as people begin traveling to their provinces," he added. To ensure continuous

and efficient transport service, the LTFRB Calabarzon is prepared to deploy additional units if necessary assuring the public that the agency stands ready to issue special permits to more PUVs should demand exceed current capacity.

"In case passenger volume increases significantly and exceeds the available units, we are ready to issue special permits to additional PUVs to fill in the gaps in various routes," he explained. LTFRB Calabarzon

continues to closely monitor both passenger demand and vehicle availability to maintain a balance in transport supply, ensuring that commuters will have safe, accessible, and reliable options throughout the Holy Week travel period.

Commuters are also advised to plan their trips ahead and stay updated with announcements from transport authorities as travel activity is expected to intensify in the coming days. (AM/PIA-CALABARZON)

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# Bacoor City LGU pushes for community carpooling to save on fuel costs

**BACOOOR CITY, Cavite (PIA)** — The City Government of Bacoor is pushing for a community-based carpooling arrangement for its travelling residents to help reduce traffic congestion and save fuel.

In an interview last March 31, Mayor Strike Revilla said he signed city ordinances regulating community-based carpooling arrangements as part of their bid to promote the use of private and city government-owned vehicles to help save energy and reduce traffic, especially in major thoroughfares.

To ensure the safety of car owners and passengers, the ordinance

requires that vehicles to be used in the carpooling initiative must secure insurance.

“Kapag naaprubahan ito, ipapatupad natin ang carpooling system. Pero of course, i-re-require natin na mayroong insurance [ang mga sasakyan].”

Revilla added that through the ordinance, residents will adopt a carpooling scheme when travelling to help minimize expenses.

“Para makatulong tayo sa pagtitipid ng gasolina at diesel, ipu-pool natin ‘yung mga magkakapitbahay para makabawas sa gastos. Napakaimportante rin nitong carpooling at ibababa natin ito sa mga community at mga barangay natin.”

The local chief executive also emphasized that the carpooling initiative will become voluntary for residents. **(PB-PIA CALABARZON)**



## OPPDC facilitated training on ELA-PDIP Monitoring Report preparation

The Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator, successfully spearheaded the Training on the Preparation of Executive-Legislative Agenda – Provincial Development Investment Program 2025-2028 Monitoring Report at the New Provincial Government Center, on March 26, 2026.



The activity gathered ELA-PDIP focal persons from provincial government departments and units, to enhance their understanding of the monitoring system and capacitate them on how to properly accomplish the monitoring tool for the status of their respective programs, projects and activities (PPA).

Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Engr. EnP Lorna Leyran welcomed the participants and emphasized the

importance of the training in effectively tracking the progress and outcomes of PPAs. This was followed by an overview of the activity delivered by EnP Mary Grace Reyes.

The training featured a series of interactive lectures, discussions, workshops, and presentation of outputs aimed at equipping participants with the necessary knowledge and skills in preparing accurate and reliable monitoring reports. These efforts contribute to ensuring transparency and data integrity in the

implementation of provincial programs and projects.

By the end of the activity, participants gained a clearer understanding of the importance of well-planned and effectively monitored projects in achieving the province's development goals.

The training was conducted by governance sector, covering Economic, Infrastructure, and Environmental Management, and will continue with the Institutional and Social sectors. — **OPIO**

## CAAP reminds travelers of dangerous goods rules in airports

**MANILA** – As more travelers are expected in airports during the Holy Week, the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) on Wednesday advised passengers to strictly follow the dangerous goods regulations to ensure safety.



**HEIGHTENED SECURITY.** An intensified security screening is seen in this undated photo at the NAIA Terminal 3 in Pasay City. The Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines on Wednesday (April 1, 2026) advised travelers to strictly follow the dangerous goods regulations in airports to ensure safety. **(Photo courtesy of OTS)**

Passengers are advised to check the guidelines and baggage policies and to cooperate with screening procedures.

In a statement, CAAP Director General Raul Del Rosario noted that abiding by the rules would help prevent untoward incidents.

Examples of dangerous goods are explosives, power banks, lithium batteries, flammable liquids, compressed gases, and corrosive substances.

Improper handling or transport of these items can result in fire or

explosion onboard an aircraft, emergency landings, flight delays, or cancellations.

The agency warned that intentional concealment or failure to declare prohibited items may lead to legal consequences.

They could also be offloaded and be fined. Confiscation of items is also likely.

In a related development, officials from the Office for Transportation Security (OTS) conducted an inspection at the Ninoy

Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3 on Wednesday to ensure order and efficiency in operations.

The inspection was led by OTS Administrator Gilberto Cruz to oversee the strict implementation of safety and security measures for passengers and personnel.

“We will continue to intensify our monitoring and enforcement efforts to uphold the highest standards of security across all transport facilities,” Cruz said. **(PNA)**

DOE sets...

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issuance of Executive Order (EO) No. 110, which declared a state of national energy emergency due to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, which has hampered the transit of oil supply from that region.

DOE said before the issuance of EO 110, "DUs and ECs had 20 working days to complete the processing of net metering applications, while the prescribed period for LGU approvals varied per permit."

Under the net metering program of the DOE, power consumers with the capacity to install their own power sources, such as solar panels, may do so, and their surplus power of up to 100 kilowatts (kW) may be transferred to the grid to boost supply in exchange for credits on their monthly electricity bill.

"Every unnecessary delay in net metering is a delay in savings for Filipino consumers," Energy Secretary Sharon Garin said.

"Under the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. through Executive Order No. 110, we are pushing faster, simpler, and more responsive approval processes so that more households and businesses can benefit from rooftop solar, lower their electricity bills, and strengthen their resilience against global energy price shocks."

Fuel station monitoring The DOE has also issued special guidelines for deputized agencies in fuel station monitoring and inspection to ensure that these activities are conducted "in a disciplined, coordinated, and orderly

manner."

Among those tapped by DOE for this program are representatives of the LGUs, the Philippine National Police (PNP), the National Electrification Administration (NEA), and the National Power Corporation (NPC).

"Under the Guidelines, deputized agencies are directed to coordinate closely with the DOE in the conduct of inspections, properly identify themselves and clearly communicate the purpose of their visit, observe fuel inventory levels, daily sales, and dispensing practices, verify unusual or bulk purchases when necessary, and document their observations for submission to the DOE for evaluation and appropriate action," the DOE said.

The Energy department said the guidelines also "recognize the legitimate fuel requirements of essential sectors, including

hospitals, transport, agriculture, telecommunications, and government services."

Along with this move is the tightening of anti-hoarding policies in the downstream oil industry during a State of National Energy Emergency (SNEE) "to help ensure that fuel remains available and accessible to Filipinos" and prevent any artificial shortages.

Among the rules in the anti-hoarding measure are clear definitions of prohibited acts and hoarding indicators; preventive measures, such

as temporary fuel purchase limits when necessary and tighter regulation of container-based transactions; enhanced monitoring through the Emergency Petroleum Monitoring System (EPMS) to track inventory levels, supply movements, and fuel distribution; and defined enforcement procedures, including the issuance of Show Cause Orders and timelines for evaluation and case action.

DOE is also reconvening the DOE-Department of Justice (DOJ) Task Force "to

receive and act on reports of suspected hoarding, determine violations, and initiate appropriate administrative and criminal actions under existing laws," the DOE said.

"These Guidelines are meant to ensure that petroleum products continue to move where they are needed, when they are needed, and at a level that protects consumers, supports economic activity, and upholds public order amid the impact of the Middle East conflict on global oil markets," Garin said. (PNA)

Community...

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The mission delivered 735 medical consultations and 79 dental services, along with 89 Free Blood

Sugar (FBS) tests and 93 ECG screenings.

Present during the activity were Mayor Alex

Advincula, Congressman AJ Advincula, and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, underscoring their continued support for community health programs. —OPIO

More than...

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"Mula March 5 hanggang March 29, nasa 2,551 na OFW (overseas Filipino workers) na at 835 ng kanilang dependent ang nakauwi na sa bansa (From March 5 to March 29, a total of 2,551 OFWs and 835 of their dependents have returned home)," Marcos said in a national address.

The President added that reintegration programs are in place to

support returning Filipinos as they restart their lives in the country.

As of March 27, a total of 18,394 Filipinos in the Middle East have received assistance, including food, temporary shelter, medical aid, transportation, financial support, and repatriation services.

"Habang may Pilipinong nangangailangan ng tulong, patuloy kaming

magsusumikap na ipaabot ito (So long as there are Filipinos in need, we will continue to extend assistance)," Marcos said.

He also called on Filipinos to offer prayers for peace during the Holy Week.

"Ngayong Semana Santa... nawa'y isama po natin sa ating basal ang kapayapaan at kaginhawaan ng lahat (This Holy Week... may we include in our prayers the peace and well-being of all)," he said. (PNA)

Cavite...

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Environment and Natural Resources Officer (OPENRO), on behalf of Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla. The meeting brought together key officials and stakeholders involved in the Cavite Industrial Area Flood Risk Management Project (CIA-FRIMP), alongside representatives from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and partner agencies.

Notable participants from JICA included Mr. Aoki Nobuhiko, Ms. Catherine Palanca, and Ms. Shino Yamauchi, while local government units from Imus City, Bacoor City, General Trias City, Kawit, Rosario, and Noveleta were also represented, underscoring the collaborative nature of the initiative.

During the session, Mr. Shuji Kaku, CIA-FRIMP Project Team Leader, and Ms. Mimi Estaris, Non-Structural Measures (NSM) Specialist, presented updates on ongoing flood mitigation efforts, covering both structural interventions

such as drainage improvements and pumping stations, and non-structural measures including early warning systems, community preparedness, and land-use planning. Engr. Aurelio Mendoza, Project Manager of DPWH-UPMO, further contributed technical insights that enriched the discussion and planning process.

The FMC continues to serve as a vital platform for coordination, strengthening partnerships among national agencies, local government units, and development partners toward enhancing flood management systems and building safer, more resilient communities across Cavite.

On the same day, the Local Inter-Agency Committee (LIAC) Meeting was held and presided over by Provincial Administrator Engr. Gilbert Gandia. The meeting gathered representatives from various government agencies and stakeholders to ensure alignment and coordination in infrastructure and development projects across the province.

A key highlight of the

LIAC meeting was the discussion of the salient provisions of Republic Act No. 12289, also known as the Accelerated and Reformed Right-of-Way (ROW) Act. The law aims to streamline and expedite the acquisition of right-of-way for national government infrastructure projects, addressing common delays caused by land acquisition issues. Discussions emphasized the importance of inter-agency cooperation in implementing the law effectively, ensuring fair compensation, minimizing displacement concerns, and accelerating project delivery.

The LIAC serves as a critical mechanism for harmonizing policies, resolving implementation issues, and ensuring that national and local development initiatives are carried out efficiently and in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

Together, these meetings highlight the Provincial Government of Cavite's proactive approach in addressing flood risks while strengthening institutional coordination, paving the way for sustainable development and improved quality of life for its constituents. —OPIO

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Unified Package for Livelihoods, Industry, Food, and Transport (UPLIFT) committee.

The move is in line with the recommendation of the National Price Coordinating Council, which is tasked to monitor and stabilize prices of basic necessities and prime commodities.

Marcos said prices of key goods, including rice, remain within suggested retail price levels, with the government continuing to monitor around 205 commodities. He added that authorities are coordinating with manufacturers and retailers to defer price increases.

"Patuloy tayong nakikipag-usap sa manufacturer at retailer na hindi sila magtaas muna ng presyo hanggang sa susunod na buwan (We

continue to engage manufacturers and retailers to hold off price increases until next month)," he said.

The President also announced the expansion of the government's subsidized rice program.

"Pinalalawak din ang P20 rice program... umakyat na sa 2,000 tons dahil tumaas ang demand (The P20 rice program is being expanded... supply has increased to 2,000 tons due to higher demand)," he said, noting

that 627 distribution centers are now operational nationwide.

The measure comes as the government ramps up interventions under the declared national energy emergency, triggered by the impact of the Middle East conflict on global oil prices.

Under Executive Order No. 110, the administration is implementing a whole-of-government response through the UPLIFT framework, which includes food security, transport support and price stabilization measures. (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."

# PROPEL Business Hub Opens to Drive Commercialization of Filipino Innovations

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) formally launched the PROPEL Business Hub and Exhibit Center on March 31, 2026, at the PROPEL Hub-Executive Lounge, DOST Complex along General Santos Avenue in Taguig City, establishing a collaborative space aimed at accelerating the commercialization of Filipino innovations and strengthening the country's science, technology, and innovation (STI) ecosystem.



The PROPEL Business Hub is envisioned as a dynamic platform that brings together startups, innovators, scientists, experts, and research institutions, enabling stronger collaboration and bridging the gap between discovery and deployment. It serves as a venue where research outputs can be

transformed into market-ready solutions through access to shared facilities, advanced equipment, and technical expertise.

Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo Jr., Assistant Secretary for Technology Transfer, Communications, and Commercialization, emphasized that the hub stands as a platform for

turning possibilities into reality by connecting innovators with the scientific community and providing an environment that fosters collaboration and technology development.

Meanwhile, Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, highlighted that the

initiative enables researchers and startups to benefit from mentorship, incubation, and acceleration programs, while also opening opportunities for industry matching and technology pitching. He underscored the importance of promoting regional strengths across priority sectors such as agriculture, marine resources, advanced manufacturing, health

technologies, and renewable energy.

The DOST chief further noted that the establishment of the hub reflects the agency's firm commitment to move beyond research publication toward full commercialization. By strengthening linkages among government, academe, industry, and investors, the PROPEL Business Hub helps build a seamless pipeline from

ideation and validation to prototyping, production, and global competitiveness.

With the launch of the PROPEL Business Hub and Exhibit Center, DOST reinforces its goal of ensuring that Filipino innovations do not remain on shelves but are translated into real-world applications that drive inclusive economic growth and national development. **(Nelson Santos)**

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Held at the New Provincial Government Center, the initiative signaled more than a ceremonial rollout – it underscored a firm, province-wide commitment to place children, particularly the most vulnerable, at the heart of governance.

Organized in collaboration with the Provincial Council for the Protection of Children (PCPC) through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, the launch of the revised protocol sharpens the province's response framework – one that listens with intent, protects with urgency, and responds with both compassion and precision.

In her welcome address, 8th District Board Member Jasmin Angelli Maligaya-Bautista emphasized the power of collective action, acknowledging the presence of key stakeholders and partners. She expressed confidence that the initiative would deepen collaboration and reinforce shared responsibility in building a safer and more protective environment for every child in Cavite.

Also present during the event was 1st District Board Member Romel R. Enriquez, Chairperson of the Committee on Social Services, Family, Women, Children and Elderly, alongside provincial government agencies, city and municipal mayors and their representatives, as well as department heads and personnel of the Provincial Government of

Cavite – demonstrating a unified, whole-of-government approach to child protection.

Delivering the opening message, Undersecretary Raul T. Vasquez of the Department of Justice (DOJ), stressed that meaningful change is realized at the community level—through the convergence of local government units, national agencies, and civil society. With the leadership of Governor Francisco Gabriel “Abeng” D. Remulla and the support of local chief executives, he noted that Cavite is taking a significant step closer to ensuring that every child is understood, protected, and given the opportunity to heal and thrive beyond trauma.

Further reinforcing this direction, DOJ Secretary Frederick A. Vida described the revised protocol as a product of robust inter-agency collaboration. It responds to evolving challenges, including emerging forms of exploitation, by integrating trauma-informed and child-sensitive approaches, strengthening confidentiality safeguards, enhancing multi-disciplinary coordination, and preventing re-traumatization throughout the intervention process.

In a firm commitment, Governor Abeng Remulla assured stakeholders that the initiative would move beyond policy into sustained action. “This program will be applied and taken care of here in our province,” he affirmed,

emphasizing the provincial government's resolve to translate frameworks into tangible protection for children.

Adding depth to the province's commitment, Vice Governor Ramon Vicente H. Bautista, underscored that the undertaking goes beyond formalities. He described the signing not merely as a procedural step, but as a covenant for the most valuable members of society. He further emphasized that the gathering was not driven by obligation, but by duty to uphold children's rights – assuring that as long as leaders carry this mandate, no child in Cavite will ever have to face adversity alone.

The event's highlight was the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Understanding, led by the Governor, members of the Provincial Board, and city/municipal Local Chief Executives – symbolizing a unified and institutionalized approach to implementing the revised protocol across Cavite.

In closing, Undersecretary Monina Josefina H. Romualdez of the Department of Social Welfare and Development reaffirmed their commitment to safeguarding the welfare and future of every Filipino child, pledging continued partnership in advancing child protection efforts.

The occasion echoed a firm commitment: in Cavite, protecting children is a shared priority, where every voice counts and every system moves to respond and defend. — **OPIO**

## Over 600...

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consultations and tooth extraction, and general medical check-ups. Patients also received prescribed medicines at no cost, ensuring continued care beyond the consultations.

The mission was made possible through the collaborative efforts of healthcare professionals from the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and volunteers, including Barangay Health Workers (BHW) and nursing

students from Far Eastern University (FEU), who played a vital role in assisting with patient care and coordination.

Local leaders also showed their strong support for the program. Eighth District Board member Jasmin Angelli Maligaya-Bautista and Alfonso Vice Mayor Madona Pel were present during the activity, demonstrating their commitment to improving

community health services. Their presence, along with the active participation of the Alfonso Mandaragat Lady Eagles Club, contributed significantly to the success of the health mission.

The residents and barangay officials expressed their gratitude to the provincial government, to all volunteers, partners, and supporters who made the mission possible and bringing the health services closer to their community. — **OPIO**

innovative approaches and science-based solutions to address the challenges of climate change in the country.

The ceremony was graced by Commissioner Albert P. Dela Cruz of the Climate Change Commission, who also serves as Director General of the Climate Change Task Force.

May this serve as an inspiration for everyone to continue fulfilling our responsibilities with integrity, dedication, and genuine concern for the environment and the nation.

## Climate...

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The Climate Change Task Force (CCTF) operates under the supervision of the Climate Change Commission (CCC). The CCC aims to strengthen the country's preparedness and resilience against the impacts of climate change while promoting smart and innovative solutions to environmental challenges in the Philippines.

The oath-taking of the new members and officers reflects the support of BauerTek Pharmaceutical

Technologies, Kaibigan sa Kalusugan, and The GlobalLeader Inc. for initiatives aimed at combating climate change. Through tree-planting programs, BauerTek actively contributes to reducing carbon in the environment through carbon sequestration.

Led by Scientist/Inventor Richard Nixon Gomez, who has been designated as the National Commander of STEP, the task force will utilize

**Iran...**

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for the Philippines, as it will not only secure the safety of Filipino seafarers operating in the area but "also help ensure energy security for the country." "Given that the Philippines imports the majority of its energy requirements from the

Middle East, these assurances from Iran will greatly facilitate the steady delivery of critical oil and fertilizer supplies to the Philippines," it said.

DFA spokesperson Analyn Ratonel, meanwhile, said the passage would not involve any toll fee amid reports that Iran is planning to impose at least USD1 per barrel, estimated to be around USD2 million for each vessel transiting the Strait of Hormuz.

"On question regarding the reported toll fee, there is no toll fee," she said in a text message to reporters.

Both foreign ministers, the DFA said, affirmed their commitment to "maintaining excellent relations and achieving lasting peace

through continued dialogue and diplomacy."

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The call came after President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. instructed the DFA to initiate talks with Tehran to ensure the safe passage of Philippine-bound ships through the

Strait of Hormuz.

Tehran maintains a de facto blockade on the critical maritime chokepoint following the joint military operations mounted by Israel and the United States on Feb. 28, which targeted its nuclear sites and killed its Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The blockade on the

waters has since sent energy markets into shock, with rising oil and fuel prices prompting governments to implement austerity measures.

Last week, Marcos declared a state of national energy emergency to address potential disruption in fuel supply and stabilize the country's energy sector. **(PNA)**

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BIANZON AND HIS PARENTS IN THE  
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE OF AARON L.  
BIANZON AND CARINA R. DEL MUNDO FROM  
FILIPINO TO AMERICAN IN THE REGISTER OF  
LEGAL INSTRUMENTS IN THE LOCAL CIVIL  
REGISTRY OF MENDEZ, CAVITE**

**CARINA R. DEL MUNDO married to  
AARON L. BIANZON,**

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CAVITE, THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF  
MENDEZ, CAVITE, THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS  
AUTHORITY, MANILA AND ALL PERSONS WHO  
MAY BE AFFECTED THEREBY,**

Respondents.

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**ORDER**

Before this Court is a petition filed by petitioner Carina R. Del Mundo through her counsel, **Atty. Rochell Marie J. Cortez**, praying for the granting of petition correcting the citizenship of **Aaron L. Bianzon** and his parents from Filipino to American in the Petitioner's PSA Certificate of Marriage.

Being sufficient in form and substance, the petition is hereby set for hearing on **May 12, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning**, on which date, hour and place.

At her expense, the petitioner is directed to publish a copy of this Order once for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the province of Cavite.

Mendez Municipal Civil Registrar and any person having or claiming any interest under the entry whose correction is sought may, within fifteen (15) days from notice of the petition, or from the date of publication of such notice, file his opposition thereto.

Provide copy of this Order parties and counsels for their compliance as well as to the respondents and Office of the Solicitor General for their information.

SO ORDERED.

Naic, Cavite, February 18, 2026.

**(Sgd.) RUBEN E. SEVILLANO JR.**  
Acting Presiding Judge

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**ERRATUM**

This is to correct the entry made on the **DEED OF EXTRA JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER AND RENUNCIATION OF RIGHTS**, whereas, the name of the deceased should be **"ROLAND BARRETT"** instead of **ROLANDBARRET** and the name of the Legal Heirs should be **"WAYNE ROLAND BARRETT and ANTONIETTA BARRETT"** instead of **WAYNE ROLAND BARRET and ANTONIETTA BARRET**. Published by SUNDAY TRIBUNE NEWS PUBLISHING on March 29, 2026.

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**DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER AND RENUNCIATION OF RIGHTS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **ROLAND BARRETT**, who passed away on September 4, 2018 in Somerset, United Kingdom has left a condominium unit and a parking slot specifically described as follows: Unit 1202, 12th Floor, Tower Three, Madison Suites, Pioneer Highlands Condominium covered by **Condominium Certificate of Title No. 40877**, located at Pioneer Street corner Madison Street, Mandaluyong City, Metro-Manila, Philippines (property 1) and Parking Slot Number B5-095, 5th Basement Level, Pioneer Highlands Condominium covered by **Condominium Certificate of Title No. 40878**, located at Pioneer Madison Suites, Pioneer Highlands Condominium, Pioneer Street corner Madison Street, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila Philippines (property 2); that the deceased has left a Last Will and Testament, proved and registered in the High Court of Justice of England and Wales, United Kingdom of Great Britain; that pursuant to Section 1, Rule 74 of the Revised Rules of Court 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 **DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH WAIVER AND RENUNCIATION OF RIGHTS**, executed by the Heirs, **WAYNE ROLAND BARRETT and ANTONIETTA BARRETT**, before **STACY DANIKA ALCANTARA-GARCIA**, Vice Consul, duly commissioned and qualified in and for London, United Kingdom on January 23, 2020 at the Philippine Embassy in London, United Kingdom; entered as Doc. No. 00505; Service No. 01874; O.R. No. 01-000012; Fee £23.00; Series of 2020.

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**Ugnayan...**

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The initiative was spearheaded by Governor Abeng Remulla, who emphasized the importance of direct communication between the provincial government and local communities. The program served as a platform for residents to access government services, and engage with key officials.

Also present during the event were Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, 1st District Congressman Jolo Revilla, and 1st District

Board Members Romel Enriquez and Jygs Gandia, Mayor Denver Chua, Vice Mayor Raleigh Rusit and the Sangguninang Panlungsod members who all expressed their support for initiatives that bring government services closer to the people.

The Ugnayan sa Barangay program continues to be a vital avenue for fostering transparency, inclusivity, and collaboration between the provincial government and its constituents. **—OPIO**

**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 a Bank account maintained with **Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company ("Metrobank") under Account No. 321-3-32129218-7 with an Account Balance of P690,655.95**; 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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# Creating Music, Changing Lives: Amateur Songwriting Competition Showcases Emerging Talent

A meaningful Amateur Songwriting Competition for a cause was successfully held recently under the theme "Creating Music, Changing Lives," bringing together aspiring songwriters in a celebration of creativity, talent, and purpose.

The event was a collaborative effort of CISAT Education, CISAT Foundation, and LMDA Records and Studio, aimed at providing a platform for emerging songwriters to showcase their original compositions while supporting a worthy cause. Participants from various places took part in the competition, presenting songs that reflected themes of hope, inspiration, and positive change.

Each performance highlighted not only the musical talent of the contestants but also their creativity and passion for storytelling through music. The event effectively brought to life its core mission—demonstrating how music can be a powerful tool for personal expression and social impact.

The success of the event was made possible through the leadership and support of key organizers, including



Mr. Michael A. De Lara, CEO of LMDA Records and Studio, and Mr. Jose Fuster Jr., President/CEO of CISAT Foundation.

Distinguished personalities from the music and media industry also graced the event. Among them were Jun Carlos, Director; Juvy De Guzman, also known as Yes Yes Yo Topacio, who served as host; Tonz Lander (T-Bon), Director; and Belle Surara, Radyo Agila host.

The panel of judges included Rachell Baldomaro, fashion model; Doc Mon Del Rosario, composer and COB; and Gloy Garrido, composer and music producer. Also present were Victor B. Salonga, Yes Yes Yo Topacio correspondent; Jane Famouz, indie film artist; Direk Otep; and Britney Cane of the Wowowie Twins, who showcased her talent as a singer.

Beyond the competition

itself, the program also sought to generate support for community-based initiatives, reinforcing the idea that music can serve as a catalyst for meaningful change in society.

According to the organizers, they look forward to holding more projects like this in the future, with the goal of continuously supporting local talent and inspiring a wider audience through the transformative power of music.

## DTI Joins "LAB for All" in Santa Rosa City, Laguna

Santa Rosa, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) actively participated in the "LAB for All" (Laboratoryo, Konsulta, at Serbisyong Pangkalusugan para sa Lahat), a community outreach initiative led by First Lady Liza Araneta-Marcos, who also graced the opening ceremony.



"LAB for All" is a multi-agency outreach program designed to bring essential government services closer to communities through a one-stop-shop approach, making public services more accessible and responsive to the needs of the people.

Santa Rosa City Mayor Arlene Arcillas and Vice

Mayor Arnold Arcillas likewise attended the activity, demonstrating strong local government support for initiatives that empower communities and strengthen entrepreneurship.

The event gathered various national government agencies to deliver frontline services

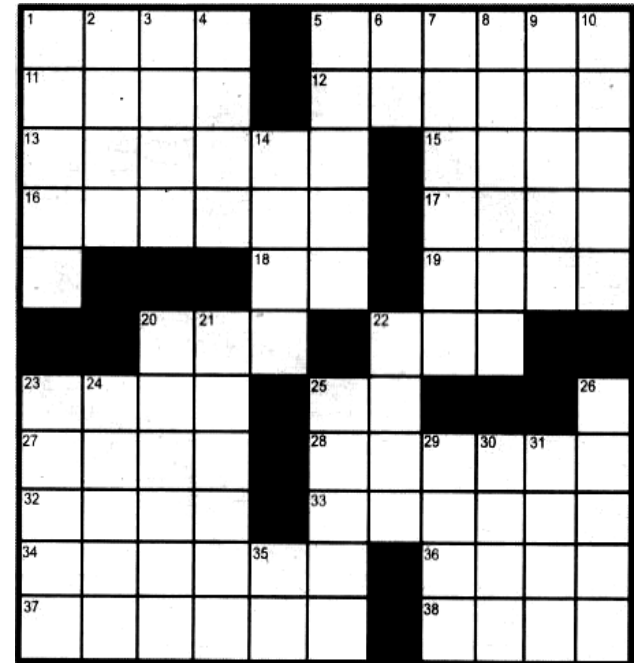
directly to the public, reinforcing the whole-of-government approach in service delivery.

Representing DTI, Regional Operations Group Assistant Secretary Dominic Tolentino led the agency's participation, together with DTI Region 4-A Regional Director Marissa C. Argente,

Assistant Regional Director Revelyn A. Cortez, and DTI Laguna Provincial Director Christian Ted O. Tungohan.

As part of its contribution, DTI showcased proudly local products from Laguna, highlighting the creativity and competitiveness of MSMEs in the province. The agency also facilitated key program components, including the ceremonial awarding of certificates to four (4) beneficiaries of the Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon at Ginhawa (PPG) program out of a total of 80 beneficiaries. In addition, loan assistance amounting to ₱8.55 million was distributed to four (4) beneficiaries through the Small Business Corporation, further supporting the growth and recovery of local enterprises. (KJBBruno, DTI Laguna)

## PALAIPIAN



### PAHALANG

- 1 Kasama ni Darna
- 5 Karera
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- 20 Suporta
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- 29 Dagit
- 30 Buti
- 31 Manong
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## SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



# Cavite strengthens child protection with launch of Revised Case Management Protocol



A decisive step toward strengthening child protection systems took center stage held recently, as the Department of Justice, in partnership with the Provincial Government of Cavite, formally launched the Revised Protocol for the Case Management of Child Victims of Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation, and Discrimination (Cane + D) under the banner "Kabitenyong Kumikilos Para sa Karapatang Kabataan." **► CAVITE • 5**

# Climate Change Commission, Climate Change Task Force, Science and Technology for Environment Progress Oath-Taking Ceremony



For a New Philippines, the newly appointed members of the Climate Change Task Force – Science and Technology for Environmental Progress (CCTF-STEP) took their oath to fulfill their vital role in protecting the environment through science and technology. **► CLIMATE • 5**

# Over 600 beneficiaries served in Medical and Dental Mission in Alfonso, Cavite



A successful medical and dental mission was conducted in Luksuhin Ibaba, Alfonso, Cavite held recently, through the initiative of the Office of the Provincial Governor - Medical Mission Team, benefiting more than 600 residents with a comprehensive range of free healthcare services.

The initiative provided essential medical services including fasting blood sugar (FBS) testing, electrocardiogram (ECG) screenings, dental **► OVER 600 • 5**

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# Gov't to impose P50/kg price cap on imported rice

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Tuesday said he will issue an executive order imposing a PHP50 per kilogram price cap on imported well-milled rice, as part of efforts to stabilize food prices amid global uncertainties.

"Ilalabas natin ang Executive Order para maipatupad na ito sa lalong madaling panahon (We will issue the Executive Order so this can be implemented as soon as possible)," Marcos said following a meeting of the **► GOV'T • 4**



# Recognition of the hard work and dedication of PGC public servants

On March 30, the Program on Awards and Incentives for Service Excellence (PRAISE) Committee once again facilitated the distribution of tokens of appreciation as performance incentives to qualified employees of the Provincial Government of Cavite, in recognition of their excellent delivery of public service.



The ceremony was attended by Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, along with members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, who expressed their appreciation for the employees' hard work, loyalty, and valuable contributions to efficient and effective governance.

The event also served as a celebration for employees who marked their birthdays in the month of March. **— OPIO**

# DOE sets more measures to ease impact of oil supply issues

The Department of Energy (DOE) is implementing additional measures to help cushion the impact of oil supply issues, including the fast-tracking of net metering application processes.

DOE, in a news release Wednesday, said distribution utilities (DUs) and electric cooperatives (ECs) are required to finish the processing at their end within 10 days, while local government units (LGUs) are required to accomplish it within three working days.

This is among the programs in line with **► DOE SETS • 4**

