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## Cavite Career Caravan 2026: Providing Job Opportunities for Every Caviteño



On April 1, 2026, Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPEM), headed by Ms. Rizalie Pinpin Ereno, successfully organized the Cavite Career Caravan in SM City Tanza.

The initiative also gained support from Hon. Chelsea Jillian Sarno, Cavite SK Federation President, further highlighting the commitment of the youth sector in promoting employment opportunities. A total of 460 job seekers registered for the event, participated in by 55 companies—49 local and 6 overseas employers. Notably, 71 applicants were hired on the spot, highlighting the strong **►CAVITE CAREER • 6**

## BauerTek Wins 2 Gold Medals and the Medicine Award at INVENTCOR 2026

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06 April 2026 – Deva, Romania – The Philippines has been honored with 2 Gold Medals and the Medicine Award at the International Exhibition of Inventiveness and Innovation – INVENTCOR 2026. **►BAUERTEK • 4**

## 57 Interns Oriented for Government Internship Program in Cavite



The Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), successfully conducted the Government Internship Program (GIP) Orientation on April 6, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City. **► 57 INTERNS • 4**

## Duyan ka ng Magiting: From UP-COE to defending Bataan

MANILA – As we observe this year’s Araw ng Kagitingan, I wish to pay homage to a group of defenders who were once students of the University of the Philippines and were part of a select group based in the College of Engineering-Tau Alpha.

Together with the last World War, and lived high, honorable lives afterward. May this serve as a small tribute to their courage and enduring legacy. Major Rigoberto J. Atienza 'Charter Atienza' was appointed Inspector **►DUYAN • 4**



(Courtesy of Navine Misa, Geronimo Suliguin)

# Important Reminder to All Pioneers

There is one important thing I want to remind all pioneers: Today, I see that most pioneers are only focusing on: Wallet migration KYC Technology updates of Pi Network These are basic steps — but they are NOT enough to achieve your dreams. The Reality We Must Understand Every new project or product — especially Pi

— is moving toward becoming a currency. And what does a currency need? Adoption. Real usage. A strong economic ecosystem. Marketing Pi Adoption is the Priority If there is no marketing, and no merchants accepting Pi, then: Even if you have 100,000 Pi migrated, it becomes meaningless. Because:

Without real usage, there is no economic value Stop Worrying About the Wrong Things Pioneers should not be overly worried about: KYC delays Migration delays Technology development Why? Because: Core Team (CT) is responsible for technology and infrastructure KYC & migration pace is linked to real utility

usage If there are not enough places to use Pi, CT will not release full migration at scale The Key to Unlock Everything There is only one real solution: - Increase utility usage - Promote merchants to accept Pi - Build real economic circulation This is why: We must focus on MERCHANT MARKETING

Our Responsibility as Pioneers CT handles technology & production Pioneers handle marketing & adoption If we focus on the wrong things, delays will continue. Final Message The delay is not the problem. The real reason is: We have not finished our task yet Our mission is clear: Marketing Marketing stability



**Doris Yin**  
Building confidence in Pi  
(Doris Yin - Founder Global GCV Movement)

## Keynote Address: The Architecture of a Global Economy Speaker: Lumari, Overall Chair, International Industry Alliance First Pan-African International Summit of the GCV Industry Alliance

"Distinguished leaders, global partners, and fellow visionaries of the GCV movement.

Today, marks a historic milestone. We are no longer just dreaming of a new economy we are building its foundation.

This summit is anchored on one powerful theme: Uniting Africa's Businesses, Empowering a Global Ecosystem.

Uniting Africa's businesses means breaking barriers—connecting millions of enterprises across borders, cultures, and industries into one coordinated force.

Empowering a global ecosystem means giving those businesses visibility, structure, and real economic participation on the world stage.

This is not just a theme—it is our mission, our direction, and our responsibility.

Before we proceed, I must express my deepest gratitude to our host, Mr. Olivier Ndatimana, Industry Alliance Chair for the Africa Region. Thank you for the honor of inviting me to address this monumental First Pan-African International Summit.

"An alliance is only as strong as the visionaries who uphold it. As the Overall Chair, I want to formally recognize the leadership team that has made this global bridge possible:

To our Founder, Ms. Doris Yin: We extend our deepest respect for your visionary leadership of the Global GCV Movement.

To my Vice Chair, Mr. Jojo: Thank you for your unwavering executive support and leadership and for working so hard to ensure our global operations remain powerful.

To our Regional Chairs: I recognize Mr. Samer Sioury, Special Industry Alliance Chair for the Arab Region, and Hong Zhi Wu, China Industry Alliance Vice Chair.

To our Dedicated Country Chairs: Mr. Kamal Balhaj, Country Chair for Morocco, Mr. Dao Duc Viet, Country Chair for Vietnam, Mr. Letenou Fongang Gidrin, Country Chair for Cameroon, Mr. Edgar Paulo, Country Chair for Mozambique, Mr. Ange, Country Chair for Benin, Mr. Severin, Country Chair for Gabon, And Sujay Kumar Guha, Country Chair for India.

To our Moderators: I thank Mr. Iyanda Cherif Abiola Head GCV Ambassador Africa and Publicity Director and Mr. Mazi Onyido GCV Ambassador Nigeria for facilitating this vital dialogue.

"Today, I am proud to announce that every merchant I mention is officially registered on the Map of Pi. Our footprint is undeniable:

Arab Region: Over 15,000 real businesses live.  
Vietnam: 8,400 real businesses joined.  
India: Over 8,000 verified businesses.  
Philippines: Over 7,000 businesses active.  
Africa's Rising Power:

Africa is home to over 44 million formal small and medium enterprises (SMEs)—structured, registered businesses ready to grow.

Beyond that, the continent has more than 240 million micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs)—including millions of micro and informal businesses.

This is a massive entrepreneurial ecosystem, and together, we are connecting it to form a truly global economic network.

Today, hundreds of SMEs in Cameroon, Benin, and Gabon are already leading the way—forming the foundation of a truly connected and functional ecosystem.

We are proud to announce the registration of 4 new real businesses in Gabon, strengthening real-world utility and expanding the GCV ecosystem:

- Germynal Service Enterprise (Germynal1) – Nzeng-ayong, near the interchange, Libreville
- Import-export of local and traditional products Verified on the Map of Pi, accepting Pi payments
- OBITEST.V (obitest30) – Libreville
- Automotive spare parts and suspension specialist Verified seller on the Map of Pi, accepting Pi payments
- Motto: "Your service is my priority."
- Auberge Le Retour (Komla777) – Oyem
- Hotel accommodation and lodging
- Accepts 100% Pi
- Ahmed – Forever Living Products (zabsonre45) – Oyem
- Retail of Forever Living health and wellness products
- Accepts Pi
- From merchant integration into the Map of Pi to the structuring of strong leadership, the mission continues to move forward with clarity and purpose.

Our heartfelt thanks to Chair Envoy Severin HOUNGBADJI for his outstanding leadership and dedication to advancing GCV adoption in Gabon.

Inspiration is found in leading by example! "To reach our goal of 1 million businesses, I am issuing this mandate to every Envoy:

Follow Our Guidance: Report to me weekly and CC Mr. Jojo.



**Ms. Lumari**

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# Pi Network's Testnet RPC Server Signals a Turning Point for Decentralized Application Development

**In a significant step toward advancing its blockchain infrastructure, Pi Network has announced the release of its Remote Procedure Call (RPC) server on Testnet. While the update may appear technical at first glance, it represents a foundational milestone that could shape the network's transition from a closed ecosystem into a scalable platform for decentralized applications (dApps).**

## A Technical Upgrade with Strategic Implications

The newly released RPC server enables external applications to communicate directly with Pi's blockchain. Through standardized requests and responses, developers can now query blockchain data or submit transactions programmatically.

This development builds upon earlier upgrades introduced during Pi Day 2026, including the transition to Protocol 20 and the subsequent progression to Protocol 21. Together, these upgrades establish the groundwork for supporting smart contract functionality—an essential component of modern blockchain ecosystems.

Notably, the RPC server supports two primary interaction types:

- \* Read-only operations, allowing developers to access blockchain data such as account balances or contract states without incurring transaction fees

- \* State-changing transactions, which modify blockchain data and require standard processing fees

The inclusion of fast, cost-free read access is particularly significant, enabling responsive user experiences and real-time data integration—both critical for consumer-facing applications.

## Unlocking the dApp Ecosystem

With RPC capabilities now available, developers are positioned to build a wide range of applications, including:

- \* Digital marketplaces
- \* Payment and settlement systems
- \* Data-driven dashboards and analytics tools
- \* Smart contract-based services

Equally important, the Testnet environment provides a controlled setting for developers to test, iterate, and refine applications prior to potential Mainnet deployment.

Industry observers widely regard such infrastructure as a prerequisite for any blockchain aiming to evolve beyond basic token functionality. By enabling seamless communication between applications and the blockchain, RPC servers effectively bridge the gap between protocol-level innovation and real-world usability.

## Implications for Network Participants and Emerging Economies

Beyond its technical significance, the RPC release may carry broader implications for communities developing economic models within the Pi ecosystem.

Community-driven initiatives—including localized merchant networks and consensus-based pricing

experiments—stand to benefit from verifiable, on-chain interactions enabled by smart contracts. Real-time access to blockchain data may enhance transparency, auditability, and operational efficiency across these emerging systems.

Furthermore, the ability for node operators and enterprises to deploy their own RPC servers introduces an additional layer of decentralization at the infrastructure level. This capability may support specialized services, private integrations, and region-specific applications, particularly in emerging markets where localized innovation plays a critical role.

## A Measured Step Toward Mainnet Readiness

While the RPC server is currently available only on Testnet, its performance and reliability will likely inform its eventual deployment on Mainnet. As with many blockchain platforms, gradual rollout and iterative testing remain essential to ensuring long-term stability and security.

Importantly, the introduction of RPC infrastructure does not guarantee immediate large-scale adoption. Rather, it establishes the technical foundation upon which developers can experiment, build, and deliver meaningful applications over time.

## Conclusion

The release of Pi Network's Testnet RPC server reflects a broader transition from conceptual ambition to practical implementation.

By equipping developers with direct access to blockchain functionality, the network is positioning itself to support a more dynamic, application-driven ecosystem.

As development progresses, the extent to which both developers and communities leverage this infrastructure will ultimately determine Pi Network's role in the evolving global blockchain landscape. **\*Author: Mr. JoJo – GCV Core Team\***



JoJo



## Keynote...

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Saturate the Map: We must have a presence in every province and municipality.

Train Before Deploying: Every Envoy must be an expert in GCV and the Map of Pi.

Weekly Targets: We move by data, not chance. Set clear quotas.

Offer Value: Remind merchants that joining means Free Global Advertisement.

Visible Presence: Ensure 'Pay with Pi' signs and QR

codes are displayed.

"I am reminded of the words of the great Nelson Mandela:

'It always seems impossible until it's done.'

Envoys, stand tall. What we are building today is more than just a list of names—it is a Solid Global Ecosystem. We are creating the foundation of a world where businesses thrive, where our value is respected, and where our economy is in our own hands.

Uniting Africa's Businesses. Empowering a Global Ecosystem.

This is no longer just a theme this is now our reality

in motion.

Our strength lies in our unity. From the shores of the Philippines to every corner of the African continent—we are weaving together a network of millions that will stabilize our future. This ecosystem is our legacy. This is our shield. And this is our path to a successful Mainnet!

Now, let us execute with precision.

I wish you all a highly productive and successful conference. Let this be the day that Africa leads the global GCV revolution!

Thank you, and let us build with purpose!" **(Lumari - Chair, GCV International Alliance)**

Duyan...

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General of the Division tasked with supervising the organization of the defenders' defensive positions in Bataan, and soon thereafter, Major.

He would have become a Regimental Commander with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel had the defense of Bataan lasted a few more days. His efforts and actions in defending Bataan earned him a Gold Cross.

Atienza was one of the thousands who endured the "Death March" to Camp O'Donnell in Capas, Tarlac.

In July 1942, he was released from prison and joined the underground resistance unit organized by Gen. Vicente Lim and later became operations chief of the Hunters-ROTC guerrillas.

Capt. Ismael D. Lapus '34

Lapus was one of the 59 engineers of the 130 UP graduates who formed the bulk of ROSS Class 1 and was the Philippine Army 21st Division's Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, where the young 3Lt. Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr. was assigned.

He and Marcos served as guides for a regiment from another division when it was moved to the front- the 31st Infantry.

Both also figured in leading the successive patrols to locate enemy artillery shelling and hitting the bivouac camp, resulting in heavy casualties.

For his actions on the defense of Bataan and Corregidor during the Japanese offensive from 1941-1942, Lapus was later conferred the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal.

Capt. Roman T. Gavino 'Charter

Gavino was also a product of ROSS Class 1 and had served in the 21st Division of the Philippine Army under the command of Brig. Gen. Mateo Capinpin.

As the North Luzon Force of the Army, the 21st also found its way to Bataan for the final stand.

When Bataan fell, Gavino endured the Death March and shared the same prisoner-of-war (POW) camp in Capas, Tarlac with his Division Commander.

As POW, he was Adjutant of Sub-group IV (formerly V) under Maj. Alfredo Santos.

LCDR Rafael Pargas '32 Pargas of the Offshore Patrol (OSP) graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Class 1935.

In 1936, the young navy officer was designated assistant to the PMA Master of the Sword (Athletics).

He was one of the supporting officers of Lt. Jose Adrada, the first Flag Officer In Command of the Philippine Naval Patrol (later named the Philippine Navy), when the latter took command of the OSP.

During the war, Pargas

found his way to Tuguegarao, where he figured in the escape of fellow officer Eulogio Balao and family using the "poker game ploy."

He became a regimental executive officer of LTC Donald Blackburn's Headhunters guerrilla unit, responsible for the destruction of the Japanese naval base at Aparri.

Capt. Manuel Q. Salientes '33 Salientes of the Philippine Army graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Class of 1937.

Sal was in Corregidor with President and Mrs. Manuel Quezon, Gen. MacArthur and his Chief of Staff Gen. Sutherland, and Maj. Carlos P. Romulo.

He believed that the defenses of Corregidor were very strong as long as Bataan does not fall since the Rock "cannot be attacked except by landing parties from Cavite."

After the fall of Bataan, it was only a matter of time before the defenses of Corregidor gave in.

Salientes was captured by the Japanese after the fall of Corregidor on May 6, 1942, and was held as a POW until returned to U.S. Military control.

For his actions during the war, he was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal by the United States. Another reference points to his escape from the Death March and later joining the guerrilla forces in Panay.

Capt. Leopoldo R. Relunia '33

Relunia of the Corps of Engineers was the Corps Commander of UP ROTC in 1935.

Just before the war, he was assigned to the Philippine Army's 61st Division in the Visayas, where he was mobilized in Iloilo.

He was second in command to Capt. Macario Peralta's Free Panay Guerilla Forces after the surrender of the USAFFE troops to the Japanese until 1945.

He was a recipient of the Gold Cross Medal for gallantry in action in Panay.

Capt. Jacinto T. Gavino '35

Gavino was another Alphan assigned to the 61st Division. Like Capt. Relunia, he also received a Gold Cross for his gallantry in action.

3Lt. Felicisimo S. Castillo '43

Castillo graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Class of 1940, and became part of the PMA's "Pioneer Class" of 1940.

He was trained at the Field Artillery arm of the

Philippine Army. In Camp Dau, the young lieutenant served as Battery Executive Officer of the 301st Field Artillery Battalion.

After the surrender, Castillo endured four months of hell at Camp O'Donnell until his release. Later on, he joined the Bulacan Military Area guerrillas of Gen. Alejo S. Santos, where he was a training officer, then Adjutant General of the Division.

2Lt. Eugenio G. Palileo '37

Palileo served under Headquarters Company, 41st Engineer Division of the Philippine Army. The Division was assigned to engage the enemy where the battle was the fiercest.

He was later conferred the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal.

Lt. Elpidio Duque '33 Duque served with Romulo at the USAFFE HQ. Like Romulo, he received a Gold Cross for his gallantry in action.

Capt. Rodolfo Mendoza '34

Mendoza was the lone Alphan killed in action while

fighting the Japanese in defense of the country. He will always be remembered.

Capt. Manuel R. Disini '32

Disini served as Commanding Officer of Headquarters & Serv Co, QM.

1Lt. Joaquin Flores 'Charter, Commanding Officer of "D" Company of the Engineering Battalion.

3Lt. Eustaquio S. Baclog Jr. '43, Operations Officer of S-3, 3rd Battalion, 121st Infantry.

2Lt. Januario P. Frondoso, 'Charter

Frondoso served in the 41st Division, which bore the brunt of the fighting in Bataan. As part of the Engineering battalion, the role involved delaying the Japanese advance by felling trees.

He survived the Death March and was detained in Camp O'Donnell in Capas, where he met another Death March survivor Hector Unson '36. After his release, he was sent to The Engineer Maintenance and Supply School of the US Army in Illinois. (PNA)

BauerTek...

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The event recognized BauerTek Pharmaceutical Technologies with its highest honors:

2 Gold Medals (Jamperine & ProNitroLite) – for outstanding pharmaceutical innovation and technical excellence.

Medicine Award (BauerTek Pharmaceutical Technologies, Inv. Richard Nixon Gomez, CNP & Inv. Rigel Gomez, CNP) – a prestigious Special Distinction honoring their significant contributions to the global healthcare industry.

INVENTCOR 2026 featured over 500 inventions and projects from more than 40 countries.

This recognition celebrates the work of BauerTek and the groundbreaking inventions of father-and-son duo Richard Nixon Gomez and Rigel Gomez. Their award-winning innovations are:

Jamperine – most powerful anti-diabetic food supplement

PNL Ultra Energy – weight loss, increased endurance, enhanced

performance, anti-inflammatory

These milestones highlight BauerTek's work to make healthcare better through innovation.

**PRO NITRO LITE**

**TURNING FAT INTO FITNESS**

**GOLD MEDAL AWARDEE**

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**Weight Loss**

**Increased Endurance**

**Enhanced Performance**

**Anti-inflammatory from Bignay**

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**Hydroxycitric Acid from Garcinia Cambogia** (For reduction of visceral fat and gives feeling of fullness)

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|----------------------------------|
| Beetroot (Beta vulgaris) extract |
| Garcinia cambogia                |
| Antidesma bunius                 |

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|--|
| <b>BEETROOT (BETA VULGARIS)</b>  |
| A rich dietary nitrate which can improve blood flow. It promotes formation of new blood vessels and lowers blood pressure for a healthier cardiovascular system. It also aids in proper distribution of oxygen and of nutrients throughout the body for higher energy levels, increased performance and endurance. |
| <b>GARCINIA CAMBOGIA</b>   |
| Recently gaining popularity for its effectiveness in inducing weight loss, its active ingredient hydroxycitric acid (HCA) can boost fat-burning and decrease appetite. It also helps the body prevent building up fat.   |
| <b>ANTIDESMA BUNIUS</b>  |
| A known anti-inflammatory, also aids in digestion, manage cholesterol, acts as detoxifier.   |

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57 Interns...

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A total of 57 government interns participated in the orientation and are set to be deployed across various local government units in the province, including the Provincial Government of Cavite, the cities of Trece Martires and Tagaytay City, and the municipalities of Mendez, Maragondon, Noveleta, Magallanes, Tanza, Indang, and Naic.

The orientation aimed to familiarize the interns with their roles, responsibilities, and the work environment within

government offices. It also highlighted the importance of professionalism, public service, and adherence to ethical standards as they begin their internship journey.

The Government Internship Program (GIP) is a component of DOLE's youth employment initiatives designed to provide opportunities for young individuals to gain meaningful work experience in government agencies. Through the program, interns are exposed to actual workplace settings where

they can develop their skills, enhance their employability, and gain a deeper understanding of public service. The GIP also serves as a bridge for fresh graduates and out-of-school youth to transition into the workforce while contributing to nation-building.

The Provincial Government of Cavite expressed its continued support for programs that empower the youth and create employment opportunities, reinforcing its commitment to developing a competent and service-oriented workforce for the future. —OPIO

# DTI: Prices of basic goods steady until April 30 amid fuel cost hikes

MANILA – Prices of basic and prime commodities monitored by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) will remain unchanged until April 30, Trade Secretary Ma. Cristina Roque said Wednesday.



**STABLE PRICES.** Trade and Industry Secretary Ma. Cristina Roque (left) engages in a conversation during a market monitoring event at a mall in Mandaluyong City on Wednesday (April 8, 2026). She said prices of basic and prime commodities remain stable and that manufacturers have agreed to maintain their prices until the end of April. (PNA photo by Joann Santiago-Villanueva)

"Me and (Department of Agriculture) Secretary Kiko (Francisco Tiu Laurel), we go together in the palengke (markets) and also in the supermarkets to make sure that there's enough food supply and also the prices are stable. I would also like to announce that there is no price increase for basic necessities and prime commodities until the end of the month, until April 30," she said during the DTI-Bagong Pilipinas National Food Fair opening

at SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City.

The extension adds two weeks to the April 16 date announced earlier by the DTI following meetings with manufacturers.

Roque assured the public that the government is closely monitoring prices and supply amid rising fuel costs linked to tensions in the Middle East.

She said regular meetings with manufacturers, retailers, and logistics firms are

ongoing to protect both businesses and consumers.

Price monitoring Roque also led a market inspection at a mall supermarket, where she said some goods were even priced below the suggested retail price (SRP).

DTI personnel continue regular price checks to ensure compliance, even before the Middle East conflict, she added.

"So, again, no need to panic. No need to worry.

Prices of basic and prime commodities under DTI's list remain stable," she said in a mix of Filipino and English.

MSME support

Roque said the government remains committed to supporting micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) through trade fairs and expanded access to global markets.

"This fair is proof that when we provide the platform and the right support, Filipino MSMEs can succeed both locally and globally. For local, we have a huge market. We have almost 115 million Filipinos. The market is big. Let's take advantage of this market and this opportunity," she said.

Roque said export growth reached a record

15.4 percent in 2025 and continued to expand in early 2026.

"So there's really a lot of opportunities for Filipino products out there," she said.

"Let's continue to support the MSMEs as best and as aggressive as we can. That determination is showing up in our numbers." (PNA)

## Cavite...

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Anchored on the theme "Landas ng Makabagong Babaylan: Pantay, Inklusibo, at Lahat May Kakayahan," the event brought together women with disabilities, key government agencies, and development partners to promote gender equality, inclusivity, and empowerment for persons with disabilities (PWDs).

The program opened with welcome remarks from the Provincial Administrator, Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia and a special message from Board Member Rommel Enriquez, Committee Chairperson on Social Services, Women, Children and Elderly, who reaffirmed the province's commitment to inclusive governance. A message of support was also shared by former National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) Executive Director Ms. Carmen Reyes-Zubiaga.

A major highlight of the event was the presentation of programs and services from partner agencies, including DSWD Region IV-A, TESDA Cavite, PhilHealth, and various provincial offices such as the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer, Office of the Provincial Health Officer, and other service units. These presentations provided participants with valuable information on accessible services, health programs, livelihood opportunities, and social protection initiatives for PWDs.

In addition, the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer, OPG-Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager, Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, Office of the Provincial Legal Officer, and Office of the Provincial Population Officer provided booths

showcasing their programs and services, allowing participants to directly engage with agencies and learn more about available support.

The afternoon session featured an informal group discussion, encouraging participants to share experiences, insights, and recommendations to further improve programs for women with disabilities.

The event concluded with a program that synthesized key points and recommendations, led by the Lasallian Community Development Center, followed by the awarding of tokens and certificates of appreciation to partner agencies.

The celebration highlighted the continued efforts of the Provincial Government of Cavite to foster an inclusive and empowering environment where women with disabilities are recognized as vital contributors to community development. —OPIO

## Papal Nuncio...

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In his homily during the mass held at the Manila Cathedral on Wednesday for the celebration of the 75th diplomatic ties between the Philippines and the Holy See, the Vatican representative to the country said the partnership has resulted to friendship and cooperation.

"These 75 years [are] marked by deep friendship, sincere closeness, and effective collaboration," he said, as quoted in an article posted on the Radio Veritas website Thursday.

On the other hand, Manila Archbishop Jose Cardinal Advincula acknowledged the role of the Church in continuously

guiding Filipinos.

He noted that relationship between the country and the Vatican is proof of the Church's and the Holy Father's concern for the Philippines.

"This friendship... is a testament to the maternal solicitude of the Church and the paternal care of the successor of Peter for our nation," he said in his message.

Meanwhile, the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, more popularly known as the Manila Cathedral, in partnership with the Apostolic Nunciature to the Philippines will feature the portraits of all the Apostolic Nuncios to the Philippines.

In a social media post, it said the exhibit will be open to the public until Sunday, April 12, 2026, at the vestibule of the cathedral.

The Holy See and the Philippines are celebrating the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations, which continues to serve as a reminder of the strong ties of faith, friendship, and cooperation between the Church and the country.

Although the Holy See's presence in the Philippines began in 1902 with the sending of apostolic delegates, relations were formally established in 1951 by then-Pope Pius XII and former President Elpidio Quirino.

The first nuncio to the country was Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi. (PNA)

## Youth groups...

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young generation of leaders for standing united to urgently call for an end to the vapedemic plaguing our Filipino youth. We cannot afford to treat this as a low-priority issue," former Health Secretary and HealthJustice board member Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan said.

Galvez Tan emphasized that an absolute ban is necessary to end the "cycle of misinformation" regarding vapes and to safeguard the health of young Filipinos.

In an open letter addressed to the Philippine government, the Global Youth Voices coalition backed the

Department of Health's (DOH) recent pronouncements calling for a total ban.

Philippine Smoke-Free Movement Youth national coordinator Rizza Duro urged lawmakers to take the DOH's stance as a "strong signal" to enact policies that prevent further health damage.

"This offers the Philippines a chance to adopt a bold measure, similar to those implemented by other countries in the ASEAN region," Duro said.

The advocates outlined three key measures for policymakers to adopt, namely prohibiting novel

nicotine products to prevent the creation of a new generation of nicotine users; safeguarding of health policymaking from tobacco industry interference, in line with the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control; and upholding government responsibility in protecting the health of future generations.

The coalition stressed that decisions made by current leaders will shape the health environment of the future.

"We hope the Philippine government will act fast to protect public health and safeguard future generations," the group's open letter concluded. (PNA)

**Luzon...**

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Organized by the National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Luzon Cluster, led by Department of Science and Technology – National Capital Region, the two-

day event is anchored on the theme "UN SDGs: Science, Technology, and Innovation for Sustainable Development."

Key national figures graced the opening, including Renato U. Solidum Jr., Sancho A. Maborang, Napoleon K. Juanillo Jr., Jaime C. Montoya, and Michael O. Sinocruz. Their participation underscored the importance of collaborative, science-based policymaking in addressing the country's most pressing

development challenges. Day 1 sessions centered on assessing Luzon's current progress toward achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with focused discussions on passive cooling strategies and pathways toward a net-zero emissions future. Experts highlighted the critical role of innovation in enhancing climate resilience, improving energy efficiency, and promoting sustainable urban development.

The meeting, which

serves as the first leg of the 2026 Regional Scientific Meetings series, continues on April 8 with two additional plenary sessions tackling emerging priorities: the development of a bioplastics industry roadmap alongside urban waste management solutions, and the application of artificial intelligence (AI)-based prediction systems to address climate-related disasters.

Outcomes from the discussions are expected to be consolidated into

policy recommendations and endorsed to relevant government agencies, contributing to evidence-based decision-making and strengthening science, technology, and innovation (STI) initiatives across Luzon.

The Luzon RSM is part of an annual effort by NAST PHL to convene the country's scientific community and key stakeholders in shaping responsive, forward-looking strategies that align with national and global development goals. **(Nelson S. Santos)**

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**SP PROC. NO. NC-3-1-26**

**IN THE MATTER OF PETITION FOR  
CORRECTION OF CITIZENSHIP OF AARON  
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,**

Petitioner,

-versus-

**ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH CHURCH, MENDEZ,  
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

**Gov't grants...**

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next week, starting along Commonwealth Avenue, before expanding to major corridors, including Quezon Avenue, España, Zapote, E. Bonifacio, Rizal Avenue, and Marcos Highway.

The subsidy will be implemented through accredited gasoline stations monitored by the Department of Energy to prevent misuse.

"Mahalaga ito dahil hindi lang transport cost ang tinutugunan natin.

Pinipigilan din natin ang pagtaas ng presyo ng pagkain at iba pang pangunahing bilihin (This is important because we are not only addressing transport costs. We are also preventing increases in the prices of food and other essential goods)," Marcos said.

The measure forms part of the government's broader response to a national energy emergency, as global oil prices surged following

disruptions in supply routes, including tensions affecting the Strait of Hormuz.

Marcos said the intervention aims to protect both transport workers and consumers

from the ripple effects of rising fuel costs.

The government previously rolled out a fuel cash subsidy program and is studying possible fuel excise tax adjustments to slash pump prices. **(PNA)**

**Eala bows...**

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Ruse pulled off a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Ukrainian Dayana Yastremska, last year's runner-up.

Other second round matches pit top seed Russian Mirra Andreeva against American Sloane Stephens, second seed Russian Ekaterina Alexandrova against Czech Karolina Pliskova, third seed Russian Liudmila Samsonova against

Austrian Lilli Tagger, and fifth seed Romanian Sorana Cirstea against Hungarian Dalma Galfi.

German Tamara Korpatsch will face the winner between Austrian Anastasia Potapova and Chinese Shuai Zhang, while Croatian Donna Vekic will meet the winner between Ukrainian Anhelina Kalinina and Hungarian Panna Udvardy. **(PNA)**

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employment opportunities generated during the activity.

Additionally, national government agencies were present to assist participants in updating their records and availing of essential services. These included the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), PAG-IBIG Fund, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth), National Bureau of Investigation

(NBI), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), and the Office of the Provincial Cooperative Development Officer (OPCDO), which provided guidance and support to individuals interested in forming or joining cooperatives and accessing related programs. — **OPIO**

**Peace & Trust: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." — Proverbs 3:5-6**

**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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# BIR urged to fast-track digitalization ahead of ITR deadline

MANILA – The Bureau of Internal Revenue's (BIR) digitalization program should be accelerated to make tax compliance easier and more efficient, especially ahead of the April 15 income tax return (ITR) filing deadline, a senator said on Friday.

Senator Sherwin Gatchalian said he recently filed Senate Resolution No. 316 seeking a review of the agency's integrated digital system, as mandated under Republic Act No. 11976 or the Ease of Paying Taxes Act.

Gatchalian said the move comes as more taxpayers shift to electronic transactions, citing BIR data showing that 85 percent of collections during the February 2026 tax campaign were made through digital payment channels.

"This signals readiness for a full digital shift and underscores the need to accelerate the BIR's digitalization program," he said.

He said strengthening digital systems would improve revenue collection while easing compliance for taxpayers.

"An effective tax administration eases



Bureau of Internal Revenue in Davao Region (PNA photo by Robinson Niñal Jr.)

taxpayer burden, boosts compliance, cuts red tape, curbs corruption, and builds public confidence," Gatchalian added.

Under the Ease of Paying Taxes Act, the BIR is required to implement an integrated digitalization strategy, including automated end-to-end solutions covering taxpayer registration, filing, payment, and data

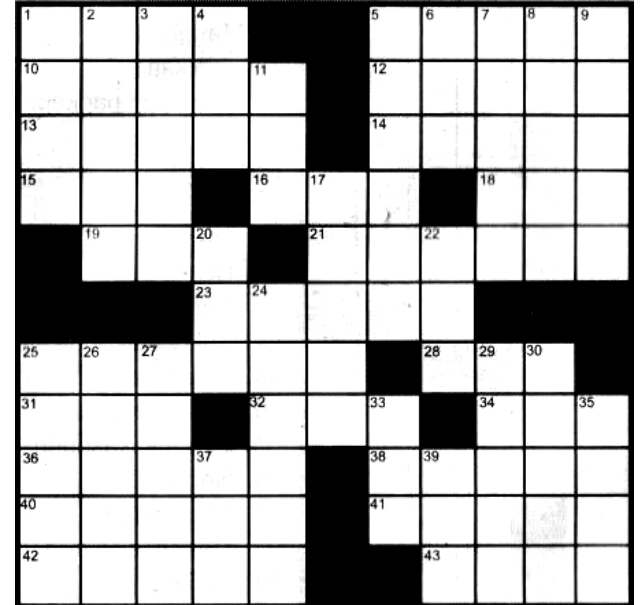
exchange across offices and authorized agent banks.

The senator noted that the BIR received PHP3.22 billion under the 2026 General Appropriations Act to support its digital transformation, particularly through its Revenue Information Systems Development and Infrastructure Support program.

However, he said the agency indicated it may fall short of its target of achieving 99 percent digitalization this year.

The lawmaker said the proposed Senate inquiry aims to determine the current status of the BIR's digitalization efforts and identify measures to further improve electronic tax services and increase taxpayer adoption. (PNA)

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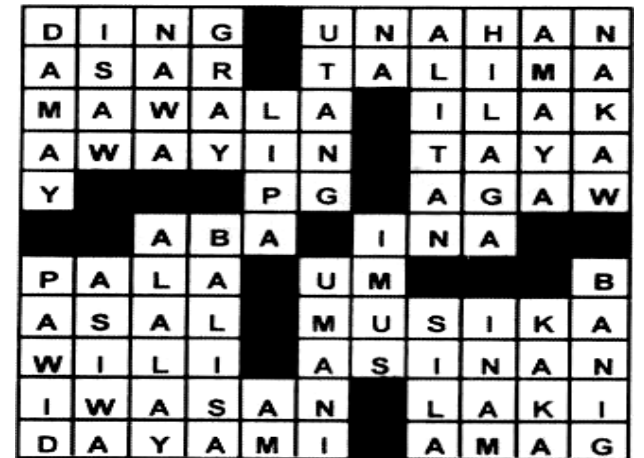
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# SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



**TOPS 2025 AWARDEE.** Bulacan Governor Daniel R. Fernando, together with Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) Department Head Rowena J. Tiongson, presents the plaque and certificate of recognition during the first Monday Flag Raising Ceremony held at the Bulacan Capitol Gymnasium, City of Malolos, Bulacan recently after being awarded with the Best Implementor for Population and Development Integration in The Outstanding Population Structure (TOPS) Regional Awards last March 19, 2026 at the Sacop Ephatha Development Center, City of San Fernando, Pampanga. Also in the photo are (from left) Board Members Renato DL. De Guzman, Jr., Fortunato SJ. Angeles, Commission on Population and Development (CPD) Region III Population Program Officer Bores N. Pitero, PSWDO Project Development Officer III Katherine G. Faustino, Board Member Romina D. Fermin, Provincial Administrator Antonia V. Constantino, Adolescent Health and Development (AFP) Component Person Aliza F. Martin, Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning (RFPF) Component Person Ellaine Garcia, and Board Member Josef Andrew T. Mendoza.



# Cavite champions inclusivity and 22nd Women with Disabilities Day celebration



22ND WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES DAY  
30 MARCH 2026 | NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CENTER, TRECE MARTIRES CITY

The Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer (OPDAO), successfully held a meaningful celebration of the 22nd Women with Disabilities Day held recently, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City. ► **CAVITE • 5**

# Papal Nuncio expresses gratitude for strong PH-Vatican partnership

MANILA – Papal Nuncio to the Philippines Archbishop Brown expressed gratitude for the strong partnership between the Philippines and the Holy See over the past seven decades. ► **PAPAL NUNCIO • 5**



**DIPLOMATIC TIES.** Papal Nuncio to the Philippines Archbishop Brown deliver his homily at the Manila Cathedral on Wednesday (April 8, 2026) for the celebration of the 75th diplomatic ties between the Philippines and the Holy See. He said the relationship between the Philippines and the Vatican has been "marked by deep friendship, sincere closeness and effective collaboration." (Screenshot of the mass from the Facebook page of TV Maria)

# Eala bows to Ostapenko in Linz Open 2nd round

MANILA – Filipino Alexandra Eala absorbed a 4-6, 5-7 loss to Latvian Jelena Ostapenko in the second round of the WTA 500 Linz Open in Austria on Wednesday night.

It was Eala's first tournament on clay this year and her first loss to Ostapenko in three meetings.

The fourth-seeded Ostapenko rallied from 1-5 in the second set to claim victory after one hour and 43 minutes.

In 2025, Ostapenko lost to Eala, 6-7(2), 5-7, at the Miami Open in the United States (R64) and 6-0, 2-6, 2-3 (ret.) at the Eastbourne Open in the United Kingdom (R16).

The World No. 46 Eala defeated hometown bet Julia Grabher, 6-4, 6-3, in the first round.

Ostapenko will be up against Romanian Elena-Gabriela Ruse in the Round of 16. ► **EALA BOWS • 6**



The Philippines' Alexandra Eala

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# Gov't grants P10/liter fuel subsidy for PUVs amid oil crisis

MANILA – The government will provide a PHP10 per liter fuel subsidy for public utility vehicles (PUVs) for up to three months, as part of efforts to mitigate the impact of rising oil prices, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. said Thursday.

In a video message, Marcos said the subsidy will cover up to 150 liters per week per vehicle.

The program, according to the President, will initially be rolled out in Metro Manila

► **GOV'T GRANTS • 6**



(PNA file photo by Joan Bondoc)

# Youth groups, health advocates push for total vape ban

MANILA – A public health advocacy group and over 60 youth organizations on Tuesday called for a comprehensive vape ban in the country to protect the younger generation from a growing "vapedemic."

In a collective push coinciding with World Health Day, HealthJustice Philippines and the rest of the advocates urged the government to align its policies with several ASEAN neighbors that have already enforced total bans on electronic cigarettes and novel nicotine products.

"We applaud our ► **YOUTH GROUPS • 6**



(PNA file photo by Joan Bondoc)

# Luzon Scientists, Leaders Convene for 2026 Regional Scientific Meeting



ALABANG, Muntinlupa City, April 7, 2026 — The 2026 Luzon Regional Scientific Meeting officially opened on April 7, gathering leading scientists, policymakers, industry experts, and development stakeholders from across Luzon to advance science-driven solutions for sustainable development. ► **LUZON • 6**