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PGC Holds Solo Parents' Family Day, Strengthens Support and Recognition

In celebration of the strength, resilience, and invaluable role of solo parents in society, the Provincial Government of Cavite through the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer successfully conducted the Cavite Solo Parents' Family Day on April 18, 2026, at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City.

The event gathered more than 200 participants composed of Local Social Welfare and Development Officers (LSWDOs), Solo Parent Focal Persons, solo parent members, and officers from various local government units of the province. The activity aimed to honor the

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SOLO PARENTS' FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION
18 APRIL 2026
NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CENTER, TRECE MARTIRES CITY

Ear Molding Activity Benefits 50 Hearing Aid Recipients in Trece Martires City



EAR MOLDING ACTIVITY
20 APRIL 2026 | NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CENTER, TRECE MARTIRES CITY

A total of 41 qualified beneficiaries took part in a successful ear molding activity for hearing aid spearheaded by the Provincial Government of Cavite through the OPG-Office of the Provincial Persons with Disabilities Officer in partnership with Manila Hearing Aid on April 20, 2026, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City. ► EAR • 6

DOST SOCCSKSARGEN Conducts SSCP Roadmap Consultations in Three Municipalities in Sultan Kudarat!



Building smarter and resilient communities through Science Technology and Innovation.

Sultan Kudarat - April 14, 2026 - The Department of Science and Technology - SOCCSKSARGEN, under the leadership of Regional Director Dr. Sammy P. Malawan, RABE, CESE, through the Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO)-Sultan Kudarat led by Provincial Director Ms. Zenaída D. Guiano, MSc, successfully conducted a three-day consultation meeting for the formulation of the Smart and Sustainable Communities Program (SSCP) Roadmap across three municipalities in ► DOST • 4

PAGASA warns of dangerous heat index levels in 14 areas

MANILA – Fourteen areas in the country will experience sweltering temperatures due to a danger-level heat index, the weather bureau said Saturday.

Heat index is what the temperature feels like to the human body when relative humidity combines with air.

A peak heat index of 45°C is forecast in Dumangas, Iloilo and Butuan City, Agusan del Norte, according to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services

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DOE encourages power consumers to join weekly power-saving activity

MANILA – Power consumers may help save electricity to address oil supply issues due to the Middle East conflict by joining the hour-long Oras Natin sa Efficiency (ONE) from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. starting on Saturday.

The weekly activity is among the programs of the Department of Energy (DOE) targeted to reduce electricity use after citing gains from the annual Earth Hour, DOE Energy Utilization Management Bureau Director Patrick Aquino said in an interview over Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon Friday.

"In the current state of national ► DOE • 4



Speech: Strengthening Thailand's Grassroots Economy through Community, SMEs, OTOP, and Innovation

Distinguished guests, respected leaders, and dear friends in Thailand

Good day, and first of all, I would like to wish everyone a joyful and blessed Happy Thai New Year — Songkran Festival. May this special occasion bring happiness, prosperity, and fresh beginnings to you and your families.

It is my great honor to speak here today about strengthening Thailand's grassroots economy through community enterprises, SMEs, and the OTOP initiative, while also recognizing the role of innovation and global community collaboration.

First, I would like to sincerely acknowledge the outstanding achievement of the Thailand GCV Ambassadors, especially the Head of GCV Ambassador, Ms. Rung Arun Maneechot, for her extraordinary leadership, dedication, and commitment to community development. Her efforts have greatly contributed to strengthening coordination, empowering pioneers, and supporting grassroots economic growth across Thailand.

Now, let me briefly explain two important foundations of Thailand's economy: SMEs and OTOP.

SMEs, or Small and Medium Enterprises, are small and medium-sized businesses that operate at the community and regional level. They include family businesses, local shops, small manufacturers, and service providers. SMEs are essential because they create jobs, generate income, and form the backbone of a strong and stable economy.

OTOP, or One Tambon One Product, is a national initiative that promotes unique local products from each sub-district in Thailand. Each community develops its own signature product based on local wisdom, culture, and resources — such as food, handicrafts, textiles, or herbal products. The government supports these

products through training, quality improvement, branding, and marketing so they can compete in both domestic and international markets.

Together, SMEs and OTOP represent the heart of Thailand's grassroots economy. They empower local people, preserve cultural identity, and transform local skills into sustainable income.

Building on this strong foundation, I would like to share a broader vision.

Our Mission of Pi Network is to build a cryptocurrency and smart contracts platform secured and operated by everyday people.

Today, our community has grown to over 70 million pioneers worldwide. If we include their families, this represents at least 280 million people connected to the ecosystem — a population larger than many countries.

All of us share the same daily needs — groceries, clothing, appliances, furniture, and even homes and transportation. This means we already have a real, living economy within our community.

Pi provides a safe and convenient payment method that can support everyday transactions. It is not just digital currency — it is a tool to strengthen local economies and empower community-based businesses.

I believe Thailand can play a leading role in this development.

By introducing partial Pi payments before full Open Mainnet, we can begin building real economic use cases today. We already have strong foundations:

- A global community
- The GCV ecosystem
- The Industry Alliance

And many entrepreneurs within our network

Through this collaboration, we can help entrepreneurs generate income, while strengthening the Industry Alliance.

At the same time, our community can reduce fiat spending and create more efficient economic cycles.

As the ecosystem grows and expands internationally, it will create new business opportunities and job creation, directly supporting local economies across Thailand.

And when Open Mainnet is fully launched, full Pi payment will be implemented, completing the transition into a fully operational digital economy.

In conclusion, the future of economic development lies in the strength of community and collaboration.

By combining Thailand's strong grassroots systems with global innovation, we can build an inclusive, sustainable, and forward-looking economy that benefits everyone.

Once again, Happy Songkran, and thank you very much.

I wish today's Entrepreneur Conference big success!
(Doris Yin From Canada Toronto April 17th 2026)



Doris Yin

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: SCALING THE 6-TIER GROWTH STAIRCASE

Speaker: Lumari, Chairperson and Executive Director, GCV Global Core Team

Location: Mueang Ket Meeting Hall, Chandrubeksa Anusorn School, Roi Et

I. OPENING: THE PULSE OF THE REVOLUTION
"Sawasdee khrap... to my incredible GCV family in Thailand!"

"I would like to thank all the organizers for organizing this event, and I congratulate you for making this gathering possible."

"I would also like to sincerely thank Ms. Rung Arun Maneechot for inviting me to speak today."

"Great respect to all the pioneers, ambassadors, community leaders, and all merchants present here today."

"Though I am joining you through this digital bridge, my spirit stands with you in the Mueang Ket Meeting Hall."

Looking at this gathering in Kaset Wisai, I do not see just an audience.

I see real people—each carrying a story, a struggle, and a dream that refused to give up.

I see hands that work hard, hearts that endure, and minds that chose to believe in something greater than their circumstances.

"I see pioneers who are actively redefining the future of the global economy."

II. HONORING LEADERS

With deep respect, we honor Ms. Doris Yin, Founder of the Global GCV Movement.

She did not simply create a movement—she ignited a global transformation toward real-world economic utility, ethical value creation, and global cooperation.

We also honor Mr. Jojo, Vice Chair of the GCV International Industry Alliance, whose strategic

coordination has strengthened global ecosystem connectivity.

To Ms. Rung Arun Maneechot, Head Ambassador for Thailand—your leadership has elevated Thailand into one of the strongest emerging ecosystem models in the world.

To Ms. Vanida Poopakdee, Ecosystem Development Ambassador and Legal Advisor—your work in merchant organization and legal structuring has strengthened trust and stability.

To Mr. Banjong Wongfannarong, Ambassador for Education—your commitment to education continues to empower pioneer understanding and ecosystem literacy.

And we recognize General Theerawat Jantaman, GCV Regional Commander Thailand—your leadership provides strategic strength, discipline, and structural coordination across the regional command system.

III. THAILAND MILESTONE

Thailand began this journey on April 10, 2025, and today, April 17, 2026, marks one full year of continuous ecosystem expansion.

In this period, Thailand has ► **KEYNOTE • 3**

LUMARI REPORTS



Ms. Lumari

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PI GCV NEWS: PI LAUNCHPAD – UNDERSTAND IT THE RIGHT WAY FOR THE LONG RUN

Recently, many Pioneers have started exploring the Pi Launchpad feature. This is a notable step toward building the future Pi ecosystem.

However, there is one very important point we all need to clearly understand:

The Launchpad is currently in the testing phase. Tokens like IRRRA are test tokens and have no value on Mainnet.

This means:

We are learning and experiencing the mechanism, not making real investments yet.

So what should Pioneers take away from this stage?

1. Understand the difference between “Stake” and “Commit”

Stake: reserves your participation rights

Commit: accepts allocation and risk

There is no need to commit if you are not fully confident in the project.

2. Not every token has value
A token only has real value when it:
Has real use cases
Has actual users
Has a functioning economic flow
If it remains at the idea or testing stage, its value has not yet been formed.

3. Observe market behavior
Even in this test phase, we can see:
Many participants are staking
Significantly fewer are committing
This shows that being cautious is both normal and wise.

4. Focus on ecosystem, not quick price expectations
The long-term goal of Pi is not just price, but:
Building real utility
Connecting Pioneers, merchants, and applications
If developed properly, Launchpad will support this vision.

Suggestions for Pioneers at this stage:
Observe and learn how Launchpad works
Practice evaluating projects

Avoid rushing decisions without sufficient information

In conclusion
This stage is an opportunity for every Pioneer to:

Understand financial mechanisms within the Pi ecosystem

Prepare knowledge before Open Mainnet

Staying thoughtful today will help us move further and more sustainably tomorrow.

We don't need to move fast — we need to move in the right direction.



Jojo

Keynote...

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achieved 30,117 GCV data entries and grown to 1,305 active merchants nationwide.

This is no longer a vision.

Thailand is living proof of ecosystem implementation at scale.

IV. GCV THAILAND EXECUTIVE CORE TEAM

General Theerawut Jantaman – GCV Regional Commander Thailand

Major Kosol Sraphanich – Deputy Head Ambassador REGIONAL PRESIDENTS

Natthanun Phinijmontree – North Region

Jenjira Wongfannarong – Central Region

Somporn Srasri – East Region

Pongthasarn Karawongkobsun – Northeast Region

Yok Amornrat Rattanaphanchanok – Industry & South Region

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Namphon

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You embody service, discipline, and commitment.

And to the 1,000 Warriors—your loyalty is the foundation of this movement.

You are the heartbeat of protection, the strength of continuity, and the shield of the ecosystem.

VI. THE THEME: FROM COMMUNITY TO GLOBAL MARKETS

Our theme today—Developing Community Enterprises for Global Markets—is not just a statement. It is a strategy of transformation.

For too long, community businesses have been limited by geography, financial systems, and market access barriers.

Today, we break those limitations.

We prove that a small merchant in a rural district of Thailand can participate in a global ecosystem without fear or exclusion.

Through GCV, we are building a digital bridge that connects local products, local labor, and local creativity to global demand.

We are transforming survival-based economies into expansion-based economies.

We are transforming local strength into global influence.

VII. SALUTE TO MERCHANTS

To all merchants standing with us today:

You are the frontline of this transformation.

Every time you accept a GCV transaction, you are not just exchanging value—you are validating trust, belief, and a new economic direction.

You are building the credibility of this ecosystem with every action you take.

Without you, there is no system.

Without you, there is no movement.

You are the heroes of this global transition.

VIII. THE 6-TIER GROWTH STAIRCASE (DETAILED STRATEGIC MODEL)

This is our strategic architecture of development.

We do not grow randomly.

We grow systematically, tier by tier.

TIER 1: ESSENTIALS (FOUNDATION OF LIFE)

Food, rice, agriculture, water, fuel, and basic daily survival goods.

This is the foundation of trust.

At this stage, communities learn to transact using real-world necessity-based value.

When survival is stabilized, trust is born.

TIER 2: SERVICES (HUMAN SUPPORT SYSTEMS)

Healthcare, education, housing, transport, repair services, and daily essential services.

This tier strengthens human dignity.

It proves that the ecosystem is not only for trade—but for life support, development, and well-being.

At this level, communities begin to depend on each other economically.

TIER 3: TOOLS (PRODUCTIVITY & ENABLING RESOURCES)

Devices, tools, machinery, digital equipment, agricultural tools, and business instruments.

This is where productivity begins.

People move from consumption to capability.

Tools create efficiency, and efficiency creates growth.

TIER 4: SKILLS (HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT)

Training, certification, technical education, vocational skills, digital literacy, and professional development.

This is the empowerment layer.

We do not only build economies—we build competent people.

A skilled population is the foundation of global competitiveness.

TIER 5: MANUFACTURING (PRODUCTION & INDUSTRIAL GROWTH)

Factories, production systems, robotics, processing plants, and industrial supply chains.

At this stage, communities shift from buyers to

builders.

From consumers to producers.

From dependency to creation.

This is where real economic sovereignty begins.

TIER 6: INFRASTRUCTURE (GLOBAL SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE)

Smart cities, renewable energy systems, logistics networks, digital infrastructure, transportation corridors, and global trade hubs.

This is the highest level of ecosystem maturity.

At this stage, we are not just participating in the economy—we are designing it.

We are building the systems that support future generations.

IX. CLOSING: A CALL TO GREATNESS

Thailand, you are being watched by the world.

Your progress is not unnoticed.

Your merchants, your leaders, your warriors, and your pioneers are shaping a new model of economic development.

Today, your answer must be clear: YES.

Yes to growth.

Yes to unity.

Yes to expansion.

Yes to the future.



Stay strong. Stay focused. And continue building together.

Chai-Yo! GCV Thailand! Chai-Yo!

Thank you, and may this journey be blessed.

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school heads until the end of the month.

Full orientations for teachers and school heads are scheduled May 2 to 15.

Education Secretary Sonny Angara said the early start of orientations signals a more deliberate approach to reform implementation.

"Hindi pwedeng papel lang ang pagbabago. Kailangan ramdam ito sa bawat (Reforms should not be on paper only. It should be felt in every) classroom. We are making sure our school heads and teachers understand not just the 'what,' but the 'why' and the 'how,'" Angara said in a news release.

At the same time, the DepEd chief issued a directive to school heads to protect teachers from additional workload as reforms are rolled out.

"Habang pinapadali natin ang sistema, hindi pwedeng dinadagdagan ang trabaho ng guro (We should not add to the workload of teachers while we are making the system easier). No unnecessary

reports, no extra tasks that take teachers away from teaching," he added.

Senior DepEd officials are personally leading the conduct of the orientations to ensure the direct and accurate delivery of policy updates across the regions.

The sessions may be conducted face-to-face, online or through self-paced materials, such as websites and video kits, to ensure maximum reach and flexibility, the DepEd said.

The DepEd is also providing necessary resources, including materials and resource persons, to maintain high-quality training management support.

The orientations cover adjustments in how the academic year is structured under the three-term school calendar policy.

This includes the introduction of an opening block at the start of classes dedicated to baseline assessments, school diagnostics and early-year programs, such as feeding initiatives.

The approach is meant

to clear administrative and preparatory tasks before formal lessons begin, allowing teachers and learners to focus on instruction once classes are fully underway.

Meanwhile, Undersecretary for Learning Systems Strand Carmela Oracion clarified that the reorganization of the school calendar will not add new costs for families.

"The total number of school days remains the same. What we are changing is how time is used," Oracion said, adding that expenses at the start of the school year will remain limited to usual needs such as uniforms, supplies, and daily allowances.

The DepEd underscored that part of the reform is easing the administrative burden on teachers, with school heads expected to streamline school-level requirements and align with national efforts to simplify workload.

The orientations will also cover related reforms on revised guidelines for classroom assessment and grading, lesson planning, flexible learning programs,

updated protocols for learning continuity during

emergencies, and strengthened Senior High

School curriculum and work immersion. (PNA)

Police officers... (FROM PAGE 8)

PRO CALABARZON Acting Regional Director Police Brigadier General Hansel Marantan led the initiative, where he expressed his belief that in the era of digital media where misinformation and disinformation have become more rampant, police information officers, who serve as information frontliners, must be properly trained in utilizing social media and guided by discipline and credibility.

"Ang bawat kilos at mensahe ng kapulisan ay dapat nakaangkla sa S.M.A.R.T. o Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Resourceful, at Time-bound. Higit sa lahat, ang impormasyong ating inilalabas ay dapat tama, mapagkakatiwalaan, at may kredibilidad, sapagkat ang tiwala ng publiko ay nakasalalay sa katotohanang ating ipinapahayag," Marantan then described

police information officers as bridges of information to communities, tasked with showcasing the accomplishments and undertakings of the Philippine National Police in their respective areas of responsibility.

"You are a reporter now, of things that we do, dito sa PRO CALABARZON. You are not just law enforcers now, tulay na kayo sa mga community kaya dapat magaling kayo mag-communicate," the regional director said.

He added that it is crucial for the PNP to ensure that all reports, photos, and videos disseminated to the public undergo a proper vetting process to guarantee that they are verified and accurate, thereby helping reduce the spread of misinformation and disinformation.

Patrolwoman Carlota Regionia, one of the workshop attendees, said

they use social media to release information in a timely manner, making the initiative both relevant and beneficial to their duties in their respective stations.

"Inaasahan ko na sa kahit sa maikling panahon ng workshop na ito ay madagdagan ang aking karunungan, kaalaman, knowledge, at skills sa pagsasagawa ng komprehensibong report galing sa istasyon upang malapatan natin ng angkop na narrative para sa kaalaman ng publiko sa pamamagitan ng pinakamabilis na platform na social media,"

Police officers were also trained on current trends in the media industry, including mobile journalism. The workshop further focused on properly documenting events for effective, clear, and credible storytelling as a means to build public trust and promote peace and order in communities. (CH/PIA-Laguna; with reports from RPIO IV-A)

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Sultan Kudarat namely the Municipality of Senator Ninoy Aquino, the Municipality of Kalamansig, and Tacurong City.

The activity was supported by EVFI Consultants Mr. Nicanor Villasenor and Mr. Martin Orendain, who served as technical facilitators during the roadmapping process. It brought together key stakeholders, members of the Technical Working Group, and local government officials to collaboratively develop a forward-looking roadmap aimed at transforming communities into smarter, more resilient, and sustainable localities. The PSTO-SK team, including Engr. Szalinah S. Mercado, Supervising SRS and Regional focal person for SSCP, facilitated discussions and ensured active stakeholder engagement throughout the activity.

The consultation commenced in the Municipality of Senator Ninoy Aquino, led by

Municipal Mayor, Hon. Rafael George L. Flauta III. During the session, Mayor Flauta highlighted the municipality's priority on establishing e-Governance systems to improve public service delivery. He acknowledged that limited internet connectivity remains a key challenge but expressed optimism that this will be addressed soon. He also emphasized strengthening the municipality's coffee industry, recognizing its role as the coffee capital of Sultan Kudarat.

This was followed by sessions in the Municipality of Kalamansig, under the leadership of Mayor,

Hon. Ronan Eugene C. Garcia. Mayor Garcia presented a comprehensive and well-prepared development direction, focusing on enhancing the municipality's coffee industry. Among his proposed initiatives are the establishment of a coffee processing center equipped with an optical scanner to

support local coffee processors, as well as a coffee nursery capable of producing up to one ton per hectare annually.

The final leg of the consultation was held in Tacurong City, the identified pilot community for the SSCP, headed by the City Mayor, Hon. Lina O. Montilla, PhD. Mayor Montilla shared the city's readiness to implement SSCP initiatives, highlighting efforts to strengthen internet connectivity in partnership with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT). She also noted that the bioreactor project provided to the city is currently underway for operationalization.

The activity underscores the strong collaboration between DOST and local government units in advancing sustainable development through science, technology, and innovation. The finalization and implementation of the SSCP Roadmap are expected to materialize before the end of the year.

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significance of every solo parent, foster stronger support networks among families, and encourage active participation and involvement within the solo parent community.

Aligned with the observance of Solo Parents' Week in the Philippines, which is celebrated every third week of April under Republic Act No. 8972 and strengthened by Republic Act No. 11861 or the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act, the initiative underscored the government's continued commitment to promoting inclusive policies and accessible support systems for solo parents. RA 11861 expanded benefits such as flexible work arrangements, additional leave privileges, and increased access to

social protection services, further recognizing the unique challenges faced by solo parents.

One of the highlights of the event was a talk show and panel discussion on "RA 11861" facilitated by Ms. Ma. Violeta Malingin, DOLE - Senior Labor and Employment Officer and Ms. Danica Biescas, NHA-Community Support Services Officer. The discussion provided participants with a clearer understanding of their rights, benefits, and the latest provisions under the law, while also addressing common concerns and encouraging dialogue among stakeholders.

To promote camaraderie and enjoyment, participants engaged in various Larong Pinoy activities, bringing a

sense of nostalgia and unity among attendees. Adding entertainment to the celebration was the Wellness Program, titled "Pahinga at Kalinga para kina Juan at Juana," featuring a singing contest dubbed as "Solo Parent: Tinig ng Isang Magulang," which showcased the talents and confidence of participating solo parents. The activity not only highlighted their skills but also served as a platform for self-expression and empowerment.

Through initiatives like the Solo Parents' Family Day, the Provincial Government of Cavite continues to recognize the dedication and sacrifices of solo parents while creating opportunities for connection, learning, and holistic well-being—ensuring that no parent feels alone in their journey.—OPIO

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emergency, ONE is aimed to encourage our citizens to be part of the solution," Aquino said. He said about 145 megawatts were saved during the Earth Hour last March 28, enough to power

approximately one million households.

He said turning off and unplugging appliances not being used is a big help to address unnecessary usage. Aquino expressed hope that

more consumers would join the weekly activity to help reduce consumption.

"It is not only the government that will implement this. We hope to bring participants from the private sector and cause-oriented groups in the coming days," he added. (PNA)

NNC urges... (FROM PAGE 8)

The call was emphasized by Lourdes Bulante-Orongan, Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator of NNC CALABARZON, during the Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Level Plan Implementation (MELLPI) Pro, an annual mechanism that assesses LGU performance in delivering nutrition services.

The evaluation is conducted by members of the Regional Nutrition Evaluation Team (RNET), an inter-agency body organized at the regional level to assess, monitor, and validate the implementation of nutrition programs and initiatives.

"The continuity of nutrition programs is critical, especially during crises that may worsen hunger and malnutrition. LGUs play a vital role in safeguarding the nutritional well-being of their constituents,"

Bulante-Orongan said.

She noted that despite supply chain disruptions and rising food costs linked to global developments, LGUs must remain proactive in ensuring that nutrition interventions reach vulnerable sectors.

Through MELLPI Pro, LGUs are assessed based on their planning, implementation, and monitoring of nutrition programs, while also identifying gaps and areas for improvement.

"Sa pamamagitan ng MELLPI Pro, nakikita natin kung ano ang mga programang naipapatupad sa bawat bayan, at nagiging daan ito upang makapag-lobby tayo sa LGUs"

Orongan also stressed the need to prioritize nutrition at the local level, noting that not all LGUs place health and nutrition at the forefront of their agenda.

"Ipagpatuloy sana ang

pagtataguyod ng mga programang pangkalusugan. Alam naman natin na hindi lahat ng LGUs ay ginagawa itong prayoridad, kaya mahalaga ang patuloy na adbokasiya para labanan ang iba't ibang anyo ng malnutrisyon".

She further highlighted the urgency of early intervention in addressing malnutrition.

"Kapag ang bata ay umabot na sa preschool age, mahirap nang habulin ang stunting o pagkabansot, kaya dapat maagapan ito sa loob ng F1K o first 1000 days ng bata."

The PPAN serves as the country's blueprint in combating malnutrition through coordinated efforts among national agencies, LGUs, and community stakeholders. Its strategies include improving access to nutritious food, promoting health and nutrition education, and strengthening local governance

mechanisms.

For 2026, the RNET CALABARZON is set to visit five provinces, 22 cities, five municipalities, and 27 barangays from March 24

to July 30.

The NNC reiterated that strong local leadership, sustained commitment, and strategic partnerships with civil society and the

private sector are essential to achieving national nutrition targets, especially in times of global uncertainty. (CCM/PIA CALABARZON)

DOST Ilocos... (FROM PAGE 8)

approach in evaluating program implementation and strengthening public service delivery.

DOST Ilocos Region Director Teresita A. Tabaog led the regional presentation, together with Assistant Regional Directors, Provincial Directors, and the assigned DOSTOneSCIGLAT team, demonstrating a unified approach to advancing science, technology, and innovation (STI)-driven public service.

In his opening message, Undersecretary Maborang emphasized continuous improvement and alignment with national priorities, stating: "This is not an audit; this is a learning process...In

the next two years, value yourself and be able to do your duty with respect and be able to listen, [so that] you can provide decisions that are based on science and data to help the communities."

In her presentation, Director Tabaog detailed DOST Ilocos Region's major programs, projects, and accomplishments, highlighting how these initiatives continue to make a difference on the ground—strengthening communities across Region 1 while supporting the government's priority development agenda and the PBB 8-Point Socioeconomic Agenda. In addition, reports also covered financial and administrative

performance, technical and field operations, and innovation initiatives, including sustainability and scalability strategies. Furthermore, DOST provincial offices also shared localized implementation efforts, best practices, and the impact of science, technology, and innovation (STI) interventions across the region.

The 2024–2025 Performance Review not only showcased accomplishments but also clarified the region's strategic direction toward more responsive, inclusive, and data-driven science and technology services in the years ahead. DOST Ilocos Region continues to empower communities with the help of science, technology and innovation.

DA braces... (FROM PAGE 8)

coordination with the National Irrigation Administration, now under the Office of the President, to optimize water allocation and ensure that irrigation systems are ready to support farmers during prolonged dry spells.

This comes as the agency is also intensifying efforts to support Filipino farmers amid surging costs of farm inputs, particularly fertilizers, due to the global oil shocks brought by tensions in the Middle East.

In a statement Friday, Tiu Laurel said he has ordered preparations for the "worst-case scenario" to mitigate the El Niño's impact on farm production, farmers' incomes and economic activity.

"It is no longer a question whether we will experience another El Niño after the 2024 episode that undermined rice harvest. The only question that needs to be answered is its intensity," he said.

The preparation for El Niño and the drought it could trigger forms part of the broader directive of

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to ensure food security despite geopolitical uncertainty and rising climate risks.

According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), there's a 92 percent probability for a moderate to strong El Niño episode in the Philippines based on the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) outlook.

Some global climate models are also pointing to a potential "super" El Niño, which can significantly reduce rainfall and strain water sources across agricultural areas due to the projected warming of up to 2.2 degrees Celsius.

Other efforts to mitigate risks include the review of rainfall projections, assessment of water availability to adjust planting strategies, possible shift to less water-intensive crops like mung beans, and accelerating deliveries of other long-term projects, such as the solar-powered irrigation systems.

Earlier, DA

spokesperson Assistant Secretary Arnel de Mesa said the DA is prioritizing the establishment of solar-powered irrigation systems to help address surging fuel and electricity costs and provide water in farms affected by drought.

The country's peak land preparation is set from May to June, where local farmers utilize fuel for tractors, cultivators, and withers, alongside fertilizer application.

Should the surging prices of fuel and fertilizer persist until the next planting season, De Mesa said the country's rice production may only hit 18.6 million metric tons (MMT) to 18.8 MMT, based on the DA's Rice program projection.

This is lower than the original local rice production outlook of 20.28 MMT.

Lower production may entail an increase in rice importation to sustain a stable supply in the country, he said.

"Yung projected import nila (Their projected import) of 4 million MT can increase to about 4.8 million MT just to sustain the 85 days ending stock," De Mesa said. (PNA)

PAGASA warns... (FROM PAGE 1)

Administration (PAGASA).

The following areas will also see danger-level heat indices:

- San Ildefonso, Bulacan - 43°C
- Sangley Point, Cavite - 42°C
- Aborlan, Palawan - 44°C
- Roxas City, Capiz - 42°C
- Mamburao, Capiz - 42°C
- Iloilo City, Iloilo - 43°C
- La Granja, La Carlota, Negros Occidental - 44°C
- Catbalogan, Western Samar - 43°C
- VSU Baybay, Leyte - 42°C
- Borongan, Eastern Samar - 44°C
- Guiuan, Eastern Samar - 42°C
- Cotabato City, Maguindanao del Norte - 43°C

Heat cramps and heat exhaustion are likely under a danger-level heat index of 42°C to 51°C.

Meanwhile, the heat index may reach 41°C in Aparri, Cagayan; San Jose, Occidental Mindoro; Puerto Princesa City and Cuyo in Palawan; Legazpi City, Albay; Catarman, Northern Samar; Tacloban City, Leyte; Dipolog, Zamboanga del Norte; Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Sur; and Davao City, Davao del Sur.

A heat index of 40°C is forecast over Dagupan City, Pangasinan; Tuguegarao City, Cagayan; ISU Echague, Isabela; Baler and Casiguran in Aurora;

CLSU Muñoz, Nueva Ecija; TAU Camiling, Tarlac; Ambulong, Tanauan, Batangas; Romblon, Romblon; Daet, Camarines Norte; Siquijor, Siquijor; Mactan, Cebu; Maasin, Southern Leyte; Surigao City, Surigao del Norte; and Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur.

Meanwhile, cloudy skies with scattered rains and thunderstorms are expected over Batanes due to the frontal system.

The rest of the country will experience partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain showers or thunderstorms due to the easterlies and localized thunderstorms.

Light to moderate winds and slight to moderate seas will prevail across the archipelago. (PNA)

Medical, Dental... (FROM PAGE 8)

The activity catered to 457 beneficiaries who availed of free medical and dental services, while 88 young males successfully underwent circumcision through the Operation Tuli program. The initiative aimed to promote health awareness, provide accessible medical care, and support the well-being of Amadeo's constituents,

especially the youth.

Amadeo Mayor Jojo Domingo and 7th District Board Member Aldrin Anacan, both expressed their support and appreciation to the provincial government for the continued delivery of health services to their constituents. The successful implementation of the outreach program was

made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO) and the Rural Health Unit (RHU) of Amadeo, with the invaluable assistance of barangay health workers.

Through initiatives like this, the local government continues to strengthen its public health programs, reaching more communities and improving the overall quality of life of its people.—
OPIO

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY**

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-187-26

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION,
Petitioner/Mortgagee,

-versus-

**JOHN MICHAEL C. REMPIS and CELINE
ANGELICA LOURDZ M. DE JESUS,**
Respondents/Mortgagors.

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION** with business address at A.T. Yuchengco Centre, 26th & 25th Streets, Taguig City, M.M. against the Respondents/Mortgagors, **JOHN MICHAEL C. REMPIS and CELINE ANGELICA LOURDZ M. DE JESUS**, with postal addresses at 8 Campupot St., Doña Manuela Subd. V, Pamplona 3, Las Piñas City, M.M. and 86 Geronimo St., Bagong Silangan, Quezon City and collateral address at Blk. 13, Lot 5, Bel-Air Central, Anyana Subd., Antero Soriano Highway, Brgy. Mulawin, Tanza, Cavite, to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 27, 2026, amounts to **TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN PESOS and 3/100 (PhP2,189,315.03)**, Philippine Currency, inclusive of interest but exclusive of all other expenses and charges incidental to this foreclosure sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **May 29, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** until 12:00 o'clock noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2023053212

LOT NO. 5 BLOCK NO. 13 PLAN NO. Pcs-04-032313

PORTION OF: Consolidation and subdivision of Lots 1026-A & 1026-B, both of (LRA) PSD-E2016007004, 1027-DD-2, (LRA) PSD-E2016003356, 1029-A & 1029-B, both of (LRA) PSD-E2016004559, 1031, FRS-04-006030 & 1032-A & 1032-B, both of PSD-04-247825 LRC Record No. 6832

LOCATION: Barangay of Mulawin & Sanja Mayor, Municipality of Tanza, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NW	Lot 25, Block 13, Pcs-04-032313
2-3	NW	Lot 6, Block 13, Pcs-04-032313
3-4	NE,SE	Road Lot 20 (8.00 M. wide), Pcs-04-032313
4-1	SW	Lot 4, Block 13, Pcs-04-032313

Area: ONE HUNDRED FORTY TWO(142) SQUARE METERS, more or less

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **June 5, 2026** without further notice.

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

Trece Martires City, April 21, 2026.

(Sgd.) **REYNALDO L. SALOMA**

**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT
TRECE MARTIRES CITY**

FORECLOSURE CASE NO. F-154-26

BDO UNIBANK, INC.,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

ALVIN M. VILLARTE,
Debtor/Mortgagor.

X-----X

NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon Extra-Judicial Petition for Sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act 4118, filed by Mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK, INC.**, with business address at BDO Corporate Center, 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against the Debtor/Mortgagor, **ALVIN M. VILLARETE**, with residence and postal addresses at (1) No. 15 White Lily Street, Victoria North Potrero, Malabon City, M.M. (occupied by third party) and (2) Block 9, Lot 12, Phase 23, Kensington, Brgy. Bacao 1, General Trias, Cavite (currently occupied), to satisfy the mortgage indebtedness which as of February 13, 2026 amounts to **ONE MILLION TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR PESOS and 44/100 (PhP1,027,874.44)** Philippine Currency, including interest, penalties and other charges as of to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **May 29, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** until 12:00 o'clock noon at the main entrance of the Government Center Building located at the Provincial Capitol Compound, Trece Martires City, to the highest bidder for CASH and in Philippine Currency, the following described property with all the improvements thereon, to wit: said date but exclusive of all other ex expenses incidental

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2021000672

Lot No. 12 Block: 9 Plan No. Pcs-04-031422

Portion of: Lot 1648-A, 1648-B, 1648-C, (LRC) Psd-303867 & 1649, San Francisco de Malabon Estate Decree No. 4270, LRC Record No. 5964

Location: Barangay of Bacao I, City of Gen. Trias, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon

BOUNDARIES:

LINE	DIRECTION	ADJOINING LOT(S)
1-2	NE	Lot 10, Block 9, Pcs-04-031322
2-3	SE	Road Lot 10, Pcs-04-031422
3-4	SW	Lot 14, Block 9, Pcs-04-031422
4-1	NW	Lot 11, Block 9, Pcs-04-031422

Sheriff IV

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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION
Legal Services and Documentation Department
A.T. Yuchengco Centre, 25th & 26th Streets, Taguig City, M.M.

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CELINE ANGELICA LOURDZ M. DE JESUS**
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Area: FORTY (40) SQUARE METERS, more or less

All sealed bids must be submitted to the undersigned on the above-stated time and date.

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Trece Martires City, April 21, 2026.

(Sgd.) **JOANNAH AVIGAIL C. TIMKANG**
Sheriff IV

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BDO UNIBANK, INC.
Consumer Remedial Management
33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas
No. 12, ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City

MR. ALVIN M. VILLARETE
(1) No. 15 White Lily Street, Victoria, North Potrero, Malabon City, M.M.
(2) Block 9, Lot 12, Phase 23, Kensington, Brgy. Bacao 1, General Trias, Cavite

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **BENEDICTO MALIA**, who died on February 18, 2001 in **Rosario, Cavite** has left, as co-owner of two (2) parcels of land, more particularly described as follows: 1. A parcel of land covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-205431**, situated in the Municipality of Noveleta, containing an area of 19,145 sq.m. more or less, is registered in the name of Benedicto Malia, husband of Clarita Abungin; (1/8 - 2,393.1 sq.m.); 2. A parcel of land covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. T-205432**, situated in the Municipality of Noveleta; containing an area of 8,161 sq.m. more or less, is registered in the name of Benedicto Malia, husband of Clarita Abungin; (1/8 - 1,020.1 sq.m.); the decedent left no debts, nor any Last Will or Testament; that all the LEGAL HEIRS being with civil capacity to contract and invoking the provisions pursuant to Rule 74, Section 1 and 4 of the Revised Rules of Court of the Philippines do hereby adjudicate unto themselves the two parcels of land described above in equal shares of 1/6 of 2,393.1 = 398.85 sq.m. each of LOT 35 under TCT NO. T-205431 and 1/6 of 1,020.1 = 170.016 sq.m. each of LOT 45 under TCT No. T-205432; executed by the HEIRS before Notary Public **Atty. Soledad R. Campbell-Sugatan** on October 02, 2023 in Gen. Trias, Cavite; entered as Doc. No. 211; Page No. 106; Book No. XVII; Series of 2023.

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With the goal of improving access to hearing support services for individuals with hearing impairments across the province, the beneficiaries from the various LGUs underwent proper assessment and molding procedures conducted by trained professionals during the activity. This collaborative effort reflects the continued commitment of the provincial government to enhance healthcare services and promote inclusive programs for its constituents, particularly those with special needs. — **OPIO**

COMELEC's 'Register Anywhere' program drives 600,000 new CALABARZON voters

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – By making voter registration more convenient, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) has reported more than 600,000 new registrants in the CALABARZON region as voter registration continues.



As of April 11, COMELEC reported that it has processed around 3,909,644 applications nationwide with 642,217 applications coming from CALABARZON.

It has the highest registration turnout

among the regions.

The region also reported the highest number of new female registrants with 333,973.

Aside from registrations in local election offices, the COMELEC also launched

the Special Register Anytime/Anywhere program (SRAP) to encourage Filipinos to register as voters for succeeding elections.

This year's Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE)

is slated on the first Monday of November 2026 following its postponement last December 2025.

Meanwhile, National and Local Elections (NLE) are scheduled in 2028. **(PB-PIA CALABARZON/COMELEC)**

Palace: Gov't to do everything necessary to ensure Zaldy Co's return

MANILA – Malacañang on Friday said the government would exhaust all efforts to ensure the return of former Ako Bicol Party-list Rep. Zaldy Co to the Philippines.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of government aid distribution in Batangas City, Executive Secretary Ralph Recto said the matter is being handled by the Department of Justice (DOJ).

He said updates would come from the DOJ, stressing that Justice Secretary Frederick Vida is in a better position to provide detailed clarification on Co's situation.

"Secretary Vida will be back in a few days. He will provide some clarification," Recto added.

"It is best that he answers the question. Wala pa akong update tungkol diyan. But rest assured na gagawin ng ating pamahalaan ang lahat ng dapat magawa para maibalik si (I do not have any update on that. But rest assured that the government will do everything that needs to be done to bring back) Zaldy Co."

Co is now considered a fugitive as he faces charges due to his involvement in anomalous flood control projects.

The DOJ clarified that the term "arrest" may not strictly apply in describing actions taken by Czech



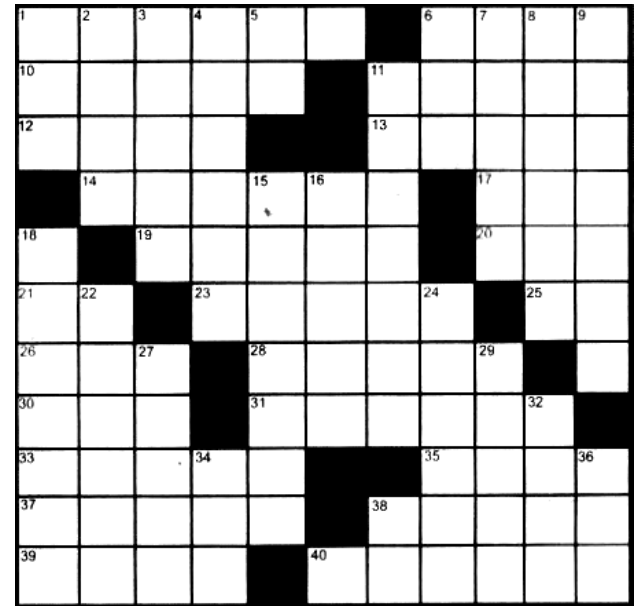
LEAVING NO STONE UNTURNED. Ako Bicol (AKB) Party List and House Committee on Appropriations chair Rep. Zaldy Co in this file photo. Executive Secretary Ralph Recto said on Friday (April 24, 2026) that the government will do everything necessary to ensure the return of Co, who is now facing charges over alleged anomalous flood control projects. (Photo from AKB Rep. Co's Facebook page)

authorities against Co.

Malacañang said Co's case involved immigration concerns rather than a formal arrest due to his failure to present proper travel documents.

Vida and his team flew to Prague to coordinate with Czech authorities and secure Co's return. **(PNA)**

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SAGOT SA NAKARAAN



NNC urges LGUs to sustain nutrition programs despite global challenges



IMUS CITY, Cavite — The National Nutrition Council (NNC) has called on local government units (LGUs) to sustain and strengthen the implementation of nutrition programs under the Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN) amid emerging global challenges affecting food security and economic stability. ► **NNC URGES** • 5

Medical, Dental Mission and Operation Tuli Serve Over 500 Amadeo Residents



A total of 545 residents benefitted from a combined medical and dental mission and Operation Tuli held at the Amadeo Municipal Covered Court on April 21, 2026, bringing essential healthcare services closer to the community. ► **MEDICAL, DENTAL** • 5

DA braces for impact of looming El Niño on rice production

MANILA – Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. has directed the Masagana Rice Industry Development Program (MRIDP) alongside the Philippine Rice Research Institute and other units to be on close watch over the potential effects of the looming El Niño phenomenon on the local rice sector.

The Department of Agriculture (DA) is also in close ► **DA BRACES** • 5



RICE OUTPUT. Farmers work in a rice field in Barangay Hubangon, Mahinog, Camiguin on May 1, 2024. The Department of Agriculture (DA) on Friday (April 24, 2026) said it is bracing for the impact of the looming El Niño phenomenon on rice production. (PNA file photo by Joan Bondoc)

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DOST Ilocos Region Highlights 2024-2025 Initiatives, Community Impacts: Sets Strategic Pathways for Region 1



Carrying forward the spirit of bringing “agham na ramdam” impact to communities, the Department of Science and Technology Ilocos Region (DOST Ilocos Region) convened its 2024–2025 Performance Review on April 23, 2026, in Tuguegarao City, Cagayan, to assess accomplishments, identify ways forward, and set strategies for the years ahead.

The review was led by DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Maborang, Assistant Secretary for Countryside Development Engr. Maria Teresa De Guzman, together with representatives from various DOST offices and regional units, highlighting a coordinated, whole-of-organization ► **DOST ILOCOS** • 5

Police officers seen as bridge of information in communities



CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) – The Police Regional Office in Calabarzon emphasized that police officers today are not only law enforcement operatives but can also serve as reliable sources of information, as several officers were equipped with mobile journalism and basic photography skills on Monday, April 20. ► **POLICE OFFICERS** • 4

Nationwide teacher orientation starts ahead of major policy shifts

MANILA – Heads of public schools across the country began orientation sessions Friday as the Department of Education (DepEd) starts preparing schools for key teaching and learning reforms for School Year 2026-2027.

The orientations aim to ensure that school heads are fully equipped to strengthen leadership readiness and management of the new academic protocols.

Regional and division planning conferences held earlier this month set the groundwork, followed by cluster-based orientations for ► **NATIONWIDE** • 4

