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## Cavite Service Caravan reaches Indang for third leg, strengthens delivery of essential services



CAVITE SERVICE CARAVAN  
21 MAY 2026 | INDANG MUNICIPAL PALAZA/COVERED COURT

The Provincial Government of Cavite continues its commitment to bringing accessible and responsive public service closer to communities as the Cavite Service Caravan rolled out its third leg in the Municipality of Indang on May 21, 2026.

Led by Governor Abeng Remulla, the service caravan further reinforced the government's dedication to inclusive and people-centered governance through the delivery of various frontline services directly to Caviteños. The one-stop caravan

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## Gantimpala Agad Awards 2026 honors Top PGC offices and frontliners for exemplary public service excellence



GANTIMPALA AGAD AWARDS 2026  
18 MAY 2026  
NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CENTER, TRECE MARTIRES CITY

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) through the Office of the Provincial Human Resource Management Officer formally recognized outstanding public service performance during the Gantimpala Agad Awards 2026, held on May 18, at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

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## PH, AIIB eye tie-up on digitalization, energy

MANILA – A collaboration on digitalization and energy is being considered by the Philippine government and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to help improve ease of doing business and hasten the development of critical infrastructure.

In a news release Friday, the Department of Finance (DOF) said Secretary Frederick Go, during a recent meeting with AIIB officials, raised two priority areas for the country.

"Two of the major issues in the ease of doing business are red tape and high energy costs. If there's a way for us to work on these, then we can significantly enhance public service delivery and improve our investment environment which will help us grow the economy," he said.

Go cited the need for digitalization to improve government processes and address red tape, which he said will have long-term gains for the economy. He also noted the

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## MMDRRMC REPORTS 79.6% CONTAINMENT OF NAVOTAS SANITARY LANDFILL FIRE



The Metro Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MMDRRMC) convened today to provide a status update on the Navotas Sanitary Landfill fire incident, reporting that the fire is now 79.6% contained.

In a press briefing, MMDA Chairman and concurrent MMDRRMC head Atty. Don Artes said the discussion focused on the situation on the

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## General Safety Awareness Training strengthens workplace preparedness among PGC employees



GENERAL SAFETY AWARENESS TRAINING  
14 MAY 2026  
NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CENTER, TRECE MARTIRES CITY

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Cavite Quality Management Office – Workplace Organization Committee, successfully conducted the General Safety Awareness Training on May 14, 2026 at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City, reinforcing the importance of safety, preparedness, and emergency response in the workplace.

The training was attended by members and representatives of the Workplace Organization Committee (WOC) from various PGC offices who actively participated in the discussions and learning sessions aimed at promoting a safer and more prepared working environment.

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# PhilHealth's YAKAP a 'game changer' in PH healthcare

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) —** With benefits covering laboratory, outpatient consultation and access to free medicine, the Philhealth Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP), which expanded primary care benefit packages, is seen to become a 'game changer' in the country's implementation of the Universal Healthcare (UHC) framework.

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency and Radyo Pilipinas Lucena's Sulong Southern Tagalog radio program, Arturo Ardiente, Field Operations Division chief for PhilHealth CALABARZON, noted that YAKAP will encourage more Filipinos to seek not only medical treatments but also preventive care.

"Sa ating kultura, kapag tayo ay nagkakasakit ay doon pa lang tayo nagpapa-check-up. In fact, ito 'yung challenge natin sa YAKAP. Binabago natin 'yung mindset ng tao na hindi lang kung kailan malala na 'yung pagkakasakit ay saka ka takakbo sa ospital."

As part of the UHC, the PhilHealth YAKAP expands the benefits provided by the Konsulta program.

"Medyo limitado 'yung kakayanan ng Konsulta na matugunan 'yung mga pangangailangan

pangkalusugan, pang-primary 'yung preventive care ng ating mga mamamayan."

Ardiente underscored that members do not need to be hospitalized to avail of their YAKAP benefits.

"YAKAP 'yung preventive approach natin [dahil] hindi na kailangang ma-ospital para ma-avail 'yung benefits. This is our preventive approach at hindi kailangang may sakit ka para ma-avail 'yung benefits."

Aside from room and professional fees, patients also normally need to pay for their own medicines even when receiving inpatient care. But with YAKAP, patients can access up to 54 free medicines in accredited facilities nationwide.

"We want to ensure na kapag dumating 'yung pagkakasakit, ay hindi malulugso ang kabuhayan. Sinisiguro ng UHC Law na

hindi magiging dahilan ang karamdaman para maghirap ang mga Filipino."

PhilHealth YAKAP covers a wide range of medicines from over-the-counter drugs such as paracetamol to antibiotics and maintenance drugs.

"Makukuha mo ito nang libre at ang bawat kababayan natin ay



mayroong allotment na P20,000 per year. Pero para ma-avail mo ito ay dapat YAKAP physician ang mag-prescribe nito sa iyo." (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

## DOT backs continued festival traditions amid challenges, cites economic benefits

**In the Philippines, the month of May is more than just the height of the dry season. Across towns and provinces, it is a period filled with color, music, faith, and thanksgiving as communities celebrate festivals rooted in culture and tradition.**

From harvest festivals to religious celebrations, May has long been considered one of the busiest and most vibrant months for local tourism, drawing thousands of visitors to several parts of the country.

In Quezon province alone, various festivals are simultaneously celebrated every May, transforming municipalities into lively centers of culture and economic activity.

Among the most popular is the Pahiyas Festival in Lucban, known for its colorful house decorations made from agricultural harvests and the iconic kiping.

Other towns in the province also hold their own festivities, including the Agawan Festival in Sariaya and the Mayohan Festival in Tayabas City, in honor of San Isidro Labrador as an expression of faith and thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest throughout the year.

For the Department of Tourism (DOT) Calabarzon regional director, Marites Castro, continuing these traditions remains important despite economic and social challenges communities face, and she emphasized that festivals do not have to be extravagant or lengthy to create a positive impact.

"I believe it is important for our mayors to continue these kinds of activities. (Because) festivals do not necessarily have to be long celebrations. We can



shorten the implementation of traditional activities while still preserving them, because these contribute significantly to stimulating the local economy," she stated in an interview with the Philippine Information Agency during the celebration of the Pahiyas Festival on May 15.

Her statement came following the ongoing oil crisis, which prompted several local government units in Quezon and other parts of the country to shorten or scale down festival activities to reduce operational expenses and address rising fuel and transportation costs.

She then explained that local festivals provide livelihood opportunities for residents, especially small vendors, transport groups, food establishments, and

tourism-related businesses that depend on visitors' arrivals.

During celebrations such as the Pahiyas Festival, tourists from different provinces visit Quezon to experience local culture, taste regional delicacies, and purchase locally made products.

"When there are visitors, local businesses benefit. People buy food, souvenirs, and other products. Domestic tourism remains one of the strongest drivers of tourism because Filipinos continue supporting and visiting destinations within the country," Castro added.

Besides economic gains, festivals also serve as platforms for preserving local identity, faith, and showcasing Filipino creativity. In Lucban, residents spend weeks

preparing elaborate decorations that reflect both artistry and gratitude for a bountiful harvest. Streets are lined with colorful displays, while traditional dances, processions, and community gatherings highlight the town's heritage.

As Calabarzon continues to promote domestic tourism, the Tourism department encourages more Filipinos to visit local destinations and support community festivals that not only preserve culture but also help sustain local economies.

For many communities in the region, festivals remain a symbol of resilience, proving that even amid challenges, traditions continue to unite people and create growth opportunities. (AM/PIA CALABARZON)

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# Health sector notes stable power supply in CALABARZON as El Niño looms; outages 'isolated case'

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) —** Government officials said that power supply in the CALABARZON region and its key facilities are expected to remain stable despite the looming threat of El Niño.

Joseph Santiago of the Department of Health (DOH) CALABARZON said that health facilities have a contingency plan in place to ensure that medical services will continue in case of a power outage.

"We have a checklist to verify if our facilities can address their needs for El Niño. We are also gathering the contingency plans of our health facilities, addressing key issues like cold chain, vaccines, and the event that there is a power outage. They [facilities] have a generator available."

Local health and Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) offices are also on standby to provide assistance to DOH facilities that do not have generators or backup

power supply.

"In case wala sa kanilang health facility, kung mayroon silang coordination sa kanilang [local] health office or nakakapag-request or sa mga DRRMO for a generator in case magkaroon ng mahabang power interruption sa kanilang health facility."

The DOH has mandated all health facilities, including hospitals, to maintain a standby power supply capable of running for up to three days.

Meanwhile, the Department of Energy (DOE) considers the recent power outages in the region as an isolated case, noting that the demand for electricity has still not reached their projections.

Frederick Ole of the DOE

Luzon group said that rotating brownouts were triggered by localized technical issues at the two natural gas power facilities in Batangas.

"Generally, we have a good supply and reserve for the rest of the year since the projected demand is still not reached. Last week's incident was an isolated case where two transmission lines tripped and caused isolation of the two natural gas power facilities in Batangas which led to rotating power interruptions."

The energy department said that the overall power supply in the region is expected to remain stable for the remainder of the year.

(PB-PIA CALABARZON)



## Calabarzon logs lowest in fertility rate nationwide - PSA

**CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) —** The Calabarzon region recorded the lowest total fertility rate among the 18 regions in the country, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Calabarzon during the presentation of the 2025 National Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) on Thursday, May 14.

Results of the 2025 NDHS showed that women aged 15 to 49 years old in the region are expected to bear an average of 1.3 children in their lifetime, lower than the 1.8 recorded in 2022.

The total fertility rate refers to the average number of children a woman would have during her reproductive years based on current fertility patterns.

PSA Calabarzon Regional Director Charito Armonia said the continued decline in fertility rates in the region may be attributed to several factors, including increased access to education, efficient family planning services, and changing economic and social priorities among Filipino families.

She noted that demographic data gathered through the NDHS serves as an important guide for policymakers and government agencies in crafting programs related to health, population management, maternal care, and social protection.

"The dissemination of NDHS results is important to ensure that stakeholders and policymakers are equipped with updated and reliable data that will help



them formulate responsive programs for the population," Armonia said.

Commission on Population and Development (CPD) Calabarzon regional director Marilyn Ogaya, meanwhile, emphasized the importance of strengthening reproductive health education and ensuring access to family planning services, especially among young people and vulnerable sectors.

"These results show that CALABARZON is making significant strides in population and development. However, our work continues, especially in ensuring that no adolescent is left behind and that every family has access to informed choices," Ogaya said.

She noted that the declining fertility rate reflects the sustained efforts of government agencies, local government units, and

partner organizations in strengthening reproductive health programs, responsible parenthood advocacy, and access to family planning services across the region.

Ogaya added, "To all our colleagues in Calabarzon, this result shows what we have accomplished and our hard work. Congratulations to all of us, and let us continue and sustain these gains."

The NDHS is a nationwide survey conducted by the PSA to gather data on fertility, family planning, maternal and child health, nutrition, mortality, and other key demographic indicators.

The PSA said the NDHS findings will help national and local government agencies assess current population trends and develop evidence-based interventions to improve the overall well-being of Filipino families. (AM/PIA CALABARZON)

## ICC: Duterte to stay detained

**MANILA –** Former president Rodrigo R. Duterte will stay detained at the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, the Netherlands, a trial chamber ruled Friday.

The ICC Trial Chamber III issued the decision following the defense camp's petition for Duterte's interim release, citing his age and health condition.

The chamber argued that Duterte's health has been examined by three ICC-appointed medical experts, whose reports "do not contain any information that warrants" the former chief's interim release.

It also noted that Duterte's refusal to recognize the ICC's jurisdiction "demonstrates at its lowest that the Accused will not comply with any orders that might be made in respect of a release from custody."

"Taken together with his access to vast resources and contacts, including his family and supporters in the Philippines who may assist him in evading justice, the Chamber finds that,



**DRUG WAR PROBE.** Former president Rodrigo R. Duterte appears before a Senate hearing on the campaign against illegal drugs under his administration, in Pasay City on Oct. 28, 2024. Duterte will stay detained at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, The Netherlands, a trial chamber ruled Friday (May 22, 2026). (PNA photo by Avito C. Dalan)

notwithstanding the Defense's submissions regarding the Accused's health condition, there is a real and substantial risk that the Accused could nonetheless abscond or obstruct justice, either on his own or through his associates," it said.

The trial chamber said Duterte's physical condition and cognitive capacities "do not

constitute factors which outweigh the risks outlined above."

Duterte's camp earlier said that the former chief executive has experienced frequent episodes of falls, occasioned by a loss of balance, and that his poor memory is no longer capable of instructing others to tamper with witnesses. (PNA)

# DepEd touts foundational learning reforms in int'l confab

**MANILA** – The Department of Education (DepEd) highlighted ongoing reforms in the Philippines to advance foundational learning at the 2026 Education World Forum (EWF).

This came as a Philippine delegation participated in two high-level sessions with global and Southeast Asian education leaders at the EWF held in London from May 17 to 20.

In a statement Friday, DepEd Undersecretary and Chief of Staff Fatima Lipp Panontongan underscored the need for long-term reforms to boost support to teachers and learners, which are advanced under the leadership of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara.

“We recognized early on that educational decline cannot be solved through isolated projects or short-term campaigns,” she said.

“It requires structural reforms that strengthen how schools function, how teachers are supported, and how systems deliver results.”

The DepEd received distinct commendations from international counterparts for the Philippine government's substantial commitment to education financing.

The agency has received about 4 percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) for this year alone, highlighting the government's commitment to boost the education sector.

Key programs highlighted are the School-Based Feeding Program to all Kindergarten and Grade 1 learners nationwide in June, the delivery of home-bound storybooks to Kindergarten to Grade 3 learners, and the institutionalized Academic Recovery and Accessible Learning (ARAL) program.

In line with international cooperation, the delegation shared critical milestones regarding

regional frameworks that seek to uplift basic education across Southeast Asia. These include the ASEAN Leaders' Declaration on Foundational Learning (ADFL) or the major policy deliverable spearheaded by DepEd in support of the Philippines' ASEAN chairship.

The DepEd, likewise, discussed its active involvement in the upcoming ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2026–2030, which features the ASEAN Academic Recovery and Catch-up Program (ASEAN ARC-UP).

The program serves as an integrated regional mechanism within the work plan to advance collective solutions for learning recovery across member states.

“We believe learning recovery is now a shared regional responsibility that

bone density screening (Biofemme Bone Screening) sponsored by Unilab, family planning services, and Pap smear.

The program aims to promote women's health by providing accessible and essential medical services to the community. —OPIO

thunderstorms over Metro Manila and the rest of the country.

Severe thunderstorms may also trigger flash floods or landslides in vulnerable areas, PAGASA said.

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

consultations and recommendations. These focused on key areas such as product development, packaging and labeling, food safety compliance, intellectual property protection, and innovation.

Through the ACT session, DTI Cavite continues to strengthen its commitment to empowering local MSMEs under the OTOP Next Gen Program by helping them become more competitive, sustainable, and market-driven.



**FOUNDATIONAL LEARNING.** The Department of Education (DepEd) champions strengthened global initiatives and regional cooperation on Foundational Learning at the 2026 Education World Forum (EWF) in London. The Department of Education (DepEd) on Friday (May 22, 2026) highlighted ongoing reforms in the Philippines to advance foundational learning at the 2026 Education World Forum (EWF). (Photo courtesy of DepEd)

requires collective solutions,” Panontongan said.

These contributions position the Philippines as a “reliable partner” in educational development in the region.

“The education challenges confronting our

generation are complex, but they are not irreversible. Reform requires political will, sustained investment, and collective action from governments, educators, communities, and international partners,” Panontongan said.

Besides Panontongan, the Philippine delegation also included DepEd Undersecretary for Learning Systems Carmela Oracion and Undersecretary for Planning, E-CAIR, and PQF Secretariat Rafaelita Aldaba. (PNA)

## DPWH...

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During his inspection of the ongoing construction project last May 15, Secretary Vince Dizon assured funding for the remaining 2.35-kilometer-portion of the diversion road project.

“In-assure ko si Mayor [Luis Ferrer IV] na ang target natin ay matapos ito hanggang Tanza nang end of 2027. At itutuloy natin ‘yung natitirang 600 meters papuntang Imus, matatapos na rin nang end

of 2027.”

Dizon admitted that the construction project has been met with major roadblocks, such as securing right-of-way permits. However, the DPWH said funds for the right-of-way will be downloaded to the city government to expedite acquisition and construction—a practice that will be adopted in future construction projects nationwide.

“yung pondo na roughly

P90 million para sa right-of-way acquisition [ay] idadownload na lang namin sa LGU. At ito na ang gagawin nating sistema all over the country.”

The Punta-Open Canal Diversion Road, which broke ground in 2016, faced issues with right-of-way acquisition. Designed as a six-lane thoroughfare, it will shorten travel time from Arnaldo Highway to Tanza, Cavite, to 15 minutes from the current 40 minutes. (PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from DPWH)

## DOST Ilocos...

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immediate economic relief, DOST Ilocos Region also committed to conducting comprehensive energy audits for municipal offices and commercial establishments to identify inefficiencies and optimize electricity consumption.

Beyond energy and transport, the partnership aims to expand Vintar's textile industry through the Regional Yarn Production and Innovation Center (RYPIC). The initiative seeks to modernize the production of traditional abel fabrics by introducing industrial power looms and diversifying raw materials to include bamboo, abaca, and cotton.

Mayor Richard A. Degala expressed full support for

the program, noting that initial steps are already underway in coordination with the Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA) to assist local farmers in scaling up cotton production to meet emerging industrial demands.

In line with strengthening local science, technology, and innovation (STI) governance, Vintar is also among the Local Government Units (LGUs) being eyed by DOST Ilocos Norte for the implementation of the Smart and Sustainable Communities Program (SSCP) and the establishment of a

Municipal Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Council.

To ensure the sustainability of these initiatives, Director Tabaog emphasized the need for a dedicated focal person to oversee the implementation of high-impact initiatives.

DOST Ilocos Region also pledged to provide specialized monitoring systems to enable the municipality to track fuel and power consumption in real time. This strategic partnership marks Vintar's transition toward becoming a “smart and sustainable” community—leveraging science and technology to balance modern innovation with the preservation of local resources and heritage. (Kenneth P. Siruet)

## Dr. Olivia...

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The program was graced by 1st District Board Member Hon. Romel R. Enriquez, who showed his support for the initiative.

This activity was made possible through the

efforts of Dr. Nonie John L. Dalisay, Provincial Health Officer II, Dr. Dubhie Ram, Dr. Rhoda Perez, and Dr. Paul Comising.

Free services provided during the activity includes hemoglobin screening,

## Trough of LPA...

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Mindanao, Central Visayas, the Negros Island Region, Eastern Samar, Leyte, and Southern Leyte are expected to experience cloudy skies with scattered rains and thunderstorms due to the trough of the LPA.

PAGASA warned residents in these areas of possible flash floods or landslides during moderate to heavy rains.

The easterlies will also bring partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain showers or

## DTI Cavite...

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The activity aimed to assess the current needs and business conditions of the 2026 OTOP beneficiaries and to provide them with appropriate technical assistance, mentoring, and government support services to further enhance their products and market readiness.

To address the concerns and development

needs of participating MSMEs, representatives and consultants from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPPL), Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, and Department of Science and Technology (DOST), along with the program's hired designer, were invited to provide

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gathered provincial offices, national government agencies, and partner organizations to provide a comprehensive range of programs and assistance aimed at addressing the immediate needs of residents, particularly those with limited access to government services.

Among the key services offered were free medical consultations, dental and oral health care, laboratory services such as ECG and fasting blood sugar tests, pharmacy assistance, and fluoride

varnish application for children. Emergency medical support was also made available to ensure prompt response to health-related concerns.

Employment and livelihood opportunities were likewise highlighted through job matching activities, career coaching sessions, and assistance from agencies such as PhilHealth, TESDA, BIR, PSA, DTI, and Landbank of the Philippines. Entrepreneurship support, cooperative assistance, and the promotion of local

products through a trade fair also formed part of the caravan.

Agricultural support services, including the distribution of vegetable seeds and seedlings, educational materials, and technical assistance for farmers and fisherfolk, were also extended during the activity.

Meanwhile, social welfare assistance, family planning counseling, legal aid services, and specialized support for persons with disabilities were made accessible to residents. Veterinary services such as anti-rabies vaccination,

deworming, and free consultations for pets were likewise provided.

Digital literacy programs, internet connectivity services, and information dissemination booths further promoted awareness and accessibility of government programs among participants.

Joining Governor Remulla during the third leg of the caravan were Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, Congressman Ping Remulla, and 7th District Board Member Aldrin Anacan. They were warmly welcomed by the local officials of Indang headed by Mayor Vergel Fidel.

As the Cavite Service Caravan continues its province-wide rollout, the Provincial Government of Cavite remains steadfast in its mission to make government services more accessible, efficient, and responsive to the needs of every Caviteño. — **Office of the Provincial Information Officer**

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need to make electricity more affordable and reliable.

In turn, AIIB President Zou Jiayi reaffirmed their commitment to back the government's

development programs through financing and technical assistance.

"We are here to listen and understand how we can support your priorities for the Philippines," the

DOF release quoted her as saying.

The DOF said AIIB officials also expressed interest to support programs on water management and governance. (**Joann Santiago-Villanueva/PNA**)

**MMDRRMC... (FROM PAGE 1)**

ground, ongoing actions, and the equipment being utilized to effectively address the issue.

"Moving forward, the incident will serve as a learning experience to improve preparedness and response capabilities," Artes stressed.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. instructed Department of National Defense (DND) Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr. to seek technical assistance from foreign partners, including expert teams from Japan and the United States, to address the Navotas Sanitary Landfill fire.

"The DND chief reached out to our foreign partners, who promptly responded and committed to providing continued support for the needs of Navotas," said Special Envoy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga.

For his part, Navotas

City Mayor John Rey Tiangco expressed his gratitude to the MMDA for convening the meeting.

"I am thankful to Chairman Artes for convening this meeting. To provide a status update, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) reported that the air quality index in Metro Manila remains within acceptable or normal levels despite the recent incident involving the sanitary landfill. Additionally, we are utilizing a drone with thermal imaging capability to assess the possibility of ignition within the 44-hectare site," Tiangco said.

The mayor explained that the closure and rehabilitation plan had not been implemented by the operator, constituting violations of the conditions stipulated in the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).

Metro Manila Council President and San Juan City Mayor Francis Zamora commended the Navotas LGU for its swift action to contain the fire.

"We understand how severe the situation in Navotas has been. It should serve as a lesson for us to be more prepared instead of merely reacting," Zamora said.

The NSLF Task Group, led by the local government unit of Navotas, continues to conduct fire suppression operations through soil covering, smothering, and misting.

The fire at the Navotas Sanitary Landfill began on April 10, and continuous to be actively managed.

Among the agencies assisting in the operations are the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Transportation (DOTr), DENR-Environmental Management Bureau, and MMDA. (**MMDA**)

**Gantimpala... (FROM PAGE 1)**

Anchored on Presidential Proclamation No. 818 which declares the month of May every year as the 'Ease of Doing Business (EODB) Month', the program highlights the administration's continuing commitment to promote efficiency, responsiveness, and excellence in government service delivery.

The recognition of awardees was based on consolidated feedback results gathered by the Office of the Provincial Internal Audit Services (OPIAS) in coordination with the Provincial Information and Communications Technology Office (PICTO), ensuring that the honorees were identified through direct public evaluation and validated performance data.

For Calendar Year 2025, the Top 5 Most

Commendable PGC Offices were the Office of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Officer (OPSWDO), the Provincial Information and Communications Technology Office (PICTO), the Office of the Provincial Population Officer (OPPO), the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG), and the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian (OPV), all recognized for their consistent delivery of efficient, responsive, and high-quality public service.

Meanwhile, the Top 8 Most Commendable PGC Frontliners were also honored for their exemplary dedication and commitment to public service.

From the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG), the awardees were Ms. Jennica M. Davis, Ms. Imee Isabel B. Cablesada, Ms. Marivic Garcia, Ms.

Angelica Reyes, Ms. Claire Catherine M. Moral, Ms. Trishia May Lorio, and Ms. Rachelle Mae Morancil. From the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian (OPV), the awardees were Dr. Kristine Roraldo and Dr. Gladys Credo, both recognized for their exemplary professionalism and outstanding service to the public.

Governor Abeng Remulla graced the awarding ceremony together with Vice Governor Ram Revilla Bautista, Provincial Administrator Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia, and Sangguniang Panlalawigan members.

The Gantimpala Agad Awards 2026 continues to serve as a testament to the PGC's commitment to responsive governance, where citizen feedback is used as a vital tool in recognizing performance and improving service delivery across all offices.

—**OPIO**

**General... (FROM PAGE 1)**

Mr. Mark Joseph G. Bawalan, LDRMO III, from the Office of the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer (OPDRMO) served as the resource speaker and shared valuable knowledge and practical insights on different aspects of workplace safety and emergency preparedness.

Topics discussed during the training included the

introduction to workplace safety, hazard identification and risk analysis, office safety and good housekeeping, fire safety awareness, earthquake preparedness, basic first aid awareness, evacuation and emergency protocols, and psychological preparedness during emergencies and disasters.

The activity highlighted the significance of proactive safety measures

and proper coordination in minimizing risks and ensuring the welfare of employees in the workplace.

Through initiatives like this, the Provincial Government of Cavite continuously promotes a culture of safety, preparedness, and resilience, ensuring that employees are equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to respond effectively during emergencies and workplace incidents. — **OPIO**

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**SPECIAL PROC. NO.: BSP-2026-06**

**ACTION/PETITION TO ESTABLISH FILIATION under ARTICLES 172, 173, and 175 OF THE FAMILY CODE BETWEEN MINORS GIAN BENEDIKT SY CHUA I and GILLIANE BRYLLE SY CHUA (Represented herein by their Mother and Natural Guardian Girlie Sy Chua) and JERWIN R. CHUA,**

Petitioner,

**-versus-**

**JERWIN R. CHUA, CZANIA BEATRICE ANDREI S. CAIDIC as heir of RUFINO EVASCO CAIDIC, LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OF MANILA, LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRY OF BACOR-CAVITE AND THE PHILIPPINES STATISTICS AUTHORITY,**

Respondent.

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**INITIAL ORDER**

A verified Petition for the Establishment of Illegitimate Filiation has been filed by petitioner **GIAN BENEDIKT SY CHUA I (GIAN for BREVITY)** and **GILLIANE BRYLLE SY CHUA (GILLIANE for BREVITY)**. They are represented herein by their Mother and Natural Guardian **Girlie Sy Chua (GIRLIE for BREVITY)**.

The petition alleges that the minors **Gian** and **Gilliane** were born to petitioner **Girlie** and respondent **Jerwin R. Chua** during a period when **Girlie Sy Chua** was still married to **Rufino Evasco Caidic**. Creating a legal impediment to marry between the biological parents. Consequently, the children are illegitimate and cannot be legitimated through a subsequent marriage under Article 177 of the Family Code.

Through this petition, the minors seek to establish their filiation to respondent **Jerwin R. Chua** pursuant to Articles 172, 173, and 175 of the Family Code, using evidence such as the record of birth, authentic writing, and DNA testing.

Finding the petition to be sufficient in form and substance, the Court hereby sets the case for initial hearing on **June 3, 2026 at 9:30 in the morning**.

All persons who have an interest in this petition or who may be adversely affected thereby are hereby directed to appear on the said date and time and show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioners in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bacor, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Furthermore, let copies of this Order and the Petition be served upon the respondents at their respective last known addresses, the office of the Solicitor General (OSG), Office of the City Prosecutor, Philippine Statistics Authority, the Local Civil Registrars of the City of Bacor, and the City of Manila at the expense of the petitioner. The petitioners and/or their counsels on record are directed to submit proof of compliance to this Order within fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof.

SO ORDERED.

April 10, 2026. City of Bacor, Cavite. Philippines.

**(Sgd.) MARISSA P. ESTABAYA**  
Presiding Judge

Republic of the Philippines  
Fourth Judicial Region  
Regional Trial Court Of Cavite  
Office of the Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff  
New Justice Hall, J.P. Rizal Avenue, Kaybagal  
South, Tagaytay City

**EJF NO. TG-26-007**

**FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118**

**TRBANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK),**  
Petitioner-Mortgagee,

**-versus-**

**ROBERTO R. AUSTRIA and SUSAN C. AUSTRIA,**  
Respondents-Mortgagors.

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**NOTICE OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SALE**

Upon extra-judicial foreclosure sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118, filed by Petitioner-Mortgagee, **TRBANK, INC. (A RURALBANK)**, a local bank with foreign ownership duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Philippine Laws, with principal and place of business at 31st floor, Unit 3101-3108, Raffles Corporate Center, F. Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas, Pasig City pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Deed of Real Estate Mortgage ("MORTGAGE") executed and notarized on August 3, 2023, by Respondents-Mortgagors, **ROBERTO R. AUSTRIA and SUSAN C. AUSTRIA**, of legal age, Filipino citizens, with postal address at Lot-Q4, Ebol St., Iruhin West, Tagaytay City, in favor of the Petitioner-Mortgagee, over a real estate property including improvements thereon, described

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- 9. CZANIA BEATRICE ANDREI S. CAIDIC - (Respondent)**  
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in and covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021007244** of the Registry of Deeds for the Tagaytay City, to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation of the Respondents-Mortgagors, in the amount of **THREE MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE PESOS & 34/100 (PHP 3, 626, 365.34)** as of January 7, 2026, inclusive of any penalties and interests, as of January 7, 2026, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, **Baby Leem B. Maristela**, will sell at public auction on **JUNE 22, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

**TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021007244**  
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in CITY OF TAGAYTAY, bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT Q-4 OF THE SUBD. PLAN, PSD-04-183063, BEING A PORTION OF LOT Q. (LRC) PSD-19688, LRC REC NO. N-20439) SITUATED IN TAG. CITY. BOUNDED ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT Q-3, ON THE NE, ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT Q-5, BOTH OF THE SUBD. PLAN, ON THE SE., & SW., ALONG LINE 3-4-5-1 BY RD. LOT (LRC) PSD-19688. BEGINNING AT APT. MARKED "1" ON PLAN BEING N. 58 DEG 18'E, 1742.83 M. FROM BLLM 6, CITY OF TAGAYTAY, THENCE N. 51 DEG. 10'E., 18.31 M. TO PT. 2, THENCE S. 38 DEG 50'E, 13.03 M. TO PT. 3; THENCE S. 51 DEG. 10'W., 15.46 M. TO PT. 4; THENCE N. 83 DEG. 50'W., 4.00 M. TO PT 5, THENCE N.38 DEG. 50'W., 10.19 M. TO THE PT., OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF **TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE (235) SQ. METERS**. ALL PTS. REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY PS. CYL. CONC. MONS. 15 X 60 CM., CORNERS 4, 5, BY OLD PS CYL BEARING TRUE, DATE OF ORIG. SURVEY, MARCH 6 & SEPT. 27, 1969 & THAT OF THE SUBD. SURVEY, FEB 2-3, 2006.

Is registered in accordance with the provision of the Property Registration Decree in the name of

**Owner: SPOUSES SUSAN CUADRA AUSTRIA AND ROBERTO RIZALDO AUSTRIA, FILIPINOS**  
**Address:** Purok 49, Iruhin West, Tagaytay City

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **JUNE 29, 2026**, without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2021007244**, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, April 30, 2026.

**(Sgd.) ATTY. VARBRA ANN A. VARIAS-DIMAYUGA**  
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

**(Sgd.) BABY LEEM B. MARISTELA**  
Sheriff-in-Charge

**WARNING: IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED TO REMOVE, DEFACE OR DESTROY THIS NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON OR BEFORE THE DATE OF THE AUCTION SALE UNDER THE PENALTY OF LAW**

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**TRBANK, INC. (A RURAL BANK)**  
31st flr. Unit 3101-3108 Raffles Corporate Center,  
F. Ortigas Jr Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City 1605

**ROBERTO R. AUSTRIA**  
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# Tanauan City's Gulayan para sa 1,000 Days ensures nutrition for expectant mothers

TANAUAN CITY, Batangas (PIA) — The City of Tanauan is strengthening its commitment in ensuring the health of expectant mothers and their babies through its latest initiative, the 'Gulayan Para sa 1,000 Days'.

The city government kicked off its project last May 12, where pregnant women and 30 Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS)



participated in a seminar on maternal nutrition and early child development. This project aligned with the First 1,000 Days (F1K) initiative, a maternal and child health and nutrition program focusing on the 1,000 days from a woman's conception to her child's second birthday.

Led by the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) CALABARZON, National Nutrition Council (NNC) CALABARZON and Tanauan City's agriculture and health offices, the seminar on maternal nutrition and early child

development underscored proper nutrition among pregnant women and their soon-to-be babies.

Dr. Rolando Maningas, Center Director of DA-ATI CALABARZON, emphasized that by working with the community and the health sector plays a vital role in ensuring a child's health even before they are born.

"Mahalaga ang pagtutulongan ng sektor ng agrikultura, kalusugan, at komunidad upang matiyak na ang bawat bata ay lumalaki nang malusog mula pa lamang sa sinapupunan. Umaasa ako

na bagama't isang araw lamang idinaos ang seminar, magdudulot naman ito ng pangmatagalang positibong epekto sa kalusugan at kinabukasan ng mga kalahok at kanilang mga anak."

For first-time mom Margelyn Esclanda, the seminar will help her properly take care of her baby and ensure their health and nutrition even before they are born.

"Nagpapasalamat po kami dahil marami kaming natutunan tungkol sa wasting pag-aalaga sa aming sarili at sa aming mga baby, lalo na po para sa akin bilang isang first-

time mom."

The Gulayan Para sa 1,000 Days launch aimed to strengthen the partnership between the city government and the ATI to promote the F1K initiative. At its core is the Tanauan City Agriculturist Office and City Health Office to encourage families and communities to plant vegetables.

Also part of the city's long term plan to provide sustainable nutritional support for communities, this will ensure that every mother and child has access to safe and fresh food. **(PB-PIA CALABARZON, ATI CALABARZON)**

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SP. PROC. NO. N-9617

In the Matter of the Petition for Judicial Recognition of the Foreign Decree of Divorce Dissolving the Marriage of MICHAEL ARCENO PAPA and JEANETTE LIU NOCEDA,

Jeanette Liu Noceda,  
Petitioner,

-versus-

The Local Civil Registrar of Cavite City, and the Civil Registrar General, Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA),

Respondents.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

A VERIFIED PETITION FOR JUDICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE FOREIGN DECREE OF DIVORCE has been filed by Jeanette Liu Noceda, through counsel, prays that after due notice and hearing, that judgment be rendered confirming the validity of the judgment on dissolution of marriage in accordance with laws and regulations of the State of Illinois, USA, issued in July 1, 2025; that the Local Civil Registrar of Cavite City and the Civil Registrar General of the Philippine Statistics Authority be directed to record and annotate the aforementioned judgment of Dissolution in the Certificate of Marriage of herein petitioner registered in both offices

IT APPEARING, that the petition is sufficient in form and substance, hearing of this petition is set on **May 28, 2026 at 8:30 in the morning**, before this Court, on which date, hour and place, interested parties may appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

LET THIS NOTICE be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and Province of Cavite. Likewise, let copies of the petition and of this Notice be furnished the Solicitor General, the Local Civil Registrar of Cavite City, and the Philippine Statistic Authority.

WITNESS THE HON. ROWENA R. MOJARES-AREVALO, Presiding Judge of this Court, this 21st day of April 2026.

(Sgd.) MICHAELA R. VALENCIA-DE GUZMAN  
Branch Clerk of Court V

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE DECEASED MANUEL MARQUEZ TOMAS

Notice is hereby given that the estate of the deceased **MANUEL MARQUEZ TOMAS**, who died intestate on June 9, 2024, in Manila, has been extra-judicially settled among his sole legal heirs, namely: **JUANA F. TOMAS, NASTASJAT. SANTOS, ROBERT F. TOMAS, and ALDRIN NIKOLAI F. TOMAS**, who have adjudicated unto themselves in equal shares pro-indiviso a certain parcel of land located in **Niyog, Bacoor, Cavite**.

The property is covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT) No. T-283126** of the Registry of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, more particularly described as Lot 12, Blk. 5, Pcs-04-003652, being a portion of the consolidation of Lots 7 & 18, Blk. 20, Pcs-04-003411 & Lot 4800, Imus Estate, containing an area of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY (150) SQ. METERS**. Executed by the heirs before Notary Public **Atty. Jerome G. Salazar** on May 22, 2026 in the City of Bacoor, Cavite; entered as Doc No. 171, Page No. 36, Book No. XXIX, Series of 2026.

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# Dr. Olivia Salamanca Memorial District Hospital Conducts OB Wellness Services for 68th Anniversary Celebration

As part of its 68th anniversary celebration Dra. Olivia Salamanca Memorial District Hospital, conducted an OB Wellness Services Program on May 15, 2026.



The activity started with the registration and assessment of patients, followed by basic health checks such as blood pressure monitoring and pulse oximeter readings to ensure proper evaluation of all beneficiaries. ► **DR. OLIVIA • 4**

## DPWH assures 2027 completion of Punta-Open Canal Diversion Road



GEN. TRIAS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — To ease traffic and cut travel time in Cavite, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is fast-tracking the construction of the Punta-Open Canal Diversion Road Project which is slated for completion by the end of 2027. ► **DPWH • 4**

## Trough of LPA, easterlies to bring rains across PH



MANILA – The trough of a low-pressure area (LPA) and the easterlies will bring rains over most parts of the country, the weather bureau said on Saturday.

In its 4 a.m. bulletin, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said the LPA was estimated at 795 km. east of General Santos City as of 3 a.m. ► **TROUGH OF LPA • 4**

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## DOST Ilocos Region Partners with Vintar to Advance Clean Energy, Smart Mobility

VINTAR, Ilocos Norte — The Department of Science and Technology Ilocos Region (DOST Ilocos Region) successfully partnered with the local government of Vintar to implement a suite of innovation-driven solutions aimed at addressing rising fuel costs and revitalizing local industries.



During the recent consultative meeting, DOST Ilocos Region Regional Director Teresita A. Tabaog and Provincial Director Engr. Brian U. Rasco proposed the integration of e-mobility solutions, including e-tricycles and the establishment of charging stations, to modernize the municipality's transport sector. To provide ► **DOST ILOCOS • 4**

## DTI Cavite Conducts 2026 OTOP Next Gen Assessment, Consultation, and Triage Session



Trece Martires City, Cavite — The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Cavite, in partnership with the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer, successfully conducted the first session of the 2026 OTOP Next Gen: Assessment, Consultation, and Triage (ACT) on May 13, 2026, at the Session Hall of the New Provincial Capitol, Trece Martires City. ► **DTI CAVITE • 4**