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DICT's Free Wi-Fi for All a big 'push' for Cavite schools

CARMONA CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The Free Wi-Fi for All program is set to boost the connectivity of public schools and State Universities and Colleges (SUC) in Cavite Province, driving further success to instruction and community-centered research programs.



Following the Free Public Internet Access Program launch of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) on May 21, the Cavite State University (CvSU) highlighted the critical role of unlimited internet access for academic **► DICT'S FREE WIFI • 5**

TOWARDS A COMPETITIVE & RESILIENT CACAO INDUSTRY: DOST XII and DA-ATI partner to equip Agricultural Extension Workers in Mindanao!



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PGC-WOC facilitates Flores de Mayo celebration at the New Provincial Government Center



In line with the monthly theme activity of the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), the PGC-Workplace Organization Committee (WOC) facilitated the Flores de Mayo celebration on May 25 at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City. **► PGC-WOC • 5**

42 Caviteños with hearing impairment were awarded with new hearing devices



The Office of the Provincial Persons with Disability Affairs Officer, in partnership with Manila Hearing Aid, facilitated the Dispensing of Hearing Aids at the New Provincial Government Center, serving 42 qualified individuals from the Community-Based Hearing Test Caravan in the municipalities of Indang, Amadeo, Naic, and Maragondon. **► 42 CAVITEÑOS • 5**

Imuseños gathered in a medical and dental mission in their community

Another collaborative effort between the Provincial Government of Cavite and the Local Government Unit of Imus was successfully carried out through a health outreach program held on May 23 at Treelane III Covered Court in Brgy. Bayan Luma VI, benefiting a total of 1,141 Imuseños.



Healthcare professionals from the Imus City Health Office conducted free medical consultations and dental services, while also providing patients with proper medical advice and **► IMUSEÑOS • 5**

Information Drive Impormasyon at Serbisyong Abot-Kamay Batch 2

RODRIGUEZ, RIZAL — In line with its continuing commitment to enterprise development and grassroots economic empowerment, the DTI Rizal Provincial Office participated in the “Impormasyon at Serbisyong Abot-Kamay Batch 2” Information Drive organized by the Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Training Institute (DA-ATI) Regional Training Center under the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) on May 19, 2026 at the Municipal Agriculture Office in Munting Ilaw, Kasiglahan Village, Rodriguez, Rizal.

The activity gathered coconut farmers, stakeholders, and partner agencies to provide accessible government services, programs, and technical assistance aimed at strengthening the local coconut industry and improving livelihood opportunities for farmers.

Representing DTI Rizal, Negosyo Center Business Counselor Rebmet San Andres discussed the various programs and services of the agency that can help coconut farmers and aspiring entrepreneurs add value to their products and improve their business operations.

His presentation focused on how DTI can assist in areas such as product development, entrepreneurial mindset enhancement, packaging and labeling improvement, marketing, and management capability-building, particularly for coconut-based products and by-products.

The participation of DTI Rizal highlighted the agency's advocacy of transforming local producers into competitive entrepreneurs by equipping them with the necessary knowledge and support services to enter



broader markets and develop sustainable enterprises.

The collaborative activity was spearheaded by DA-ATI Regional Training Center IV-A under the leadership of

Center Director Dr. Rolando Maningas, together with Regional Manager III Mr. Bibiano Concibido Jr., RAgr, Provincial Coconut Development Manager Warren De Guzman, and

Municipal Agriculturist Isagani Serrano, alongside other partner government agencies.

Through initiatives like this, DTI Rizal continues to strengthen inter-agency collaboration in supporting

farmers and rural communities—not only in agricultural production but also in enterprise development and value-adding opportunities that contribute to inclusive local economic growth.

PBBM raises concern over Senate developments, urges professionalism

MANILA — President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Friday expressed concern over recent developments in the Senate, saying debates have increasingly become personal rather than issue-based.

Marcos, a former senator, said he has observed a shift in Senate discourse away from professional deliberation.

“Very [concerning]. I watched with horror that the Senate has become this,” he said in a media interview in Tokyo, Japan, recalling his earlier discussion with Executive Secretary Ralph Recto, also a former senator.

“Of course, the only basis for comparison that I have is the time that I was in the Senate. And I never imagined that the Senate would descend into this kind of what’s happening right now,” he added.

He lamented that the tone of current Senate deliberations has apparently changed.

“Yung Senado hindi na kagaya noong panahon natin. Dahil nagpe-personalan na eh. Naging personal. Ang babaw na nang usapan (The Senate is no longer like it was in our time. Because it has become personal. It has turned into personal attacks. The discussions have become shallow),” Marcos added.

He recalled that past Senate deliberations were marked by intense but respectful exchanges.

He said that even heated debates during plenary sessions were not taken personally.

“Mayroong mga senador na pagka mayroon kaming pinag-usapan na sa trabaho, hindi kami naga-agree talaga. At saka tatayo, mag-interpolate. At saka ‘yung interpolation talagang mabigat. At saka well-studied and no-holds-barred interpolation (There were senators that when we were discussing work matters, we really did not agree. Then someone would stand up and interpellate. And those interpellations were really tough, well-studied, and no-holds-barred),” he said.

Marcos said legislative discussions should remain focused on public service and work, not personal conflicts.

“It’s about work. It’s not about personalities,” he said.

Marcos also expressed dismay over the “fake” shooting inside incident



TOO PERSONAL. Sen. Pia Cayetano turns emotional in this May 20, 2026 photo as she recounted her ordeal during the May 13 shooting incident at the Senate. President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Friday (May 29, 2026) expressed concern over the current state of the Senate, saying debates have become too personal and have drifted away from professional, issue-based discussions. (PNA photo by Avito Dalan)

inside the Senate premises while Sen. Ronald Dela Rosa was still under the Senate protective custody.

Dela Rosa is facing arrest by the International Criminal Court due to drug war killings that happened while he was still the country’s top cop under the Duterte administration.

Marcos called on the

senators to restore professionalism in the chamber.

“The Senate is now sheltering fugitives from justice. How did that happen? I don’t understand how a Senate is supposed to function if those are the kind of things that the Senate is embroiled in. I hope they figure it out soon. I really do,” he said. (PNA)

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DOJ evaluates CIDG complaint for obstruction of justice vs. Robin

MANILA – The Department of Justice (DOJ) said Friday it is evaluating the complaint for obstruction of justice filed by the Philippine National Police (PNP) against Senator Robinhood Padilla for his role in facilitating the early morning escape of embattled Senator Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa from the Senate premises on May 14.

Dela Rosa, who broke cover from his months-long hiding following the issuance of a warrant of arrest by the International Criminal Court (ICC) in November last year, slipped past law enforcers surrounding the Senate building in Pasay City, using an SUV supposedly belonging to Padilla.

DOJ spokesperson Prosecution Attorney Raphael Niccolo "Polo" Martinez said the DOJ received the complaint from the PNP Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) late in the afternoon on Thursday.

"As with any complaint filed before the department, the same will be evaluated in accordance with established procedures and applicable rules,"



Martinez said.

"If the evidence warrants, the matter will be docketed for the conduct of a thorough preliminary investigation to determine whether prima facie evidence exists to charge the respondents in court."

Dela Rosa has been named by the ICC as a co-

perpetrator in the crimes against humanity charges brought against former president Rodrigo Duterte for his administration's deadly war against illegal drugs.

Dela Rosa served as the first PNP chief of the Duterte administration from 2016 to 2019. (PNA)

DSWD warns vs. scammers posing as aid beneficiaries

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on Saturday issued a warning to the public against scammers claiming to be beneficiaries of DSWD assistance, stressing that individuals found misrepresenting themselves as disaster "survivors" will be criminally charged in court.

The DSWD issued the warning following the arrest of a man who pretended to be a survivor of the building collapse in Angeles City, Pampanga in an attempt to obtain food and financial assistance intended for individuals and families affected by the unfortunate incident.

In a statement, Assistant Secretary Irene Dumlaog of the DSWD's Disaster Response Management Group (DRMG) said the department is actively coordinating with law enforcement authorities and is studying possible legal actions that may be taken should the allegations be proven.

"Mahigpit pong ipinapaalala ng DSWD na ang tulong ng gobyerno ay nakalaan para sa mga tunay na biktima at nangangailangan. Ang sinumanang mapatutunayang nagsinungaling o nagpanggap upang makatanggap ng ayuda ay mananagot po sa ilalim po ng ating mga umiiral na batas (The DSWD strictly reminds that government aid is reserved for the real victims and the needy. Anyone proven to have lied or pretended just to receive aid will be made accountable under existing laws)," Dumlaog said.

Based on the initial report of the DSWD 3 (Central Luzon), the man falsely claimed that he was buying a drink at a nearby store when the building under construction collapsed on May 24. Subsequent validation reportedly showed that he was neither a resident of the area nor connected to the construction site or to any of the victims affected by the incident.

Dumlaog, who also serves as department spokesperson, confirmed



COLLAPSED. Philippine National Police (PNP) personnel secure the site of a collapsed nine-story building in Angeles City, Pampanga, in this undated photo. The Department of Social Welfare and Development on Saturday (May 30, 2026) warned the public against scammers claiming to be beneficiaries of DSWD assistance. (Photo courtesy by PNP)

that the individual was able to receive assistance from DSWD-3.

"Nakikipag-ugnayan po tayo ngayon sa mga awtoridad habang pinag-aaralan ang mga posibleng kasong maaaring isampa laban po sa nasabing indibidwal. Hindi po natin palalampasin ang anumang pagtatangka na ilihis ang limitadong resources na para po sana sa mga tunay na biktima ng trahedyang (We are coordinating with the authorities while studying the possible cases to be filed against the individual. We will not tolerate any attempt to divert limited resources intended for real victims of tragedy)," she pointed out.

The DSWD-3 continues to provide assistance to legitimate victims and their families affected by the building collapse in Barangay Balibago in Angeles City.

The assistance includes hygiene kits, ready-to-eat food (RTEF) packs, family food packs (FFPs), and cash relief assistance amounting to PHP10,000 for qualified beneficiaries.

The regional office also provided psychosocial interventions and other forms of support for survivors and bereaved families affected by the

recent incident, in line with the DSWD's commitment to helping communities recover from traumatic events.

"Alinsunod sa direktiba ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. at sa pangunguna po ni Secretary Rex Gatchalian, patuloy po ang ating pakikipag-ugnayan sa local government unit ng Angeles City at sa provincial government ng Pampanga upang matiyak na mabilis at maayos na naihatid ang ayuda at iba pang serbisyo sa mga naapektuhan ng insidente (In line with the directives of President Marcos, the DSWD, under the leadership of Secretary Gatchalian, continues to coordinate with the Angeles City government and the provincial government of Pampanga to ensure the prompt and orderly distribution of aid and other services to the affected residents)," Dumlaog said.

According to the Disaster Response Operations Monitoring and Information Communication (DROMIC) report as of 6 a.m. Saturday, a total of PHP916,782.50 worth of assistance has been provided by the DSWD to the 152 identified individuals affected by the incident. (PNA)

Remulla still enjoys PBBM's trust, confidence

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Friday said Interior and Local Government Secretary Jonvic Remulla continues to enjoy his trust and confidence despite issues raised over rising number of fugitives allegedly evading arrest.

In a media interview in Tokyo, Japan, Marcos dismissed rumors of a possible leadership change in the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), saying he remained satisfied with Remulla's performance.

"I don't know why that rumor went around. I think somebody wants his job," Marcos said.

"Kaya kinakalat na matatanggal na siya para siguro ang inaasahan nila sila 'yung mailagay. Pero wala kaming pinaplano na ganyan (That's why they are spreading rumors that he will be removed, perhaps because they expect that they will be



the ones appointed in his place. But we have no such plans)," he added.

Marcos clarified that the only recent Cabinet change involved the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), following the decision of Secretary Bienvenido Laguesma to step back from his post due to health reasons.

"The only latest change in the Cabinet was in DOLE. Because Secretary Benny has asked to take a step back. He has some issues that he has to deal with. And so, we have appointed a new Cabinet secretary for DOLE, which is former Senator Francis Tolentino," he said. (PNA)

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More than simply teaching participants how to take photos, the training emphasized the power of photography and storytelling in documenting realities, preserving moments, and communicating stories that matter.

As part of the second day of the workshop, Mr. Lemuel G. Castigo, Science Research Specialist I, and Karl Anthony M. Bugar, Project Technical Assistant II, shared their expertise in photography, visual storytelling, photojournalism, and mobile content creation

through engaging discussions and hands-on activities.

The activity equipped participants with practical knowledge on camera handling, composition techniques, lighting principles, visual storytelling, ethical documentation, and mobile reels creation — essential skills in today's fast-paced digital communication landscape.

Mr. Bugar first discussed the technical foundations of photography, including camera basics and functions, proper handling

of camera settings, composition techniques, and lighting principles. He also highlighted the importance of understanding the Exposure Triangle — aperture, shutter speed, and ISO — as the heart of every well-crafted image.

"Ang Exposure Triangle ang pinaka-basic foundation ng photography. Mas mahalagang maintindihan ito dahil dito nagsisimula ang tamang pagkuha at pag-control ng bawat shot. At kung walang light, walang photo — ganoon lang kasimple ang photography," Mr. Bugar explained.

Participants were

introduced to the science behind capturing images and how proper control of light, timing, and composition can transform ordinary shots into compelling photographs.

Following the photography session, Mr. Castigo discussed the fundamentals of photojournalism and visual storytelling, emphasizing that powerful photographs are not only technically good — they should also tell meaningful stories.

"Anyone can take a photo. But not everyone can tell a story in one frame. Kaya mula ngayon, huwag lang tayong basta magpicture. Mag-document. Magkuwento at

mag-capture ng mga moments na may meaning," he shared.

He further discussed the importance of ethical storytelling, identifying impactful shots, caption writing using the Five Ws, proper documentation, and creating engaging reels using mobile phones to effectively communicate stories to the public.

The workshop became more dynamic as participants applied the concepts through practical shooting exercises, output presentations, and interactive critiquing sessions where creativity, technical skills, and storytelling were put into action behind every frame.

More than a technical training, the activity served as a reminder that photography is a powerful tool for communication and public service — one that can capture reality, amplify stories, and preserve moments that inspire communities.

Through initiatives like this, DOST Ilocos Region continues to strengthen partnerships with regional agencies by sharing knowledge and technical expertise in communication, media, and digital content development anchored on science, technology, and innovation. **(Karl Anthony M. Bugar and Lemuel G. Castigo)**

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Magno, Provincial Veterinarian; Mr. Rexcel Amparo, Department of Trade and Industry Representative; Mr. Rolando Maningas, Agricultural Training Institute Regional Center Director; Ms. Myrachel Cuadra, Office of the Provincial Cooperatives

Development Officer – OIC; and Ms. Alysa Luya, Representative of 8th Board Member Jasmin Maligaya-Bautista.

They reiterated their solidarity in providing support to strengthen the agriculture industry's livelihood and economic gain, and secure food

resources in the province.

The Provincial Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit remains one of the flagship events of the Provincial Government of Cavite, recognizing the hard work and dedication of Caviteño farmers and fisherfolk while providing them with opportunities for growth and advancement. — **OPIO**

agency's fuel consumption also dropped from 4,722.85 liters to 3,752.63 liters for the same period, representing a reduction of 970.22 liters.

The department assured that it would continue to observe energy conservation measures. **(PNA)**

will also be activated in strategic areas near schools to immediately respond to public concerns and emergencies.

The PNP appealed to communities to take part in maintaining safety during the opening of classes, especially in crowded public areas where students are vulnerable to theft, scams and other street crimes.

"A safe school opening is a shared responsibility, and we highly encourage parents, barangay officials, and local volunteers to actively collaborate with our personnel on the ground through quick reporting of suspicious individuals or activities," Nartatez said. **(PNA)**

consumption declined significantly from 113,560 kilowatt-hours (kWh) in February to 100,720 kWh in March, following the implementation of the CWW.

It added that the

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MC 114 authorized alternative work arrangements, such as the four-day workweek, to reduce the public sector's energy footprint.

Earlier, the DOLE reported that its electricity

PNP ramps...**(FROM PAGE 8)**

The Philippine National Police (PNP) said police units across the country have been directed to strengthen visibility and public assistance operations near schools, transport terminals and major roads ahead of the opening of classes on June 8.

"Our primary focus remains the total safety of millions of returning students, which is why the PNP is prioritizing strict traffic management to avoid congestion, intensified street patrols to prevent petty crimes like theft and swindling targeting youth, and the elimination of any localized threat or gang activity near school zones," PNP chief

Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. said in a statement on Friday.

Nartatez said police commanders nationwide were instructed to closely coordinate with school administrators, barangay officials and local traffic management offices to maintain peace and order around educational institutions.

"We will deploy our personnel across all regions to establish a highly visible, reassuring police presence that deters criminals and ensures our schools remain secure, peaceful sanctuaries for learning," he said. Police assistance desks

38 Filipinos...**(FROM PAGE 8)**

"Dahil sa kooperasyon sa World Health Organization at saka sa Netherlands at iba pang bansa ay naiwasan natin na maapektuhan ang ating mga kababayan (Because of our cooperation with the World Health Organization, the Netherlands, and other countries, we are able to ensure our nationals are not affected by such cases)."

Domingo said some of the crew members might

continue with their employment once they complete their quarantine, while others are expected to request repatriation.

The 38 arrived in the Netherlands in the middle of May to undergo a required six-week quarantine.

The World Health Organization (WHO) said on May 28 that at least three additional confirmed cases of hantavirus were recorded in Canada, the

Netherlands, and Spain following the outbreak linked to the MV Hondius.

To date, there are 13 confirmed cases of hantavirus infection from the ship, including three deaths.

Hantavirus, according to the WHO, "are zoonotic viruses that naturally infect rodents and are occasionally transmitted to humans."

The WHO said the risk posed by the outbreak to the global population is currently "low" but it will continue to monitor the situation. **(PNA)**

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Towards...

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Employees from various offices gathered to take part in the observance of the Filipino tradition honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary through the offering of flowers and

prayers. The event served as a moment of reflection, unity, and thanksgiving among government employees.

Highlight of the celebration was the flower

offering to the Virgin Mary as a symbol of love, devotion, and faith. The solemn activity created a meaningful atmosphere that strengthened the spiritual values and camaraderie among the employees of the provincial government. —OPIO

Imuseños...

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guidance regarding their health concerns.

Through the LAB for ALL Van, diagnostic tests, including FBS and ECG, were also provided during the program to help medical professionals further assess and identify

the patients' health conditions.

Following the consultations, the Office of the Provincial Governor's mission team handed out the prescribed medicines and vitamins needed by the patients.

Mayor Alex Advincula, Congressman AJ Advincula, and members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod also joined the activity and expressed their gratitude to the Provincial Government of Cavite for bringing accessible healthcare services closer to the people of Imus. —OPIO

DICT's Free Wifi...

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institutions.

Dr. Jonathan Digma, Campus Administrator for CvSU Silang campus, underscored that the Free Wi-Fi for All program is crucial in driving their community extension programs.

"Napakalaking bagay po ito para suportahan ang mga programa ng Cavite State University. Alam naman po natin na sa tertiary education, research is very important."

State Universities and Colleges (SUC) fuel socioeconomic growth for surrounding communities. For CvSU, their partnership with local government units have paved the way for improving policies,

programs, and sustainable development.

Through its partnership with the Municipal Government of Silang, CvSU is running four (4) ICT-related extension projects catering to various sectors, such as Barangay Health Workers, the Women's Desk, and other government agencies.

"Yung pagde-deploy ng internet, aside from helping the academe and the students, will be very helpful in pushing the programs of CvSU Silang and the Department of Information and Communications Technology to help the community."

Fifth District Representative Roy Loyola

emphasized the benefits for students at a time when schools are increasingly relying on computer-aided instruction.

"Wi-Fi is no longer a luxury, ito po ay kailangan at bahagi na ng pag-aaral ng ating kabataan. This underscores the government's commitment to inclusive digital transformation and equitable connectivity nationwide. Sa ating kabataan, magiging madali na ang inyong pag-aaral at pagre-research."

The Public Internet Access program will also expand to 127 locations, including all public schools across Carmona, Silang and Gen. Mariano Alvarez, bringing improved access to online learning modalities. (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

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The event was graced by the presence of Engr. Gilbert Gandia, Provincial Administrator, displaying the provincial government's support for

the PWD sector, particularly for those with hearing impairment.

The representatives of Manila Hearing Aid also gave an orientation on

the proper care of hearing devices.

This activity radiated hope and excitement as the individuals received their new devices for better hearing and uplifted well-being. - OPIO

DTI Cavite...

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DTI Cavite, led by Provincial Director Lilibeth R. Chavez, together with CPD Division Chief Rexel B. Amparo, TIDS Renmarc Juangco, NC-TIDS Allen Jay Sablayan, and Business Counselors Joanel Barcial and Patrick Hilom, delivered DTI Cavite's frontline services

to residents of NHA housing projects in Naic.

Among the services provided by DTI Cavite were business name registration, business advisory and consultancy, and consumer welfare advocacy consultation. The team also distributed IEC materials to help raise

awareness on entrepreneurship opportunities, consumer rights, and business development programs.

Through its participation, DTI Cavite continues to bring entrepreneurial support and consumer welfare services closer to communities, ensuring that residents are both empowered and protected.

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NBI improves accessibility, reliability of clearance system

SAN PEDRO CITY, Laguna (PIA) – The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) unveiled a new clearance center in San Pedro City, Laguna as part of the bureau's efforts to improve accessibility and convenience for Filipinos securing an NBI clearance.

NBI Director Melvin Matibag led the opening of the Government Service Express Center at SM Center San Pedro on Friday, May 22. The mall houses the bureau's seventh clearance center in Laguna province and fifth such center in an SM mall nationwide.

Matibag said the new center will help reduce travel expenses for San Pedro residents who previously had to travel to Manila or nearby cities in Laguna just to secure a clearance.

"Pwede nang pumunta dito kaysa pumunta sa opisina namin sa Pasay.



DepEd lauds approval of 22K non-teaching positions

MANILA – The Department of Education (DepEd) on Friday welcomed the approval of 22,268 new non-teaching positions to ease the workload of teachers.



NON-TEACHING POSITIONS. The Department of Education hires administrative personnel in this undated photo. The Department of Education on Friday (May 29, 2026) welcomed the approval of 22,268 new non-teaching positions to ease the workload of public school teachers. (File photo courtesy of DepEd)

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) approved the creation of the said non-teaching positions for the fiscal year (FY) 2026, to ensure that schools have dedicated support staff and improve school operations across the country.

The initiative is in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to uphold the welfare of public school educators by reducing their administrative workload.

In a statement, DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara lauded the DBM for its timely move, which will help teachers to focus on classroom teaching.

"Nagpapasalamat kami

kay Pangulong Marcos at sa DBM dahil malaking tulong ito upang maibsan ang mga gawaing administratibo ng ating mga guro (We thank President Marcos and the DBM because this is a big help in reducing the administrative tasks of our teachers)," Angara said.

"Sa pamamagitan ng mga bagong posisyong ito, mas makatutok na ang ating mga titser sa pagtuturo at sa pagpapataas ng kalidad ng edukasyon sa bansa (Through these newly created positions, our teachers can better focus on teaching and raising the quality of education in the country)."

The allocation consists

of 6,000 School Principal I, 11,268 Administrative Officer II, and 5,000 Project Development Officer I positions for elementary and secondary levels.

In terms of distribution, regional offices will issue the corresponding notice of organization, staffing and compensation actions to expedite deployment, according to the DBM.

Earlier, the DBM had already approved 32,916 new teaching positions to address public school teacher shortages.

The funding for the new positions will be charged against the DepEd's built-in appropriations under the FY 2026 General Appropriations Act. (PNA)

Mas matipid, mas mura na makakakuha ng NBI clearance. Yung serbisyong ito na ating kailangan para sa paghahanap ng trabaho, pag-abroad natin nandyan na po,"

The NBI director added that while the NBI clearance system can also be accessed online through the eGovPH app, printed copies needed for employment, travel, and other requirements may now be conveniently obtained at the center.

SM Supermalls Vice President for Mall Operations engineer Junias Eusebio welcomed the renewed partnership between the NBI and the corporation, vowing to continue providing Filipinos with a safe, accessible, and customer-friendly environment.

"Through these partnerships with agencies such as the National Bureau of Investigation, we continue

to create accessible community-centered spaces that support the everyday needs of our customers, helping working Filipinos and their families maximize their experience with every visit," Eusebio said.

He added that SM is open to further partnerships with the NBI to establish similar clearance centers in other SM branches nationwide, seeing a vision of their malls with greater purpose to communities beyond retail.

Meanwhile, Matibag also introduced several initiatives aimed at improving the clearance system. These include shortening the waiting period for individuals whose names match those appearing in NBI or other criminal records.

"Kapag may mga kapangalan, dati po it will take 2 weeks para po makuha ang clearance. We're trying to improve our services na on the

same day also ay makuha ang clearance. We've allocated a budget, it's been bidden and awarded already,"

The NBI director said the project seeks to establish an interconnected database with courts and law enforcement agencies to strengthen criminal records management and improve the reliability of the clearance system.

Matibag also underscored the importance of expanding the scope of NBI records through the inclusion of individuals' dental records, which could help authorities identify victims of heinous crimes and calamities more efficiently.

The NBI vowed to continue promoting law and order as one of its primary mandates while ensuring that Filipinos' right to accessible and efficient government services is upheld. (CH/PIA-Laguna)



"Mabuhay ang Pilipinas" Sigaw ito ng ating mga bayani at rebolusyonaryo noong panahon ng himagsikan—at hanggang ngayon ay patuloy nating isinasabuhay sa pamamagitan ng pagmamahal sa bayan at pagpapahalaga sa ating kalayaan. Nawa'y manatiling buhay sa puso ng bawat Imuseño at Pilipino ang diwa ng pagiging makabayan para sa susunod na henerasyon! #NationalFlagDay #Watawat2026 #Kalayaan2026 #LabananSaAlapan #LungsodNgImus

TESDA strengthens global partnerships for Filipino skilled workers

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) continues to strengthen its international partnerships and cooperations to enhance technical-vocational education and create more global opportunities for skilled Filipino workers.

During the WorldSkills Philippines Calabarzon opening ceremony in Calamba City, Laguna, on May 25, TESDA Deputy Director General for TVET Partnership and Linkages Nelly Nita Dillera emphasized that the agency's partnerships extend beyond local enterprises and academic institutions, reaching organizations and training institutions worldwide.

"We have many partners not only among enterprises and academic institutions in the Philippines, but even worldwide. Regular visitors come to the Philippines and benchmark what we do. They see our TESDA Women's Center and the strengths of our regional centers," she said.

Among the areas being explored for partnership are program development, updating of training content, sharing of equipment, and deployment of experts who can help improve the competencies of Filipino trainees.

Dillera noted that some international partners are also willing to share existing certification programs that TESDA may adopt to help Filipinos

acquire globally recognized credentials more efficiently.

"These partnerships start with exploratory talks where we see what they have, and they also check what we have. Then we begin discussing areas where we can partner," Dillera said.

She then added, "Some partners are willing to share their programs, their equipment, and even experts because they are looking for skilled Filipinos who can eventually become part of their workforce."

Under the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. and TESDA Secretary Francisco Kiko Benitez, promoting TVET as a viable pathway for progress, and a vital part of this is TESDA's coordination and engagement with industries to employ individuals with National Certifications.

Through global partnerships, it improves the competitiveness of Filipino workers as industries worldwide continue to demand highly skilled and internationally certified professionals.

TESDA is optimistic that Filipino trainees' access to updated technologies, modern training systems, and globally aligned standards leads to an increase in their chances of securing quality employment both in the country and overseas.

The partnerships are formalized through Memoranda of Agreement (MOA), Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and transnational education and training programs that allow certifications earned



in the Philippines to be recognized abroad.

"One example would be the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Agreement. Workers can bring their Philippine certificates and have them recognized by schools and institutions in

other countries," Dillera explained.

She added that these partnerships also help ensure that Philippine technical-vocational education remains responsive to global industry needs,

particularly in sectors such as tourism, healthcare, construction, manufacturing, and information technology where Filipino workers are highly recognized. (A M / P I A CALABARZON)

BSP projects May inflation at 7.1% to 7.9%

MANILA – The country's headline inflation could reach 7.1 percent to 7.9 percent in May due to upward price pressures from key food commodities and exchange rate movements, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said on Saturday.

In a statement, the BSP said the higher prices of rice, vegetables, and meat contributed to the upside risks to inflation during the month.

The central bank said that a weaker local currency also added to inflationary pressures.

These factors, it said, were expected to exert significant pressure on consumer prices.

"The BSP projects May 2026 inflation to settle within the range of 7.1 to 7.9 percent. Upside price pressures were driven by rising prices for rice, vegetables, and meat, as well as the depreciation of the peso," the BSP said in its month-ahead inflation forecast.

The BSP, however, noted



INFLATION. A public market in Barangay Puerto, Cagayan de Oro City, in this undated photo. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said Saturday (May 30, 2026) that the country's headline inflation in May could reach 7.1 percent to 7.9 percent due to upward price pressures from key food commodities and exchange rate movements. (PNA file photo)

that several factors helped temper the increase in prices.

"The recent rollbacks in domestic fuel prices, lower prices for fish, and slightly lower electricity rates partially offset the

prevailing upside price pressures," it said.

Headline inflation accelerated to 7.2 percent in April from 4.1 percent in March.

The April inflation data exceeded the BSP's forecast range of 5.6 percent to 6.4

percent for the month.

The increase was primarily driven by faster increases in food and transport costs, reflecting the impact of the global oil volatility triggered by the conflict in the Middle East. (PNA)

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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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT THE ESTATE OF JAIME YUVIENCO MANGAHIS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **JAIME YUVIENCO MANGAHIS** who died intestate on May 18, 2017, in **Naic, Cavite**, has been Extra-Judicially Settled by and among the legal heirs: **ALICIA P. MANGAHIS, JAISON POBLETE MANGAHIS, JALI POBLETE MANGAHIS, EUGENE JAY POBLETE MANGAHIS**, a certain parcel of land situated at **San Roque, Naic, Cavite**, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016032220**, executed by the heirs before Notary Public **Atty. EUNICE N. ZULUETA** on May 14, 2026 in Trece Martires City; entered as Doc No. 133, Page No. 18, Book No. XLVII, Series of 2026.

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DEED OF EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE ESTATE OF YOLANDA POBLETE-TREBIAS

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late **YOLANDA POBLETE TREBIAS** who died intestate on April 16, 2023, in **Naic, Cavite**, has been Extra-Judicially Settled by and among the legal heirs: **ROLANDO TREBIAS SR., ROLANDO P. TREBIAS JR., RHOYLAN P. TREBIAS**, a certain parcel of land situated at **San Roque, Naic, Cavite**, covered by **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 057-2016032220**, executed by the heirs before Notary Public **Atty. Frederick Fermin H. Magtibay** on May 04, 2026 in Naic, Cavite; entered as Doc No. 339, Page No. 69, Book No. 7, Series of 2026.

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2026 Provincial Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit cum Kadiwa ng Pangulo

The two-day Provincial Agri Trade Fair and Exhibit cum Kadiwa ng Pangulo, hosted by the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA), was held recently at the OPA Compound. The event aimed to connect farmers, fisherfolk, and entrepreneurs with a broader network of consumers and stakeholders.



Twenty-seven municipalities and cities across the Cavite province. During the course of program, encouraging messages and remarks were delivered by Engr. Gilbert Gandia, Provincial Administrator; Dr. May

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DTI Cavite Brings Frontline Services closer to Naic community through NHA People's Caravan



The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) – Cavite actively participated in the National Housing Authority (NHA) People's Caravan held on May 26, 2026, at Malainen Bago Integrated School in Rancho Verde 2, Brgy. Malainen Bago, Naic, Cavite. Carrying the theme "Serbisyonag Dala ay Pag-asa," the activity aimed to bring essential government services closer to communities.

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DOST Ilocos Region Empowers TESDA R01 Information Officers through Expert-Led Training on Photography, Photojournalism, Reels Making



The Department of Science and Technology Ilocos Region (DOST Ilocos Region), under the leadership of Regional Director Teresita A. Tabaog, served as resource speakers during the "Capturing Stories through the Lens: Basic Photography and Photojournalism Training" organized by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Regional Office No. 1 (TESDA RO1), headed by Regional Director Ramon Evan T. Ruiz, held on May 19–20, 2026 at the TESDA Regional Office I.

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38 Filipinos in hantavirus quarantine in good condition; none infected

MANILA – The Department of Health (DOH) said Friday the 38 Filipinos from the hantavirus-stricken MV Hondius currently undergoing quarantine in the Netherlands are all in good condition, and none has been found infected.

Speaking at a Bagong Pilipinas Ngayon interview, DOH Undersecretary Albert Domingo said Health Secretary Ted Herbosa received the updates from no less than the Netherlands Health Minister Sophie Hermans on the sidelines of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, this month.

"Ni isa sa mga 38 ay (hindi) dinapuan, awa ng Diyos at tumatakbo lamang hanggang middle of June iyong quarantine nila (None of the 38 were infected, thank God, and their quarantine will only be until mid-June)," he said.

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PNP ramps up security for nationwide school opening in June



MANILA – The Philippine National Police (PNP) will mobilize security operations nationwide to guarantee a peaceful and orderly return of millions of students to their classrooms this June.

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DOLE reverts to 5-day workweek

MANILA – The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) on Friday announced that work in the department will return to the original five-day workweek arrangement starting June 1.

In a statement, through a memorandum signed on May 28, Labor Secretary Francis Tolentino ordered the restoration of the standard workweek for all DOLE bureaus, services, regional offices, and attached agencies.

DOLE recently shifted to a compressed workweek (CWW) in compliance with the Office of the President's Memorandum Circular (MC) 114, directing government agencies and instrumentalities to strictly adopt energy conservation protocols to mitigate the effects of global market volatility.

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