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Carmona City LGU's KALINGYAKAP shelter gets UN nod



CARMONA CITY, Cavite (PIA) — By providing specialized facilities and services catering to Persons With Disabilities (PWD), the City of Carmona's KALINGYAKAP Integrated Shelter, Support and Services for Persons With Disabilities earned recognition from the 2026 United Nations Public Service Awards (UNPSA). **► CARMONA CITY • 5**



IN PHOTOS: Local officials from Cavite City and the Provincial Government joined the vibrant celebration of the REGADA WATER FESTIVAL 2026, showing their support and solidarity with one of Cavite City's most colorful and cherished traditions. #CaviteConnect #RegadaWaterFestival2026

Newly hired, promoted, and transferred PGC employees attend SPMS Orientation



To strengthen employees' understanding of performance management and accountability in public service, the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through its Performance Management Team (PMT), conducted the Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS) Orientation for newly hired, promoted, and transferred employees on June 17, at the OPE Conference Room, New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires City. **► NEWLY HIRED • 6**

ESWF Unveils ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026 to Strengthen Philippine Esports Pipeline



MANILA, Philippines — The E-Sports World Federation (ESWF) has officially launched ENTER BATTLE ZONE (EBZ) 2026, a nationwide Mobile Legends: Bang Bang tournament designed to identify and develop emerging Filipino esports players while expanding opportunities for competitive growth and international exposure.

The tournament will take place on July 31 to August 2, 2026, bringing together teams from across the country in a structured competitive environment that offers cash prizes, official ESWF rankings, and access to talent development pathways within the federation's esports ecosystem.

ESWF Chairman Engr. **► ESWF UNVEILS • 6**

PBBM, OPAPRU committed to CAB implementation – Sarmiento

MANILA – Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) Secretary Mel Senen Sarmiento on Thursday reiterated the agency and the government's commitment to the implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) and the peace process.

"We are one with our peace partners and stakeholders in building a peaceful, stable, prosperous, and self-governing Bangsamoro where the gains of peace shall continue to uplift the lives of its people," he said in a statement.

While awaiting the appointment of the new chair of the Government Peace Implementing Panel, the Office of the President remains firmly engaged, the OPAPRU chief emphasized.

"President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. remains unwavering in his commitment to the full implementation of the CAB **► PBBM, OPAPRU • 6**



Los Baños eyes LGSF to boost development projects

LOS BAÑOS, Laguna (PIA) — The local government of Los Baños in Laguna is setting its sights on more social infrastructure and development projects for its residents under the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF) from the national government.

Los Baños Mayor Neil Andrew Nocon said Los Baños will strengthen its education system, tourism development including the town's heritage walk project, and the improvement of various infrastructures including the municipal roads.

He emphasized that the fund will also complement the municipality's ongoing projects to boost economic growth and to support the micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) which contribute to local employment and livelihood.

"Nakalakap na po nung nag-present po kami ng aming wishlist sa LGSF, importante po sa amin ang development ng tourism, sa mga economic enterprises po, lalo na po to support our micro, small, and medium enterprises—meron po kaming mga programa na kasama po sa

LGSF," he added.

The local chief executive expressed support for President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s LGSF program, saying that it provides local government units with a means to better address the direct sustainable needs of their constituents.

He added that the program aligns with the President's objective of empowering LGUs, as they are in the best position to understand and respond to the issues and challenges within their respective communities.

With the proposed projects of the local government of Los Baños, the LGSF is an opportunity to accelerate initiatives aimed at improving public services and advancing the municipality's vision for sustainable development. **(M L, C O P / P I A CALABARZON)**



480 Treceños benefit from PGC medical and dental mission

Residents of Brgy. Lapidario, Trece Martires City gained access to free healthcare services through a Medical and Dental Mission conducted by the Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC) on June 23, 2026. The community outreach initiative benefited a total of 480 residents, reflecting the provincial government's continuing commitment to improving public health and bringing essential services closer to local communities.



Medical and dental professionals, alongside dedicated personnel from the Office of the Provincial Governor (OPG), worked collaboratively to ensure the efficient delivery of medical care and health interventions to residents. The mission recorded 333 medical consultations and

52 dental services, while 29 patients underwent electrocardiogram (ECG) procedures and 66 beneficiaries received fasting blood sugar (FBS) testing, supporting the early detection and monitoring of various health conditions.

The outreach program

was attended and supported by City Mayor Gemma B. Lubigan, Vice Mayor Bobby L. Montehermoso, 7th District Board Member Aldrin Anacan, and other City Councilors, whose presence underscored the strong partnership between the provincial

and local governments in advancing public health initiatives.

Their participation reflected a shared commitment to making quality healthcare more accessible and enhancing the overall health and well-being of Treceños. —

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PhilHealth set to accredit 500 YAKAP facilities in CALABARZON

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — In a bid to expand access to free medical consultations and medicines, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) Calabarzon aims to accredit 500 healthcare facilities by the end of 2026, under its Yaman ng Kalusugan Program (YAKAP), bringing preventive healthcare services closer to residents across the provinces of Cavite, Laguna, and Quezon.

Dr. Edwin Orina, Acting Vice President of PhilHealth Region IV-A, said the region currently has 289 accredited YAKAP Clinics providing healthcare services to members. Despite the number, the facilities remain insufficient for nearly 11 million residents of the three provinces.

"Dito po sa Region IV-A [mayroong] at least 289 YAKAP providers. I assure you po, kulang po yung

289, kasi napakalaki po ng ating tatlong probinsya – Cavite, Laguna, and Quezon. At the same time, we have at least 10-11 million population, so maliit po yung 289," Dr. Orina stated during an interview with the Philippine Information Agency.

He added that the PhilHealth aims to establish 500 YAKAP Clinics across the region and expand the number of Guaranteed and Accessible Medications for

Outpatient Treatment (GAMOT) providers to serve more Filipinos, particularly its members, and ensure wider access to healthcare services, benefits, free medical care, and medicines.

"We've targeted na at least 500 YAKAP facilities ang makumpleto namin, ma-share together with the 289, and also we have at least 221 GAMOT Providers, so sabihin natin, konti pa rin yan kase

Budget deficit narrows in first 5 months as revenue collections rise

MANILA – The national government's budget deficit narrowed slightly in the first five months of 2026, driven by sustained growth in revenue collections, according to the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr).

In its cash operations report released Thursday, the BTr said the budget gap eased to PHP522.5 billion from January to May, compared to PHP523.9 billion in the same period last year.

Government revenues increased by 6.17 percent to PHP2.07 trillion from PHP1.95 trillion a year earlier.

Of the total collections, 88.84 percent, or PHP1.84 trillion, came from taxes, while 11.16 percent, or PHP231.4 billion, was generated from non-tax sources.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) collected PHP1.42 trillion during the period, up 4.94 percent from PHP1.35 trillion in the first five months of 2025.

"This improvement was largely supported by higher collections from personal income tax, other domestic taxes and value-added tax," the BTr said.

Collections by the Bureau of Customs (BOC) also increased to PHP405.7 billion from PHP381.7 billion a year ago.

Meanwhile, non-tax revenues climbed 15.17 percent year-on-year to PHP231.4 billion.

Government expenditures reached PHP2.60 trillion, up from

PHP2.48 trillion in the January-to-May 2025 period.

For May alone, revenues totaled PHP420.7 billion, down 7.2 percent from PHP433.1 billion a year earlier due to lower non-tax collections following the advance remittance of dividends by government-owned and controlled corporations.

BIR collections in May reached PHP279.1 billion, 15.01 percent higher than the PHP242.7 billion posted in the same month last year. The increase was partly attributed to the extension of the tax filing and payment deadline from April 15 to May 15, 2026.

"In addition, BIR reforms such as the Taxpayer Portal for the Large Taxpayers Service, Registration Seal Badge and QR-enabled Certificate of Registration for online businesses, Ease of Closing Business reform, and measures to implement the new mining royalty regime under Republic Act No. 12253 also aided in boosting collections," the BTr said.

BOC collections rose 5.71 percent to PHP80 billion in May, supported by enhanced valuation practices and stronger revenue collection



measures that offset lower import volumes and the temporary suspension of excise taxes on LPG and kerosene.

Non-tax revenues, however, declined to PHP39.4 billion in May due to lower BTr income, largely reflecting the timing of dividend remittances during the year.

Government disbursements increased by 3.80 percent to PHP600.2 billion in May, driven mainly by higher interest payments, National Tax Allotment shares for local government units, the Annual Block Grant for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, releases under the Local Government Support Fund, and direct payments by development partners for foreign-assisted rail and road infrastructure projects. (PNA)



remember yung YAKAP Provider tapos kukuha ka ng gamot dun sa 54 medicines, kailangan mo yung malapit din sayo na GAMOT Provider para hindi ka ba-biyahe ng malayo o ng other provide to get it, so dapat taasan din natin yung mga GAMOT Providers natin," Dr. Orina said.

PhilHealth has increased the consultation benefit under the YAKAP program to ₱1,700 per individual, for both public and private healthcare facilities. This is higher than the previous coverage to encourage greater utilization and improve access to affordable healthcare

services.

Dr. Orina then emphasized that the program is not only for individuals experiencing health concerns but also for those who wish to regularly monitor their health status and consult with accredited healthcare facilities under the program, promoting preventive care and early detection of potential health conditions.

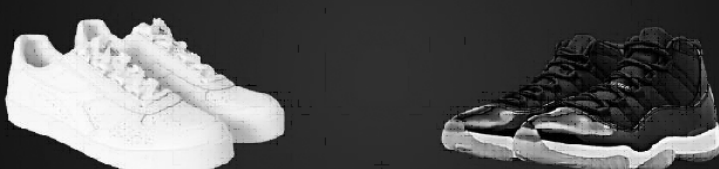
"Magpa-register po kayo sa Philhealth pero gamitin niyo po ang PhilHealth through YAKAP para mabantayan po ang kalusugan ninyo, because this is prevention rather than cure," Orina stated.

Meanwhile, additional services that PhilHealth members can avail themselves of through YAKAP are dental and optometric, reinforcing its preventive healthcare approach by helping detect health risks before they develop into serious conditions.

The expansion of PhilHealth services is part of President Marcos administration's directive to strengthen the country's healthcare system by ensuring the delivery of more comprehensive, accessible, and inclusive health services for all Filipinos. (COP,ML/PIA CALABARZON)

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EXPLAINER: Inside the Senate's impeachment process for VP Sara

MANILA – The Senate has completed the pre-trial conference in the impeachment case against Vice President Sara Duterte, bringing the proceedings a step closer to the trial proper scheduled to begin on July 6.

After five working sessions from June 18 to 25, the Senate Impeachment Court concluded the pre-trial conference, which centered on the marking and evaluation of documentary evidence submitted by both the House prosecution panel and the Vice President's defense team.

Senate Secretary and Clerk of the Impeachment Court Renato Bantug Jr. said court personnel would immediately begin drafting the Pre-Trial Order, the document that will govern how the impeachment proceedings will unfold.

The conclusion of the pre-trial marks the end of the organizational stage of the impeachment case. The next phase shifts the focus from preparing the evidence to presenting it before the senator-judges.

How did the case reach the Senate?

The impeachment process began at the House of Representatives, which approved the Articles of Impeachment against Duterte on May 11 before formally transmitting them to the Senate on May 14. On May 18, the Senate convened as an impeachment court.

The senators present took their oath as senator-judges before the court issued a writ of summons directing Duterte to answer the Articles of Impeachment within the period prescribed under the Senate Rules of Procedure on Impeachment Trials.

Then Senate President Alan Peter Cayetano, presiding over the impeachment court, also authorized the Clerk of Court to calendar the case for pre-trial after the parties completed their pleadings.

Why was there a pre-

trial?

Under the Senate impeachment rules, the pre-trial is intended to simplify the proceedings before the trial proper begins.

Instead of hearing witnesses immediately, the prosecution and defense first identify and mark documentary evidence, disclose the witnesses they intend to present, discuss facts that are no longer disputed, and resolve procedural issues that may affect the conduct of the trial.

During the five-day conference, the proceedings focused largely on the preliminary marking and evaluation of documentary evidence. Bantug said completing that process now allows the impeachment court to prepare the Pre-Trial Order.

"It looks like we'll be able to complete the marking



MARKING OF EVIDENCE. Members of the House prosecution panel confer with members of the defense team during the continuation of the pre-trial conference at the Senate in Pasay City on Tuesday (June 23, 2026). The prosecution panel is seeking faster ways to complete the marking of voluminous documentary evidence in the impeachment case against Vice President Sara Duterte. (Photo courtesy of House prosecution panel)

tonight. We're very, very hopeful and optimistic that we'll be able to complete the marking of all documentary evidence," Bantug said after the final day of the conference.

He said he could not yet estimate when the Pre-Trial Order would be released because drafting has yet to begin. He, however, assured that court personnel would finish it as quickly as possible, even if they have to work through the weekend.

Why is the Pre-Trial Order important?

According to the Senate impeachment rules, the Pre-Trial Order defines the framework of the impeachment proceedings.

It identifies the issues that the impeachment court will resolve, the documentary evidence recognized by both parties, the witnesses expected to testify, stipulations reached during pre-trial, and other matters intended to ensure an orderly presentation of the case.

Unless modified by the impeachment court, the Pre-Trial Order serves as the principal guide for the remainder of the proceedings.

What happens when the trial starts?

The impeachment trial proper is scheduled to begin on July 6.

The House prosecution panel, led by Batangas Rep. Gerville Luistro, is expected to present its opening statement before calling witnesses and offering documentary

evidence in support of each Article of Impeachment.

After the prosecution rests its case, Duterte's defense team, headed by lead counsel Sheila Sison, will present its own witnesses and evidence.

Under the Senate impeachment rules, senator-judges do not directly examine witnesses. Instead, they submit written questions through the Presiding Officer.

How will the Senate decide?

Once both parties finish presenting their evidence and closing arguments, the impeachment court will deliberate before voting on each Article of Impeachment.

Article XI, Section 3(6) of the 1987 Constitution provides that no impeached official may be convicted without the

concurrence of two-thirds of all the members of the Senate. In the current 24-member Senate, that means at least 16 votes are required to convict.

If Duterte is convicted on any Article of Impeachment, she will be removed from office. The Senate may also impose the additional penalty of perpetual disqualification from holding any public office.

If acquitted, Duterte will remain Vice President.

The Constitution also makes clear that impeachment is limited to removal from office and possible disqualification.

Whether the allegations give rise to criminal or civil liability remains a separate matter that may be pursued before the proper courts after the impeachment proceedings, if warranted. (PNA)

Medical and dental mission services residents of Cabilang Baybay, Carmona City

On June 22, a successful Medical and Dental Mission was conducted in Brgy. 10, Cabilang Baybay, Carmona, benefiting a total of 328 patients through various healthcare services.



The activity which was spearheaded by the Provincial Government of Cavite to the community, provided free medical consultations, dental services, ECG procedures, and fasting blood sugar (FBS) testing to residents. Healthcare workers from CarSiGMA

District Hospital, GEAMH, and OPG medical mission team joined forces to deliver essential healthcare services to the community.

As part of the mission, patients also received free prescribed medicines and vitamins, helping ensure continued treatment and

support for their health needs.

The initiative reflects the commitment of the participating healthcare institutions and local partners to promote accessible and quality healthcare services for the community. — **OPIO**

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Gaming, Creativity, and Innovation Take Center Stage at ALT + TAB Festival 2026

PASAY CITY, Philippines — The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) highlighted the growing role of science, technology, and innovation (STI) in advancing the Philippine gaming and creative industries during the successful staging of the ALT + TAB Festival 2026 held on 20–21 June at the SMX Convention Center Manila.

The two-day festival gathered gamers, content creators, students, innovators, technology enthusiasts, and industry partners to celebrate Filipino talent while showcasing the expanding opportunities in game development, esports, digital creativity, and emerging technologies. Through interactive exhibits, competitions, and learning sessions, the event demonstrated how innovation is transforming passion into careers, businesses, and economic opportunities.

In his keynote message, DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. emphasized the Department's commitment to strengthening the country's game development ecosystem through science, technology, and innovation. He underscored that gaming

and esports have evolved beyond entertainment, becoming dynamic industries that generate employment, encourage entrepreneurship, and provide platforms for Filipinos to showcase their creativity, technical expertise, and culture to the global community. Through DOST's Esports and Game Development Program and its continued investments in the creative sector, the Department aims to cultivate a highly skilled workforce, support technology-driven enterprises, and create more opportunities for Filipino innovators and creators.

Among the festival highlights was the Game Dev Challenge Regional Winners Showcase, where aspiring Filipino game developers presented original games that reflected both technical excellence and creative storytelling.



Visitors also explored the 3D Printing and Prototyping Area, which featured digital fabrication technologies that support game development, product design, and innovation. Meanwhile, the Esports Game Dev Lounge provided participants with hands-on experiences and demonstrations on how science and technology are enhancing esports,

game development, and digital skills education in the country.

The festival also served as a venue for collaboration among government agencies, educational institutions, industry leaders, and aspiring developers, fostering discussions on innovation, talent development, and the future of the Philippine digital economy. By

connecting emerging creators with experts and technology enablers, ALT + TAB Festival 2026 reinforced the importance of investing in Filipino talent and homegrown innovations.

Concluding on 21 June 2026, the ALT + TAB Festival showcased the country's growing potential in game development, esports, and the broader creative

technology sector. The event reaffirmed DOST's commitment to empowering Filipino innovators through science, technology, and innovation, advancing its vision of creating more enterprises, generating quality employment opportunities, and making science truly felt by every Filipino through Agham na Ramdam. **(Nelson Santos)**

On the reported attempt on the life of broadcaster Jay Lavapie

The Presidential Task Force on Media Security expresses deep concern over the reported attempt on the life of radio broadcaster Jay Lavapie in Barangay Cagay, Roxas City, at about 5 a.m. on Monday, June 22.

This incident highlights the urgent need to protect journalists, who play an important role in informing the public and upholding democracy.

The PTFOMS and the Philippine National Police Media Vanguard are currently conducting an investigation to thoroughly examine this cowardly act and ensure that justice is served.

PBGen Randolph Tuano, Regional Police Office 6 Director, has directed PNP units to take immediate action and to give utmost importance to the case.

Lavapie survived the ambush while driving along a national highway

in Barangay Cagay on his way to his radio station. At least two motorcycle-riding suspects reportedly blocked his vehicle and shot at the broadcaster. Authorities later recovered four spent shells at the scene of the incident.

We condemn all acts of violence and intimidation against journalists and assert that such actions have no place in a democratic society.

We stand in solidarity with Mr. Lavapie and all media professionals, reaffirming our commitment to safeguarding their rights and security. The freedom

of the press is essential to our democracy, and we will continue to advocate for measures that protect those who strive to uphold this freedom every day.

We encourage media organizations, civil society, and the government to collaborate actively to enhance the security of journalists. Together, we can foster an environment where media professionals can operate without fear, ensuring the critical flow of information that is vital to our society.

Let us unite in supporting those who dedicate their lives to keeping the public informed.

Carmona City... (FROM PAGE 1)

The KALINGYAKAP Integrated Shelter, which opened to the public last February, is part of the city government's support to PWDs. The two-storey facility, which includes classrooms, administrative office, shower rooms, comfort rooms, dormitory rooms, infirmary, consultation room, and many others aim, provides key services for PWDs under one roof.

The KALINGYAKAP Integrated Center was chosen among 700 nominations from around the world under the "Delivering Inclusive and Equitable Services to Leave No One Behind" category.

Mayor Dahlia Loyola, in a statement, noted the recognition as a milestone

in their city's bid towards innovation, good governance, and people-centric public service.

"Isang mahalagang kasaysayan at milestone ito ng ating progresibong lungsod na sumasailalim sa ating dedikasyon tungo sa innovation, good governance, at people-centric public service."

Loyola also recognized the Office of the Persons with Disability Affairs Officer for its responsive programs which have been key to the city's bid towards inclusivity.

"Taos-pusong pagbati sa Office of the Persons with Disability Affairs Officer para sa walang sawa nilang pagsulong ng mga programa tungo sa mas inklusibong komunidad para sa mga PWDs."

As one of the winning initiatives, Carmona's Kalingyakap Center was also recognized for integrating information and communication initiatives, artificial intelligence and digital governance.

The UN Public Service Awards gives recognition to ground-breaking initiatives from 62 countries that advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

This year, the award-giving body recognized initiatives that responded to multiple challenges and enhancing the capabilities of public administrations while advancing the SDGs. **(PB-PIA Cavite, with reports from City Government of Carmona/FACEBOOK and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs)**

PBBM, OPAPRU... (FROM PAGE 1)

and to preserving and expanding the dividends of peace for the future of the Bangsamoro," he added.

Likewise Sarmiento said the shared journey toward long-lasting peace has required immense courage, sacrifice, and leadership from all sides. The OPAPRU chief added that it is the "collective responsibility" of all parties concerned to protect, build on and strengthen these hard-earned achievements.

"In light of the challenges we continue to face, we must move with a greater sense of urgency and purpose. Beyond sustaining current peace gains, we are continuously improving the systems and

mechanisms that support the peace process," he added.

This, Sarmiento said, includes advocating for the inclusion of key peace priorities in the proposed 2027 national budget, ensuring that the collective aspirations receive the necessary institutional and adequate financial resources.

Sarmiento said the entire OPAPRU expressed its respect for the "peaceful expression of views and aspirations by all stakeholders," as the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) gears up for its first regional parliamentary elections.

"We hope and pray for

the peaceful, orderly, and credible conduct of the landmark political exercise, which will enable your people to choose the leaders you rightfully deserve. To ensure the success of these landmark elections, safeguarding the integrity of the electoral process and preserving an environment conducive to peace and stability must be the shared responsibility of all sectors of society," he added.

Sarmiento emphasized that the agency remains strictly non-partisan and committed to supporting peace, development and institutional continuity in the BARMM.

"We believe that the peacebuilding process must transcend political transitions and administrations. As such,

documenting accomplishments to ensure a fair and objective assessment of employee performance.

Participants were given the opportunity to clarify concerns and gain practical insights on the implementation of the system, enabling them to better understand their responsibilities and contributions to the achievement of the Provincial Government's strategic goals.

The activity builds upon the provincial government's continuing efforts to strengthen its performance management system. — **OPIO**

performance of the Quality Management System, customer feedback mechanisms, workplace organization initiatives, records management improvements, training and education programs, and employee welfare concerns.

The participants also identified operational challenges and opportunities for improvement. Updates on awards, recognitions, and formal citations received by various offices were likewise presented, reflecting the Provincial Government of Cavite's continuing pursuit of organizational excellence and quality public service. — **OPIO**

it is imperative that institutions that were established under the CAB continue to effectively function and serve the people regardless of changes in leadership," the OPAPRU chief said.

Sarmiento called on their peace partners and

stakeholders — local government units, civil society organizations, religious leaders, educators, women and youth groups, the private sector, the media, and every citizen of the Bangsamoro — to act as stewards of peace,

development and inclusivity.

"The OPAPRU remains committed to working closely with the BARMM government and various peace implementing mechanisms to secure the future of the Bangsamoro," Sarmiento stressed. **(PNA)**

ESWF Unveils... (FROM PAGE 1)

Reynaldo Sanchez leads the initiative, emphasizing the organization's goal of strengthening esports as a professional development platform for Filipino youth. The program is designed to provide players with opportunities to build competitive experience, improve their skills, and progress toward higher-level tournaments.

The event is supported by ESWF President Arnel Gutierrez and Executive Vice President Henry V. Bayubay. The federation underscores its broader commitment to building a sustainable esports structure that promotes discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship, and digital innovation.

A key feature of the tournament is the EBZ

Rating System, an official ESWF ranking framework that tracks team and player performance. The system is intended to establish competitive credibility, increase visibility for standout players, and support talent identification for future regional and international competitions.

Top-performing teams will receive cash prizes and additional recognition. The champion will receive ₱50,000, followed by ₱25,000 for second place and ₱15,000 for third place. ESWF will also recognize the Top 10 finishing teams with special rewards that may include gaming gear, sponsor giveaways, merchandise, certificates, and opportunities for

further exposure within ESWF programs.

Registration is open to Mobile Legends teams, schools, universities, esports clubs, barangays, youth organizations, and gaming communities nationwide. The deadline for registration is July 24, 2026.

Following ENTER BATTLE ZONE 2026, ESWF will hold SALPAKAN: Games of the General 2026 from August 5 to 8 at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City, featuring gaming competitions and interactive esports activities.

For registration and event details, participants may access the official tournament portal at <https://mobaebz.bb88advertising.com> **(Nelson S. Santos)**

Newly hired... (FROM PAGE 1)

The orientation aimed to equip employees with the necessary knowledge and skills in the implementation of the Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS), a performance evaluation mechanism that aligns individual employee targets with organizational goals and priorities. The activity served as an avenue for employees to better understand their roles in achieving the provincial government's commitment to quality service and organizational excellence.

Serving as resource speakers during the

orientation were Mr. Mark Lester Carada, Ms. Claudette Trixia Flores, and Ms. Angelica Joy Balanguit, who discussed the key components and processes of the SPMS. Their presentations covered performance planning and commitment, target setting, monitoring and coaching, performance review and evaluation, as well as the preparation and submission of performance commitment and review forms. The speakers also emphasized the importance of setting measurable targets and

New school... (FROM PAGE 8)

Last June 23, the Municipal Government led the simultaneous inauguration of school buildings across the municipality as part of its ongoing efforts to address classroom shortage.

Milano Garzon, school head of BLISS Elementary School noted that the newly opened classroom building will help end class shifting, a practice that has been adopted by several public schools in an effort to address the lack of teaching facilities.

"Sa bagong school building, natuldukan na ang shifting classes."

With its additional classrooms, Garzon noted that classes can now end by one o'clock in the afternoon for Grades 1 and 2, while Grade 3 pupils will end their classes two o'clock in the afternoon. Older students, including Grades 4 through 6 will end their classes by three o'clock in the afternoon.

BLISS Elementary School currently serves

525 pupils from Kindergarten through Grade 6.

Teachers at Gen. Vito Belarmino Integrated National High School, Pulong Bunga Elementary School, Brgy. Munting Ilog Elementary School, and Brgy. Balite II Elementary School, who also inaugurated their own six-classroom buildings also welcomed the additional infrastructure.

Mayor Ted Carranza, in a statement, emphasized the school infrastructure program in the local government's continuous efforts to address classroom shortage. With a more conducive learning environment, Carranza assured their commitment to invest in school

infrastructure.

"Through these initiatives, the Municipal Government of Silang moves closer to its goal of completely eliminating class shifting and providing every student with access to quality education in a safe and conducive learning environment."

In partnership with local government units all over the country, the Department of Education (DepEd) launched its localized school building program in a bid to decentralize infrastructure development especially in public schools. Under this program, LGUs became a partner of the education sector in fast-tracking classroom construction and rehabilitation. **(PBPIA CALABARZON, Municipal Government of Silang)**

PGC Conducts... (FROM PAGE 8)

Governor Francisco Gabriel "Abeng" Remulla likewise conveyed his message, highlighting the provincial government's commitment to quality governance, innovation, and excellence in public service. He acknowledged the collective efforts of all offices, particularly the Cavite Quality Management Office, in sustaining and improving the Quality Management System.

The review proper was facilitated by Ms. Michelle Alcid, Quality Management Representative, and attended by thirty-five (35)

department heads, unit heads, and office representatives. Key agenda items included the approval of the minutes of the previous Top Management Review, matters arising and follow-up actions, results of the Recertification Audit, committee reports, performance evaluation of external providers, employee welfare updates, and other organizational concerns.

Committee representatives presented their accomplishments, observations, and recommendations, with discussions focusing on the

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6)

DepEd...

(FROM PAGE 8)

coordinated safety operations.

"This measure is seen as part of a proactive approach to risk prevention and rapid response in case of emergencies."

To recall, two separate incidents of school violence were reported in the province prompting the PNP to conduct a full investigation and coordination with school authorities.

Barangay tanods, or community peacekeepers, will also help maintain peace and order around school facilities by monitoring school perimeters including entry points and surrounding communities especially during school days and special events.

The initiative also explored possible investments in additional security infrastructure, such as assessment and installation of metal detectors in selected local schools to detect and prevent the entry of weapons and other prohibited items in

schools.

"A thorough assessment will be conducted to determine priority areas based on security risk evaluation and school requirements."

Police visibility in educational institutions used to be limited to school premises. In its DepEd

Order No. 2, series of 2019, schools were cited as "Zones of Peace" which limited the presence of armed combatants and government forces to school perimeters and not inside school premises. **(PB-PIA Cavite, Cavite Police Provincial Office/ Facebook)**

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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 **August 6, 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 Statistics Authority.

WITNESS THE HON. ROWENA R. MOJARES-AREVALO,
Presiding Judge of this Court, this 08th day of June 2026.

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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PH Army...

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the "Philippine Army does not condone any form of maltreatment, abuse, or conduct that undermines the dignity and welfare of its personnel and trainees."

"The matter is currently under investigation to establish the facts and determine the circumstances surrounding the incident, and appropriate actions will be taken in accordance with existing laws, regulations, and military policies based

on the results of the investigation," Aquino added.

Reports said the investigation was launched after allegations surfaced that an instructor physically assaulted several trainees inside their barracks following a fellowship activity. Some trainees alleged that they sustained injuries.

Aquino said that the Army remains committed to upholding professionalism, discipline,

and accountability within its ranks, stressing that the welfare and rights of trainees are among its priorities.

He assured the public that due process would be observed and that the investigation would be conducted thoroughly and impartially.

"While military training is designed to instill discipline, resilience, and professionalism, it must always be conducted within established standards and with utmost respect for human dignity. Any personnel found

responsible for such actions shall be held accountable in accordance with existing laws and military regulations," Aquino said.

The trainees involved were part of the Army's newly established National Guard program, which replaced the Citizen Armed Force Geographical Unit (CAFGU) structure in Southern Tagalog.

The incident allegedly took place on the eve of the trainees' graduation, scheduled for Wednesday, June 24. **(PIA4A)**

PH unveils...

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Philippine PFM Forum at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) headquarters in Mandaluyong City.

DBM Acting Secretary Kim Robert de Leon said the updated roadmap is designed to strengthen discipline, integrity, and performance in managing public resources.

"PFM is not about managing money. PFM is about improving lives. Every reform must translate into faster services, better outcomes, and greater opportunities for every Filipino. Because every peso in government carries a human story behind it," De Leon, also acting as chairperson of the PFM Committee, said.

De Leon said the updated PFM blueprint aims to ensure that reforms are measured not by technical indicators but by improved public services and greater public trust.

He also emphasized the importance of sustained collaboration among government agencies, oversight institutions, development partners, and civil society to deliver faster and more responsive services.

"DBM is not a place for slowpokes. And that

mindset applies equally to our reform agenda. The Filipino people cannot afford slow reforms, delayed services, and wasted opportunities. The time to act is now," he said.

The Midterm Update streamlines the original 41 reform interventions into 18 priority measures, accelerating implementation and maximizing system-wide impact.

The DBM described 14 of the priority measures as "mission-critical reforms" and the remaining four as "quick wins."

It noted that the 23 other previous interventions will still be pursued based on institutional readiness, available resources, and support from development partners.

The updated roadmap is anchored on the 2025 PEFA++ Assessment, the country's most comprehensive review of public financial management systems.

The assessment cited improvements in budget reliability, transparency, cash forecasting, internal controls, and audit coverage, while identifying persistent challenges.

Several challenges that

have been identified include fragmented information systems; continued reliance on manual processes; weak planning, budgeting, execution, and reporting; procurement complaints mechanisms; legislative scrutiny of audit findings; data integration; and mainstreaming of climate-, gender-, and disaster-responsive budgeting.

These findings informed the recalibration and prioritization of the reform agenda.

Under Executive Order (EO) 29 issued in 2023, the PFM Committee, composed of the DBM, Department of Finance, Bureau of Treasury, and Commission on Audit, is tasked with developing a PFM Reforms Roadmap to streamline financial management systems to improve the overall delivery of public services.

During the event, ADB President Masato Kanda emphasized the importance of sound public financial management in promoting good governance and preventing corruption.

"PFM is the foundation for effective governance. It is also a frontline defense against corruption. The ADB maintains a zero-tolerance approach to corruption," he said,

expressing ADB's support for the Philippines' reform agenda through technical assistance and knowledge support.

World Bank Global Director for Governance Arturo Herrera Gutiérrez said the reforms reinforce the social contract between government and citizens by ensuring that taxes translate into quality public services.

He also reaffirmed the World Bank's commitment to support the Philippines throughout its reform journey.

"The taxes Filipinos are willing to pay, and the services they expect to receive from government reflect the social contract of a country... Ultimately, it is about the well-being of citizens," Gutiérrez said.

Executive Secretary Ralph Recto said the effective implementation of the priority measures is key to the success of the updated roadmap.

"A slow disbursement system becomes a second preventable emergency, making an already difficult situation worse than it should be. This is the real weight that this roadmap carries into this room," Recto said in a statement delivered by Senior Deputy Executive Secretary, lawyer Maria Luwalhati Dorotan-Tiuseco. **(PNA)**

PGC Conducts Top Management Review

The Provincial Government of Cavite successfully conducted its Top Management Review (TMR) to assess the effectiveness and continual improvement of its Quality Management System (QMS), bringing together department heads, unit heads, and representatives from various offices on June 16 at the New Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.



Provincial Administrator, Engr. Gilbert V. Gandia welcomed the participants and emphasized the significance of the Top Management Review as a strategic platform for evaluating the organization's QMS performance and identifying opportunities for enhancement. He encouraged active participation from all attendees in strengthening the delivery of government services. ► **PGC CONDUCTS • 6**

New school buildings end classroom shifting in Silang, Cavite



SILANG, Cavite (PIA) — Students in the Municipality of Silang, Cavite will no longer have to adopt class shifting schemes following the inauguration of new buildings in key local schools. ► **NEW SCHOOL • 6**

PH Army launches probe into alleged assault of trainees at Camp Capinpin



TANAY, Rizal (PIA) — The Philippine Army's 2nd Infantry Division (2ID) said it is looking into allegations that several graduating National Guard trainees were physically assaulted by an instructor during a sanctioned activity at the Division's training school in Camp Capinpin, Tanay, Rizal.

Col. Michael Aquino, the 2ID's spokesperson and public affairs chief, said in a statement on Tuesday that an investigation is underway and that ► **PH ARMY • 7**

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PH unveils updated PFM roadmap to strengthen fiscal discipline

MANILA – The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on Thursday launched the updated roadmap aimed at refining the government's fiscal reform agenda to promote transparency, accountability, and prudent use of public funds.

The Public Financial Management (PFM) Roadmap 2024-2028 Midterm Update and its detailed reform action plan were launched during the ► **PH UNVEILS • 7**



NEW ROADMAP. Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Acting Secretary Kim Robert de Leon leads the launching of the Philippines PFM Reforms Roadmap 2024–2028 Midterm Update and its Reform Action Plan during the Philippine PFM Forum at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) headquarters in Mandaluyong City on Thursday (June 25, 2026). The event marks a major milestone that ushers in the accelerated implementation of priority reforms to modernize government financial management. (Screengrab from DBM Facebook)

DepEd to grant increased police visibility in Cavite schools

TRECE MARTIRES CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Law enforcers will be allowed to enter school premises in Cavite Province especially during peak hours in a bid to strengthen security in learning institutions.



Following their coordination meeting with the Department of Education-Schools Division Office Cavite Province, the Cavite Provincial Police confirmed that they will

increase police visibility in school premises, including classrooms, particularly during safety inspections. Police Colonel Ariel Red, Director for Cavite Provincial Police, in a

statement noted that the move to increase police visibility in schools will focus on security inspections, threat assessments, and ► **DEPED • 7**