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Federation of the Deaf - Cavite Province, Inc. holds oathtaking ceremony for newly elected officers

The Federation of the Deaf – Cavite Province, Inc., a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)-registered disability organization, formally inducted its newly elected officers during an Oath-Taking Ceremony held on July 21, 2026, at the New Provincial Government Center, Trece Martires



City. Leading the organization is its newly inducted President, Mr. Mark Kelvin Marcial, together with the federation's officers who pledged their commitment to advancing the rights, welfare, and inclusion of the Deaf community across the Province of Cavite. The
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Rappelling and Rope Safety Training Held for CCTF-STEP Command Officers



Guiguinto, Bulacan– July 28, 2026 – The Climate Change Task Force (CCTF) conducted a specialized rappelling and technical rope access training for its STEP Command Officers here, boosting emergency response readiness while advancing the Climate Action Now! advocacy.
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Modernizing public transportation, improving ports remain among PBBM's agenda



LUCENA CITY (PIA) — President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. on Monday during his fifth State of the Nation Address (SONA) urged all stakeholders in the transport sector to work together to expedite the long-awaited modernization of the country's public transportation system.
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Cavite Arbor Day Tree Planting Strengthens Environmental Conservation Efforts

In observance of Cavite Arbor Day, the Provincial Government of Cavite, through the Office of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (OPENRO), spearheaded a tree planting activity recently, along the Naic–Ternate via Bancaan Road in collaboration with the Municipal Government of Ternate.
The initiative ► **CAVITE ARBOR • 7**



Nutrition in Motion: PGC Promotes Healthier Workplace Through Zumba

The Provincial Government of Cavite (PGC), through the Workplace Organization Committee, promoted active and healthy living among its employees through a lively Nutrition Month Zumba Activity held on July 28, 2026, at the New Provincial Government Ceremonial Grounds in Trece Martires City.

The wellness initiative highlighted the importance of pairing proper nutrition with regular physical activity as essential components of a healthy lifestyle. More than an exercise session, the gathering provided employees with an opportunity to stay active, foster camaraderie, and take a meaningful break from their daily work routines.

The program commenced with an invocation led by Ms. Ma. Grace G. Galang from the Provincial Housing Development and Management Office, followed by an inspirational message from Ms. Michelle F. Alcid, Quality Management

Representative, who underscored the value of maintaining a healthy mind and body. She encouraged employees to incorporate healthier habits into their daily lives, recognizing that personal wellness contributes to a more productive and effective workforce.

Employees from various provincial government offices enthusiastically joined the energetic Zumba session, filling the ceremonial grounds with movement, enthusiasm, and positive energy. The lively gathering reinforced the message that staying physically active can be both enjoyable and beneficial to overall well-being.



Adding to the celebration, employees participated in photo-op activities with their colleagues, and photobooth was also provided, allowing participants to capture fun and memorable moments with their co-

workers.

The program concluded with closing remarks from Ms. Luzviminda S. Amparo, Chairperson of the Workplace Organization Committee, who thanked everyone who participated in and

supported the celebration. She encouraged employees to continue practicing healthy habits and staying active beyond Nutrition Month.

The celebration highlighted the importance of staying

active and making healthy choices. Through activities like this, the Provincial Government of Cavite continues to encourage its employees to practice healthy habits and maintain a healthy and productive workplace. —OPIO

RATILLA MEDICAL CLINIC & ANIMAL BITE CENTER NOW OPEN IN CAGAYAN DE ORO

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY — Residents of Cagayan de Oro and nearby communities now have access to a dedicated facility for animal bite management and preventive care with the opening of the Ratilla Medical Clinic & Animal Bite Center at the Our Lady of Manaoag Town Center along RN Pelaez Boulevard, Kauswagan. The newly opened Animal Bite Center is equipped to provide immediate medical attention to individuals who have been bitten or scratched by dogs, cats, and other animals, offering wound assessment, proper wound care, and vaccination services.

The center said it aims to provide fast, safe, and reliable treatment to patients while promoting greater awareness of rabies prevention and responsible health care.

According to the clinic, it uses WHO pre-qualified vaccines, providing patients with vaccines that meet recognized international quality and safety standards.

The facility also promotes a streamlined treatment program, with its announcement stating that eligible patients may complete their vaccination regimen within one week, depending on the recommended treatment protocol and medical assessment. Patients are encouraged to consult qualified medical professionals, as the appropriate schedule may vary depending on the nature and severity of the exposure.

"Our goal is to make quality animal bite treatment more accessible to the community and to ensure that patients receive prompt and appropriate medical care," the clinic said.

The Ratilla Medical Clinic & Animal Bite Center is open Monday to Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is located at Our Lady of Manaoag Town Center, RN Pelaez Boulevard, Kauswagan, Cagayan de Oro City. For inquiries and emergency concerns, the clinic may be reached at 0912 818 8078.

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Rice aid, P20/kilo rice program expand in Laguna

CALAMBA CITY, Laguna (PIA) — Programs of the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. aimed at addressing hunger, easing household expenses, and strengthening the country's food security efforts continue to expand across the province of Laguna.

In his fifth State of the Nation Address (SONA), President Marcos Jr. highlighted the administration's gains in providing rice assistance to priority sectors through the Bawat Bayan Makikinabang Program under the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF). The program has been implemented in several local government units nationwide to help cushion the effects of global economic challenges.

"Sa panahon na lumiit ang kita dahil sa mataas na mga presyo, mahigit 26,000 toneladang bigas ang binigay sa mahigit 2.5 milyong pamilya. At ito'y itutuloy pa natin hanggang umabot sa 8 milyong pamilya na makikinabang," the President said in his address.

The Chief Executive

also cited the fulfillment of his campaign promise to make affordable, high-quality rice accessible to more Filipinos through the Benteng Bigas Meron Na program. The initiative has since benefited millions of consumers while supporting local farmers and fisherfolk through the KADIWA program.

"Patuloy pa rin ang programang Benteng Bigas Meron Na. Ito'y nakakapagbigay-ginhawa sa mahigit 12 milyong Pilipino sa buong bansa. Ang mahigit 800 nating KADIWA na nasa buong Pilipinas ay sabay pa ring nakakatulong sa mga mamimili, at sa mga magsasaka't mangingisda na direktang nakakapagtinda ng kanilang mga produkto,"

In Laguna, the provincial government has partnered with the

national government to further support vulnerable sectors through rice distribution activities in San Pablo City.

Around 650 registered solo parents in the city each received 30 kilograms of rice, completing the 50-kilogram rice assistance committed to them by the national government under the Bawat Bayan Makikinabang rice distribution program on July 25.

The provincial government of Laguna and the city government of San Pablo jointly reaffirmed their commitment to continue working with the national government in implementing programs that directly address the needs of residents.

"Kaniyang tiniyak na patuloy na makikipagtulungan ang

lokal na pamahalaan sa mga susunod pang programa at proyekto ng pambansa

at p a n l a l a w i g a n g pamahalaan. Dahil aniya ang mga programang ito ay nararapat lamang dahil ito ay mula sa buwis na binabayaran ng mga tao," San Pablo City Acting Mayor Justin Colago said in a statement provided by the City Information Office.

In Calamba City, the Benteng Bigas Meron Na program is also set to roll out across the city, providing affordable rice to senior citizens, solo parents, persons with disabilities, farmers, drivers, members of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) households, and indigent individuals.

Launched on Tuesday, July 28, the initiative also provides local farmers with an opportunity to sell their produce directly to consumers, allowing them to earn more by eliminating middlemen.



Calamba City Mayor Roseller Rizal said the President's program brings much-needed relief to families in the city by helping put more food on the table, increasing household savings, and supporting the daily needs of every Calambeño.

"Sa panahon kung kailan patuloy na hinaharap ng mga mamamayan ang pagtaas ng presyo ng mga bilingin, ang bawat pisong matitipid sa pagkain ay malaking tulong sa pang-araw-araw na gastusin. Higit pa sa murang bigas,

ang programang ito ay nagbibigay ng pag-asa at kapanatagan na may mga konkretong hakbang upang mapagaan ang buhay ng mga ordinaryong Pilipino," Rizal said in a social media statement.

The continued implementation of these measures is expected to reach more LGUs in the province, allowing more families to benefit from programs designed to improve affordability of goods and strengthen food security in the province.

(CH/PIA-Laguna)

DENR urges private investors to back community forestry enterprises

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is calling on banks, businesses, and development partners to invest in community-based forest enterprises, underscoring that stronger livelihoods for upland communities are key to protecting the country's forests.

During an investment forum organized by the DENR-Forest Management Bureau (FMB) in Makati City on Thursday, the agency presented eight Community-Based Forest Management People's Organizations (CBFM-POs), highlighting their vital role in sustainable forest management.

In his speech delivered by Undersecretary Jonas Leones, Environment Secretary Juan Miguel Cuna said these CBFM-POs have been the agency's partner in protecting and managing the country's forest wealth.

Forest protectors

"Only 7,226,394 hectares are what remains of our forest – 30.7 percent closed forest, 65 percent open forest, and 4.3 percent of mangrove forest. Within these forests live 20 million Filipinos. They are not merely numbers on a map, nor are they bystanders to our

forest story. In many places, they are the very reason why these forests still exist," he said.

"Today we talk about our People's Organizations, our partners in managing the nation's forest wealth. This has been a 30-year partnership," he said, adding that the government could not safeguard the country's vast forests on its own.

The DENR said the forum seeks to promote inclusive investments and partnerships, as well as sustainable financing for community forestry, while reinforcing the goals of the "Forests for Life: 5 Million Trees by 2028 Program," which seeks to mobilize investments that empower upland communities while protecting forest ecosystems.

In sharing his previous experience as a forester when he started at the DENR, Leones noted how the community struggled in

protecting the forests and sustaining their families at the same time.

He said CBFM-POs helped reduce illegal activities, but sustaining those gains requires communities to have stable sources of income.

"The question is how will this community sustain their efforts, their responsibility to protect the environment if they don't have viable livelihood?" he said.

Leones said the forum seeks to connect community organizations with investors and markets that can help grow their enterprises, and determine what possible collaboration can be done to address forest protection.

Sustainable livelihood

In his message, Cuna said people's organizations have already proven their ability to manage forest resources and are ready to become investment partners.

These people's organizations, he said, have spent more than 30 years proving they are excellent environmental stewards, and that it is time they step forward as social entrepreneurs.

"Since 1995, the DENR has issued 2,000 CBFM agreements, covering 1.66 million hectares. As of April this year, 1,293 agreements remain active, covering 800,000 hectares and directly benefiting 167,543 CBFM stewards," Cuna said.

Of the active CBFM areas, he said, over 67 percent overlap with Certificates of Ancestral Domain Titles (CADTs), ancestral land titles, and domain claims, while two out of every three hectares sit on land where indigenous and community rights are officially recognized by the state, taking care of lands their families have protected for generations.

"From 2007 to 2025, these organizations have produced more than 52.6 million seedlings, including forest trees, forest fruit

trees, and high-value crops among others, while operating enterprises in agroforestry, bamboo, rattan, ecotourism and other forest-based industries," he said.

Bridging gaps

While acknowledging that many organizations still struggle with limited financing and market access, Cuna said investments can help bridge those gaps.

"To our banking colleagues, every peso invested in closing these gaps yields sustainable production, protected watersheds, rural income, and forests that survive. The years of the PO's work in nurseries and watersheds must translate into real local income, not just someone else's balance sheet," he told potential investors.

Cuna said the DENR's long-term goal is to help communities build enterprises that can thrive independently.

"Our goal is a CBFM community that runs a self-sustaining enterprise; that

is real empowerment," he added.

Featured CBFM-POs also pitched investment-ready projects to prospective financiers.

"Our communities are the frontliners of forest protection. By investing in them, we invest in the future of our forests, and in the resilience of the families who depend on them," Cuna said.

He also thanked the people's organizations for helping the government protect the forestland that belongs to the Filipino people.

During the forum, the DENR also unveiled the Sustainable Forest Land Management Agreement (SFLMA) Module under the Frontline Services Transaction System (FSTS). The new digital platform is designed to streamline the processing of forest land management agreements to improve efficiency, transparency, and accessibility for stakeholders seeking permits and approvals. (PNA)

Repatriated... (FROM PAGE 8)

The OWWA, in a news release, said the repatriates arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 3 aboard Emirates Flight EK330 and were welcomed by government personnel who facilitated their arrival and distributed emergency assistance.

"Agad na ipinagkaloob sa mga repatriated OFWs at kanilang mga dependents

ang airport assistance, pagkain, financial assistance, at transportation assistance. Ang mga nangangailangan naman ay binigyan din ng pansamantalang accommodation upang matiyak ang kanilang ligtas at maayos na pagdating sa bansa (Airport assistance, food, financial assistance, and transportation assistance were

immediately provided to the repatriated OFWs and their dependents. Those in need were also provided with temporary accommodation to ensure their safe and proper arrival in the country)," OWWA said.

"Samantala, tumanggap din ng Special Financial Assistance ang 17 Pilipinong marino ng M/T GAS bilang bahagi ng agarang suporta ng pamahalaan (Meanwhile, 17 Filipino seafarers of M/

T GAS also received Special Financial Assistance as part of the government's immediate support)," it added.

The Filipino seafarers' manning agency arranged temporary accommodation and transportation to their respective provinces while completing the necessary post-arrival requirements.

The OWWA assured that

government assistance will continue even after the repatriates return home through programs that support their reintegration into the workforce and their communities.

These include employment opportunities, livelihood and entrepreneurship assistance, skills training, and other opportunities intended to help returning

OFWs and seafarers rebuild their lives.

The OWWA continues to ensure that under the leadership of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., every OFW can rely on the government at every stage of their migration journey, in times of need, to their safe return, and up to their successful reintegration into their family and community. (PNA)

DSWD expands... (FROM PAGE 8)

In his SONA, Marcos highlighted the DSWD's key social welfare initiatives for vulnerable sectors, including the Pag-abot Program, which was institutionalized under Executive Order No. 52.

The initiative is the DSWD's social protection initiative for children, individuals, and families in street situations. It provides immediate interventions, temporary shelter, and support

services to help beneficiaries reintegrate into society.

"Our commitment in the Department remains firm in protecting the vulnerable, especially the Families and Individuals in Street Situation (FISS). Gagawin po ang lahat ng DSWD para maalis sila sa kapahamakan na maaaring idulot ng lansangan, lalo na po ngayon ay pumasok na tayo ng panahon ng tag-

ulan (The DSWD will do everything to pull them away from the dangers of living on the streets, especially now that the rainy season has started)," DSWD spokesperson Assistant Secretary Irene Dumlaog said in a statement Thursday.

Latest data showed that Pag-abot teams have profiled 29,988 individuals, reached out to 22,852 persons, and successfully reintegrated 21,174 beneficiaries into their home communities.

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NMC... (FROM PAGE 8)

and Resupply to BRP Sierra Madre," the council said.

It said Jing's assertions "misrepresent both the Philippines' sovereign rights over Ayungin Shoal and the purpose and scope of the Provisional Understanding."

According to the NMC, the arrangement was crafted solely to facilitate lawful and safe rotation and resupply (RORE) missions to BRP Sierra Madre, while reducing the risk of incidents at sea.

"It is not an instrument that grants any country the authority to approve, regulate, inspect or restrict Philippine activities at Ayungin Shoal," it said.

The council underscored that Ayungin Shoal is a low-tide elevation that forms part of the Philippines' EEZ and continental shelf under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), as affirmed by the final and binding 2016 South China Sea Arbitral Award.

"There is no requirement for the Philippines to seek permission before undertaking lawful

activities in its own EEZ under international law," the NMC said.

"There is likewise no agreement nor arrangement that has altered or diminished the sovereign rights that the Philippines exercises over Ayungin Shoal."

The NMC also denounced attempts to invoke the provisional understanding to justify China's actions against Philippine personnel.

"Equally unacceptable is any attempt to invoke the Provisional Understanding or blame the Philippines' lawful activities in Ayungin Shoal to justify coercive or violent actions against Philippine personnel," it said.

"Confidence-building measures exist to prevent incidents — not to rationalize actions that increase tensions or endanger lives."

The statement echoed an earlier clarification by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), which said the 2024 provisional understanding is merely a set of principles aimed at preventing misunderstandings during

the Philippines' routine RORE missions and does not recognize any Chinese authority over Philippine waters.

The issue resurfaced following a recent confrontation near BRP Sierra Madre, where Philippine military officials said China Coast Guard personnel assaulted Philippine Navy troops with wooden batons, injuring two sailors.

In the wake of the incident, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. summoned Jing to Malacañang, where he condemned what the government described as China's "illegal, aggressive and barbaric actions" against Filipino personnel in the West Philippine Sea.

The NMC called on Beijing to refrain from statements and actions that undermine efforts to preserve peace and stability in the West Philippine Sea, while reaffirming the Philippines' commitment to resolving disputes peacefully and defending its sovereignty, sovereign rights and jurisdiction in accordance with international law and President Marcos' policy of upholding a rules-based maritime order. (PNA)

DOST Launches... (FROM PAGE 8)

For the Province of Camiguin, this challenge is all too familiar. As an island province shaped by the historic Mt. Hibok Hibok eruption and exposed to volcanic hazards, typhoons, heavy rains, landslides, and other natural disasters, emergency response often extends beyond rescue and relief. Damaged roads, disrupted electricity, limited cooking facilities, and rough sea conditions can make it difficult to prepare and distribute hot meals, particularly to geographically isolated communities and evacuation centers.

Recognizing these realities, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), together with the Provincial Government of Camiguin, officially launched the Smart Mobile Kitchen, an innovation that strengthens local disaster preparedness by enabling responders to prepare and serve safe, nutritious, and freshly cooked meals wherever they are needed.

The launch formed part of the commemorative program honoring the historic Mt. Hibok Hibok eruption, highlighting how the lessons of the past continue to inspire science based solutions that protect lives and build more resilient communities.

The Smart Mobile Kitchen is a fully equipped mobile food preparation facility designed for rapid deployment during disasters, emergencies, and humanitarian operations. Built inside a specially configured vehicle, it can be mobilized to evacuation centers, temporary shelters, and

remote communities where conventional kitchens may no longer be functional because of damaged infrastructure, flooding, or prolonged power interruptions.

Unlike conventional relief operations that primarily distribute canned goods and ready to eat food packs, the Smart Mobile Kitchen enables emergency responders to prepare hot, freshly cooked meals on site. This allows affected families to receive nutritious food that supports their health and well being during one of the most difficult periods of their lives.

Beyond addressing hunger, access to properly prepared meals plays a critical role in protecting public health during emergencies. Freshly cooked and nutritious food helps reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses, supports the nutritional needs of vulnerable groups, and provides comfort and dignity to families who have been displaced from their homes.

The innovation is especially important for children, older persons, pregnant and lactating women, persons with disabilities, and individuals with medical conditions who require balanced and safe meals while staying in evacuation centers.

For an island province like Camiguin, where transportation can be disrupted by severe weather and rough seas, having a mobile kitchen that can immediately operate within affected communities significantly enhances the capability of

local responders to deliver timely and efficient food assistance without depending solely on food prepared elsewhere.

To ensure that the Smart Mobile Kitchen can be effectively utilized during emergencies, the DOST Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST FNRI) will provide specialized training for personnel from the Provincial Government of Camiguin and local responders. The training will cover food safety and sanitation, nutrition in emergency situations, menu planning for disaster affected populations, large scale meal preparation, proper handling and storage of food, and the efficient operation and management of the mobile kitchen during disaster response.

By combining appropriate technology with technical capacity building, DOST ensures that the Smart Mobile Kitchen is not only equipped with modern facilities but is also operated by trained personnel capable of delivering safe, nutritious, and quality meals even under the most challenging conditions.

As disasters become more frequent and increasingly complex because of climate related risks and other natural hazards, investments in innovations such as the Smart Mobile Kitchen become essential components of disaster risk reduction and management. They enable local governments to respond more effectively while ensuring that humanitarian assistance reaches affected families quickly and efficiently.

Tagaytay...

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Anchored on the theme "Sa PPAAN: Sama-sama sa Nutrisyong Sapat Para sa

Lahat," and sub-theme "Nutrisyon at Kalikasan, Ating Pangalagaan," the

Public school...

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The DepEd Schools Division Office (SDO) of San Pedro City welcomed its partnership with the San Pedro LGU, which initially awarded the laptop sets on Tuesday, July 28, to Key Stage 1 (KS1) teachers, or those teaching Kindergarten to Grade 3.

According to a statement from the DepEd SDO San Pedro, the laptop sets provided to teachers demonstrate the commitment of the national government to enhancing the quality of education through seamless technology integration, while strengthening the professional community of public school teachers.

"The distribution of laptops to KS1 teachers aims to provide educators with essential digital tools that will support innovative teaching strategies, improve classroom instruction, and promote more efficient delivery of quality basic education," the division office said in a statement.

The Education department also welcomed the collaborative efforts of the local government and private sector partners in empowering and supporting teachers toward building a future-ready teaching workforce.

"Through initiatives such as these, SDO San Pedro City continues to strengthen its commitment to providing teachers with the

necessary resources and leadership support needed to deliver quality education for every learner," the DepEd division office added.

For San Pedro City Mayor Art Joseph Francis Mercado, the distribution of laptops to all public school teachers, regardless of the grade level they teach, reflects the LGU's commitment to improving teachers' capabilities and easing their workload.

"Usually, ang binibigyan nating halaga ay ang ating mga estudyante lamang, pero napakahirap po ng trabaho ng ating mga guro na every day ay hirap na hirap magturo sa mga estudyante natin. Konting appreciation lang for them and alam ko na magagamit naman nila nang maayos ang mga laptops," Mercado said in an interview with the Philippine Information Agency Laguna.

The mayor recognized the local taxpayers for enabling the implementation of the program, while adding that the new equipment serves as a reward for the hard work, dedication, and love that teachers continuously demonstrate in shaping the minds of young San Pedrenses, helping ensure a brighter future for the country.

"Maraming salamat sa inyong walang sawang paglilingkod at sa inspirasyong araw-araw ninyong ibinibigay sa ating kabataan. Patuloy po

celebration highlighted the vital role of proper nutrition, environmental stewardship, and community action in improving the health and

tayong magtutulungan upang mabigyan ang bawat batang San Pedrense ng mas magandang kinabukasan sa pamamagitan ng kalidad na edukasyon."

Some teachers who received their laptops expressed gratitude, saying that the new devices would enable them to enhance lesson preparation, improve instructional delivery, streamline assessment processes, and perform their various responsibilities more efficiently.

Chelle De Borja, an elementary school teacher from Chrysanthemum Integrated School, thanked the DepEd and the San Pedro LGU for their support in creating a more effective and responsive learning environment.

"[Hindi na] sana all. Meron na kaming laptops. Maraming salamat po Mayor Art Mercado at sa City Government of San Pedro City, Laguna, sa pagbibigay ng laptops sa aming mga KS1 teachers. Ang inyong suporta ay inspirasyon upang lalo pa naming pagbutihin ang aming paglilingkod sa edukasyon."

Aside from distributing laptops to teachers, the LGU of San Pedro and the DepEd SDO San Pedro also partnered to provide school supplies, including uniforms, shoes, and umbrellas, to all elementary and high school learners to support families and help reduce school-related expenses. **(CH/PIA-Laguna)**

with disabilities in community development.

The event marked a significant milestone for the Federation as it embarks on a new chapter of leadership, dedicated to serving the Deaf community through collaboration, advocacy, and sustainable programs that uphold the principles of equality, accessibility, and empowerment. — **OPIO**

well-being of Tagaytayeños.

A highlight of the event was the Pista ng Masustansyang Pagkain, where participants showcased nutritious dishes made from locally available ingredients in the main dish, dessert, snack, and beverage categories. The activity promoted healthy eating while encouraging the use of indigenous food resources and community-grown produce as affordable and sustainable sources of nutrition.

The city also recognized outstanding Barangay Nutrition Committees (BNCs), Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNSs), and Barangay Nutrition Action Officers (BNAOs) for their invaluable contributions to implementing nutrition programs and improving the nutritional status of families at the barangay level.

City Nutrition Action Officer Emilma Pello emphasized that the celebration was more than recognizing winners—it

was a tribute to the people whose daily efforts have transformed lives.

"Hindi lang tungkol sa tema, banner at poster. Tungkol ito sa nanay na gumigising para magluto ng gulay, sa tatay na nagtatanim, at sa batang dati ay payat, ngayon ay masigla na," said Pello.

She likewise paid tribute to the dedication of barangay nutrition workers, describing them as the backbone of the city's nutrition programs.

"BNS, kayo ang paa at kamay ng nutrisyon. Naglalakad kayo sa malalayong parte ng bawat barangay. Kabisado ninyo ang bawat bahay at bawat bata. Ang bawat timbang na nire-record ninyo at bawat nanay na inyong natutulungan, buhay ang inililigtas ninyo," she added.

The culmination program also featured the search for Lakan at Lakambini ng Nutrisyon at Kalikasan, where contestants wore gowns made from recyclable materials, promoting environmental awareness and demonstrating how

sustainability can complement nutrition advocacy.

Meanwhile, Theresa Rivas, Information Officer of the National Nutrition Council (NNC) CALABARZON, reminded participants that every award represents years of dedication and service to the community.

"Behind every plaque is a story of sacrifice," she said, noting that the success of every nutrition program reflects the commitment of local nutrition workers who continue to ensure that every child has the opportunity to grow healthy and every family receives proper nutrition guidance.

The annual celebration concluded with a renewed call for stronger collaboration among local government units, barangay nutrition workers, and communities in advancing sustainable nutrition initiatives that will help secure healthier and more resilient generations of Tagaytayeños. **(CCM/PIA CALABARZON)**

DSWD expands...

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Dumlao said the program continues to provide interventions that help beneficiaries become productive members of society while protecting them from the risks of street life.

She said families and individuals in street situations reached by social workers undergo an initial assessment before being admitted to a Pag-abot Processing

Center, or a Center for Residential Care Facility.

"Pinaparami na rin po ng Departamento ang ating (The Department is also increasing the number of) processing centers to, of course, accommodate more clients, more beneficiaries, dahil ito po ang mandato ng DSWD (because this is the DSWD's mandate), to ensure that no Filipinos are living on the streets,"

Dumlao said.

The DSWD currently operates four Pag-abot Processing Centers. Two facilities in Pasay City and Cebu are operational, while two more in Pampanga and the Cordillera Administrative Region are being renovated to serve more beneficiaries.

"The goal of DSWD is to give FISS a fresh start, safe living environments, and stable support systems," Dumlao said. **(PNA)**

Rappeling...

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The activity was headed by National Commander Richard Nixon Gomez. Facilitated by the Zion Emergency and Disaster Rescue Unit, under the leadership of Mr. Ryan Apduhan, the session covered proper harness fitting, knot-tying, controlled descent, equipment maintenance, and emergency rescue procedures—critical skills for responding to typhoons, floods, landslides, and other

climate-driven disasters. Instructors demonstrated safe suspension and maneuvering techniques on purpose-built rigs, while all participants completed guided practice under direct supervision.

Participants donned shirts bearing the Climate Action Now! message, reinforcing that building operational resilience goes hand-in-hand with environmental stewardship. "We do not

just train to respond; we train to protect communities increasingly vulnerable to the worsening impacts of the climate crisis," shared Apduhan. "Preparedness is both a life-saving measure and a key part of our collective climate action."

This training reflects the organization's broader dedication to building a capable, unified response force prepared to serve communities across the country in all types of emergency situations.

Federation...

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oath-taking was administered by Governor Abeng Remulla, whose presence underscored the Provincial Government's continued support for programs and initiatives that promote accessibility, empowerment, and equal opportunities for persons with disabilities.

The ceremony was also graced by Ms. Marie Shiela Antenor, Head of the Office of the Provincial Persons with Disabilities (OPG-OPPDO), whose steadfast advocacy and partnership continue to strengthen programs that foster inclusivity and meaningful participation of persons

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Debtors / Mortgages

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118 filed by the petitioner/mortgagee, **BDO UNIBANK INC.,** a universal banking corporation with postal address at 33rd Floor, BDO Corporate Center Ortigas, No. 12 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City against the debtors / mortgagors, **SPS. RONN B. VILLAFLOR and KAREN Y. VILLAFLOR,** with postal address at Lot 41 Block 1, Governors Drive, Ville De Soleil 2, Brgy. Langkaan I, Dasmariñas City, Cavite and for the satisfaction of the mortgaged debt which as of 19 June 2026 amounts to **FOUR HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE PESOS & 00/100 (Php 414,129.00),** exclusive of legal fees and expenses incidental to this foreclosure and sale, the undersigned Sheriff will sell at public auction on **September 4, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter at the Ground Floor Lobby, Dasmariñas Community Affairs (DASCA) Building, Congressional Road, Buro 2, Dasmariñas City, Province of Cavite to the highest bidder and for CASH or CERTIFIED CHECK, in Philippine Currency, the following described real property together with all the buildings and other improvements existing thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE No. 057-2015037443

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in Barangay of Langkaan, Municipality of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon, bounded and described as follows:

A parcel of land (Lot 41 Blk. 1 of the subdivision plan, PSD-04-200583, being a portion of Lot 1-A, PSD-04-141187, LRC Record No. 8843), situated in the Brgy. of Langkaan, Municipality of Dasmariñas, Province of Cavite, Island of Luzon. Bounded on the SE., along line 1-2 by Road Lot 3 (8.00 mts R.O.W.); on the SW., along line 2-3 by Lot 40, Blk. 1; on the NW., along line 3-4 by Lot 1, Blk. 4 (Excluded Area); and on the NE., along line 4-1 by Lot 42, Blk. 1, all of the subd. plan. Beginning at point marked "1" on plan being N. 47 Deg. 42'W., 868.88 m. from MON. No. 155, Imus Estate; Thence S. 68 Deg. 29'W., 5.50 m. to point 2; Thence N. 21 Deg. 31'W., 10.00 m. to point 3; Thence N. 68 Deg. 29'E., 5.50 m. to point 4; Thence S. 21 Deg. 31'E., 10.00 m. to point of beginning; containing an area of **FIFTY FIVE (55) SQUARE METERS.** All points referred to are indicated on the plan and are marked on the ground by P.S., CYL. CONC. MONS 15x40 cm; Bearings true; Date of original survey July 27, 1905 - June 11, 1908 and that of the subdivision survey, December 12 - 19, 2007 and was approved on July 1, 2008.

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

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

In the event the publication auction should not take place on the said date and time, it shall be held on **September 18, 2026**

Modernizing... (FROM PAGE 1)

"Hinihiling ko ang suporta ng buong industriya upang mapaandar na natin sa lalong madaling panahon ang ating minimithing Modernisasyon ng mga Pampublikong Sasakyan. Titiyakin natin na magiging makatao, magaan, at makatarungan ang pagpapatupad nito. Tulad ng aking binanggit, dapat mataas ang kalidad, matibay, at maghahatid ng pangmatagalang ginawa sa taumbayan ang lahat ng pampublikong imprastraktura," President Marcos stated in his address.

In the CALABARZON region, the President himself recently conducted a port inspection at the newly upgraded Lucena Port Passenger Terminal Building (PTB) in Lucena City, Quezon along with the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) as part of his commitment to modernizing the country's maritime gateways and improving passenger comfort.

During the inspection, he underscored the need for safe and modern port facilities to provide the commuting public with efficient and reliable transportation services between the CALABARZON region, MIMAROPA, and other nearby island provinces, ensuring a safer, more convenient, and more comfortable travel experience.

"This was necessary to be done because the traffic going to Lucena Port is approximately 500,000 travelers every year kaya't kailangan talagang i-upgrade na ang ating mga facilities para matulungan ang ating mga traveling public, hindi sila masyadong mahirapan," the Chief Executive said during the inspection on July 21.

The PTB, built with a P 153.43 - million investment from the PPA's corporate budget, is expected to offer safer and more convenient travel for passengers and contribute to strengthening regional connectivity, boosting trade, and driving economic growth in Southern Luzon.

With a capacity of 928 passengers, the upgraded terminal is equipped with modern, safer facilities, including fully air-conditioned waiting areas, automated ticketing machines, an enhanced ventilation system, and 144 solar panels that support energy-efficient and sustainable port operations.

These improvements are designed to meet the growing demand for safe, reliable, and convenient passenger travel, particularly as the PPA's records show that approximately 500,000 travelers use the Port of Lucena as their gateway each year.

PPA General Manager

at the same time and place without further notice.

City of Dasmariñas,, Province of Cavite, July 29, 2026.

(Sgd.) GERALD A. FARGAS
Sheriff IV

(Sgd.) ATTY. MARCELA L. BAYBAY
Clerk of Court VI & Ex-Officio Sheriff

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Jay Santiago expressed hopes that more Filipinos will benefit from the improvements of the upgraded Passenger Terminal Buildings (PTBs) as the Marcos administration continues to implement its port terminal modernization agenda.

"We hope na makikita ng mga kababayan natin ito, ma-e-engganyo sila na hindi na sila kumbaga magkakaroon ng agam-agam sa pagbiyahe, sa pagdaan sa ating mga pantalan dahil makikita nila kumportable na ang pagbiyahe, kumbenyente, at kung ano man ang mangyari, matuloy man o hindi matuloy ang kanilang biyahe, sigurado sila, kumpiyansa sila, relax sila, at magaan ang kanilang pagbiyahe dahil maganda ang pasilidad," Santiago said during the port inspection.

Dating back to 2024, President Marcos inaugurated the Batangas Passenger Terminal Building at the Port of Batangas in Batangas City. Since its inauguration, the facility has continued to enhance tourism connectivity, encourage investments, improve the movement of agricultural goods, and stimulate local economies, underscoring the administration's commitment to promoting inclusive growth through the modernization of the country's transport infrastructure.

From its original capacity of 2,500 passengers, the Batangas PTB has been upgraded to accommodate up to 8,000 passengers. The facility can now serve around 12.8 million passengers

annually and offers expanded facilities for vehicle traffic, providing improved services that continue to benefit the Filipino public.

Amid the recent surge in fuel prices brought about by the Middle East conflict, the country has felt the impact of the crisis, particularly Filipino commuters who rely on public transportation as a more accessible and affordable means of travel.

The Marcos Jr. administration affirms its focus on enhancing the country's public transportation system to expand its reach, modernize facilities and its services, and provide more convenient mobility for the Filipino people.

President Marcos stated in his SONA, "Kaya pinagtutuunang mabuti ng Administrasyon ang ating mga tren, mga busways, transport hubs at integrated terminals, at ang pagpapaganda at pagpapalawak ng mga paliparan at pantalan sa buong bansa. Ito ay upang mas malawak at malayo ang naaabot, tumaas ang kapasidad, at maging moderno at mas maginhawa ang serbisyo."

As one of the country's major industrial hubs, the CALABARZON region hosts numerous manufacturing zones, industrial parks, and economic zones, making port modernization vital as these facilities play a vital role in facilitating the movement of raw materials, finished goods, and agricultural products while strengthening supply chains and helping decongest Manila-based ports. **(COP/PIA CALABARZON)**

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EJF NO. TG-26-0049
FOR: Extra-Judicial Foreclosure
of Real Estate Mortgage Under Act
No. 3135, as amended by Act No. 4118

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK,
in its capacity as assignee-mortgagee of
PNB SAVINGS BANK,
Mortgagee,

-versus-

SPS. HAMLIN C. ALDAYA AND
ANA MARIA K. ALDAYA,
Debtors-Mortgagors.

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NOTICE OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SALE

Upon extra-judicial petition for sale under Act 3135, as amended by Act No. 3135, filed by mortgagee, **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK**, a banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the of the Republic of the Philippines with principal office address at PNB Financial Center, Pres. Diosdado P. Macapagal Boulevard, Pasay City, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Uniform Loan and Mortgage Agreement (Real Estate) executed and notarized on March 20, 2018 by debtors-mortgagors **SPS. HAMLIN C. ALDAYA AND ANA MARIA K. ALDAYA**, both of legal age, Filipino citizens, with postal addresses at (1) Block 2 Lot 1, Sampaloc St., Manuela Homes, Talon 5, Las Piñas City (2) Lot 12 Block 7, Phase 1, Kohana Grove, Paliparan Silang Road, Brgy. Sabutan, Silang, Cavite and (3) 035 Gonzales Compound Almanza, Las Piñas City, in favor of PNB SAVINGS BANK, which has assigned its loans by virtue of a Deed of Assignment (Loans) executed and notarized on August 28, 2020 in favor of the mortgagee **PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK**, over real estate property including improvements thereon, described in and covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 076-2019007530** of the Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City, in order to satisfy the outstanding loan obligation which was granted by mortgagee in the amount of **ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND SIXTY-ONE PESOS and 04/100 (Php 1,194,061.04)** inclusive of interest, penalties and other agreed charges, as of March 31, 2026, the undersigned Clerk of Court & Ex-Officio Sheriff of the Regional Trial Court of Cavite thru her deputy, Rhiz Sañel C. Toledo, will sell at public auction on **November 11, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning** or soon thereafter, at the New Hall of Justice of Tagaytay City, to the highest bidder, for Cash or Manager's Check and in Philippine Currency, the following property with all its improvements thereon, to wit:

TRANSFER CERTIFICATE TITLE NO. 076-2019007530
Registry of Deeds for Tagaytay City

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that certain land situated in BARANGAY OF SABUTAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND (LOT 12, BLK. 7 OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN PCS-04-028109, BEING A PORTION OF LOTS 2651-A, 2651-B, 2651-C, 2651-D, 2651-E, 2651-F, 2651-G, 2651-H, 2651-I, 2651- J, CSD-04-028969-D), SITUATED IN THE BARANGAY OF SABUTAN, MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, ISLAND OF LUZON. BOUNDED ON THE SE., ALONG LINE 1-2 BY LOT 13787, CAD. 452-D, SILANG CADASTRE; ON THE SW., ALONG LINE 2-3 BY LOT 11, BLOCK 7; ON THE NW., ALONG LINE 3-4 BY ROAD LOT

Cavite Arbor... (FROM PAGE 1)

was part of the provincial government's continuing commitment to environmental protection and sustainable development by promoting greener and healthier communities. The activity gathered representatives from various national government agencies, private sector organizations, environmental volunteers,

8 AND ON THE NE., ALONG LINE 4-1 BY LOT 13, BLOCK 7 ALL OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION PLAN. BEGINNING AT A POINT MARKED "1" ON PLAN, BEING N. 23 DEG. 32'E., 4361.98 M. FROM BLLM NO. 1, CAD 452-D, SILANG CADASTRE; THENCE S. 10 DEG. 51' W., 10.00 M. TO POINT 2; THENCE N. 79 DEG. 09' W., 11.00 M. TO POINT 3; THENCE N. 10 DEG. 51' E., 10.00 M. TO POINT 4; THENCE S. 79 DEG. 09' E., 11.00 M. TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF ONE HUNDRED TEN (110) SQUARE METERS. ALL POINTS REFERRED TO ARE INDICATED ON THE PLAN AND ARE MARKED ON THE GROUND BY P.S., CYL. CONC. MONS 15X40 CMS; BEARINGS TRUE; DATE OF ORIGINAL SURVEY: DEC. 7, 1973 TO DEC. 4, 1975 AND THAT OF THE CONSOLIDATION-SUBDIVISION SURVEY EXECUTED BY AIBRAHAM O. MALING, GEODETIC ENGINEER, ON SEPT. 19-OCT. 27, 2012 AND WAS APPROVED ON MARCH 25, 2013.

Is registered in accordance with the provision of Section 103 of Property Registration Decree in the name of*

Owner: SPOUSES HAMLIN C. ALDAYA AND ANA MARIA K. ALDAYA, FILIPINOS
Address: 035 GONZALES COMPOUND ALMANZA, LAS PIÑAS CITY

In the event the public auction should not take place on the said date, it shall be held on **November 18, 2026**, without further notice.

Prospective bidders or buyers are hereby enjoined to investigate and verify for themselves the **TRANSFER CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. 076-2019007530**, the encumbrances thereon, if any there be.

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

Tagaytay City, Philippines, July 21, 2026.

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

(Sgd.) **RHIZ SANEL C. TOLEDO**
Sheriff-in-Charge

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

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local government officials, and community stakeholders who joined hands in planting tree seedlings along the identified provincial road.

Ternate Mayor Llamberto Bambao graced the activity and actively participated in the tree planting, expressing the Municipal Government of Ternate's full support for the initiative. In his message, he underscored the importance of collective action in protecting the environment and emphasized that collaborative efforts among government agencies, the private sector, and local communities are essential in ensuring a greener and more sustainable future for the municipality and the province.

The tree planting activity aims to establish greenbelts along selected provincial roads to promote ecological awareness, enhance

roadside landscapes, and encourage active community participation in environmental conservation initiatives. The newly planted trees are expected to contribute to cleaner air, provide natural shade, reduce soil erosion, and support local biodiversity in the years to come.

By observing Cavite Arbor Day through meaningful environmental initiatives, the Provincial Government of Cavite reaffirms its commitment to preserving natural resources while fostering a culture of environmental stewardship among Caviteños. The collaborative undertaking highlights the vital role of partnerships among the provincial government, local government units, national government agencies, the private sector, and environmental advocates in building a greener, more resilient, and sustainable Cavite. — **OPIO**

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES OF
THE LATE SANTIAGO JR SACLOLO VILLAJIN
WITH SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **SANTIAGO JR SACLOLO VILLAJIN**, who died intestate on March 19, 2026 at **Naic, Cavite**, has left as his estate, which consists of the proceeds, death benefits, refunds and other claims due from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) and the Home Development Mutual Fund (Pag-IBIG Fund), including any other benefits that may be found due and payable; that the decedent died without any obligation to any person or persons and died without any will; that pursuant to Rule 74 of the Rules of Court and the Civil Code of the Philippines, the surviving legal heirs agreed to settle the estate extrajudicially; that for the purpose of facilitating the processing and release of the GSIS and Pag-IBIG benefits, the heirs hereby authorize **SHIRLEY VILLAJIN DIAZ** to receive, process and claim all proceeds and execute all documents necessary for the release thereof. Entered as Doc. No. 489, Page No. 99, Book No. XXXIV, Series of 2026 in the Notarial Registration of Notary Public **Atty. Jose A. Mendoza** on July 9, 2026 at Naic, Cavite.

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Isaiah 41:10 (NIV) "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Tagaytay highlights community-grown harvests, honors champions of nutrition



TAGAYTAY CITY, Cavite — Community-grown harvests, healthy local food, and the dedication of grassroots nutrition workers took center stage as the City Government of Tagaytay culminated its 52nd Nutrition Month celebration with a Food Festival and Gawad Nutrisyon on July 24 at Sigtuna Hall, reaffirming its commitment to building healthier families through community participation and sustainable nutrition practices. ► **TAGAYTAY • 5**

Public school teachers receive laptop sets through DepEd, San Pedro city gov't



SAN PEDRO CITY, Laguna (PIA) — Following the directive and guidance from the national government to enhance the quality of the public school education system, the Department of Education (DepEd), together with the city local government unit (LGU) of San Pedro, Laguna, has distributed complete laptop sets to all public school teachers in the city, which is seen to improve instructional resources for Filipino learners. ► **PUBLIC SCHOOL • 5**

NMC: Ayungin 'provisional deal' never curtailed PH sovereign rights

The National Maritime Council (NMC) on Thursday pushed back against Chinese Ambassador Jing Quan's "misrepresentation" on Ayungin Shoal, stressing that the provisional understanding between Manila and Beijing has never curtailed the Philippines' sovereign rights or given China authority over Philippine activities within its exclusive economic zone (EEZ).



The NMC issued the statement after the Chinese envoy accused the Philippines of violating the July 2024 provisional understanding by allegedly carrying out construction work on the grounded BRP Sierra Madre, the Philippine Navy outpost at Ayungin Shoal.

"The National Maritime Council firmly rejects statements by the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China regarding the Philippines' lawful activities in Ayungin Shoal and the Provisional Understanding for Rotation ► **NMC • 4**

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DOST Launches Smart Mobile Kitchen to Strengthen Camiguin's Disaster Response



Every disaster begins with saving lives. But once the immediate danger has passed and families are brought to safety, another urgent challenge follows, ensuring that evacuees have access to safe, nutritious, and freshly prepared meals. ► **DOST LAUNCHES • 4**

DSWD expands program to reach more people in street situations

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) is expanding the implementation of the Pag-abot Program to reach more individuals and families in street situations nationwide following President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s fifth State of the Nation Address (SONA).



► **DSWD EXPANDS • 4**

Repatriated OFWs from Dubai, Black Sea seafarers get gov't aid

The Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) and the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) provided immediate assistance to 38 repatriated overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their 12 dependents from Dubai, as well as 17 Filipino seafarers affected by an incident in the Black Sea upon their arrival in the country on Thursday. ► **REPATRIATED • 4**



WELCOME HOME. The Philippine government, through the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) and the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW), welcome 38 repatriated overseas Filipino workers and their 12 dependents from Dubai, as well as 17 Filipino seafarers upon their arrival at NAIA Terminal 3 on Thursday (July 30, 2026). The DMW and OWWA provided immediate financial, transportation, and other assistance to the returning OFWs and seafarers. (Photo courtesy of OWWA)