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Assistance to indigent individuals or Families- Food Assistance/Rice Distribution Project

The Provincial Government of Cavite continues the rollout of the Food Assistance–Rice Distribution Program (AIIF-FA-RDP) today, August 18, 2026, in Cavite City, in partnership with the City Government of Cavite headed by Mayor Denver Chua.

The activity forms part of the national government's Assistance to Indigent Individuals or Families through Food Assistance–Rice Distribution Program (AIIF-FA-RDP) under the Bagong Pilipinas agenda, funded through the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF-FA).

Through the program, families in need are provided with essential food assistance to help strengthen food security and ease the effects of rising living costs.

**Mahigit dalawang libong College Students,
napamahagian ng Cash Assistance sa
pamamagitan ng Unlad Pinas**

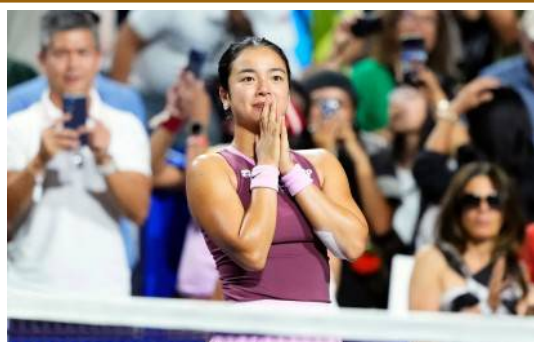


Sa pamamagitan ng UNLAD PINAS ay naipamahagi na ang P5,000 educational assistance sa bawat isa mga college students sa ginanap na payout sa SM Rosario. ► **MAHIGIT • 6**

Eala, Centeno lead PSA monthly achievers for July

Tennis star Alexandra Eala and billiards whiz Chezka Centeno were feted as the top achievers of the Philippine Sportswriters Association for the month of July.

The 21-year-old Eala dethroned defending champion Iga Swiatek, 7-6 (9), 6-2, at Wimbledon to become the first Filipino in the Open era to reach the fourth round of a Grand Slam in London. ► **EALA • 6**



Blessing of Carmona Component City Police Station - Altarez Outpost



Bilang bahagi ng ating patuloy na pagsusumikap para mapanatili ang kaligtasan at kaayusan sa ating Lungsod ay isinagawa natin ang Blessing ng bagong Carmona Component City Police Station – Altarez Outpost sa Barangay Maduya. ► **BLESSING • 6**

Silang town touts health programs in State of the Municipality Address

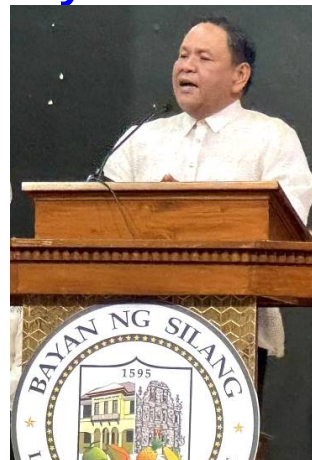
SILANG, Cavite (PIA) – With a stronger push for inclusive and affordable health services, the Municipal Government of Silang touted its policies and reforms that ensured equal access to healthcare.

In his very first State of the Municipality Address (SOMA) last August 17, Mayor Edward Carranza revealed that the passage of the Carranza Bill has been the highlight of this first year as local chief executive, which resulted to equitable access to healthcare services

especially during emergencies.

In an interview, Carranza noted that the Municipality of Silang is pushing for services where indigent patients no longer need to secure guarantee letters to receive care from

► **SILANG TOWN • 6**



From backyard waste to trade fair finds: Giving discarded coconut shells new life, purpose

During the COVID-19 pandemic, almost everything came to a sudden halt. Busy streets fell silent, daily commutes disappeared, and the familiar rush of life was replaced by uncertainty. Yet while the world stood still, one thing remained constant—the need to provide for families.

Fortunately, San Pablo City, Laguna is home to a thriving coconut industry, where discarded coconut shells are a common byproduct. Once the juice and meat are removed, the shells are often neglected as waste.

For married couple Edwardson and Marlyn Amorao, however, these seemingly worthless shells presented an opportunity. They saw potential in what others threw away and found a way to transform discarded coconut shells into useful and purposeful products.

“Nagsimula talaga ang Mang Eds Handicrafts nung pandemic; pero bago mag-pandemic, isa kaming side walk vendor, ‘yung asawa kong si Mang Ed ay isang tricycle driver and then nu’ng panahon ng pandemic, nag-lockdown, ito kasi alcoholic sa trabaho, malimit pumunta sa

niyugan, magpupulot ng bao ng niyog, nu’ng una nagagalit ako kase kalat, nakakalatan ako kase ang liit ng bahay namin, kauna-unahang natapos niya ay ‘yung paso na gawa sa bao,” Marlyn fondly remembers the story behind their very first coconut shell product.

By that time, the pandemic also sparked a growing interest in gardening, with plantitos and plantitas turning their homes into small green spaces. As more people began growing plants at home, the Amoraos saw an opportunity to put discarded coconut shells to good use by transforming them into unique and sustainable plant pots.

As demand for their coconut shell pots grew, the couple did not stop there. They began exploring other creative designs, including chandeliers made from

coconut shells. By incorporating lights into the natural material, they transformed the humble shells into unique and decorative pieces that added warmth and character to any space.

Marlyn shared that their growing collection of coconut shell products eventually gave them the opportunity to be invited to Laguna’s mother festival, the Ani ng Laguna or ANILAG Festival, where they were able to showcase and sell their creations to a wider market, allowing more consumers to discover the products they had crafted from discarded coconut shells.

Their journey of growth began at the festival, where the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) started assisting Mang Ed’s Handicrafts through business registration, training, and eventually, their first trade fair. This marked a turning point for the couple, opening opportunities to showcase their products to a wider market.

“Na-discover na kami ng tourism, naimbitahan kami sa kanilang Anilag Festival. Sumunod na ‘yung DTI, kumuha na kami ng DTI Permit tapos pinakuha na din kami ng business permit hanggang sa pa-isa-isa nila kaming inasikaso na magkaroon ng requirements tapos pina-



attend ng seminar, training hanggang sa ito na kami ngayon.”

After years of training and hands-on experience selling through online platforms and trade fairs, the Amoraos have significantly improved their products with the support of the DTI and other government agencies, including the Philippine Coconut Authority through the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan, the Agricultural Training Institute, and the provincial government of Laguna.

For DTI Assistant Secretary for Regional Operations Group Dominic Tolentino Jr., trade fairs play a vital role in helping Micro, Small, and Medium

Enterprises (MSMEs) grow their businesses by providing access to wider markets and beyond market exposure. He added that DTI also helps entrepreneurs strengthen their business skills and provides financial and literacy assistance to support their long-term growth.

“Itong trade fair napaka-effective, this is a marketing platform kung saan napakaraming mga consumers ang namimili, madami din ang umorder and then ‘yung iba dito by bulk, nakakatuwa ‘yun and that’s a very good sign na ang mga Pilipino ay tumatangkilik sa gawang Pilipino,” Tolentino stated.

He further emphasized

that the Trade department actively supports coconut cooperatives and other organizations involved in the coconut industry by providing platforms, resources, and access to capital. These efforts aim to help them develop products that can be marketable even to the global market.

As key contributors to economic growth, MSMEs are vital instruments in the country’s economy. Under the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., government agencies have intensified their efforts to support the sector through stronger collaboration, digitalization, and technological innovation. **(COP/PIA CALABARZON)**

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NCAP violations search easier with new portal feature

The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) will add a new search option on its MayHuliKa portal starting Aug. 24, allowing motorists to check all violation records of a vehicle under the No Contact Apprehension Policy (NCAP).

In an advisory on Friday, the MMDA said motorists may search using either plate number and ticket number, or plate number and motor vehicle file number.

The first option is for those who have received a notice of violation or traffic ticket, while the second allows users to view all NCAP violation records of a vehicle.

The agency said the new feature makes verifying traffic violations easier, more secure and more accessible.

The MMDA reminded the public to be wary of fake text messages, emphasizing that “MMDA_NCAPH” is the official and legitimate sender of text notifications.

“Legitimate messages do not contain links. Any text message with a link is a scam,” it said.

Evidence of NCAP violations can only be viewed on the web portal mayhulika.mmda.gov.ph or through the eGovPH app by searching for MMDA.

In July, the MayHuliKa online violation-checking



system logged more than 15 million site visits and 2.7 million unique users. It has since been integrated into the eGovPH Super App.

The integration, launched by the MMDA and the Department of Information and Communications

Technology, provides motorists with a centralized platform to check and settle traffic violations.

Unresolved violations are flagged in a motorist’s record with the Land Transportation Office and can prevent the renewal of vehicle registration. **(PNA)**

DICT prioritizes public information drive on shift from analog to digital broadcasting

The Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) is intensifying its public information campaign on the country's transition from analog to digital television broadcasting, emphasizing the benefits of digital technology and the need to ensure that households are prepared for the nationwide shift.

The agency led a Regional Information Session on the Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting (DTTB) Migration Plan on August 12 and 13 at JVJ Hotel in Bolbok, Batangas City, bringing together stakeholders to discuss the ongoing transition and its implications for broadcasters and television viewers.

The transition replaces traditional analog television signals with the Japanese Integrated Services Digital Broadcasting-Terrestrial (ISDB-T) standard, which offers improved

broadcasting capabilities and services.

During the session, DICT officials highlighted the key benefits of the migration, including better picture and sound quality, more efficient use of the frequency spectrum, increased free-to-air channel selections, and the Integrated Emergency Warning Broadcast System (EWBS), which enables the delivery of real-time disaster alerts.

The gradual Analog Switch-Off (ASO) officially began on November 22, 2025, with the full transition in Mega Manila targeted by November 22,

2026. Based on the DICT roadmap, optimization is expected in 2027, followed by regional expansion in 2028–2029 and the development of a complete nationwide digital broadcasting ecosystem from 2030 onwards.

Under National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) Memorandum Circular No. 005-11-2025, television stations operating in the National Capital Region, Bulacan, Rizal, Laguna, Cavite, Pampanga, and Bataan are required to migrate to the ISDB-T standard within 12 months

from the circular's effectivity.

DICT continues to disseminate information on the ASO to help the public understand the importance of the transition and ensure that no household is left behind.

The agency also emphasized that digital television can contribute to disaster resilience through the EWBS. Emergency alerts can be automatically transmitted to compatible television receivers, accompanied by audible warnings and on-screen messages during disasters and other



emergencies.

The transition is also expected to benefit television networks, particularly those operating on the Very High Frequency (VHF) band. Running analog and digital signals simultaneously entails higher operating costs, while the analog switch-off will allow broadcasters to redirect resources toward full digital

operations, improve spectrum efficiency, and expand channel capacity.

DICT said continued public information efforts are essential to ensuring a smooth and inclusive transition to digital television broadcasting, allowing both broadcasters and viewers to prepare for the eventual nationwide analog switch-off. (MPDC-PIA Batangas)

Drop in poverty incidence affirms effective gov't programs

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) believes the historic drop of poverty incidence to 9.7 percent is an affirmation of the impact of the Marcos administration's flagship programs to help poor Filipino families like the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps).

Based on the 2025 Full-Year Poverty Statistics released by the Philippine Statistics Authority, the poverty incidence among the population is now at a record-low of 9.7 percent from 15.5 percent in 2023.

Data showed that 6.5 million Filipinos were lifted out of poverty between 2023 and 2025.

"This is a positive development and an affirmation that the whole-

of-government strategy to address poverty alleviation is working, especially through the flagship programs like the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program. We also take this historic achievement as proof that what we are doing in implementing our programs is working to help the poor and vulnerable sectors," DSWD spokesperson Assistant

Secretary Irene Dumlaog said in a news release Friday.

She welcomed the poverty statistics report as an achievement for DSWD and the government's single-digit target under the Philippine Development Plan, three years ahead of schedule.

"The report shows the fruits of the collaboration between the national government, local



SOCIAL PROTECTION. Department of Social Welfare and Development's social protection programs' beneficiaries. The DSWD on Friday (Aug. 21, 2026) said the historic drop of poverty incidence to 9.7 percent is an affirmation of the impact of the Marcos administration's flagship programs to help poor Filipino families. (Photo courtesy of DSWD)

government, private sector, and the Filipino people towards building a brighter future. Ikinatutuwa din ito ng DSWD, at nangangako kaming mas pagbibigay serbisyo para sa ating mga benepisaryo (The DSWD is also happy with this, and we promise to further improve the delivery of services to our beneficiaries)," Dumlaog said.

Aside from 4Ps, the DSWD continues to

implement programs such as the Walang Gutom Program, Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation, Sustainable Livelihood Program, and other social protection interventions aimed at addressing the immediate and long-term needs of poor and vulnerable Filipinos.

"Alinsunod sa utos ni Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr., patuloy pang pinaparami ng DSWD ang mga oportunidad sa bawat

pamilyang Pilipino para sa kanilang development, magkaroon sila ng trabaho o di kaya ay hanap-buhay at magka access sa iba't-ibang programa ng gobyerno (In line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., the DSWD continues to provide development opportunities to every Filipino family, for them to find jobs, livelihood and access to various programs of the government)," she said. (PNA)



Pay more attention to the youth, Manila archbishop tells families

Manila Archbishop Jose Cardinal Advincula appealed to the faithful to pay more attention to the youth, who may have problems that go unnoticed by those around them.

In his message of solidarity released Friday, he noted the importance of listening to and understanding the situation of the youth as some of may be silently battling sadness, anxiety, hopelessness, family issues, bullying and academic pressure.

"We need to listen to them, not only when they speak loudly, but especially when they suffer quietly," the Cardinal said.

"We need to create spaces where they can speak without fear of judgment, seek help without shame, and know that they are valued and

loved."

Advincula issued the message following the shooting at Ateneo de Zamboanga University (ADZU) on Aug. 18, which claimed the lives of two students, including the shooter.

He noted that response to the incident should not

end with solidarity and condolences for the victims. Rather, it should lead to a deeper understanding of the struggles young people face.

"We must not allow this tragedy to pass without listening deeply to what it tells us about the struggles of our young people," the archbishop said.

Instead of allowing fear and violence to prevail, Advincula called for collective action to strengthen a culture of care, compassion, dialogue and accompaniment for the youth "so that violence and hatred may never have the final word."

"In this moment of grief, let us turn to prayer, but let our prayer also lead us to united action. Together, let us strengthen a culture of care, compassion, dialogue, and accompaniment so that violence and hatred may never have the final word," Advincula said.

Meanwhile, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Zamboanga assured that it stands in solidarity with the Jesuit community, the ADZU family and all those affected by the tragic shooting incident.

"We join the entire ADZU community in profound grief over the loss



Manila Archbishop Jose Cardinal Advincula

of young lives and in deep concern for those who have been wounded, traumatized, and deeply affected by this tragedy," it said in a statement.

It assured learners, teachers, personnel, families and the entire academic community of its "prayers, presence, and solidarity" as they journey toward healing and recovery.

"We continue to believe in the power of faith formation and catechesis in nurturing the hearts and minds of our young people and teachers, forming communities rooted in compassion, respect, dialogue, responsibility, and peace. Our schools

must remain safe spaces -- places where young people can learn, grow, discover their dignity, and become instruments of peace," the Archdiocese of Zamboanga said.

The archdiocese added it is praying that the authorities be guided by "wisdom, fairness, courage and a sincere commitment to justice."

"In this moment of sorrow, we choose prayer over fear, compassion over condemnation, truth over speculation, and justice over vengeance. We grieve with you. We pray with you. We stand with you. We walk with you toward healing, justice and peace," it added. (PNA)

Prosecution rejects 'predetermined narrative' claim

Evidence, not politics, will ultimately dictate the verdict on the impeachment trial of Vice President Sara Z. Duterte, according to House of Representatives prosecutor and Bicol Saro Party-list Rep. Terry Ridon on Friday.



He rejected the claim of a "predetermined narrative" by the Vice President's older brother, Davao City 1st District Rep. Paolo Duterte.

In an online press briefing, Ridon said Duterte and her lawyers have the opportunity to challenge the prosecution's evidence and present their own case before the Senate impeachment court.

"I don't think it is accurate to even say na meron pong predetermined narrative. I think what is clear is, meron pong kanya-kanyang kuwento, meron pong kanya-kanyang paglalahad noong pong sitwasyon, 'yung pong depensa at prosecution dito (that there is a predetermined narrative. I think what is clear is that the prosecution and the defense have their own account and presentation

of the situation)," Ridon said.

He said the prosecution would continue presenting evidence on the allegations involving Duterte's misuse of confidential funds, threats, bribery and unexplained wealth, while the defense would likewise have the opportunity to answer the charges and present its evidence.

"So 'yun pong predetermined narrative na binabanggit, tingin ko wala po itong batayan sa katotohanan at magtutuloy po kami dito sa presentasyon po ng ebidensya para sa pagpapasya ng ating pong senator-judges at ng ating pong mga kababayan (The predetermined narrative being claimed has no basis in truth, and we will just continue presenting evidence for the judgement of the senator-judges and the people)," Ridon said.

Asked whether Rep.

Duterte's remarks were part of a political defense of the Vice President, Ridon said political narratives were secondary to the evidence presented by both sides.

"Kasi sa dulo-dulo naman ho, hindi naman ho politika ang magsasalita dito eh. Ang magsasalita ho talaga rito, ano ho ang nailatag ng prosecution, ano ho 'yung nailatag ng depensa sa kabuuan (Because in the end, politics has nothing to do with this. What really matters here is the overall evidence presented by the prosecution and the defense)," he said.

Ridon said the prosecution must present sufficient evidence to secure a conviction, while Duterte's lawyers would have the opportunity to make their case for acquittal. (PNA)

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PNP to reinforce tough accountability rules for service weapons

The Philippine National Police (PNP) on Friday vowed to strengthen accountability measures among its personnel to prevent children and other unauthorized persons from gaining access to service weapons.



He directed commanders nationwide to remind all police personnel of the proper storage and handling of firearms, particularly while they are off duty and at home. "Firearms must never

be left in places where children or unauthorized persons can gain access to them," PNP chief Gen. Jose Melencio Nartatez Jr. said in a statement.

This is in line with the directive of President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. to strengthen public safety and ensure that government personnel exercise responsibility in the handling and safekeeping of firearms.

He also ordered police commanders to conduct firearm-accountability reminders during unit briefings and formations.

School shootings involving firearms issued to government personnel happened recently at the Ateneo de Zamboanga University Junior High School and San Jose

National High School in Tacloban City, Leyte.

"Here in the PNP, we will continue to remind our personnel that owning or carrying a firearm comes with a serious responsibility. One moment of negligence can result in the loss of life. We support calls for stricter accountability among gun owners. Responsible storage is non-negotiable," Nartatez said.

Nartatez said the PNP will also mobilize a sufficient number of personnel and resources for the planned nationwide school safety drills set by the Department of Education on Aug. 25.

"We have been involved in crafting measures to ensure the protection of learners and every

learning space. The hard work is not yet done since your PNP will also be there to make sure that these safety measures are properly implemented in every school," he said.

Nartatez said the drills will help students, teachers and other school personnel understand what to do when confronted with a security threat. Police units will also use the exercises to test and improve coordination with school authorities and local government officials.

"These drills will intensify coordination mechanisms among the police, school authorities and barangay officials, especially when there are threat situations," Nartatez said. (PNA)

Senior citizens in Cabuyao assured of rice supply under LGSF program

Around 28,000 senior citizens in Cabuyao City, Laguna, are set to receive rice aid from the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. after the city received its share of the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF).

In an interview with the Philippine Information Agency-Laguna, Cabuyao City Mayor Dennis Felipe Hain commended the support fund provided to the city, saying it would help deliver timely assistance to members of vulnerable sectors, especially during the monsoon season, while contributing to the country's goal of achieving food security.

"Kitang-kita natin na talagang na-a-appreciate nila 'yung magagandang programang ito ng national government na Bawat Bayan Makikinabang sa Bagong Pilipinas. Alam naman natin 'yung Pilipino, pangunahing pagkain natin 'yung bigas, so talagang sigurado," Mayor Hain said.

Cabuyao received P55 million in LGSF, which will allow the city to provide two rounds of rice distribution to its intended senior citizen beneficiaries.

For Emiliana Lavina Bautista, 76, one of the beneficiaries of the rice program in Cabuyao, the assistance demonstrates the Marcos administration's genuine

concern for senior citizens and the urban poor. She said the free sack of rice helps ease their household expenses.

"Sa napakagaling, napakabait, at napakasipag at talagang gustong-gusto naming president, si BBM, napakalaking tulong po nito sa aming mga mahihirap."

She also expressed hope that the LGSF-funded program would continue to reach more beneficiaries nationwide.

"Napakabait po ninyo, napakatalino at kayo po ay napakabait at napakamatulungin sa mga mahihirap. Gusto ko pong ipagpatuloy at napakaganda po ng programang ito," she added.

Meanwhile, Eva Paulo, president of the Council of Elders of Barangay Niugan and the Federation of Senior Citizens, thanked President Marcos Jr. for implementing a program whose benefits are being felt at the grassroots level.

"Napakahalaga nito sa aming mga seniors, sa mga tao na binibigyan niya [at] masaya na nakakatulong siya.

Mahusay [siya], tuluy-tuloy pa rin ang kaniyang paglilingkod sa ating bansa. Maraming salamat po, PBBM; mahal na mahal ka po namin," Paulo said.

Recognizing that senior citizens are among the vulnerable sectors in the city, Hain praised the BBM rice program as an alternative to the usual financial assistance provided by the government, saying it directly puts food on the table and helps families cope with rising food costs.

"Minsan, kapag may mga programang ibinibigay ay ayuda, kapag cash, kung saan-saan pa nakakarating, hindi nagastos nang tama. Kaya napakaganda nito, pinili namin 'yung pinakamaayos na quality ng bigas. Sinisigurado namin na nakakarating para lahat talaga ay nakakatikim at nabubusog ang ating mga mamamayan," the city mayor said.

Last July, the provincial government of Laguna allocated a portion of its own LGSF to around 3,000 solo parents in Cabuyao, following Hain's recommendation to Governor Sol Aragon to



extend assistance to members of vulnerable sectors.

Hain said he is also studying the possibility of providing similar assistance to persons with disabilities should additional sacks of rice become available.

"Sa [provincial government] na ang solo parent, akin naman ang senior citizen. Kapag sobra, makakasama mo pa ang PWD. So nasagot natin, napadama natin dun sa pinaka-vulnerable sector 'yung magandang programang ito. Sana nga magtuloy ito dahil kitang-kita natin na damang-

dama talaga ng mamamayan," Hain added.

The Cabuyao mayor also expressed his gratitude to President Marcos for the far-reaching impact of the LGSF rice distribution program on the city's residents.

"Nagpapasalamat po tayo sa ating Pangulong PBBM sa magandang programa at pagpapadama po ng tulong ng national government. Congratulations po sa mga ginagawa niyo. Sa kabila ng maraming challenges na 'yan, hindi kayo

tumitigil, gumagawa kayo ng paraan upang maiparamdam sa ating mamamayan lalong-lalo na po sa laylayan ang inyong mga programa. Sana po ipagpatuloy natin ang ganitong mga programa at napakaganda po nito," Hain added.

The first round of rice distribution in Cabuyao commenced on August 15 and will conclude on September 1. The city government reminds beneficiaries to check its official social media platforms for updates and information on the distribution schedule. (CH/PIA-Laguna)

P10-K across-the-board pay hike for public school teachers sought

Senator JV Ejercito is pushing for the passage of a measure seeking to grant an additional PHP10,000 to the basic monthly salary of public school teachers, regardless of their length of service.

In a news release Friday, Ejercito said Senate Bill No. 335 or Dagdag Suweldo Para sa mga Guro (Additional Pay for Teachers) Act seeks to recognize the important role of teachers in educating Filipino children while addressing the financial challenges they face.

"Being a teacher is not easy. They bear a heavy responsibility, yet often make significant sacrifices to fulfill their duties. That

is why it is time for us to better show our appreciation for them through a salary increase," Ejercito said.

"Every day, our teachers do more than just teach. They prepare lessons, check papers, compile reports, and above all, they care for and guide our students. We see their hard work and sacrifices."

The senator said the measure seeks to help improve the quality of life of teachers, encouraging the

best talents to remain in the public education system.

"We cannot achieve quality education if the people on its front lines continue to struggle with their livelihood," he said.

But beyond the economic benefit, he pointed out that improving teachers' financial welfare will also make them feel and know that the government values their contribution to society and the education sector.

"To our teachers, we



ACROSS-THE-BOARD PAY HIKE. About 1,991 promoted teachers and school administrators from Bulacan and Pampanga take their oaths at the City of San Jose del Monte Sports Complex on Feb. 19, 2026. Senator JV Ejercito on Friday (Aug. 21) pushed for a measure seeking to grant an additional PHP10,000 to the basic monthly salary of public school teachers, regardless of their length of service. (Photo courtesy of DepEd)

know that your sacrifices cannot be measured by

any monetary value. But we want to show you that

we have not forgotten you," Ejercito said. (PNA)

Silang town... (FROM PAGE 1)

healthcare facilities.

"Ang very proud ako is 'yung Carranza Bill kung saan walang Silangueño na may emergency cases ang maiiwan at hindi magagamot. Hindi 'nyo na rin kailangang hanapin ang mga pulitiko para gamutin kayo sa pribadong ospital sa bayan ng Silang. Ayokong may mga kababayan tayong hindi ginagamot dahil sa kahirapan."

Since its passage in 2022, the Carranza Bill has provided Php 10,000 deposit in local hospitals as a subsidy for residents

needing emergency treatment. Currently, this program is being patronized in Silang Specialist Medical Center, Velazco Hospital, Estrella Hospital, and St. Mazenod Hospital.

"Sa ilaim ng programang ito, nagbibigay ang ating pamahalaan ng Php 10,000 hospital deposit assistance upang hindi maantala ang agarang pagpapaga mot ng ating mga kababayan sa oras ng emergency. Hindi natin kayang pigilan ang aksidente o karamdaman

ngunit kaya nating tiyakin na walang mawawalan ng pag-asakang mabuhay dahil lamang sa kakulangan ng perang pang-deposito."

Aside from its services, the Municipality also provided training for Barangay Health Workers and Barangay Nutrition Scholars as part of their efforts towards a stronger community-based anti-dengue drive.

In the coming years, the residents will also receive a wider range of services upon the completion of the Silang Public Hospital, which is currently in its third phase. (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

Mahigit... (FROM PAGE 1)

Ang tulong na ito ay dagdag-suporta para sa mga gastusin at pangangailangan ng mga mag-aaral—nang sa gayon ay maipagpatuloy nila ang

kanilang edukasyon at mga pangarap.

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Blessing... (FROM PAGE 1)

Pinangunahan po natin ang mahalagang okasyon na ito kasama sina Cong. Roy M. Loyola, City Vice Mayor Cesar L. Ines, Jr., mga Sangguniang Panlungsod Members, at ang ating PNP Carmona Chief, PLTCOL Rene Joy L. Mosquiza.

Ang bagong police outpost na ito ay magsisilbing karagdagang sandigan ng ating komunidad na magpapalakas ng presensya ng kapulisan at mas magpapabilis ng pagtugon sa mga insidente, emergency, at

iba pang pangangailangan ng mga mamamayan.

Patuloy po nating palalakasin ang ating mga programa at imprastruktura para sa isang mas ligtas at mapayapang City of Carmona. **#CityOfCarmona** **#LungsodNgCarmona** **#LGUCarmona** **#BayanMunaLagi** **#DapatAngatLahat**

Eala... (FROM PAGE 1)

At the WTA 1000 DC Open in Washington, she stunned Paris Olympics gold medalist Quinweng Zheng of China and defending champion Leylah Fernandez of Canada to reach the quarterfinals.

Centeno, on the other hand, reaffirmed the country's status as a hotbed of global pool after ruling the WPA Women's 8-Ball World Championship in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

She bagged the world 10-ball title in 2003 and 2025, and shared the mixed team gold in the WPA Teams 10-Ball World Championship with fellow world champions Rubilen Amit and Carlo Biado and fast-rising Jeffrey Roda last February.

Other achievers included pole vaulter EJ Obiena, young weightlifter

Alexsandra Diaz, the Manila and Sagay Pony baseball teams, jiu-jitsu queen Annie Ramirez, and the Philippine Volcanoes.

Olympian Obiena topped two competitions in July - Raiffeisen Austrian Open at 5.75m and Internationales Stabhochsprung-Meeting auf dem Domplatz in Germany at 5.76m - while posting a season-best record of 5.85m in his runner-up finish at Meeting Madrid in Spain.

Diaz won three gold medals while breaking two world records at the IWF World Youth Weightlifting Championships in Cali, Colombia. She dominated the women's 48kg division with golden lifts in clean and jerk (new mark of 98kgs), snatch (77kgs) and total (new standard of 175kgs).

Jay-R Colonia took home the clean and jerk gold with 140kgs to go with silvers in snatch (109kgs) and total (249kgs).

Young batters scored a golden double with Manila reigning supreme in the premier 18-under division of the Pony International Softball World Series in McAllen, Texas, at the expense of the United States' Pride Elite, 8-1, and Sagay winning the 14-under after turning back Mexico's RXII Kino, 4-2.

Two-time world champion Ramirez topped the adults 57kg division at the 10th Jiu-Jitsu Asian Championships in Almaty, Kazakhstan, her third time to win in the continental tournament.

The Volcanoes dominated the Asia Rugby Unions Cup in Nonthaburi, Thailand, capping their unbeaten run with a 39-18 win over Malaysia in the finals. (PNA)

DTI-Laguna... (FROM PAGE 8)

During the entrepreneurship session, participants shared the business ideas they hope to pursue, including sari-sari stores, food vending, and other home-based ventures. Their questions reflected their interest in understanding the realities of entrepreneurship, such as preparing for business operations, identifying opportunities within their communities, and accessing available government assistance for aspiring entrepreneurs.

The discussion also emphasized that starting a

business involves more than having capital. Participants were reminded that understanding customers, providing quality products and services, and building trust are essential foundations for a sustainable enterprise.

As part of the seminar, DTI Laguna also introduced the importance of consumer awareness, highlighting that responsible business owners must understand consumer rights and expectations. Participants learned the value of informed purchasing

decisions, keeping transaction records, and practicing fairness and honesty—principles that are equally important in becoming responsible entrepreneurs.

The active exchange of ideas during the seminar allowed participants to connect entrepreneurship concepts with their own experiences and aspirations. Through the initiative, DTI Laguna and DSWD provided 4Ps beneficiaries with practical insights that can help them explore livelihood opportunities and take steps toward greater economic self-reliance. (MJElona, DTI Laguna)

ES Recto...

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journalists and media practitioners, you serve as the vital link between events on the ground and the public's understanding of the electoral process."

More than 30 journalists from across Northern Mindanao who will cover the elections are taking part in the training, which begins Wednesday at Camp Evangelista, headquarters of the Army's 4th Infantry Division in Barangay Patag, Cagayan de Oro City.

The elections are scheduled for September 14 in five provinces, three cities, and one Special Geographic Area within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Recto said responsible election coverage helps voters make informed decisions, encourages public participation, and promotes accountability among candidates, political parties, government institutions, and other stakeholders.

He urged media practitioners to uphold the highest standards of ethical journalism by reporting fairly, independently, and responsibly. He

emphasized the importance of verifying information before publication, providing context, distinguishing facts from opinion, and giving all concerned parties an opportunity to be heard.

"In an election environment, every headline, image, and social media post can influence public perception. Accuracy and impartiality must therefore guide every story," he said.

Recto also called on the media to help combat disinformation and misinformation. He urged journalists to investigate claims, verify sources, correct false narratives, and avoid amplifying content that could incite fear, hatred, or violence.

"Truthful and responsible reporting is among our strongest defenses against attempts to manipulate the democratic process," he said.

At the same time, Recto reaffirmed the government's commitment to protecting journalists and media workers, recognizing the risks they may face in the course of their duties.

"The safety and security of every journalist and media worker is a fundamental concern of this administration," he said. "A free press cannot be truly free if it operates under intimidation, harassment, or fear."

He assured media practitioners that the government, through the Presidential Task Force on Media Security (PTFOMS), would continue to support a safe and enabling environment where they can perform their duties independently, without undue interference or reprisal, and in accordance with the law.

Recto encouraged the participants to use the workshop to strengthen their safety and security protocols, enhance coordination with relevant authorities and fellow media organizations, and prepare for the challenges of election coverage.

"Your safety must always come first," he said, urging journalists to remain vigilant, assess risks carefully, maintain regular communication with their teams, and seek assistance when necessary.

The Executive Secretary also called on government institutions, candidates, political parties, security agencies, civil society organizations, and media

practitioners to uphold transparency and support open, peaceful, inclusive, and credible elections.

"The success of the BARMM elections is a shared national responsibility," Recto said. "More than a single electoral exercise, it is an opportunity to strengthen democratic institutions, reinforce public confidence, and advance the peace process."

He commended the dedication and professionalism of media workers and expressed hope that the training would help them report safely and effectively while ensuring that the voices of the Bangsamoro are heard clearly and truthfully.

"Together, let us work toward elections that are peaceful, transparent, credible, and safe—and toward a lasting peace in the region," Recto said.

The workshop is organized by the Cagayan de Oro Press Club Journalism Institute in partnership with the Presidential Task Force on Media Security (PTFOMS), Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU), the Army's 4th Infantry Division, and Smart Communications, with support from Germany's Hanns Seidel Foundation.

BauerTek...

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Three Awards for Filipino Innovation

B a u e r t e k ' s groundbreaking patented inventions each earned Gold or Silver Medals and official SVIIF Diplomas, recognizing their scientific merit, originality, and potential global impact:

- TRIHERBGI — A specialized formulation developed for the effective management and treatment of digestive tract disorders, offering a novel, plant-based therapeutic approach.

- JAMPERINE — A breakthrough formulation targeting pancreatic function, engineered to help activate the pancreas to naturally produce insulin, offering new hope in diabetes care.

- ProNitroLite or PNL— An innovative metabolic wellness solution designed to support healthy fat metabolism and energy utilization, with the core concept: "Turning Fat Into Fitness."

The inventions are patented under the names of Inventors Richard Nixon Gomez and Rigel Gomez,

whose research and development work represents years of rigorous scientific study and clinical refinement.

Bauertek's booth prominently displayed the Philippine flag, standing as a symbol of national pride and reinforcing the country's growing role in global pharmaceutical research and invention.

SVIIF judges evaluated thousands of entries from across the globe, assessing novelty, inventive step, utility, and societal impact. Bauertek's haul of two Gold and two Silver awards underscores the world-class quality and originality of Filipino-led pharmaceutical innovation.

Moving forward, the company aims to advance clinical development, secure broader international intellectual property protection, and partner with global healthcare distributors to make these life-enhancing products available to patients worldwide — starting with communities across the Philippines.

DepEd...

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DepEd said it concluded a coordination meeting in Zamboanga City on Thursday, with school heads agreeing to further tighten security protocols while placing equal focus on the mental well-being of learners and staff, according to a news release.

Eileen Pearl Aca-ac, principal of Lumbangan Integrated School, underscored the need to heighten vigilance.

"As a school principal, it's an eye-opener that we have to double our efforts to secure our learners and we have to be cognizant that if we see even a small problem, we already have to take action on that before they escalate," she said.

Lunzurun Elementary School principal Raymond Zapanta echoed a similar message and called safety a "prerequisite for education."

"We are reminded that a safe and supportive environment is a fundamental requirement

for effective learning. We must continue strengthening our system for prevention, preparedness, child protection, and the overall well-being of our learners and teachers," he said.

Psychological first aid and psychosocial support sessions have been provided to affected learners, parents and employees of AdZU.

"Through sustained multi-sectoral engagement and shared governance, DepEd remains steadfast in implementing holistic, preventive measures to protect learners, teachers and personnel across campuses nationwide," it said.

DepEd-Zamboanga Peninsula Director Ronelo Al Firmo also visited Maria Clara L. Lobregat National High School, which received online threats.

The DepEd warned those making prank threats and spreading unverified reports of severe legal consequences. (PNA)

DEED OF EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the late **LEOREN GUNDAYAO PIDLAOAN**, who died intestate on January 13, 2026, in Cobol, San Carlos City, Pangasinan, left a parcel of land together with the house and improvements thereon, covered by **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2020000923**, situated in **Barangay Santiago, Municipality of General Trias, Cavite**, containing an area of **Forty-Eight (48) Square Meters**, more or less.

At the time of his death, the deceased was single, had no surviving spouse, and left no legitimate or illegitimate children or descendants. He died without leaving any last will and testament; hence, his estate is subject to intestate succession.

That by virtue of a Deed of Extra-Judicial Settlement of Estate, the surviving legal heirs, namely **FRANCISCO FERRER PIDLAOAN** and **LETICIA MENDOZA GUNDAYAO**, the surviving parents of the deceased, both residents of Cobol, San Carlos City, Pangasinan, agreed to extrajudicially adjudicate unto themselves the above-described property.

Entered as Doc. No. 58; Page No. 12; Book No. 26; Series of 2026, in the Notarial Register of Notary Public **Atty. Henry D. Adasa**, on August 11, 2026, in the City of Manila.

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EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF THE LATE MA. CRISTINA N. LEHNE

NOTICE is hereby given that the late **MA. CRISTINA N. LEHNE**, who died intestate on January 07, 2025 in Quezon City, has left a parcel of land covered by **TCT No. 044-2016004600** containing an area of **One Hundred Twenty (120) square meters**, situated in Blk. 3 Lot No.7 Model House Victoria Premium; the decedent died without any will nor testament and left no debts of any kind whatsoever to any person or persons and from any entity private or public; that the above-described parcel of land is free from all liens and encumbrances; that pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 1, Rule 74 of the Rules of Court and the Civil Code of the Philippines, the surviving legal heirs (**RYAN CHRISTIAN N. CORPUZ**, resident of **Blk 98 Lot 10 Phase 4 Mabuhay City, Paliparan 3, Dasmariñas, Cavite**; **GRANT LEE LEHNE**, Australian, of legal age, widow, and resident of 15 Kent Street Rockhampton, QLD, 4700; **RAEDEN N. LEHNE**, Australian, minor, and resident of 15 Kent Street Rockhampton, QLD, 4700) agreed to settle and adjudicate among themselves the estate of the deceased extrajudicially. Entered as Doc. No. 49, Page No. 11, Book No. 1, Series of 2026 in the Notarial Registration of Notary Public **Atty. Shela Jane G. Tungol** on June 26, 2026 in the City of Dasmariñas, Cavite.

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BauerTek Pharmaceutical Technologies Corp. Clinches Gold & Silver Honors at Silicon Valley International Invention Festival



MANILA, PHILIPPINES — August 16, 2026 — BauerTek Pharmaceutical Technologies, a proudly Filipino pharmaceutical innovation firm, has earned two Gold Medals and one Silver Medal — a total of three prestigious honors — at the Silicon Valley International Invention Festival (SVIIF) Awards Ceremony, held in California, USA. The event, themed “The Heartbeat of Invention and Innovation,” is one of the world’s leading gatherings of inventors, scientists, and innovators, organized in partnership with the International Inventors Federation (IIFIA), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and the United Inventors Association. ► **BAUERTEK • 7**

DepEd, schools tighten campus security after Zamboanga shooting



School communities across Zamboanga City are aligned with the national government in reinforcing campus safety following the deadly shooting at Ateneo de Zamboanga University (AdZU) that killed one student and the perpetrator, the Department of Education (DepEd) said. ► **DEPED • 7**

ES Recto underscores media's role in safe, credible, peaceful BARMM elections



Executive Secretary Ralph G. Recto underscored the media's crucial role in promoting informed public participation, transparency, and accountability in the first Bangsamoro Parliamentary Elections scheduled for September.

In a message delivered during a three-day Safety and Security Training Workshop for Media Personnel in Cagayan de Oro City this week, Recto said the elections represent an important milestone in the country's pursuit of lasting peace, meaningful autonomy, and inclusive governance in the Bangsamoro.

“Democracy is strengthened when citizens have access to accurate, timely, and relevant information,” Recto said. “As ► **ES RECTO • 7**

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MAHARLIKA PILIPINAS VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION (MPVA) 2026 MEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND CAVITE INTER-TOWN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL 2026 TRYOUTS



In preparation for the upcoming Maharlika Pilipinas Volleyball Association (MPVA) 2026 Men's Volleyball and Cavite Inter-Town Men's and Women's Volleyball 2026, the City Government of Dasmariñas, in coordination with the Local Youth and Development Office, headed by Ms. Katrina Ann Hernandez, and the City Public Information Office, headed by Mr. Jopet Adrian Movido, successfully conducted the local volleyball tryouts last August 15, 2026, at the Macavinta hall, Kolehiyo ng Lungsod ng Dasmariñas, (8th floor).

This initiative reflects the City Government's commitment to discover, develop, and support homegrown athletes and provide opportunities to compete and carry the name of Dasmariñas. **#SulongNaSulongPaDasmariñas #OnwardForwardCityofDasmariñas**

DTI Laguna, DSWD Inspire 4Ps Beneficiaries to Explore Entrepreneurship

SANTA MARIA, Laguna — Seventy-five (75) beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) from Barangay Santiago, Santa Maria, Laguna explored entrepreneurship as a potential source of additional family income through a Seminar on Entrepreneurial Mindset and Consumer Education conducted by the Department of Trade and Industry – Laguna Provincial Office (DTI Laguna) in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) held recently.



The activity encouraged participants to recognize entrepreneurship as a viable livelihood option by helping them understand the importance of planning, perseverance, resourcefulness, and continuous learning in starting and sustaining a small business. ► **DTI-LAGUNA • 6**