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Cavite barangays welcome scholarships, grants under Bawat Barangay Makikinabang program

CARMONA CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Barangays across Cavite Province are looking forward to building safer communities where students can finish their studies without worrying about their safety and daily commutes.

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Century Properties Brings Its Signature Resort Living to General Trias Cavite

Century Properties Group (CPG) is trading high-rises for front yards, officially opening the show village for its new 25-hectare development in General Trias, Cavite.

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Century Properties and General Trias, Cavite Local Government officials officially launch Cerulean Residences, the developer's 25-hectare premium horizontal residential development. (From Left) Engr. Xerxes Delgado – CPG Head of Project Development and Technical Operations Division, Arch. Bernard Artates – CPG Head of Design and Innovation Group, Jennifer dela Cruz – CPG SVP for Corporate Growth Strategy, San Francisco, General Trias Barangay Chairman, Kap. Ryan T. Santor, Julianne M. Cruz – CPG Vice President Corporate Communications and Marketing, and Engr. Lauro Reyes – CPG Head of Construction Management.

Palace shortens gov't work hours on Sept. 28 for National Family Week

MANILA – Malacañang has ordered shortened work hours in government offices on Sept. 28 to give employees time to celebrate the 34th National Family Week and Kainang Pamilya Mahalaga Day with their families.

Under Memorandum Circular (MC) No. 136 signed by Executive Secretary Ralph Recto on Sept. 16, work in the executive branch will be suspended from 1 p.m. onwards on Sept. 28, a Monday.

The order covers all government agencies and instrumentalities under the ► PALACE • 6



PIA, PAF collaborate to strengthen information dissemination, raise public awareness



PASAY CITY (PIA) — In an effort to expand its reach among local communities and keep the public informed about the initiatives of the Philippine Air Force (PAF), the Civil Military Operations Group (CMOG) has partnered with the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Calabarzon to conduct a workshop on Social Media Management and Strategic Communications.

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CPD: 14.1% of Filipinos still use traditional family planning methods

MANILA – The Commission on Population and Development (CPD) on Thursday said that despite the steady rise in modern contraceptive use in the country, about 14.1 percent of Filipinos still rely on traditional family planning methods such as withdrawal and the calendar method.

Mylin Mirasol Quiray, chief of the CPD Information Management and Communications Division, noted that the proportion of traditional- ► CPD: 14.1% • 5



DOST formalizes collaboration with DENR, ISPSC; inks pilot implementation of Project KALIKASAN in Cervantes during the 2026 Handog sa Pangulo in Laoag City

The Department of Science and Technology Ilocos Region (DOST Ilocos Region), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Ilocos Region, Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College (ISPSC), and the Municipality of Cervantes formally forged partnership for nature conservation through the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for Project KALIKASAN during the DENR's Handog ng Pangulo, Luntiang Bukas at SM City Laoag, Ilocos Norte recently.

DENR Secretary Atty. Juan Miguel T. Cuna led the activity with DOST Ilocos Region Director Dr. Teresita A. Tabaog, DENR Ilocos Region Director Atty. Ronnel C. Sopsop, and ISPSC President Dr. Mario P. Obrero.

Project KALIKASAN which stands for Kiosk for Advocating and Learning through Innovative Knowledge Advancement of Safeguarding and Appreciating Nature is a DOST-funded project under the Community Empowerment through Science and Technology

(CEST) Program. It aims to bring science-based information on biodiversity and environmental conservation closer to communities and stakeholders. It will be piloted at the Bessang Pass Natural Monument/Landmark in Cervantes, Ilocos Sur. Through an interactive kiosk, the project will provide information on the area's biodiversity, natural resources, conservation efforts, amenities, and communities, giving visitors, students, and local residents an accessible



learning tool.

With the partnership, DOST contributes its expertise in science, technology, and innovation; DENR provides technical guidance on environmental protection and biodiversity

conservation data collection and sharing; ISPSC contributes academic and technical support for systems development; and the Municipality of Cervantes supports local

implementation and community engagement.

Through the MOA, the partners commit to making environmental education more accessible and encouraging communities and customers to

understand, appreciate, and help protect the protected areas. Upon completion of the project, the kiosks will be stationed in Cervantes municipal hall and in the Bessang Pass Natural Monument Landmark.

DTI Laguna Recognizes Top Five YEP Graduates during Handog ng Pangulo 2026

SANTA CRUZ, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry – Laguna Provincial Office (DTI Laguna) recognized five award-winning graduates of the Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) during the Handog ng Pangulo 2026 celebration on September 14 at the Cultural Center in Santa Cruz, Laguna.



The four recipients of the Best Business Pitch Award were Ma. Kristine Babao of Santa Cruz for Chick-Chi-Laok Food Services; Sofhia Joan Frivaldo of Cavinti for Sofyarn Arts and Crafts Trading; Maria Regina Madamba of Calamba for Sqoodles Instant Noodle Processing; and Maricel Paynayan of Famy for AXL's Mushroom Products Trading.

Hannah Joy Pajarillo of Pagsanjan received the Most Promising Business Concept Award

for IAAC Arts and Crafts Trading.

The five awardees were selected based on their business pitches presented during the YEP Business Pitching and Graduation Ceremony held on August 4 at the YDA Building, A. Teodoro Street, Poblacion Uno, PEO Motorpool Compound, Santa Cruz, Laguna.

They were among 23 youth entrepreneurs who completed the program and presented their business ideas and plans before a panel composed

of representatives from the business, government, and community sectors. The September 14 activity served as the ceremonial recognition of the five awardees.

Since completing the program, all five awardees have established DTI-certified businesses that are currently operating, marking their transition from developing business concepts to running actual enterprises.

YEP is a DTI initiative that provides aspiring

young entrepreneurs with entrepreneurial knowledge, skills, mentoring, and business development support to help them develop their business ideas and pursue viable ventures.

The ceremonial recognition formed part of Handog ng Pangulo 2026, themed "Serbisyong Sapat Para sa Lahat," held nationwide on September 14 in celebration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s birthday. **(FNB Gallano, DTI Laguna)**

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After 25-year wait, Bacooreño families become homeowners under Expanded 4PH

BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) — After 25 years of waiting, residents of Salinas Bacoor, Inc. and Salinasville Phase II can finally call their government housing a home after receiving their Transfer Certificate of Title (TCT).

Last September 10, the Department of Human Settlements and Development (DHSUD) and Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) led the distribution of TCTs to more than 200 individuals, as part of the government's bid to give informal settler families a permanent home.

DHSUD Secretary Jose Ramon Aliling and SHFC President Federico Laxa awarded the certificates to the families of Salinasville Homeowners Association Phase 2 and Bayanihan Homeowners Association. The program, which was part of the Enhanced Community Mortgage Program (ECMP) under the Expanded Pambansang Pabahay Para sa Pamilyang Pilipino

(4PH) Program, aimed to help families secure ownership over their homes.

Representative Lani Mercado-Revilla of Cavite's Second District, highlighted Bacoor City's housing challenges which was caused by relocation projects. Through the Enhanced Community Mortgage Program, the lawmaker underscored the government's commitment to provide decent and secure homes for every family.

"Isang malaking suliranin sa lungsod ng Bacoor ang relokasyon at resettlement. How can we resettle and relocate if we do not have enough houses to build, at kung walang sapat na pondo and DHSUD?"

The lawmaker and thanked President Ferdinand Marcos Jr., whose flagship housing program paved the way for more Filipinos to claim ownership over their homes.

"Itong araw na ito ay patunay na matibay ang Samahan ng pabahay at ng local government unit ng lungsod ng Bacoor, and the national government sa tulong ng ating mahal na Pangulong Bongbong Marcos."

The awarding of the TCTs marked the beginning of a new chapter for the Bayanihan Homeowners' Association Salinas after 25 years. For President Ruelito Garcia, they can finally call their houses their own.

"Ito 'yung bunga nung



pinaghirapan namin ng 25 years., at ipinagkaloob na ito sa amin. Dumaan tayo sa mga pagsubok, bilang homeowners association tulad ng mga monthly dues."

Salinasville Homeowners Association

Phase 2 and Bayanihan Homeowners Association are among the 47 approved ECMP project since the program was revived and expanded under the Expanded 4PH.

To date, the DHSUD has estimated 8,000 member-

beneficiaries since the project's 2025 expansion. **(PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, City Government of Bacoor)**

SAFE FOOD, BETTER HEALTH: DOST Misamis Occidental Conducts Food Safety Orientation in Ozamiz City

In line with continuing efforts to enhance the Complementary Food Production Facility and strengthen local food safety practices, DOST Misamis Occidental successfully conducted a Food Safety Orientation recently.



production.

Ms. Melanie O. Laude served as the resource speaker, guiding them with essential food safety standards. This orientation serves as a step in upgrading the skills of the staff and ensuring that

proper food handling protocols are met. More importantly, this activity prepares the facility for its upcoming Food and Drug Administration - License to Operate (FDA-LTO) application.

Through science,

technology, and safety standards, DOST and the Ozamiz Complementary Food Production team continue to work hand-in-hand to deliver safe, high-quality, and nutritious food products for the community!

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The training took place at the Complementary Food Production Facility Training Hall, IBJT

Compound, Carangan, Ozamiz City. It was actively participated in by 9 production staff (6 males

and 3 females, including 1 PWD) who are at the forefront of the city's complementary food

Century...

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The developer formally launched the model homes for Cerulean Residences this week, marking a major pivot from its usual vertical condominiums to a fully master-planned house-and-lot community.

For decades, CPG built its brand on amenity-heavy urban towers. Now, it's translating that same beach-inspired lifestyle seen in projects like Azure in Parañaque and Pampanga, and Acqua in Mandaluyong into a traditional suburban neighborhood.

Bringing the beach to the suburbs

Designed by Singapore-based Pomeroy Studio, the same architectural firm behind CPG's Azure and Acqua projects, Cerulean Residences leans heavily into its name and water-inspired theme.

The estate is divided into

three main zones: active spaces for sports and fitness, meditative green areas, and the immersive water attractions that have become a CPG trademark.

"Filipino families have always gravitated toward the water," CPG Managing Director Carlo Antonio said. "What we learned from Azure and Acqua is that people do not just want to visit that feeling on a holiday, they want to come home to it."

Adaptable spaces

The newly opened show village gives buyers a first look at the two-storey model homes, which feature contemporary, asymmetrical roofs and minimalist interiors. Staying true to the estate's overall theme, the home models take their names from beaches. Taking it up a notch, Century

Properties ensures that upon delivery, the homes already come with a perimeter fence, a gate, and a 2-car garage with an EV charger provision.

The 1,100 homes planned for the community were designed with flexibility in mind. The layouts feature optimized depths for natural light and are built to adapt as families grow, careers change, or residents shift to work-from-home setups.

"A house should be able to keep up with the family living in it," Antonio noted.

A self-contained hub

Located in Barangay San Francisco along Arnaldo Highway, the project positions itself as highly accessible but comfortably removed from Metro Manila's congestion. The site sits near major thoroughfares like Governor's Drive, Aguinaldo Highway, and the Cavite-Laguna Expressway (CALAX).

To support the residential enclave, CPG is also developing Century Lifepark, a commercial strip set to rise just outside the village gates to provide retail and daily essentials for both residents and the surrounding Gen Trias market.

Despite the premium amenities, CPG is pitching the project as a realistic upgrade for growing families.

"Move Up, Live Better is what four decades of building has taught us families are actually asking for," Antonio said. "They want something better

than what they have, in a community they can be proud of, without stretching beyond what makes sense for them. It is aspirational but attainable."

The Cerulean Residences Show Village is now open to visitors in General Trias, Cavite.



PIA, PAF...

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According to PAF CMOG Group Commander Colonel Maria Ghirly Solis, the initiative aims to strengthen the communication capabilities of CMOG personnel and participants from other PAF units in delivering effective grassroots communication, countering misinformation and disinformation, and raising public awareness about the programs and initiatives of the Air Force.

The workshop also seeks to enhance the public affairs capabilities and digital operations readiness of CMOG personnel, enabling them to better support community development initiatives and contribute to nation-building efforts.

"Our goal is to influence, our goal is to change the mindset of the people, ma-change natin ang mindset nila na ang military tumutulong. We change the mindset of the people na dapat suportahan nila ang gobyerno, suportahan nila 'yung Air Force, Army, Navy, all the uniformed personnel ng government natin, pakikiisa lang ang gusto natin, peace and prosperity," Solis stated.

Through the collaboration, PAF and PIA aim to promote accurate,

timely, and responsible information while strengthening public engagement and fostering greater understanding of the military's role in community development and nation-building.

In his message, PAF Deputy Group Commander Lieutenant Colonel Levie Miranda emphasized the importance of social media as one of the most influential platforms for information dissemination and public communication.

He said that members of the PAF and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), particularly those involved in public affairs and information activities, have a responsibility to ensure that the information they share remains relevant to social media users and still aligned with the mission and objectives of the organization.

"As members of the Philippine Air Force, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines in general, particularly those holding public affairs and information activities, we have the responsibility to ensure that our messages are accurate, timely, credible and aligned with the mission and objectives of the air force organization," Miranda

said.

Among the speakers were PIA Calabarzon Information Officer III and PIA Laguna Government Information Center Coordinator Christopher Hedreya, who discussed topics such as Government Strategic Communications in the Digital Age and AI Integration for Graphic Design and Prompt Engineering.

PIA Calabarzon Information Officer II Charmaine Odong-Pangan, meanwhile, discussed strategies for maximizing the reach, engagement, and effectiveness of information disseminated through social media platforms.

Mark Bryan Lito, Information Officer II of the PIA Program Management Division, shared his expertise on Crisis Communication and Standardizing Online Responses, as well as Cybersecurity for Digital Managers, highlighting the importance of effective crisis response and digital security in managing online communication.

Both government agencies aim to promote greater public awareness, foster trust and cooperation, and contribute to the protection and well-being of communities. (COP/PIA-CALABARZON)

Cavite...

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During the Cavite leg of the Bawat Barangay Makikinabang Program last September 11, Toto Cantimbuhan, President of the Liga ng mga Barangay in Dasmariñas City, thanked President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. for launching an initiative that ensures government projects are responsive to community needs.

"Nagpapasalamat ako sa Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. para sa programang direktang ibinigay sa mga barangay. Sana hindi lang ito ang simula at sana ay magtuloy-tuloy ito."

Having served as a barangay official for 15 years, Cantimbuhan noted that this is the first time a national program brought benefits that were tailor-fit to their community needs.

"Napakasaya ng barangay namin dahil sa 15 taon na panunungkulan namin, first time nagkaroon ng programa ang Pangulo at ang pamahalaang nasyunal na direktang ibinababa sa barangay; mga programa kung saan pangangailangan ng barangay ang inuuna."

In partnership with the

Office of the Executive Secretary, the Bawat Barangay Makikinabang Program is a national government initiative that provides direct financial assistance worth P200,000 to every barangay across the country.

The two-pronged financial grant allocates P100,000 for education through a scholarship for five college students, and another P100,000 for other priority infrastructure, security, and social projects.

Cantimbuhan also acknowledged the Office of the Executive Secretary for helping bridge the program for barangays.

"Nagpapasalamat kami sa Pangulong Ferdinand Marcos Jr. para sa programang direktang ibinigay sa mga barangay. Sana hindi lang ito ang simula at sana ay magtuloy-tuloy ito. Kay Executive Secretary Ralph Recto naman, salamat sa inyong mensahe at kayo ang binigyan ng pagkakataon ng pangulo na maghatid nito sa amin."

Meanwhile, Tanza Mayor Archangelo Matro noted that many barangays are prioritizing service vehicle upgrades

and scholarship grants to improve public service delivery.

"Sa meeting ng aming mga barangay, ang kanilang priority ay 'yung mga scholarship at additional na mga sasakyan na kanilang magagamit sa pagseserbisyo sa kanilang lugar."

"Maraming salamat po sa ating mahal na Pangulong Bongbong Marcos at kay Executive Secretary Ralph Recto. Napakalaking tulong nito sa aming lalawigan. Sana po ay ulanin pa kayo ng maraming biyaya para maipadala n'yo rin po dito sa aming lalawigan ng Cavite."

Matro said he hopes that aside from social services, their town can also benefit from national housing projects, highlighting their vulnerability to severe weather and monsoons.

"Wish po namin na patuloy pong makapaghatid [ang Pangulo] ng tulong sa aming lalawigan, at sa bayan ng Tanza. Ang bayan ng Tanza ay daanan ng bagyo. Napakarami po naming mga evacuee kahit walang bagyo at habagat lang. Sana magkaroon kami ng housing projects na mapaglipatan po." (PB-PIA CALABARZON)

ProGRESS... (FROM PAGE 8)

The DOF made the call during its Stakeholders Forum on the ProGRESS tax reform agenda for Southern Luzon held at the PonteFino Hotel in Batangas City on September 11, 2026.

The regional consultation was the second in a series of forums conducted by the department to hear directly from businesses, key industries, local governments, academe, and other regional stakeholders. The consultations aim to gather inputs and ensure that regional perspectives are considered in refining the proposed tax reform package.

The consultation underscored the DOF's commitment to bringing policy discussions closer to stakeholders outside the National Capital Region. Through these

engagements, the department can directly hear from industries and communities that contribute to the country's tax revenues and economic development.

DOF Undersecretary Karlo Fermin Adriano said the proposed measure aims to increase the income support available to Filipinos while encouraging healthier and more environmentally friendly lifestyles.

"The goal is to increase the support income of Filipinos and promote healthier and environmentally friendly lifestyles," Adriano said.

Among the proposed measures is the increase in the annual personal income tax exemption threshold from P250,000 to P350,000.

The measure is expected to benefit millions of individual taxpayers,

with potential savings of up to P17,500 per tax bracket.

The bill also proposes exempting micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) from the Minimum Corporate Income Tax (MCIT), providing additional support to smaller businesses.

It also includes revenue-enhancing measures on products associated with social, environmental, and health costs, with the aim of promoting healthier and more responsible communities.

Revenues generated from these measures will help support the implementation of the Universal Health Care Act and other priority government programs.

The proposed bill further seeks to impose a higher excise tax on vehicles priced above P8 million, while increasing taxes on other non-

essential goods and expanding tax coverage to include private sea vessels and aircraft.

It also proposes a 15 percent Global Minimum Tax on large multinational enterprise groups, ensuring fairer tax collection while preserving the country's taxing rights.

Meanwhile, the proposed update to the Motor Vehicle Road User's

Charge (MVUC) seeks to adjust rates that have remained unchanged for more than two decades, taking into consideration inflation and the rising costs of infrastructure maintenance.

The DOF will continue conducting consultations in different parts of the country.

The nationwide consultation underscores

the Marcos administration's commitment to pursuing tax reforms through transparency, stakeholder engagement, and evidence-based policymaking, ensuring that reforms strengthen the economy while promoting a fairer and more sustainable tax system for all Filipinos. **(MPDC-PIA Batangas)**

COOP iCREATE... (FROM PAGE 8)

The program featured a ladderized training conducted by Dr. Aldrin Antivola, which ran from August 3-4 and August 10-11, 2026. The training was attended by the Board of Directors and General Managers from 14 cooperatives, farmers organization and coop unit equipping them with the knowledge and skills to

develop their respective Business Plans and project the potential of their proposed business ventures.

The program culminated on September 9 with the Business Plan Presentation, where participants presented their proposed business ventures before a panel of experts. The panelists

provided valuable insights, recommendations, and guidance to help further strengthen and improve their business plans.

Through Coop iCREATE, we continue to empower cooperatives to turn ideas into viable business opportunities and build a stronger, more sustainable cooperative sector. **#CaviteCooperatives #OPCDOCavite #OPCDOinService**

CPD: 14.1%... (FROM PAGE 1)

method users declined from 16.5 percent in 2022, but the remaining number is still significant and needs attention.

"Nagdi-decline naman iyong gumagamit ng traditional method tulad ng withdrawal at ng calendar, so noong 2022, 16.5 percent, tapos noong 2025 14.1 percent. Pero if we translate that into absolute numbers, iyong 14.1 percent na decrease ay malaki pa din kung titingnan talaga natin (The use of traditional methods like withdrawal and the calendar is also declining, so in 2022, it was 16.5 percent, and then in 2025, it was 14.1 percent. But if we translate that into absolute numbers, the 14.1 percent decrease is still significant when we really look at it) in absolute numbers)," Quiray said in a Bagong Pilipinas interview.

She said that, based on the National Demographic and Health Survey, the modern contraceptive prevalence rate increased from 25 percent in 1993 to 44.5 percent in 2025.

"So, noong 2022, 41.8 percent, and in 2025, 44.5 percent, ibig sabihin, mas marami nang Pilipino ang nagpapalano ng kanilang pamilya. But mayroon pa

ring mga traditional method users tulad ng withdrawal at calendar method, so iyon pa rin ang gusto nating ma-address dahil alam naman natin na ang withdrawal at calendar ay hindi effective para sa ating mga kababayan (in 2022, 41.8 percent and in 2025, 44.5 percent, which means more Filipinos are planning their families. But there are still traditional method users like the withdrawal and calendar method, so that is still what we want to address because we know that withdrawal and calendar methods are not effective for our fellow countrymen)," she explained.

Quiray said the increase means more Filipinos are using family planning to decide when to have children and how to space pregnancies.

She, however, noted that myths and misconceptions about contraception remain a challenge, particularly in communities where people continue to depend on traditional methods.

Among the misconceptions she cited were claims that contraceptive pills cause cancer and that vasectomy is equivalent to castration.

She said the CPD is working with local governments to improve

information dissemination and ensure that family planning services reach communities, particularly geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas.

Quiray said health workers, population officers and workers also remain crucial in providing accurate information directly to communities.

While family planning use has improved, Quiray said unmet needs remain among women with lower levels of education and those from poorer households.

She said the CPD continues to coordinate with local governments to reach these groups and provide both information and services.

Meanwhile, for young people, the agency is also directing them to malayaako.ph and its 'Usap Tayo sa Family Planning' Facebook page for proper reproductive health information.

The CPD will also launch Project Laya, a reproductive health initiative intended to help improve family planning and reproductive health services, noting that the agency's broader approach is to give Filipino men and women access to information so they can make informed decisions about whether and when to have children. **(PNA)**

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"The extension will apply only to Level 1 and Level 2. Mayroon pa rin pong mga (There are still) measures and mechanisms, like there should be eligible monitored children, and they should comply with the conditionalities under the law," Assistant Secretary Elaine Fallarcuna of the DSWD's Conditional Cash Transfer Group (CCTG) during a media forum on Thursday.

With the extension, she said qualified households under Levels 1 and 2 may continue to receive 4Ps assistance beyond the previous seven-year period, subject to existing program rules and assessment.

"Wala pong mababago sa (There are no changes in the) system. The beneficiaries should still comply with the conditionalities under the law, on health, education, and attendance to the Family Development Sessions (FDS). Same pa rin po yung conditionalities na kailangan nilang i-comply (They still have to comply with the same conditionalities), and even the eligibility

requirements," Fallarcuna told reporters.

Based on the latest Social Welfare and Development Indicator (SWDI) results, a total of 1,381,625 families are qualified for the extension. Of this number, 1,744 families are Level 1 while 1,379,881 are Level 2 families.

Fallarcuna stressed that the extension is not automatic and beneficiaries will be assessed annually using the enhanced SWDI tool.

"We would like to emphasize that the extension is not automatic at mayroon pong reassessment ito (and there is a reassessment), every year. We use the Social Welfare and Development Indicator tool as one of our cores, and DSWD's case management tools to measure the families' economic sufficiency and social adequacy. It is conducted annually. Isa rin yun sa (It is also one of the) core of Executive Order No. 120. Those families who will be extended by virtue of the EO will be reassessed annually," the DSWD-CCTG official said.

"For example, if a family

will be in Level 3 [Self-Sufficient] already next year, the path of that family will be a 'transition path' and not on the extension path," she added.

When asked how long a beneficiary can stay in the program, the CCTG official said 4Ps beneficiaries will be eligible to exit once they reach Level 3 and/or no longer have monitored children in the family.

"It is not based on the number [of years]. It is based on the reassessment to be conducted every year. Ibig sabihin, hindi sya indefinite. Ibig sabihin, kung Level 2 ako ngayon, nag-Level 3 ako (That means it is not indefinite. It means if I am Level 2 now, I will be Level 3) next year, I will exit from the program already," Fallarcuna said.

Launched in 2008 and institutionalized by Republic Act (RA) 11310 in 2019, the 4Ps is the national poverty reduction strategy and human capital investment program that provides conditional cash transfers to poor households for a maximum period of seven years to improve their children's health, nutrition, and education. **(PNA)**

Bringing...

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This vision took a concrete step forward as the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) SOCCSKSARGEN led by Regional Director Engr. Sammy P. Malawan, PhD, in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) – Schools Division of Lanao del Norte, formally signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and deployed the e-TURO Digital Learning System (e-TURO DLS) at Berwar Integrated School, Camp Bilal, Barangay Berwar, Tangcal, Lanao del Norte.

Through the guidance of the entire DOST System headed by Secretary Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr., and through DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations, Engr. Sancho A. Mabborang, the initiative forms part of the Science for Peace Program: Science and Technology Solutions for Peaceful and Productive Communities, implemented by DOST SOCCSKSARGEN in collaboration with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) under the foresight of Secretary Atty. MEL SENEN SARMIENTO, and complemented by the Community Empowerment thru Science & Technology (CEST) Program.

At the heart of the initiative is a simple but far-reaching vision: to make science, technology, and learning opportunities more accessible to communities — and, through them, create greater room for people to learn, participate, and shape their own futures.

Developed by RYR Innovations, e-TURO DLS is designed to support education through digital learning resources, AI-assisted content generation, automated assessment functions, and learning management features that may complement existing curriculum requirements and teaching and learning strategies.

For DOST SOCCSKSARGEN, however, the significance of e-TURO goes beyond

the technology itself.

It directly speaks to the agency's Pillar of Well-being — recognizing that well-being also means having opportunities to learn, participate, and imagine a better future. "Mas malapit ang technology, mas malapit ang opportunity," says RD Malawan.

The deployment in Berwar puts this principle into practice by bringing digital learning resources closer to teachers and learners who will experience the system firsthand in their classrooms. Rather than viewing technology as an end in itself, the initiative places it in the hands of teachers and learners who can give it purpose — using it to make lessons more accessible, provide learners with another way to understand, and help teachers integrate technology into their teaching practice.

The deployment also carries a deeper significance as an intervention under the Science for Peace Program. Here, science and technology are positioned not only as tools for innovation, but as instruments that can contribute to peace building, participation, and community development. The program's "Agham na Ramdam" vision comes alive when science reaches places where people can actually experience its benefits — in the classroom, in the hands of teachers and learners, and within the wider community.

When knowledge becomes more accessible and learning opportunities become more attainable, science becomes something communities can feel, use, and build upon.

In this sense, e-TURO serves as a bridge: between learners and opportunity, between communities and possibilities, and between where people are now and where they aspire to be.

The MOA formalizes the pilot implementation of e-TURO DLS at Berwar

Integrated School for 2026–2027, covering selected Grade 6 classes with approximately 80 learners and selected BIS teachers. The pilot will include deployment and operationalization of the system, provision of necessary hardware, software and connectivity support, teacher and school personnel training, technical assistance, monitoring, and baseline and endline assessments. Importantly, the pilot is designed not only to introduce the technology but also to generate evidence on its usability, effectiveness, cost-efficiency, scalability, and potential applicability in other educational settings.

This makes Berwar more than a recipient of a digital learning system. It becomes a learning ground for understanding how science and technology can respond to the realities of geographically isolated, conflict-affected, and underserved communities. The lessons gathered here may help inform future education and technology interventions and guide how similar opportunities can be brought closer to other communities.

The ceremonial turnover was accompanied by the signing of the MOA between DOST SOCCSKSARGEN, and DepEd — Division of Lanao del Norte, represented by Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Edwin R. Maribojoc, CESO V represented by Ms. Rowena Lontayao, SDO Lanao Del Norte Education Program Supervisor in Science. The partnership also brings together the Municipality of Tangcal, community and peace partners from Camp Bilal and the JTFCT-MILF, Berwar Integrated School, RYR Innovations, and other stakeholders.

During the program, DOST SOCCSKSARGEN emphasized that the initiative is intended to grow beyond the ceremony and into the everyday experiences of the school community. The e-TURO DLS was formally turned over to Berwar Integrated School as the identified pilot school,

marking the transition from installation and training to actual classroom implementation.

From here, its impact will ultimately be measured not by the presence of a digital system, but by what it enables — a lesson made more accessible, a teacher better equipped, a learner given another avenue to understand, and a community given another opportunity to move forward.

Energy...

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come from new appropriations.

"For the first time since 2022... the new appropriations will actually be less," Senate finance subcommittee chair Pia Cayetano said.

She said the funding shift shows DOE is becoming more capable of supporting its own requirements through collections generated by the energy sector.

"Basically, DOE is more self-sustaining than you were in the past," Cayetano said.

DOE Undersecretary Alexander Bacordo said new appropriations will decline by about PHP935 million from their 2026 level, reversing the pattern in recent years when they accounted for the larger share of the department's budget.

"In other words, the department's budgetary requirements will be heavily supported through the SAGF, sourced from

For DOST SOCCSKSARGEN, the e-TURO deployment reflects a broader commitment: science and technology must reach people where they are and respond to the realities they face. As the pilot begins in Berwar, the hope is that e-TURO will become more than a digital learning resource. It can become a bridge to learning, participation, opportunity, and possibility — helping demonstrate

the revenues from energy service contracts and other collections of the department," Bacordo said.

The shift coincides with a projected rebound in DOE collections next year.

The department expects total revenues to reach about PHP23 billion in 2027, compared with PHP6.06 billion projected this year, driven mainly by a recovery in Malampaya Gas Fund collections.

DOE figures showed Malampaya revenues rising to about PHP20.01 billion next year from PHP4.22 billion in 2026.

Energy Secretary Sharon Garin said the improvement may continue beyond 2027 following additional indigenous gas discoveries.

"And in fact, '28 will likely go up because of the new discovery," Garin said.

The Malampaya East-1 and Camago-3 wells yielded estimated reserves of 222 billion

how science and technology can contribute not only to better learning, but to stronger and more empowered communities.

Because when science reaches the people, and people are given the tools to help shape their own future, that is Agham na Ramdam. Mas malapit ang teknolohiya. Mas malapit ang pagkatuto. Mas malapit ang oportunidad. And from Berwar, a bigger vision begins.

cubic feet of natural gas, which DOE said could extend field operations to 2034 and strengthen domestic fuel supply.

Despite requiring fewer new appropriations, DOE's overall recommended budget will increase by 25.7 percent from PHP4.43 billion this year to PHP5.58 billion in 2027.

The change is largely driven by automatic appropriations, whose share will jump from 33.17 percent of the DOE budget this year to 63.62 percent next year.

DOE officials said energy-sector collections have consistently exceeded the department's annual approved budget, with Malampaya historically providing the largest contribution.

The stronger revenue base will help finance DOE programs on energy security, electrification, resource development and digitalization while easing the amount that must be sourced from new annual appropriations. (PNA)

Palace...

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Executive branch, including government-owned or -controlled corporations and state universities and colleges.

However, government agencies responsible for basic and health services, disaster and calamity preparedness and response, and other vital services will continue operations.

"Government workers in the Executive branch are encouraged to fully support the programs and activities relative to the observance of 34 National Family Week, as organized by the National Committee

on the Filipino Family," MC No. 136 read.

Malacañang also encouraged branches of government, independent commissions and bodies, as well as the private sector, to suspend work "to afford all Filipino families the full opportunity to celebrate the 34th National Family Week."

The shortened work hours are pursuant to Proclamation Nos. 60 and 326 issued in 1992 and 2012, respectively.

Proclamation No. 60 declares the last week of September of every year as Family Week, while

Proclamation No. 326 declares the fourth Monday of September as Kainang Pamilya Mahalaga Day.

The National Family Week aims to strengthen and promote unity, solidarity and stability of the Filipino Family as the basic unit of society.

Meanwhile, Kainang Pamilya Mahalaga Day highlights the importance of Filipino families sharing meals as a national tradition.

The National Committee on the Filipino Family, mandated to promote the family as the foundation of the nation, leads the observance of Kainang Pamilya Mahalaga Day. (PNA)

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LRC CASE NO. 6832-048-25

IN RE: PETITION FOR
AMMENDMENT AND/OR
CORRECTION OF TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.
T-4965 ISSUED BY THE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR
TRECE MARTIRES CITY, FOR
THE REMOVAL OF SECTION
19 ACT NO. 1120
ANNOTATION,

KUNG MENG SHENG TAO,
INC., herein represented by
its Attorney-in-fact,
RAYMOND ROYSTON GO,
Petitioner,

-versus-

REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR
TRECE MARTIRES CITY,
Respondent.

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ORDER

A verified petition for amendment and/or correction of
Transfer Certificate of Title No. T-4965, for the removal of
Section 19 Act No. 1120 Annotation, was filed by the petitioner.

Finding the aforementioned petition to be sufficient in form
and substance, the same is hereby set for initial hearing on
April 8, 2026 at 8:30am in the morning where any and/or all
parties interested may oppose the said petition.

Let copy of this order be published at least once a week for
three (3) consecutive weeks in the newspaper of general
circulation within the Province of Cavite at the expense of the
petitioner and be posted at the Bulletin Board of Government
Center Building, Trece Martires City, Public Market, Municipal
and Barangay Halls, where the property is situated as well as
on the land itself, located at Barangay Gregorio, Municipality of
Trece Martires City, Province of Cavite, and be furnished the
Register of Deeds for the Province of Cavite, Office of the
Solicitor General, Office of the Land Registration Authority,
petitioner and their counsel.

The petitioner is further directed to furnish the Office of the
Solicitor General copy of the petition together with all the
attachments thereto;

In view thereof, the petitioner or his/her duly authorized
representative is hereby directed to immediately coordinate with
the sheriff of this Court as regards the posting of this Order on
the land which is the subject of this petition.

SO ORDERED.

Trece Martires City, Cavite, December 3, 2025.

(Sgd.) PURIFICACION A. BARING TUVERA
Presiding Judge

Copy furnished:

ANDEZA & MESIA LAW OFFICE
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Room 307 Golden Sun Bldg. II,

PBBM wants... (FROM PAGE 8)

Sometimes, the rain suddenly pours, and other times, there is no rain at all,” Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said in a press briefing.

Castro said the proposed guidelines have yet to be approved, as the government continues to study how class suspension announcements can be coordinated to prevent confusion among students, parents, schools, and local governments.

She said the guidelines need to be reviewed first to avoid possible miscommunication, particularly when weather conditions suddenly change.

She said there are instances when an advisory is issued based on the prevailing weather, only for conditions to suddenly improve or worsen later in the day.

“Kailangan pong aralin para hindi po magkaroon ng miscommunication o malito ang mga magulang, ang mga bata kung anong oras papasok o hindi papasok (This needs to be studied to avoid miscommunication and prevent parents and children from being confused about what time they should report to school or whether they should attend class),” Castro said.

She noted that the proposal is for local governments to have a role

EXTRA-JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE WITH
WAIVER OF RIGHTS

NOTICE is hereby given that the late EMILY DELOS SANTOS who died intestate on October 4, 2025 in Silang Cavite has left a parcel of land with improvements covered by TCT No. 076-2016001818 containing an area of Two Hundred Thirty-Six (236) square meters, situated in Brgy. Lalaan I, Silang, Cavite; the decedent died without leaving any will and testament; that pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 1, Rule 74 of the revised Rules of Court of the Philippines, and all the Legal Heirs, namely Gabriel De Leon Delos Santos, Richard Avelino Delos Santos, Gelirose Delos Santos Vicedo, all with address at Lalaan I, Silang, Cavite, being with full capacity to contract, do hereby adjudicate unto themselves the aforescribed properties with all the improvements found therein; that Gabriel De Leon Delos Santos hereby voluntarily, freely and unequivocally waives and denounces all his hereditary, rights and interests and participation in the estate of the deceased. Entered as Doc. No. 468, Page No. 94, Book No. 212, Series of 2026 in the Notarial Register of Notary Public Atty. Silvino L. Sumagaysay, Jr. on September 2, 2026 in Silang, Cavite.

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in announcing class suspensions, but a coordinated system based on weather alert levels, such as red or yellow, is needed to determine whether the announcement should come from the mayor, governor, or the Department of Education (DepEd).

Asked about the timeline for completing the guidelines, Castro said the process is being expedited.

“Kinakailangan po itong mas mabilisan, kasi mas marami po kasing naapektuhan, mga bata at mga magulang kapag hindi agad nagkakaroong ng announcement (This needs to be done faster because many are affected, particularly children and parents, when an announcement is delayed),” Castro said.

Education Secretary Sonny Angara earlier said the agency would submit to Marcos a proposed executive order that would overhaul the rules on class suspension and resumption.

The proposed EO would give local officials and school heads more authority to suspend or resume in-person classes based on actual conditions in their areas. (PNA)

EXTRAJUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE AMONG THE HEIRS OF LINA RUTH N. CARBONELL WITH SIMULTANEOUS SALE

Notice is hereby given that: The estate of LINA RUTH N. CARBONELL, who died intestate on December 10, 2022, has been extrajudicially settled by the surviving heirs: Gloria Fe Padayao-Alamangco, Gilbert Padayao, Maribel Ortega, Rolando Bañaga, Roldan Paraguison, Richard Paraguison, Rachel Paraguison-Noveras, Rubigilda Paraguison-Alili, Edward Paraguison, Edgar Paraguison, Rodolf Paraguison, Manuela Carbonell-Ememita, Marizmelda Carbonell-Dugayo, Geoderick Carbonell, Christopher Carbonell, Genaline Carbonell, Jonathan Carbonell, Cheryl Carbonell-Paine, Joy D. Carbonell, Ruth Carbonell-Dumuk, Blesilda Balicog-Gica, Ariel Balicog. The estate includes 3 parcels of land: 1) A parcel of land covered by TCT No. T-764845-28012 situated in Bo. Biga, Silang, Cavite containing an area of 242 sq.m.; 2) A parcel of land covered by TCT No. 25768 situated in Upper Bicutan, Taguig, Metro Manila containing an area of 185 sq.m.; 3) A parcel of land covered by TCT No. 057-T-638038 situated in Brgy. Timalan, Naic, Cavite, containing an area of 235 sq.m.;

The heirs declared that the decedent left no outstanding debts and agreed to adjudicate the entire estate and BY WAY OF SIMULTANEOUS SALE, for the total purchase price of PHP1,500,000.00, the Vendors-Heirs hereby Sell, Cede Transfer and convey unto JONATHAN CARBONELL, his heirs/assigns, all their rights, interests and participation over the parcel of land together with all improvements existing thereon, covered by TCT No. 057-T-638038;

The Extrajudicial Settlement of Estate Among the Heirs of Lina Ruth N. Carbonell With Simultaneous Sale was executed by the heirs and/or their duly authorized attorneys-in-fact and acknowledged before Notary Public ATTY. EUGENE FRANCIS A. CUPATAN on the 12th day of September 2026 in Talavera, Nueva Ecija, under Doc. No. 372, Page No. 76, Book No. III, Series of 2026.

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John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life".

COOP iCREATE BATCH 7 SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED!



The Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO), in partnership with the Cooperative Development Section of the LGU Naic and Joy Nostalg Foundation, successfully concluded the Coop iCREATE Siklab Batch 7 on September 9, 2026. ► **COOP iCREATE • 5**

DSWD: 4Ps 7-year extension limit applies only to qualified families

MANILA – The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has clarified that the extension of the maximum seven-year limit in the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) only applies to families classified under Level 1 (Survival) and Level 2 (Subsistence). ► **DSWD • 5**



4Ps EXTENSION. Graduating members of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) from Metro Manila flock to the “Trabaho sa Bagong Pilipinas para sa 4Ps” job fair at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Malate, Manila on Jan. 31, 2025. The Department of Social Welfare and Development on Thursday (Set. 17, 2026) said the extension of the maximum seven-year limit in the 4Ps only applies to families classified under Level 1 (Survival) and Level 2 (Subsistence). (PNA photo by Avito Dalan)

PBBM wants to fast-track release of class suspension guidelines

MANILA – President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. is pushing for the immediate release of new guidelines on the suspension and resumption of classes amid unpredictable weather conditions, Malacañang said Thursday.

“Minamadali po ito, dahil nga ang sabi ng Pangulo kahapon na ang panahon ay paiba-iba, lalo na ngayon at minsan biglang bubuhos ang ulan o bigla namang walang ulan (This is being rushed because, as the President said yesterday, the weather has been unpredictable lately.

► **PBBM WANTS • 7**



EARLY DISMISSAL. Students in Quezon City head home on Aug. 5, 2026 after the local government suspended face-to-face classes in the afternoon due to inclement weather. Palace Press Officer Claire Castro said Thursday (Sept. 17) that President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. is pushing for the fast-tracking of new guidelines on the suspension and resumption of classes amid unpredictable weather conditions. (PNA photo by Joan Bondoc)

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Bringing Learning Closer, Opening Futures: DOST SOCCSKSARGEN Deploys e- Turo Digital Learning System in Berwar



TANGCAL, Lanao del Norte — For learners in communities where distance, resources, and circumstances can sometimes limit access to opportunities, bringing technology closer can also mean bringing possibilities closer. ► **BRINGING • 6**

ProGRESS Bill seeks higher take-home pay, healthier lifestyle for Filipinos



The Department of Finance (DOF) urged stakeholders to support the proposed ProGRESS (Promoting Revenue, Growth and Equity Towards Socio-Economic Sustainability) tax reform package, which seeks to provide greater income support to Filipino workers while promoting healthier and more environmentally friendly lifestyles. ► **PROGRESS • 5**

Energy revenues to bankroll 64% of DOE's 2027 budget

The Department of Energy (DOE) is set to finance nearly two-thirds of its PHP5.58-billion spending plan next year through automatic appropriations backed by energy-sector collections, reducing its reliance on fresh appropriations from Congress.

During the Senate hearing on DOE's proposed 2027 budget Thursday, officials said PHP3.55 billion, or 63.6 percent of the department's recommended budget, will come from automatic appropriations; while only PHP2.03 billion will ► **ENERGY • 6**

