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Cavite Advances to Final Judging of 2026 Most Business-Friendly LGU Awards - Province Level



The Provincial Government of Cavite participated in the Final Judging of the 2026 Most Business-Friendly Local Government Unit (LGU) Awards – Province Level on September 23, at the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) Office, McKinley, Taguig City.

Cavite is among the Top 5 finalists in the Provincial Level category, together with Camarines Sur, Davao del Norte, Iloilo, and Tarlac.

As the MBF LGU Team Leader, the Office of the Provincial Cooperatives Development Officer (OPCDO) coordinated and supported the province's participation in the final judging, working closely with ► **CAVITE • 7**

Consistent Vision of a Healthy, Ready Filipino Family: PBBM Visits DOST SETUP-Assisted Enterprise, Showing Tangible Community Benefits



Reinforcing the national government's commitment to food security and science-driven nutrition, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. visited Nutridense Food Manufacturing Corporation (NFMF) in Sta. Barbara, Pangasinan to witness personally how science, technology, and innovation drive the creation of healthy, nutritious food products. ► **CONSISTENT • 6**

Bacoor City sets traffic plans ahead of LRT Cavite Extension works



BACOR CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Touted to improve connectivity, ease traffic congestion and cut travel time from CALABARZON to Metro Manila, the City Government of Bacoor assured that proper measures will be put in place to minimize inconvenience to the public as the construction of the LRT Cavite Extension Project continues. ► **BACOR • 5**

2027 MOOE fund hits P61B as DepEd simplifies funding formula

The Department of Education (DepEd) on Thursday said it has sustained a multiyear increase in Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) allocations through the rollout of its simplified funding formula.

► **2026 MOOE • 6**



SUSTAINING GAINS. An educator conducts in-person classes in a public school in this undated photo. The Department of Education (DepEd) on Thursday (Sept. 24, 2026) said it has sustained a multiyear increase in Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses allocations through the rollout of its simplified funding formula. (Photo courtesy of DepEd)

DOTr welcomes '27 budget approval, appeals funds for key programs

The Department of Transportation welcomed the House of Representatives' approval Thursday of its 300.96 billion-peso budget for 2027 but appealed for the restoration of funding for key programs.

In a statement, Acting Transportation Secretary Banoy Lopez thanked the House for its continued support, saying the budget is intended to ease the burden on Filipino commuters.

Northern Samar 2nd District Rep. Edwin Ongchuan, who sponsored the DOTr budget, said the allocation goes beyond infrastructure spending and is ultimately about improving Filipinos' lives through better mobility and inclusive growth.

"Transportation is not merely about infrastructure; it is about time, opportunity, and the dignity ► **DOTR • 5**



SMART-ER SOX GenSan TWG Completes User Modules Training and System Validation

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) SOCCSKSARGEN, in partnership with the University of the Philippines – LUNGSOD Team, continued the implementation of the SMART-ER SOCCSKSARGEN Project through the conduct of the User Modules Training and User Acceptance Testing (UAT) for the City Government of General Santos on September 7–8, 2026, at CPPMO, City Government Compound, General Santos City.

The two-day activity formed part of the project's continuing efforts to strengthen a more data-driven, coordinated, and technology-enabled emergency response system for local government units. It focused on familiarizing the members of the SMART-ER General Santos Technical Working Group (TWG) with the system's user modules, operational workflows, and platform functionalities prior to wider deployment and implementation.

During the opening program, City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (CDRRMO) head Dr. Bong Dacera Jr. welcomed the

participants and expressed the city government's support for the project. Drawing from his experience in emergency response, he emphasized the importance of having an integrated digital platform that can improve the flow of information, support timely decision-making, and strengthen coordination among responders during emergencies and disaster situations.

The SMART-ER General Santos TWG actively participated in the hands-on training sessions, where members were guided through the system's process workflows and trained on the management and use



of the user modules. The activity also provided an opportunity for participants to test the platform, identify areas for improvement, and provide feedback on its functionality, usability, and operational suitability based on the actual needs

and processes of the city government.

The User Acceptance Testing likewise served as an important validation step to ensure that the system is aligned with the operational requirements of General Santos City before full deployment.

Inputs gathered during the activity will be used by the UP LUNGSOD Team for further refinement, system customization, and enhancement.

Through this initiative, DOST SOCCSKSARGEN and the City Government of General Santos continue to

strengthen their partnership toward building a smarter, more responsive, and data-driven emergency management system, supporting the broader goal of developing smart and sustainable communities across SOCCSKSARGEN.

DTI Laguna Connects Women-Led Enterprises to Potential Global Market Opportunities

BIÑAN, Laguna — The Department of Trade and Industry – Laguna Provincial Office (DTI Laguna) facilitated the initial engagement of Catalyste+ with two women-led enterprises in Biñan City on September 21, 2026, connecting them with potential opportunities to strengthen export readiness and expand into international markets.

The visits to Laguna Organic Farm & Products and JunkNot provided an opportunity to discuss their operations, products, existing markets, and growth plans, as well as identify areas where they may benefit from technical assistance and market development support.

The engagement was conducted in connection with Catalyste+'s Economic Linkages for Enhanced Value, Trade and Exports (ELEVATE) Project, a 2025–2031 initiative in partnership with the Government of Canada. The project is designed to support approximately 400 Philippine small and medium enterprises, with a strong focus on women-led businesses, by strengthening export readiness, competitiveness, and participation in global value chains.

Potential areas of support identified during the visits include export orientation, Canadian market requirements and logistics, packaging and labelling, international standards and certifications, negotiation and contracting, digital



technologies, and market development.

For DTI Laguna, the effort underscores the value of connecting local enterprises with credible external opportunities that complement government support for MSME competitiveness.

"Our role is to help ensure that Laguna MSMEs are connected not only to government programs, but also to credible external opportunities that can help them build the capabilities needed to reach wider

markets. For women-led enterprises, access to market information, technical support, and business networks can be an important step toward greater participation in international trade," said Christian Ted O. Tungohan, DTI Laguna Provincial Director.

The initial engagement also provides an opportunity to understand the enterprises' specific development needs. Subject to succeeding assessments, the

participating enterprises may be considered for appropriate capacity-building and international market-linkage activities under the ELEVATE Project.

The effort forms part of DTI Laguna's continuing work to connect enterprises with relevant government and external support opportunities that can strengthen their capabilities and expand their market reach. **(RFAGarcia, DTI Laguna)**

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#WeMenWeave breaks gender stereotypes in local weaving

Weaving has long been closely associated with Filipino women, but across the country, Filipino men are also helping to preserve the craft, carry forward indigenous traditions, and build livelihoods through local handloom weaving.

According to the Department of Science and Technology Philippine Textile Research Institute (DOST-PTRI) DigiTELazation's SalinHabi Mobile App, an online registry of local weavers and authentic indigenous textiles, men account for 14 percent, or 179, of registered weavers nationwide as of 18 September 2026.

Through its #WeMenWeave program, DOST-PTRI, seeks to recognize and support Filipino men in the weaving sector while challenging stereotypes that associate weaving exclusively with women. The initiative highlights a simple truth, weaving is a cultural tradition and livelihood that knows no gender.

Among those carrying this message is 43-year-old Abra weaver Norman Humpay Venus of LPZ Handloom Woven Products.

Venus entered the weaving industry in 2013. Before becoming a weaver, he was a rice farmer, but the seasonal

nature of farming left him with limited sources of income between planting periods. With ample time on his hands, he decided to learn weaving and help his wife, who was already engaged in the craft. He began weaving Kantarines, a traditional handloom textile from Abra and Ilocos Norte, and later learned to weave Binakol, a more intricate Ilocano weaving tradition.

Starting was not easy. Venus encountered comments from people who believed weaving was work meant only for women. Instead of letting the stigma discourage him, he continued learning the craft, determined to contribute to his family's livelihood.

"Nung una po challenge po talaga sa akin. Mostly po kasi babae ang naghahabi. Kaya nung nakikita ng mga tao na naghahabi ako sabi nila trabaho ng babae 'yan bakit mo sinusubukan, sabi ko gusto ko lang makatulong sa pamilya ko, hanggang sa mag-success po kami. Hanggang sa lumaki na po yung

business namin nakapagpaa-aral na kami ng mga anak namin." Venus shared.

Venus has since expanded his skills through DOST-PTRI interventions. In September 2025, he trained in the use of a four-pedal handloom weaving machine, a technology introduced by the Textile Institute to improve the weavers' efficiency and create a wider range of weaving patterns.

DOST-PTRI has also supported weavers and local entrepreneurs through the deployment of cotton-based yarns through its Philippine Cotton Weaving Movement, creating locally woven fabrics that have found their way into products developed by designers and showcased in local fashion events which Venus personally experienced.

For Venus, weaving has grown beyond a source of income. His perseverance has inspired others in his community to take up the craft, with some husbands now working alongside their wives and families continuing the tradition



across generations.

His children, Louise and Philip, after whom LPZ Handloom Woven Products was named, are also learning the craft. At just 17 and 15 years old and still in senior high school, they are already weaving alongside their parents.

The story of the Venus family reflects how weaving can become more than a livelihood. It can become a bridge between generations, a source of family strength, and a way of keeping Filipino heritage alive.

This year, Venus is also taking part for the first time in the Philippine Handloom Weaving Festival, giving more Filipinos the opportunity to discover and purchase their products. The festival also features the Hinabi Textile Bazaar, showcasing local handwoven products and the rich culture, stories, and creativity behind Philippine handloom weaving.

Like Norman's story, #WeMenWeave continues to amplify the stories of Filipino men who help

preserve and advance the country's rich textile traditions while promoting inclusivity in keeping the weaving heritage alive, highlighting that weaving knows no gender and goes beyond social norms.

For more information and inquiries about #WeMenWeave or the projects, programs, and services of DOST-PTRI, you may contact PTRI at ptri@ptri.dost.gov.ph or reach out through their official social media accounts at DOST-PTRI on Facebook.

Palace personnel urged to serve with diligence, honesty

Malacañang has encouraged the personnel of the Office of the President (OP) to serve the public with diligence and honesty, emphasizing their responsibility to the Filipino people.

Outstanding, long-time and retiring OP employees were honored during a program for the conferment of awards and incentives for service excellence at Malacañang Palace in Manila on Thursday, based on the photos released by the Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) on Friday.

During the ceremony, Executive Secretary Ralph Recto called on the Palace personnel to deliver "good results that Filipinos can feel."

"Every task in the Office of the President is an opportunity to answer that trust with action," Recto said.

Recto said public servants are expected to act as professionals and not as partisans.

Public service, he said, lives on in stronger institutions, younger colleagues inspired to do better, and the Filipinos whose lives have been improved by their work.

"The Filipino people deserve public servants like you who never stop learning, never stop improving, and never stop finding better ways to serve the country," he said.

Around 15 OP employees who earned master's degrees in Public Administration while working were recognized during the event.

Among them was Palace engineering office employee Joseph Timbol, the sole awardee under the Lifelong Learners Program, for earning a bachelor's degree in

Information Technology from the PUP Open University.

On behalf of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., Recto thanked 20 loyalty awardees who have served for 30 to 45 years.

Recto also commended 19 retirees who, through multiple administrations, "responded to the demands of the OP through years of changes and challenges."

He likewise honored the families of the recipients of the Pamana ng Paglilingkod: former Chief Presidential Legal Counsel Juan Ponce Enrile, Rolito Rodriguez of the Presidential Human Rights Committee Secretariat and Joven Rodil of the Engineering Office.

Recalling his years



SERVICE EXCELLENCE. Executive Secretary Ralph Recto honors outstanding, long-serving and retiring personnel of the Office of the President during an awards ceremony at Malacañang Palace in Manila on Thursday (Sept. 24, 2026). Recto urged Palace personnel to serve with diligence, honesty and professionalism. (Photo courtesy of OES)

working with Enrile as a fellow legislator, Recto said he had learned much from

the late senator.

Recto also paid tribute to Rodriguez and Rodil for

the time, skill and effort they devoted to public service. (PNA)

3 seafarers bag P1-M in DMW innovative business plan competition

Three Filipino seafarers bagged a combined PHP1 million in cash prizes for their innovative business proposals in the Department of Migrant Workers' (DMW) LIKHAang (Linangin ang Kakayahan sa Kabuhayan) Marino Business Plan Competition 2026.

The DMW, in a news release on Friday, said that 16 finalists who were declared champions from their regions vied for the top prize.

The winners were announced on Thursday evening at the Susan Ople Building in Makati City.

Nathaniel Lutang Baugbo Jr., 28, from the Island Garden City of Samal, Davao del Norte, won the competition for his "Nalfre Perfume and Perfume Bar" business plan and received PHP500,000 for his business proposal inspired by his roots in Samal.

Christopher Roeve Tubilag Aquino, 35, of Zamboanga City, placed second and received PHP300,000 for his "Trade Bites," a campus snack kiosk featuring malunggay-infused pancakes.

Meanwhile, Johnson Jugueta Lagos, 54, of Cavite, placed third and received PHP200,000 for



his proposed laundry business, which aims to offer prices lower than the competition.

Migrant Workers Secretary Hans Leo Cacdac said the competition intends to open livelihood opportunities for seafarers beyond their work at sea.

"LIKHAang Marino is not simply about choosing the best business plans. It is about opening new possibilities for our seafarers – to build enterprises, create jobs, stay closer to their

families, and shape a more secure future," Cacdac said in his message.

The DMW - National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO) said the winning proposals reflect the innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit of Filipino seafarers, while the cash prizes can help them develop their business ideas into viable ventures.

Zamboanga del Norte 2nd District Rep. Irene Labadlabad also encouraged the winners to build on their business

plans and the skills they bring home from their overseas work.

"To all our awardees, I hope that when you look back on this day, you remember that we believe in the business you are building, the skills you

bring home, and the life you hope to share with your family," said the vice chair of the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations.

During the event, the NRCO also announced the

upcoming LIKHAang Global and invited land-based overseas Filipino workers to send their business proposals for a chance to win seed funding, as well as mentoring and training, to help them realize their plans. (PNA)

8th Cavite...

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1. NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES - MUSEO NI EMILIO AGUINALDO (1st Tourism Nodal Point)

2. TORRES FARM HOTEL AND RESORT (2nd Tourism Nodal Point)

3. ACIENDA DESIGNER OUTLET MALL (3rd Tourism Nodal Point)

4. EAGLE RIDGE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB (4th Tourism Nodal Point)

HIGHEST OVERNIGHT TOURIST ARRIVALS:

1. TANZA OASIS HOTEL AND RESORT (1st Tourism Nodal Point)

2. NAIC APARTELLE (2nd Tourism Nodal Point)

3. MICROTEL BY WYNDHAM SOUTH FORBES (3rd Tourism Nodal Point)

4. THE BAYLEAF CAVITE (4th Tourism Nodal Point)

HIGHEST OVERALL TOURIST ARRIVALS (combined same-day visitor and overnight tourists in 2025):

1. CITY OF IMUS (1st Tourism Nodal Point)

2. MUNICIPALITY OF NAIC (2nd Tourism Nodal Point)

3. MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG (3rd Tourism Nodal Point)

4. CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS (4th Tourism Nodal Point)

HIGHEST OVERALL SAME-

DAY VISITOR ARRIVALS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE

1. DIOCESAN SHRINE AND PARISH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, Kawit (Culture Sector)

2. SKYRANCH TAGAYTAY (Private Sector)

HIGHEST OVERALL OVERNIGHT TOURIST ARRIVALS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE - TAAL VISTA HOTEL SPECIAL AWARDS:

1. DESTINATION OF THE YEAR - CITY OF TAGAYTAY

2. MOST VISITED DOT ACCREDITED FOOD ESTABLISHMENT

(Cavite Tourism Passport Program) - KA TUNYING'S TAGAYTAY

3. PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION - JINALINE T. ACALLAR, Blessed Feet Travels & Consultancy Services, for the commitment to promoting the Cavite Tourism Passport Program

RECOGNIZED VALUED PARTNERS FOR 2025 TOURISM PROGRAMS:

1. Department of Tourism Region IV-A

2. LGU - Cavite City

3. Dr. Jeffrey Lubang, DLSU-D Cavite Studies Center

4. CALABARZON Alliance of Independent Tour Operators (CAITO)

5. LGU - Alfonso

6. LGU - City of Carmona

7. LGU - City of Dasmariñas

8. LGU - City of General Trias

9. LGU - Imus City

10. LGU - Trece Martires City

Awards were presented by SP Committee Chairperson on Tourism, Board Member Ivey Jayne Reyes on behalf of Governor Abeng Remulla, together with DOT CALABARZON Regional Director Marites Castro, Cavite Provincial Tourism Council Co-chairperson Andrew Pacumio and Provincial Tourism Officer Rozelle Sangalang on September 23, 2026 at the 2F Function Hall of the New Cavite Provincial Government Center in Trece Martires City.

The Cavite Tourism Excellence Awards is a flagship program of the Provincial Government of Cavite, that continues to provide a meaningful platform in honoring the people, establishments, and local government units whose excellence and dedication contributes to the province's growing reputation as a premier tourism destination.

#CaviteTourismExcellenceAwards
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statement, Cuna stressed that global environmental agreements must translate into practical action on the ground.

"Consensus is hard to achieve, negotiations are becoming more complex, and countries are expected to implement a growing number of commitments regarding climate change, biodiversity, pollution, and other environmental issues," he said.

"For many developing countries, these demands are not matched by comparable access to finance, technology, and capacity building," he added.

Noting that fragmentation remains a practical problem for many developing countries with closely related environmental issues being addressed through separate institutions, reporting systems, and financing mechanisms, Cuna emphasized that efforts should focus not

only on new commitments, but on making the existing system easier to implement.

He explained that doing this would reduce duplication, improve coordination, and direct more resources toward delivery at the national level.

Noting that the International Court of Justice advisory opinion on climate change provides greater clarity regarding the obligations of states under international law, he said "legal clarity must be matched by the means to implement those obligations".

Cuna also noted the importance of access to finance, technology and institutional capacity, especially for developing countries, towards effective implementation.

"For the Philippines, an effective treaty must be ambitious but implementable, taking into account national

circumstances and capabilities, and provide adequate finance, technology transfer and capacity building, particularly for developing countries," he said.

Cuna also called for better coordination among environmental agreements, saying climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, land degradation, water stress and marine ecosystem pressures increasingly overlap.

He proposed compatible reporting systems, shared scientific information, coordinated technical assistance and better-aligned financing to reduce the burden on countries while preserving the mandates of existing agreements.

Cuna also highlighted the need for greater cooperation against environmental problems that cross borders, including transboundary pollution and threats to marine ecosystems and biodiversity corridors. (PNA)

PNP reviews... (FROM PAGE 8)

PNP Chief Gen. Jose Melencio C. Nartatez Jr. on Thursday said the organization backs efforts aimed at protecting information critical to national security while ensuring that constitutional rights are respected.

"The PNP supports measures that strengthen the protection of classified information and safeguard national security. Any proposed law that helps deter espionage and protects sensitive government operations is a welcome development,

provided it remains consistent with the Constitution and respects fundamental rights," he said in a statement.

The House of Representatives recently approved House Bill 9642, or the proposed New Espionage Act, on third and final reading with 247 votes in favor, 10 against, and no abstentions.

The measure seeks to update the legal framework covering classified information, national defense assets, and sensitive government

operations.

Nartatez said the PNP would also examine its existing safeguards as threats to government information continue to evolve.

"We continuously review and enhance our internal information-security protocols to protect sensitive operational and intelligence information. We will ensure that existing safeguards, accountability measures, and personnel awareness programs remain responsive to evolving security challenges and emerging threats," he said. (PNA)

Former...

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Last September 11, Executive Secretary Ralph Recto led the reopening of the revamped Carmona Sanitary Landfill following months of rehabilitation. What was then a parcel of land filled with garbage has been transformed into a recreational center and training ground.

Rehabilitated in partnership with the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), the Carmona Sanitary Landfill is part of a massive government initiative to transform the area into a center for ecological restoration, food security and ecotourism.

Lawyer Romando Artes, MMDA chairperson, touted the former landfill as a 'success story' cited by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. during his State

of the Nation Address (SONA) last August.

"Ito ay maipagmamalaki natin at na-mention ng ating Pangulo noong kanyang SONA na ito ay isa sa mga success stories na dating sanitary landfill na na-convert. Now, it's a nature park na nandito rin po 'yung ating disaster training facility na maipagmamalaki natin."

Though hosted by the city of Carmona, Artes said the MMDA Park is open for local government units who wish to train their personnel in disaster and emergency response. The Park includes sites for simulating emergencies such as vehicular accidents, fire, and collapsed infrastructure.

"Ang facility na ito ay hindi exclusive sa MMDA.

We will welcome local government units, especially the City of Carmona, to train their personnel for disaster response. This is also open for other government agencies and responder groups; we will welcome you."

Emphasizing the importance of balancing open spaces as a growing city, Representative Roy Loyola of Cavite's Fifth District recognized the MMDA's efforts in transforming the dumpsite into a recreational center.

"Dati po ay napakapangit na ng lugar na ito, pero sa pakikipagtulungan ng pamahalaang nasyunal at ng MMDA, napaganda po ang lugar na ito. At ngayon ay nagiging isa nang local tourist destination."

Also a former city mayor,

Loyola vowed their support in other MMDA developments within the Carmona Sanitary Landfill.

"Ipinapahatid ng aming lungsod ang lubos naming pagsuporta sa mga gawain dito sa Carmona

Sanitary Landfill. Kung ano po ang maitutulong ng aming lungsod para mapabilis ang gagawin ninyo dito ay gagawin namin."

Boasting expansive open spaces for

recreational and community activities, the Carmona Sanitary Landfill prides itself as a success story where trash can be transformed into havens and inclusive spaces. **(PB-PIA CALABARZON)**

Endless...

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Information Agency, Dr. Medardo Custodio, municipal mayor, noted that public parks are few and far between, especially for small towns like theirs. Without large-scale malls and well-known spots, the local government unit of Gen. Mariano Alvarez is setting its sights on building a public park where residents can unwind and explore new hobbies.

"Dito sa amin, kailangang-kailangan talaga [ng public park] dahil ang bayan ng Gen. Mariano Alvarez ay walang park at walang mapuntahan 'yung mga gustong mamahinga, mga solo parent, senior citizen, mga PWD, 'yung mga mamamayan dito sa amin kailangang-kailangan talaga."

The mayor cited national budget allocation programs, such as the Green, Green, Green Program, as vital to their bid to create spaces where their kababayans spend their free time away from screens and explore healthier hobbies and interests.

A key component of the Local Government Support Fund (LGSF), the Green, Green, Green

Program provides funding support to local government units to develop and improve public spaces and active mobility infrastructure.

"Importante kasi na may mapupuntahan ang ating mga kababayan para mag-relax na hindi mall, o nasa isang silid ka lang na tahimik. Ito kasi napakahalaga ng pasyalan ng taumbayan na may playground. Kasi 'yung fresh air, may mapupuntahan 'yung mga bata. Siguro magkakaroon na sila ng pagpi-picnic-an," Custodio said.

Based on its report, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) earmarked P17,136,461.00 for the construction of the Gen. Mariano Alvarez Public Park.

The public park, which was constructed at what used to be a garbage disposal area, was very much welcomed by residents who longed for open and free spaces to enjoy community activities.

"'Yung dating nangangamoy na lugar, maraming natuwa dahil maayos na maayos na 'yung lugar. Na-develop

'yung lugar at napakabuting proyekto ito para sa mga mamamayan kasi ito lagi 'yung hinihiniling."

After building their public park, Gen. Mariano Alvarez will also use its LGSF allocation to improve public services in their town, such as the Rural Health Units and Municipal Buildings, as well as improving mobility by buliding bridges and road widening projects.

"Marami kaming gusto pang mapaglaanan ng budget under LGSF. Napakahalagang bagay sa amin na maitay at maayos ang aming munisipyo. Second, yung aming pagamutan, gusto kong maayos ang aming pagamutan dahil nangangarap ang aking mga kababayan. Pipilitin naming naging level two man lang 'yung aming pagamutan," Custodio noted.

Under the LGSF, municipalities and cities can choose from a menu of projects and programs that will best fit the needs of their constituents. And for the LGU of Gen. Mariano Alvarez, the Funding program lists endless possibilities for them to improve their growing town. **(PB-PIA CALABARZON)**

Imus City...

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Last September 21, the Sangguniang Panlungsod passed its ordinance establishing a comprehensive STI, HIV and AIDS Prevention, Treatment, Care, Support, and Protection Program. Under the ordinance, the city government will establish local mechanisms that will provide a more comprehensive access to HIV and AIDS services including information, prevention programs, confidential HIV testing and counselling, treatment, care, support,

and referral services.

Once passed, the city government will also ensure that patients living with HIV will be protected from stigma and discrimination by protecting their rights to privacy and confidentiality.

As one of its authors, Councilor Enzo Asistio said the ordinance will also provide updated policies on STI, HIV, and AIDS programs to meet the standards set by the Philippine HIV and AIDS Policy Act.

"Layunin nating mas mapalawak ang access ng

ating mga kababayan sa tamang impormasyon, prevention programs, confidential HIV testing and counseling, treatment, care, support, at referral services, kasabay ng pagprotekta sa kanilang privacy at karapatan at pagtulong na maiwasan ang stigma at discrimination."

In 2025, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Philippines noted that the country is experiencing one of the fastest-growing HIV epidemic in Asia Pacific where at least 57 people are diagnosed with the disease each day. **(PB-PIA CALABARZON)**

Bacoor...

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In a September 17 meeting with the Light Rail Transit Authority and JGHM, Mayor Strike Revilla assured that authorities will ensure that areas surrounding the construction project will not be significantly affected.

Revilla underscored that the city government will carefully plan routes and will be in close coordination with authorities to minimize inconvenience to the riding public.

"[While] the Niog Station is being constructed, proper

measures will be put in place to ensure traffic flow in Niog and neighboring areas will not be significantly affected. Careful planning and close coordination will be observed to minimize inconvenience to residents and commuters."

"The City Government remains fully committed to delivering these vital infrastructure projects."

Once completed, the Niog Station Intermodal Facility and the LRT Line South Extension will improve connectivity, ease traffic congestion, and

provide modern, efficient public transportation for thousands of Bacooreños.

Expected to be completed between 2028 to 2031, the LRT Line South Extension Project will significantly improve connectivity, ease traffic congestion and provide modern, efficient public transportation.

Known as a "bedroom" city along with its neighbor Cavite City, Bacoor is home to thousands of commuters and employees who commute to Metro Manila and other neighboring areas daily. **(PB-PIA CALABARZON, with reports from City Government of Bacoor)**

DOTr...

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of our people," he said.

However, Akbayan Party-list Rep. Perci Cendaña expressed dismay over the zero allocations for vital DOTr programs and asked Congress to restore their funding.

These include the PHP1.7-billion proposed budget for the EDSA Busway, PHP5 billion for the Service Contracting Program, and PHP5 billion for the Fuel Subsidy Program.

"Ito pong triple zero na ito parang sampal sa ating mga mananakay na

publiko (This triple zero is like a slap to our commuting public)," Cendaña said, noting that zeroing out the three programs would mean zero support for commuters and the transport sector.

He also backed the Philippine Road Safety Action Plan, which likewise received no funding despite the DOTr's proposed PHP111.29-million allocation; and questioned the reduced funding for right-of-way acquisition, which, he

said, could delay the Metro Manila Subway Project and the North-South Commuter Railway by two years.

The DOTr had proposed PHP98.5 billion for right-of-way acquisition across its infrastructure projects for 2027 but received only PHP2.79 billion under the National Expenditure Program.

Lopez reiterated his appeal to both the House and the Senate to restore the funding the DOTr originally proposed for these programs to avoid delaying major transport infrastructure improvements. **(PNA)**

Consistent... (FROM PAGE 1)

The President was warmly welcomed by Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr., alongside NFMC owner Mr. Racky D. Doctor, DOST Undersecretary for Regional Operations Engr. Sancho A. Maborang, DOST Ilocos Region Director Teresita A. Tabaog, DOST Pangasinan Provincial Director Engr. Arnold C. Santos, and the DOSTOneSciglat family.

During the visit, Secretary Solidum and Mr. Doctor toured the President through the facility and showcased the technologies adopted by NFMC through the DOST, demonstrating how science-based research is transformed into healthy,

high-impact food products. President Marcos highlighted that solving national hunger requires addressing food quality alongside volume. "Tinitignan natin itong operation na, it's a very good example na ating ginagawa para sa ating food supply. Pero just as the slogan here, 'More than food, We provide your nutrition,' it is not only a food supply, but also about proper nutrition, dahil hindi lang sapat na isa lang ang ating kinakain, kailangang balanse ang nutritional value ng ating mga produkto," PBBM stated.

Secretary Solidum reinforced this strategic vision, pointing to NFMC as a clear example of how scientific research moves public-private collaboration forward.

"Gusto nating maipakita ang partnership ng gobyerno at private sector para mapalakas ang adhikain natin na magkaroon ng food security. At dito sa Nutridense FMC, pinapakita po natin dito yung kanilang mga operation at kung anong mga produkto na galing sa DOST ang kanilang kinocommercialize," Solidum said.

NFMC's enterprise journey illustrates how government assistance fuels long-term business transformation. The company partnered with DOST's Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) in 2009 to scale up its operations in water disinfectant (Hyposol) and in 2015 to enhance production processes for complementary food products. Today, NFMC stands as a medium-scale

model enterprise, recognized as the 2025 SETUP PRAISE National Winner by DOST and the 2025 Presidential Awardee for Outstanding MSMEs.

The company's expansion has yielded a significant economic and social impact, growing from just 7 employees at the beginning to a total of 300 employees today. To fuel this enterprise growth, NFMC has adopted 48 DOST-related technologies, consisting of 35 DOST-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) technologies, additional ten (10) new technologies, and three (3) DOST-Industrial Technology Development Institute (DOST-ITDI) technologies, building a sustainable business model that strengthens the regional economy while serving as a primary private-sector partner for national

agencies across 16 regions nationwide.

NFMC's impact relies on a broad portfolio of fortified and complementary products, such as Nutridense Premix (Iron Rice Premix / Iron Fortified Kernel 1) and DOST-FNRI Rice-Mongo blends used in feeding programs to combat malnutrition. Building on this momentum, the company officially signed a Technology Licensing Agreement with the DOST-FNRI for the adoption of 10 newly developed Ready-to-Eat technologies to strengthen national disaster relief pipelines, address malnutrition, and

create direct market demand for local agricultural produce.

Guided by a shared mission to combat malnutrition, Nutridense demonstrates how targeted public funding, private entrepreneurship, and practical science come together to build strong local industries and secure a healthier future for Filipino families. Ultimately, the visit of the President showcases strong government support for investing in initiatives that secure food safety while continuing to deliver safe, healthy products that benefit all families and all Filipinos. **(DOST IR)**

2027 MOOE... (FROM PAGE 1)

This comes as direct funding for public schools increased to PHP61.02 billion under the proposed 2027 National Expenditure Program (NEP).

This is still in line with the directives of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. to advance quality education and ensure the welfare of learners and teachers.

In a statement, DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara said direct school funding revitalizes basic education.

"By simplifying our funding formulas and steadily expanding per-learner operational support, we are removing unnecessary bottlenecks so our school administrators and teachers can focus on teaching rather than worrying about basic school upkeep," he said.

To date, the DepEd is fully implementing the Simplified Normative Funding Formula to make budget distribution faster and more equitable.

This system replaced the former allocation formula, which relied on fixed allocations based on multiple parameters that made computations detailed yet overly

complex.

Instead of focusing on fixed per capita unit costs, the normative approach uses enrollment and baseline school data to ensure every school receives the operational funding needed to maintain basic service standards

Under the proposed 2027 NEP, the school operating budget reached PHP61.02 billion, higher than PHP60.89 billion allocated under the 2026 General Appropriations Act.

In particular, per-learner MOOE allocations for Kindergarten to Grade 6 will reach PHP2,982.

This is higher than PHP2,792 in 2026, PHP2,140 in 2025, and PHP1,389 in 2024.

Moreover, per learner MOOE allocations in Junior High Schools, those from Grades 7 to 10, will receive PHP2,744, up from PHP2,631 in 2026, PHP2,201 in 2025, and PHP1,844 in 2024.

Senior High Schools levels will see per-learner operational support hike to PHP3,558, higher than PHP3,264 in 2026, PHP2,784 in 2025, and PHP2,306 in 2024. **(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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TMNP-020-26

IN RE: PETITION FOR NOTARIAL COMMISSION FOR AND IN THE CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES, CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, AND MUNICIPALITY OF TANZA, CAVITE ALL UNDER THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THIS HONORABLE COURT:

ATTY. JELLARY U. EVANGELISTA,
Respondents.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a summary hearing on the petition for application of notarial commission of **ATTY. JELLARY U. EVANGELISTA** shall be held on **October 13, 2026, at 8:30 in the morning** at the Court Room of the Executive Judge, Regional Trial Court, Branch 23, Trece Martires City, Cavite. Any person who has any cause or reason to object the grant of the petition may file a verified written opposition thereto, received by the undersigned before the date of the summary hearing.

The petitioner should be ready to present all the pieces of evidence in support of his petition. Pre-marking should be done prior to the scheduled hearing.

SO ORDERED.

Trece Martires City, Cavite, September 11, 2026.

(Sgd.) PURIFICACION A. BARING TUVERA
Executive Judge¹

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Proverbs 3:5-6 ~ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

Republic of the Philippines
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REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH 23
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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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CASE NO. LRC-C-GMA-2026-24

IN RE: PETITION FOR ISSUANCE
OF ANOTHER OWNER'S
DUPLICATE COPY OF TRANSFER
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO. TCT
NO. 057-2018012978 OF THE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR
PROVINCE OF CAVITE ISSUED IN
THE NAME OF CYRIC CO TAN
MARRIED TO CECILIA PARALIO
TAN IN LIEU OF THE LOST COPY,

CYRIC CO TAN married to CECILIA
PARALIO TAN and being represented
by their Attorney-In-Fact MARILYN B.
DAVILA,
Petitioner,

-versus-

REGISTRY OF DEEDS FOR
PROVINCE OF CAVITE,
Respondent.

X-----X

NOTICE OF HEARING

There is a petition filed by petitioner, through counsel, for the issuance of another owner's duplicate copy of **Transfer Certificate of Title No. 057-2018012978** on the grounds alleged therein.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that said petition has been set for hearing on **November 24, 2026 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon**, before this Court, on which date, time, and place, any person interested is cited to appear and show cause why the same should not be granted.

Let a copy of this Notice be published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Province of Cavite.

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KUNG MENG SHENG TAO, INC., rep. by
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Further, let a copy of this Notice and that of the petition be furnished the Registry of Deeds, Trece Martires City, Cavite, Land Registration Authority and the Office of the Solicitor General and the same be posted by the sheriff of this Court in three (3) conspicuous places in General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite, where the property is located.

Witness my hand under the seal of this Court this 4th day of September 2026 at Carmona, Cavite, Philippines.

(Sgd.) **CORINNA B. SALONGA-LOPERA**
Clerk of Court VI

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Cavite... (FROM PAGE 1)

the concerned provincial offices in preparing the requirements and presentation.

The final judging provided an opportunity for the province to showcase its programs, initiatives, and practices that contribute to a business-friendly environment, support local enterprises and MSMEs, and promote local economic development. The province submitted an Audio-Visual Presentation (AVP) and participated in the final presentation and interview before the panel of judges.

The delegation was led by Cavite Governor Francisco Gabriel D. Remulla and Provincial Board Member Aidel Paul G. Belamide, together with office heads and representatives from OPCDO, Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator (OPPDC), Office of the Provincial Information Officer (OPIO), and Office of the Provincial Public Employment Service Manager (OPPESM).

The Most Business-Friendly LGU Awards, organized by PCCI, recognizes local government units for initiatives and practices related to good governance, ease of doing business, and local economic development.

Cavite's participation in the final judging reflects the collaborative efforts of the Provincial Government and its various offices in strengthening public services, supporting businesses and MSMEs, and creating an enabling environment for sustainable local economic growth.

#OPCDOCavite
#OPCDOinService

Former Carmona Sanitary Landfill now a community hub, emergency training center



CARMONA CITY, Cavite (PIA) — Formerly a dumping ground for waste, the Carmona Sanitary Landfill has been transformed into a hub for disaster preparedness and food security. ► **FORMER • 5**

8th Cavite Tourism Excellence Awards



Congratulations to the awardees of the Cavite Tourism Excellence Awards 2026!

MOST COMPLIANT LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT:

1. CITY OF DASMARIÑAS (City Level)
2. MUNICIPALITY OF INDANG (Municipal Level)

*The compliance rating is based on the 2025 supply and demand data submission, DOT Accreditation compliance and presence of LCAC, LCI, LTDP and tourism-related support policies.

HIGHEST SAME-DAY VISITOR ARRIVALS:

► **8TH CAVITE • 4**

PH: Environmental commitments need funding, technology



The Philippines has called for environmental commitments to be backed by financing, technology, and capacity-building support, particularly for developing countries being asked to do more despite limited access to resources.

Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Juan Miguel "Mitch" Cuna made the call at the High-Level Political Dialogue on "Renewing Environmental Multilateralism" during the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York on Wednesday.

Delivering his ► **PH: ENVIRONMENTAL • 4**

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Imus City LGU push for stronger policies for HIV, AIDS programs



IMUS CITY, Cavite (PIA) — The City Government of Imus is updating its local policies and programs, strengthening local mechanisms to protect its residents living with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) as the country continues to address the fast-spreading epidemic. ► **IMUS CITY • 5**

PNP reviews internal security measures, steps up synergy vs info leaks

The Philippine National Police (PNP) ordered an assessment of existing safeguards for sensitive information and intensified coordination with fellow security agencies amid renewed discussions on strengthening the country's legal framework against espionage.

► **PNP REVIEWS • 4**



Endless possibilities: How Gen. Mariano Alvarez builds spaces for growth and community

Many cities and municipalities are maximizing their land areas by building residential, commercial and even industrial centers. But in a town where open, community spaces are rare, almost nonexistent, the municipality of General Mariano Alvarez in Cavite built a public park where residents can unwind and explore new hobbies.

In an interview with the Philippine ► **ENDLESS • 5**

